

Policy Committee

Thursday, 10 February 2022 at 10:30

County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

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12 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee will be invited to resolve:-

“That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions are likely to involve disclosure of exempt information described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

Note

If this is agreed, the public will have to leave the meeting during consideration of the following items.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

13 East Midlands Freeport Full Business Case Submission - EXEMPT APPENDIX

- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);

Notes

- (1) Councillors are advised to contact their Research Officer for details of any Group Meetings which are planned for this meeting.
- (2) Members of the public wishing to inspect "Background Papers" referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:-

Customer Services Centre 0300 500 80 80

- (3) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Council's Procedure Rules. Those declaring must indicate the nature of their interest and the reasons for the declaration.

Councillors or Officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact Keith Ford (Tel. 0115 977 2590) or a colleague in Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

- (4) Councillors are reminded that Committee and Sub-Committee papers, with the exception of those which contain Exempt or Confidential Information, may be recycled.
- (5) This agenda and its associated reports are available to view online via an online calendar - <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings.aspx>

Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Thursday 2 December 2021 (commencing at 10.30 am)

membership**COUNCILLORS**

Ben Bradley MP (Chairman)

Bruce Laughton (Vice-Chairman) - Apologies

Chris Barnfather

Anne Callaghan

Neil Clarke MBE - Apologies

John Cottee

Jim Creamer

Boyd Elliott

Kate Foale - Apologies

Glynn Gilfoyle

Keith Girling

Richard Jackson

Francis Purdue-Horan

Philip Owen

David Shaw – Apologies

Helen-Ann Smith – Apologies

Tracey Taylor

Michelle Welsh

Gordon Wheeler

Jason Zadrozny - Apologies

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillor Richard Butler substituted for Councillor Bruce Laughton

Councillor Samantha Deakin substituted for Councillor Helen-Anne Smith

Councillor Andy Meakin substituted for Councillor Jason Zadrozny

Councillor John Ogle substituted for Councillor Neil Clarke MBE

Councillor Mike Pringle substituted for Councillor Kate Foale

Councillor Daniel Williamson substituted for Councillor Dave Shaw

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

None

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May

Chief Executive's Department

Nigel Stevenson

Marjorie Toward

Michael Higginson

Phil Rostance

Keith Ford

Rebecca Atchinson

Adult Social Care and Public Health Department

Alison Frater

Colin Pettigrew
Mike Sharpe

Children, Families and Cultural Services Department

Adrian Smith
Derek Higton
Matthew Neal

Place Department

COUNCILLOR MAUREEN DOBSON

The Leader spoke in tribute to Councillor Maureen Dobson who had passed away on Tuesday 30 November 2021. The Committee stood and observed a minute's silence in tribute.

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting of Policy Committee held on 14 October 2021, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE – medical reasons
Councillor Kate Foale – medical reasons
Councillor Bruce Laughton – other Nottinghamshire County Council business
Councillor Dave Shaw – medical reasons
Councillor Helen-Anne Smith – other reasons
Councillor Jason Zadrozny – medical reasons

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

No interests were declared at this point of the meeting.

Councillor Richard Jackson subsequently declared a private and non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6 – Highways Review as a Nottinghamshire County Council appointed Director on the Via East Midlands Board, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

4 IMPROVING OUTCOMES FOR SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC ABUSE

In response to queries raised by Members, officers agreed to

- refer to the NHS concerns about the timeliness of access to Child and Adult Mental Health Services by children whom had witnessed and / or been otherwise affected by domestic abuse;
- share a link to the high-level information available about the accommodation needs assessment for the County.

RESOLVED: 2021/066

- 1) That the ongoing approach to develop the Nottinghamshire Domestic Abuse Strategy, with additional chapters to be approved by Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee, be approved.
- 2) That the Nottinghamshire Domestic Abuse Strategy be approved.

5 NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CASE FOR DEVOLUTION RESOURCING REQUIREMENTS

In response to a query from Members about whether 7 or 8 full time equivalent posts were being established, officers agreed to clarify that point and update Members accordingly.

RESOLVED 2021/067

That, subject to the above clarification, the establishment of the staffing structure changes and seven FTE posts for an initial period of twelve months, the costs of which would be funded through Nottinghamshire's shared National Non-Domestic Rates Pool Reserve, be approved.

