

MINUTES of a meeting of the CABINET held in the Board Room, Council Offices, Coalville on
TUESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2019

Present: Councillor R Blunt (Chairman)

Councillors R D Bayliss, T Gillard, N J Rushton and A V Smith MBE

In Attendance: Councillors R Adams, D Everitt, J Geary, G Hault, J Legrys, V Richichi,
S Sheahan and M Specht

Officers: Mrs C Hammond, Mr G Jones, Mr P Sanders, Mrs B Smith, Miss E Warhurst and
Miss A Wright

The Leader advised that he would take item 7 – Adoption of the List of Local Heritage
Assets after item 3 – Public Question and Answer Session.

67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor T J Pendleton.

68. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Members declared the following interests:

Councillors R Blunt, T Gillard and N J Rushton declared a non-pecuniary interest in item
10 – Marlborough Square Update, as Members of Leicestershire County Council.

69. PUBLIC QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

QUESTION FROM MS JULIE VALLANCE TO COUNCILLOR R BLUNT

“1. Given the evidence we have put forward can you please explain why you believe this
is not extensive re-building and why it meets the local heritage criteria when there is
clearly substantial evidence of additional sq ft being added, modern materials being used,
different roof heights and shapes and modern windows particularly floor to ceiling glass
windows being added?

2. What is the purpose of the local listing. Given the local list is comprised of buildings that
don't merit a statutory grade listing and has pictures and descriptions on the NWL
website, is one of the main reasons for public interest?

3. If one of the main reasons is for public interest - this is a business site and it is
unreasonable for NWL to be promoting public interest in what are private business sites
with all the potential security, privacy and interference implications that can arise from
that. Surely as business rate payers we are entitled to be left alone as much as possible
to get on with running a successful business, and contributing to the NWL economy?”

RESPONSE FROM COUNCILLOR R BLUNT

“1. The Old Vicarage was erected c.1800 and incorporates the remains of a building
erected c.1700. Buildings that predate the reign of Queen Victoria are considered to have
qualities of age that justify their inclusion on the 'local list'. This is consistent with the
DCMS *Principles of selection for listing buildings* and our adopted *Criteria for identifying
local heritage assets*. In 2006 we permitted extensions to the building, including a two-
storey side extension (our reference 06/00269/FUL). Officers considered that the
extensions were “appropriate” in their scale and proportions. The side extensions are
faced in red brick beneath hipped slate roofs to match the principal building. The

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extensions have conserved the significance of the building; on that basis officers advise that the building should be included on the list of local heritage assets. In the 1980s a large double-height stair window was installed on the building's rear elevation. In the context of the whole building this is not a "significant change" as the owner has asserted.

2. The purpose of the 'list of local heritage assets' is to recognise the architectural and historic interest of buildings in the district and to ensure that this interest is taken into account in the exercise of our planning functions.

3. The majority of buildings on the 'list of local heritage assets' and the majority of buildings on the statutory list are in private ownership. In this respect the council's actions are neither unreasonable nor unusual. In terms of the perceived risks to security and privacy, a disclaimer has been added to our website (www.nwleics.gov.uk/local-heritage) and to the introduction of each of the four lists. The disclaimer reads as follows: "Please note that the inclusion of any building on the 'local list' does not mean that the building or its grounds are open to the public. Many of the buildings on the 'local list' are private homes or businesses, so please respect the occupiers' privacy".

The Leader invited Ms J Vallance to ask a supplementary question.

Ms J Vallance stated that Although the changes made to the building had been as sympathetic as possible; the modern materials had been used and the footprint of the building had increased by 60%. Could the Leader explain why this was not considered to be a significant change?

The Strategic Director of Place advised that the point had been considered in the responses and during the planning process and careful consideration had been given to the changes to ensure acceptable in planning terms. Therefore in terms of meeting the criteria the changes including extensions and use of new materials had conserved the significance of the building.

Councillor R Blunt highlighted that many of the buildings included in the list were schools that, over the years, had been extended and changed to accommodate the usage required but the earliest part of the building still had special merit. He felt that it highlighted that the history of a building, even if it had been extended or altered over the years could justify its inclusion on the list of heritage assets.

Ms J Vallance raised concerns that inclusion on the list would encourage people to come into the grounds of the building, which would raise both security and health and safety issues, and that a disclaimer on the website would not discourage those with a keen interest from visiting.

Councillor R Blunt felt that the number of people who had the time to visit special houses was decreasing. He stated that in reality it was a special building and he was pleased that the Council was trying to protect these buildings and that it was an extension of the national listing.

70. ADOPTION OF LISTS OF LOCAL HERITAGE ASSETS

The Leader presented the report to Members.

He advised that Cabinet were being invited to adopt more than seventy buildings of local heritage and they had been arranged in to four thematic lists, adding that officers expected to present a further eight lists for adoption at a future date. He informed Members that some of the buildings in the district had special architectural and historic interest and were designated as listed building but there were also many others that although had a lesser degree of interest could be considered a local heritage asset.

