

**REPORT OF DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR
TRANSFORMATION****NOTTINGHAMSHIRE PLAN ANNUAL REPORT - 2022-23****Purpose of the Report****Information**

2. The purpose of the Annual Report is to enable members, residents and colleagues to see the progress made during 2022-23, against our Annual Delivery Plan and the longer-term ambitions outlined in the Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-2031.
3. The first Annual Report celebrated our achievements and progress during 2021-22. This focussed on success stories and has been viewed 1,263 times from the Council Plan web page.
4. As we continue to embed our approach to reporting against the Annual Delivery Plan, the 2022-23 report has been developed to include the following elements:
 - a. **Individual action updates:** with narrative including impact for completed actions/next steps if actions are ongoing or incomplete.
 - b. **Performance indicator update:** on measures that help track change over time against overarching objectives. The measures are not directly tied to actions in every case, and whilst the data includes the most recent available at the end of March 2023, in some instances there may be a delay in previous financial year's figures becoming available, therefore the most recent figure available is included.
 - c. **Success stories** to bring to life what has gone well in previous year, with testimonies from both internal and external stakeholders.
5. The Council has made progress against the actions outlined in our 2022/23 Annual Delivery Plan. This is detailed in the Executive Summary and full Annual Report. The following are just a few of the achievements:
 - a) **We have continued to improve the road, transport and broadband connections across the county.** We know that there are still challenges when it comes to our highways, but our **Highways Improvement Programme** is being delivered. This is seeing us move away from short-term maintenance to roads and has enabled us to publish a longer-term programme of work so people know what is planned in their area and how it will impact them. We have secured **£30m of additional funding to enable us to support improvements to bus**

services and to enable us to protect a number of at-risk bus services, highly valued by the communities they serve. During 2022-23, we also successfully trialled a **demand responsive bus service called Nottsbus On Demand**. Feedback has been positive, and we will be rolling this out in other areas of the county. We have also delivered major improvements to the road network, including the successful opening of **Colliery Way, in Gedling**.

- b) **We have supported people to live healthier and more active lives.** The Integrated Wellbeing Service has provided support to residents in meeting their health & wellbeing goals, including: 1,300 people who have stopped smoking which contributes to a long-term downward trajectory in the number of people experiencing harm from tobacco; over 1,200 people have reduced their alcohol consumption; 1,300 people have become more physically active and over 2,000 people have reduced their weight. The service has also supported 5,333 people with long term physical or mental health conditions during 2022/23.
- c) **We are leading the way in our work to ensure the voices and views of people accessing our services are heard and are at the heart of what we do and how we do it.** In particular, our Adult Social Care and Health department has made considerable progress in this area, publishing a plan for working with people called [Better Together](#). Recently, colleagues from Adult Social Care and Health have been undertaking a '[Big Conversation](#)' and have listened to people to understand how well we support them to have a good life. One of the key themes emerging from this was how carers really feel and this will help to shape the support carers will receive in the future as will our joint Carers Strategy 2023-2028, which was co-produced with carers and with health partners and the City Council. The Big Conversation [report](#) has now been published and we will use it to drive continuous improvement in our adult social care services. We have also successfully **enabled more people to live independently in their own homes** – we have achieved this by continuing to invest in our Maximising Independence Service and have therefore reduced the number of people needing long term adult social care services. As a result, only six per cent of people who received help from this service between April and June 2023 went on to need longer-term support. We have also invested to stabilise the home care market in the county and have seen an increase of 10.25 per cent in the home care hours commissioned, from 23,820 in 2022 to 26,569 in 2023.
- d) Unlike many local authorities, our relatively stable financial position means that we have **continued to invest in services, like Children's Centres and the Young People's Service**, that help children get the best start in life, support parents, give young people safe places to go and that identify needs early and prevent them getting worse. Building on our current Children's Centre offer, we are **introducing new family hub networks across the County**, designed and delivered with partners, communities and families. Our first family hub has launched in Retford in April 2023, and we are committed to increase the number of family hubs across the County over the next 12 months. During 2022-23, **our Young People's Service supported 12,623 individual young people** to engage in a range of fun, safe and high-quality positive activities, and opportunities with a trusted youth worker.
- e) **We have continued to improve the number of primary school children who get their first choice of school.** In 2022, 96.5 per cent of primary school children got their first choice (compared to 93.4 per cent in 2021) We have achieved this by **investing £26.6m in new schools and expanding existing school's capacity**, with new primary schools opening in Bingham and East Leake. **We have also expanded schools to provide additional school**

places for young people with special educational needs and disabilities, with capacity added at Newark Orchard Special School and Derrymount Special School for the autumn term in 2022. In addition, a partnership between King Edward Primary and Stubbin Woods Special School has provided additional primary specialist places. This activity continues for coming years with planning consent being received in June 2023 for a new primary school at Gateford Park in Worksop to open in September 2024. In principle support has also been given to a new school for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities at Ravensdale in Mansfield. Together with other smaller projects they represent almost **300 additional places for children with additional needs**, the equivalent of three new Special Schools.