6 HIGHWAYS REVIEW

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE was thanked, in his absence, for his work in Chairing the cross-party Highways Review Panel.

RESOLVED 2021/068

- 1) That a Highways Improvement Plan be developed to deliver the review recommendations with the detailed Plan, and proposals for continuing external support, to be considered at a forthcoming meeting of Transport and Environment Committee.
- 2) That the continuation of the cross-party Highways Review Panel to effectively monitor the progress of the Highways Improvement Plan be approved.

7 PROVISION OF NEW PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES IN EAST LEAKE

RESOLVED 2021/069

That approval be given to:

- 1) Provide new nursery and primary school places in East Leake to meet demand through the construction of a Temporary Learning Village at Sheepwash Way, East Leake, to open for September 2022; and for the construction of a permanent 1.5 Form of Entry primary school with 26 place nursery at Rempstone Road, East Leake estimated to open in September 2023.

- 2) Fund this project in its entirety to ensure that a sufficiency of primary school places were provided in East Leake.
- 3) Vary the Capital Programme to include the £2.6m Section 106 contributions that were proposed to part fund this project.

8 THE INTEGRATED RAIL PLAN IN THE EAST MIDLANDS

RESOLVED 2021/070

- 1) That the positive Government commitments in the Integrated Rail Plan to invest in a significant rail package for the benefit of Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands be welcomed.
- 2) That the Leader of the Council continue to advocate for Nottinghamshire and the region in engaging with Government and regional partners such as HS2 East and Transport for East Midlands.
- 3) That early engagement be sought with Government to explore the commitment to 'accelerate' the East Midlands Development Corporation.
- 4) That a further report be brought to the Committee to set out the revised benefits, delivery plan and the capacity / support required from the County Council to move forward the next steps.

9 WORK PROGRAMME

The Leader highlighted that officers were due to review the current contents of the Work Programme to assess whether some items would be more appropriate to take to the relevant 'service committee', rather than Policy Committee, for approval.

RESOLVED: 2021/071

That, subject to the planned review, no further amendments were required to the work programme at this stage.

The meeting closed at 12.40pm.

CHAIRMAN

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
COMMITTEE****SCHOOLS AND EARLY YEARS FUNDING: AGREEMENT OF THE LOCAL
FUNDING FORMULA FOR 2022-23****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report seeks approval for the adoption of the Nottinghamshire Schools and Early Years local funding formula, as recommended by the Schools Forum, for the financial year 2022-23.

Information

2. All local authorities are required to use a local funding formula (LFF) to distribute the Schools Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant funding to all mainstream primary and secondary maintained schools, academies and free schools.
3. In accordance with the School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations 2020, the responsibility for determining the LFF for schools and early years providers lies with the Local Authority (i.e. the Council). Prior to agreeing the formula, the Local Authority must first consult with the Schools Forum and all maintained schools and academies in the area on the proposed changes. Where any proposed changes affect early years providers they too must be consulted. The Schools Forum is a representative body from the Nottinghamshire schools and early years community which is constituted to make decisions and give guidance to the Local Authority about the Schools Budget.
4. In 2018-19 the National Funding Formula (NFF) was introduced for schools, high needs and central school services. The NFF is used to calculate the funding blocks within the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) and determine the funding allocations that local authorities receive. Local authorities however, have continued to determine the final funding allocations for schools through their LFF and will do so again for 2022-23. The Early Years National Funding Formula was introduced in 2017-18.

Schools Local Funding Formula

5. When the NFF was introduced Nottinghamshire chose to mirror the formula factors and unit values in the LFF as far as possible. In 2018-19 and 2019-20 the Local Authority could

not adopt the NFF in full because of the need to transfer 0.5% of Schools Block funding to the High Needs block to ease the significant pressures on it.