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He advised that local authorities were encouraged to recognise these buildings and that the lists had been subject to a six week public consultation, the responses of which were presented at appendix two.

The Leader also asked Cabinet to support an additional recommendation which would allow the Council to apply to add the war memorials at Measham and Ravenstone to the national heritage list.

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor A V Smith and

RESOLVED THAT:

1. The four Thematic lists of Local Heritage Assets be adopted.
2. An application to add the war memorials at Measham and Ravenstone to the national heritage list be supported.

Reason for decision: Adoption of the four thematic lists of local heritage assets would support the aims of the Council Delivery Plan relating to sustainable development and growth and people feeling proud of their homes and communities.

71. MINUTES

Consideration was given to the minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2018.

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor N J Rushton and

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Reason for decision: To comply with the Constitution.

72. COUNCIL TAX BASE 2019/20

The Corporate Portfolio Holder presented the report to Members.

He informed Members that the authority was required to approve the calculation of the Council Tax Base for 2019/20 by 31 January 2019 and recommend to Council for approval. He advised that for the second year the growth estimates in respect of new properties had been included and that the grant scheme for town and parish councils had been reduced by 25% and that would continue to reduce until 2021/22. With respect of Business Rates, the NNDR 1 form would be completed by the Revenues and Benefits Partnership and submitted before the deadline, with approval to delegate authority to the Section 151 Officer to approve and submit the form. He was pleased to advise that the authority had been successful as part of the Leicester and Leicestershire business rate pilot bid.

It was moved by N J Rushton, seconded by Councillor R Blunt and

RESOLVED THAT:

1. The calculation of the Council Tax Base for each Parish and Special Expense area for the financial year 2019/20, as shown in appendix 2 to the report, be approved

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and recommended to Council for adoption.

2. In accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 SI 2012/2914, the amount calculated by North West Leicestershire District Council as its Council Tax Base for the financial year 2019/20 shall be 33,678.
3. The amounts of Council Tax Support Grant for each Town and Parish Council detailed in appendix 3 be noted.
4. Cabinet noted the successful bid to become a Business Rate Pilot in 2019/20
5. Authority be delegated to the Section 151 officer to submit the calculations of Non Domestic rating income and other amounts required by the government by 31 January each year for the forthcoming financial year.

Reason for decision: To determine the Council Tax Base for the 2019/20 Financial Year.

73. PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) IN RELATION TO THE RESTRICTION OF MOTOR VEHICLES IN AREAS OF SAWLEY, LOCKINGTON AND CAVENDISH BRIDGE

The Strategic Director of Place presented the report to Members.

He informed Members that the area of land in question was a hotspot for fly tipping and that Street Cleansing team had been visiting the site three times a week with 360 tonnes of waste being removed in November. He advised that a long term solution would be to erect a barrier to restrict vehicles access to the site but would still allow the Council access to carry out enforcement and a third party to operate the barrier.

He stated that a public consultation had been held and all feedback had been incorporated into plan.

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor N J Rushton and

RESOLVED THAT:

The introduction of the Public Space Protection Order be approved.

Reason for decision: To put in place a restriction on unauthorised motor vehicles to reduce incidents of fly tipping and illegal encampments.

74. MINUTES OF THE COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY

The Head of Community Services presented the report to Members.

He thanked the Working Party on behalf of the Cabinet for their hard work over the last calendar year. He informed Members that the Christmas event was well attended with pleasing comments noted through social media, however the group was looking to continually improve the event and therefore had agreed to engage with local businesses in how the event could be improved. He advised that it was recommended that the date for the 2019 Christmas event be 23rd November 2019.

He highlighted that work was progressing on the application for Green Flag Status for the park and that engagement would be carried out with residents to find a suitable solution for the former MUGA site at Lilliehammer Drive.

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor R D Bayliss and

RESOLVED THAT:

The recommendations made by the Coalville Special Expenses Working Party as detailed within the minutes be noted and the recommendations as summarised at 3.0 be approved.

Reason for decision: To progress Coalville Special Expenses projects and programmes.

75. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED THAT:

In pursuance of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the business to be transacted involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and that the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Reason for decision: To enable the consideration of exempt information.

76. MARLBOROUGH SQUARE REFURBISHMENT COSTS

The Leader presented the report to Members and invited Councillor J Legrys to address the meeting as ward member.

Councillor J Legrys addressed the meeting putting forward his concerns in relation to the report that was being considered.

Councillor R Blunt thanked Councillor J Legrys for addressing the meeting and detailing his concerns.

Members discussed the report in front of them.

It was moved by Councillor R Blunt, seconded by Councillor A V Smith and

RESOLVED THAT:

1. The progress made towards the redevelopment of Marlborough Square be noted.
2. The payment (as detailed in the appendix) to Leicestershire County Council for work carried out in relation to Marlborough Square be approved.

Reason for decision: Cabinet approval is needed to pay Leicestershire County Council for their costs including costs incurred by their contractor.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm

The Chairman closed the meeting at 5.34 pm