- f) We are **investing in increasing apprenticeship, graduate development, traineeship and intern opportunities with the Council and providing learning, development and support for all colleagues**, to improve access to employment for a wider range of people and ensure the Council has the skills it needs now and for the future. We're proud that a job with the Council is now guaranteed after successful completion of graduate and apprenticeship training.
 - g) **We are a strong and resilient Council**. We delivered a **balanced budget** for 2022/23, without the need for the maximum allowable Council Tax increase. We remain focussed on getting the maximum value for the people and communities of Nottinghamshire for every £ we spend. All Councils are the subject of external audit. In our most recent audit, we received a **positive value for money judgement** from our external auditors. During 2022/23, we have successfully **introduced a new Cabinet system of governance**, to improve how we make decisions and to create clearer lines of responsibility and accountability.
 - h) Our relatively stable financial position, strong governance model and committed workforce, mean we are able to invest more in the longer-term transformation of what and how we deliver for the people and communities of Nottinghamshire. Our **corporate and collective commitment to transformation** has supported the delivery of many of the key achievements highlighted in the report.
6. To ensure the Annual Report is visible to residents, [The Nottinghamshire Plan website](#) will be updated. Members are encouraged to share this with their communities.

Other Options Considered

- 7. The other option considered was not to produce a report, however this has been discounted on the grounds that this would impact on transparency for residents, the ability to monitor progress against ambitions and the Council's ability to demonstrate value for money.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 8. To publish this public-facing report so that residents, partners and colleagues are collectively able to see the progress made against the publicly stated ambitions in the Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-31 and 2022/23 Annual Delivery Plan.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. 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.

Financial Implications

10. The costs of developing and publishing this Annual Report can be met within existing budgets.

Crime and Disorder Implications

11. The Annual Report highlights how the Council has taken action to protect people and communities from crime and disorder. In particular, through our Trading Standards service, which prevents and supports the victims of doorstep crime, scams, fraud and the sale of illegal or potentially harmful products, through our continued involvement with the Safer Nottinghamshire Board and through our ongoing partnership work to prevent youth offending and reoffending and protect young people and vulnerable adults from exploitation and abuse. The Annual Report enables residents to be aware of progress made in relation to these actions.

Data Protection and Information Governance

12. An outline DPIA was completed and submitted to the Information Governance Team who confirmed a detailed DPIA is not required. No names or information identifying individuals are included in the report, and consent has been obtained from persons whose image appears in it.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

13. A number of actions within the Annual Delivery Plan potentially have a positive impact on people with protected characteristics. The Annual Report will enable residents to monitor progress on these actions.

Smarter Working Implications

14. As part of the Council's considerations for smarter working, actions within the 2022-23 Plan that would further embed a hybrid working approach were within ambition 9. Publication of the Annual Report will enable residents to monitor progress made against these actions.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

15. Ambition Three (Keeping children, vulnerable adults and communities safe) within the 2022-23 Annual Delivery Plan includes a number of actions to continue to improve how we support and safeguard children, families and adults at risk. Publication of the Annual Report will enable residents to monitor progress made against these actions.

Implications for Residents

16. The Annual Delivery Plan for 2022-23 outlined the steps to be taken to ensure a 'healthy, prosperous and greener future for everyone'. Publication of the Annual Report will enable residents to monitor progress made against these steps.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

17. One of the primary ambitions from The Nottinghamshire Plan is to protect the environment and reduce our carbon footprint (ambition 9). Publication of the Annual Report will enable residents to monitor progress made against this ambition.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That Cabinet approves the 2022/23 Annual Report, and executive summary, for publication and dissemination.

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Constitutional Comments

Cabinet has the authority to consider the report and recommendations. [CEH 23.06.2023]

Financial Comments

As set out in the report the costs of developing and publishing this Annual Report will be met within existing budgets. (KRP 23/06/23)

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.

Background Papers

- [Annual Report 2020-21](#) published
- [Annual Delivery Plan 2022-23](#) published

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All