6. In 2020-21 there was a significant increase of £11.6m (before deductions) in High Needs Block funding for schools and children with special educational needs. This was deemed sufficient to cover the anticipated budget pressure for 2020-21 and invest in services to support the education of children and young people with special educational needs and disability. Therefore, for 2020-21, no transfer of funding from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block was proposed and the Local Authority was able to mirror the NFF in full. The High Needs Block did however overspend by £2.7m in 2020-21.
7. In 2021-22 the High Needs Block funding allocation increased by £10.8m (13.9%) to £88.8m (before deductions). Therefore, no transfer of funding from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block was required. The High Needs Block is, however, is still under significant pressure with an overspend of £1.5m currently forecast in 2021-22.
8. The National Funding Formula 2022-23 is similar to the formula in 2021-22. The main changes are summarised. NFF factor values have increased by:
 - £10,000 to the maximum sparsity values
 - 3% to basic entitlement, free school meals at any time in the last 6 years (FSM6), income deprivation affecting children index (IDACI), lower prior attainment (LPA), English as an additional language (EAL) and the lump sum
 - 2% to the floor, the minimum per pupil levels and free school meals (FSM)
 - 0% on the premises factors, except for PFI which has increased by RPIX.
9. Sparsity funding is now based on road distance rather than being measured on straight-line distance from pupils' home to school. For 2022-23 a sparsity distance taper has been introduced, this is in addition to the existing year group size taper.
10. Data on pupils who have been eligible for free school meals at any time in the last six years (FSM6) is now taken from the October 2020 school census instead of from the January census. This brings it in line with pupil premium funding arrangements.
11. Due to 2020 assessments being cancelled due to the pandemic, data from the 2019 early years foundation stage profile (EYFSP) and key stage 2 tests is used as a proxy when calculating low prior attainment proportions.
12. Pupils who joined a school between January and May 2020 attract funding for mobility based on their entry date. The May 2020 census was cancelled due to the pandemic.
13. A report was considered by the Schools Forum in November 2021 which outlined the position with the indicative 2022-23 Schools Block funding announcement and possible consultation options. The formal consultation on the proposals was held from 22nd November to 5th December 2021.
14. A total of 12 (41 in 2020) responses were received to the schools consultation which was a response rate of 3.7% (12.5% in 2020).

15. The Schools Forum met on 9th December 2021 to consider the consultation responses and decide on how the formula should be implemented for 2022-23. The Forum approved all the Schools Block proposals as below and shown in **Appendix 1**:
 - adoption of NFF factors and unit values
 - Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG)/Funding Floor of between 0.5% - 2% with 2% being the preferred level
 - reintroduction of the gains cap if necessary.
16. On 17th December 2021 the Schools Block funding allocation was announced together with the October 2021 census data. Changes in the census data, including a large increase in pupil mobility, EAL and the sparsity factors have resulted in it being necessary to introduce a gains cap to ensure the formula is affordable.
17. The Schools Local Funding Formula was submitted to the Education & Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) by its deadline of 21st January 2022 and indicated that it still required political approval.

Early Years Funding Formula

18. The Early Years funding calculation for 2021-22 has significantly changed due to the impact of the pandemic. The ESFA have changed the funding from being based on the January Census (5/12ths of January 2021 and 7/12ths of January 2022) to being 5/12ths of May 2021, 4/12ths of October 2021 and 3/12ths of the January 2022 censuses with the aim of aligning the pupil patterns of the pandemic with the funding and the payments.
19. The outcome of the next two censuses will have a major impact on the final position for 2021-22 and any resulting underspend. The financial position is being closely monitored, and the forecast prepared for Early Years on a termly basis. The final 2021-22 allocation will be published in July 2022. Any underspend will be reported to the Early Years and Schools Forum and consideration given to distribute this via the hourly rate at a future date.
20. On 28th November 2021 the Department for Education announced the base rates will be increased by, as follows:
 - 21p per hour for 2-year-olds
 - 17p per hour for 3- and 4-year-olds
 - 7p per hour for children eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium attending universal hours
 - Disability Access Fund increased by £185 per annum to £800 per annum.
21. On 11th November 2021 School Forum met to consider the consider and agree the proposed questions to be included in the consultation for early years funding rates for 2022-23. The formal consultation on the proposals for early years funding was held from 15th November to 3rd December 2021.
22. The consultation questions were to clarify the sector's understanding that the expected rate increases for 2022-23, yet to be announced at that time, would be passed onto them in full and that potential adjustments to the rate for 2021-22 may be made once government had confirmed this year's allocation in the new year.

