

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PLAN 2021-31: HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS, GREEN

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek Full Council approval for 'The Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-31' – the authority's new strategic plan, which can be found at Appendix A.

Background

2. The Nottinghamshire Plan is a new, ambitious plan for the County Council, which sets out our strategic vision for the future of Nottinghamshire and the local authority.
3. The activity in the Nottinghamshire Plan is built around achieving a bold 10-year vision for a 'healthy, prosperous and greener future for everyone'. This means that we will focus on:
 - Improving health and well-being in all our communities
 - Growing our economy and improving living standards
 - Reducing the County's impact on the environment
 - Helping everyone access the best of Nottinghamshire.
4. These are broad themes that will build resilience in our communities into the future, as we build back from the impacts of COVID-19. For communities to be strong and sustainable long-term, people must enjoy good health and supportive communities, a prosperous economy that enables a good standard of living, and all this must be achieved in a way that protects our environment and natural resources for future generations. Sustainable communities must also be inclusive and ensure that everyone enjoys the best that Nottinghamshire has to offer, with no-one left behind.
5. This vision is supported by nine ambitions which will act as a framework for all County Council activity.
 - Helping our people live healthier, more independent lives
 - Supporting communities and families
 - Keeping children, vulnerable adults, and communities safe
 - Building skills that help people to get good local jobs
 - Strengthening businesses and creating more good-quality jobs
 - Making Nottinghamshire somewhere people love to live, work and visit
 - Attracting investment in infrastructure, the economy, and green growth
 - Improving transport and digital connections
 - Protecting the environment and reducing our carbon footprint.

6. The Plan sets out what the County Council will do over the next four years to achieve these ambitions, as well as how we will measure our progress and success. This will have particular focus on supporting Nottinghamshire's communities and businesses to recover from the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Plan also details the Council's ongoing journey of improvement as we continue to deliver services in a responsive, efficient, financially sustainable and forward-looking way. The Plan will be accessed through a website which will be live and allow the County Council to regularly update residents and stakeholders on our ongoing delivery planning and progress against the ambitions.
7. Finally, the Plan sets the approach the Council will take in planning and delivering its services. Our approach is to:
 - Listen to our communities
 - Support independence
 - Reduce inequalities
 - Spend money wisely
 - Make decisions based on evidence
 - Work together
 - Lead with optimism
8. The vision and ambitions of the Council Plan are far-reaching and cannot be delivered by the County Council alone. The Council is proud to be working towards a stronger future with a wide range of public, private and voluntary sector organisations as well as communities themselves.

Development of The Nottinghamshire Plan

9. The Plan takes into account current drivers including:
 - The priorities of the new administration
 - Key national policy initiatives and developments such the Levelling Up agenda and COVID-19 recovery, the 25 Year Environment Strategy, and the integration of health and social care.
 - An understanding of the socio-economic, demographic and technological trends that are impacting on demand for services.
10. Crucially, the Nottinghamshire Plan has been refined as a result of The Big Notts Survey engagement with residents, businesses and partners over summer 2021. The survey gave the Council insight into residents' experience during the pandemic, what our communities consider to be the key challenges and opportunities as we recover, as well as what changes they would like to see for future generations. The end result is a Plan that has been shaped to address the issues that matter most to our residents, so that we can create a Nottinghamshire that we all want for the future.
11. The Nottinghamshire Plan will be supported by annual delivery plans that set out what we will do each year to achieve our ambitions. At the end of each year, an annual report will be produced that details our achievements and reports our progress against the key measures of success.

Other Options Considered

12. The Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-31 sets out the Council's aspirations and commitment to delivering a stronger future for Nottinghamshire. No other options have been considered.

Reason for Recommendations

13. The Council Plan articulates the authority's strategic vision and will act as the framework for all Council activity and decision making.

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

15. Any future plans, policies and strategies of the Council should have regard to The Nottinghamshire Plan.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That Full Council approves The Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-31 – the Council's strategic plan for the next 10 years.

2) That progress against the aims and ambitions set out in this plan, are monitored via the Council's annual planning and reporting cycle.

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Leader of the Council

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Constitutional Comments [LPW 15/11/2021]

16. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Full Council by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments [RWK 11/11/2021]

17. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- 'The Council Plan and Resident and Stakeholder Engagement', Policy Committee, June 2021

- 'Development of the Council Plan and Partner Engagement', Policy Committee – September 2021

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All