23. A total of 100 (11 Schools, 89 PVI settings) eligible responses were received to the Early Years consultation which was a response rate of 10.3% up from 5.2% last year.
24. The Schools Forum met on 9th December 2021 to consider the consultation responses and decide on how the formula should be implemented for 2022-23. The Forum approved all the proposals for the Early Years funding formula as below and shown in **Appendix 1**:
- 21p increase in the base hourly rate for 3- & 4-year-olds
 - 17p increase to the base hourly rate for 2-year-olds.

High Needs Block

25. In 2022-23 the key changes in the High Needs Block are:
- The historic spend factor has been updated for 2022-23, to use 50% of the Local Authority's actual spend in 2017 to 2018 rather than planned spend as previously used.
 - The limit on gains is set at 11%.
 - Due to the pandemic, there is no appropriate 2020 attainment data to use for the 2 low attainment factors, therefore, 2019 data has been used in place of 2020 data for the 2022 to 2023 high needs allocations.
26. In 2022-23 the High Needs Funding has increased to £99m (before deductions). This is an increase of £10.2m (before deductions) (11.5%).

Minimum Funding Guarantee (MFG)

27. Local authorities are able to set a MFG in their LFF to protect schools from excessive year on year changes and to allow changes in pupil characteristics (e.g. deprivation) to flow through. For 2022-23 this must be set between +0.5% and +2.00% per pupil.
28. In December 2021 School Forum agreed to continue with the principle to mirror the NFF as closely as possible the Local Authority would continue to set the MFG at 2.00%.

De-delegated Funds

29. The Department for Education continues to require that any funding that was subject to de-delegation in 2021-22 should be re-approved by the Schools Forum if the de-delegation is to continue in 2022-23, along with any new items. Maintained schools in each phase agreed collectively, through the Schools Forum, to de-delegate funding to the Local Authority to meet centrally the permitted categories of expenditure listed below. The rationale for de-delegation is to achieve economies of scale and to pool risk across schools for these costs. For 2022-23 the Forum recommends that the following items continue to be de-delegated:
- Free School Meals eligibility assessment
 - support to underperforming ethnic minority groups & bilingual learners
 - contingency for crisis communications
 - Trade Union Facilities.

Growth Funding

30. The government introduced a new formula to allocate funding for growth in pupil numbers to local authorities in 2019-20. Allocations received via this formula will be recalculated each year and therefore not guaranteed to continue at the same level. The allocation for Nottinghamshire for 2022-23 is £4.2m (2021-22 £3.6m).
31. The growth fund can only be used to:
 - support growth in pre-16 pupil numbers to meet basic need
 - support additional classes needed to meet the infant class size regulation
 - meet the costs of new schools.
32. The primary pupil growth fund must be agreed by the Schools Forum.
33. £3.635m of earmarked growth funding of was carried forward from 2020/21.
34. Any unallocated balance on the growth funding will be ring-fenced for future growth and held in the Non-LSB reserve.

Other Options Considered

35. Options were considered by the Schools Forum before the proposed formula was considered as part of the consultation.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

36. The Local Authority is required to decide upon the redistribution of the Schools Budget and Early Years budget through a funding formula which complies with current regulations and must have regard to the consultation with schools, early years providers and the recommendations of the Schools Forum.

Statutory and Policy Implications

37. 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

38. The DSG 2022-23 funding allocation is £736.8m (2021-22 £702.3m) for the Schools, High Needs, Early Years and Central Services Schools Blocks.
39. The 2022-23 Schools Block funding for Nottinghamshire is £24.4m more than that received in 2021-22. However, due to changes in the census data from October 2020 to October 2021 a gains cap is required to ensure the formula is affordable.

40. The High Needs Block funding allocation in 2022-23 has increased by 11.5% (£10.2m before deductions) compared to 2021-22. This negates the need for the Local Authority to propose a funding transfer from the Schools Block to the High Needs Block.
41. The Early Years Block indicative 2022-23 funding allocation is £50.9m and the final allocation will be confirmed in July 2023 (determined by January 2022 and January 2023 census data).

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee approves the recommendations of the Schools Forum, as outlined in **Appendix 1**, to distribute available funding between Nottinghamshire schools, academies and early years providers in 2022-23.

Councillor Tracey Taylor
Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee

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Constitutional Comments (LPW 31/01/22)

42. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Policy Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (NC 24/01/22)

43. The financial implications are set out in **paragraphs 38 to 41** and throughout 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 School Forum papers are available via the links below:

[Early Years and Schools Forum meetings | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

11 November 2021

[Agenda item 3d - Early Years 2022-23 Consultation Proposals Report \[PDF\]](#)

[Agenda item 3e - 2022-23 Schools Funding & Local Funding Formula Consultation Report \[PDF\]](#)

9 December 2021

[Item 3b Agreement of Schools Local Funding Formula 2022-23 \[PDF\]](#)

[Item 3b Appendix A School Consultation Responses \[PDF\]](#)

[Item 3c Agreement of the Early Years Funding Formula 2022-23 \[PDF\]](#)

[Item 3c Appendix 1 Early Years Consultation Responses \[PDF\]](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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| Early Years Block Funding Formula | | | |
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| Factor | | 2021-22 Nottinghamshire Criteria | Schools Forum recommendation for application of the factor in 2022-23 |
| Pupil led factors | | | |
| 1 | Base hourly rate for 2-year-olds School & PVI (Private, Voluntary & Independent) settings | £5.39 per hour 38 weeks per annum | The basic hourly rate for 2-year-olds is increased by 21p from £5.39 to £5.60. |
| 2 | Base hourly rate for 3- & 4-year-olds universal and working parents. School & PVI settings | £4.31 38 weeks per annum | The basic hourly rate for 3- and 4-year-olds is increased by 17p from £4.31 to £4.48 |
| 3 | Deprivation Supplement (a) | Provider to attend at monthly children in need and child protection plan and looked after children meetings payable for 4 hours at an hourly rate equivalent to the national living wage. | No change |
| 4 | Deprivation Supplement (b) | 3- & 4-year-olds eligible for Early Years Pupil Premium, to be paid at 10p per hour. | No change |

| Schools Block Funding Formula | | | |
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| Factor | | 2022-23 NFF | Schools Forum recommendation for application of the factor in 2022-23 LFF |
| Pupil Led Factors | | | |
| 1 | Basic per pupil entitlement - age weighted pupil unit (AWPU) | <p>Primary - £3,217 per pupil</p> <p>Key Stage 3 - £4,536 per pupil</p> <p>Key Stage 4 – £5,112 per pupil</p> | Continue to mirror the NFF increase unit values to match. |
| 2 | Minimum level of per pupil funding for every school. (compulsory factor and unit values) | <p>To allow local authorities to provide the NFF minimum per pupil funding levels to every school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £4,265 for primary schools and • £5,525 for secondary schools. | |
| 3 | Deprivation (compulsory factor) | <p>In a change for the 2022 to 2023 NFF, for FSM6 (pupils recorded as eligible for free school meals at any time in the last 6 years) the ESFA use the October 2020 census (rather than the January census, as in previous years). The FSM6 in the Authority Proforma Tool is based on January 2021 census.</p> <p>The IDACI measure uses 6 bands. Different values can be attached to each band and different unit values can be used for primary and secondary within each band.</p> | Continue to mirror the NFF increase unit values to match. |

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| 4 | Low prior attainment (optional factor) | <p>Primary pupils identified as not achieving the expected level of development in the early years foundation stage profile (EYFSP).</p> <p>Secondary pupils not reaching the expected standard in KS2 at either reading or writing or maths</p> | Continue to mirror the NFF increase unit values to match. |
| 5 | English as an additional language (EAL) (optional factor) | Pupils identified in the October census with a first language other than English may attract funding for up to three years after they enter the statutory school system. | Continue to mirror the NFF and increase unit values to match. |
| 6 | Pupil mobility (optional factor) | Pupils starting school at non-standard start dates (i.e. not August, September or January for Year R) in the last three academic years. | Continue to mirror the NFF and increase unit values to match. |
| School Led Factors | | | |
| 7 | Sparsity (optional factor) | <p>The methodology has changed in 2022-23 and distances are now measured by road distance.</p> <p>To calculate a school's sparsity distance, the ESFA take all the pupils for whom it is the nearest compatible school and find the average shortest road distance from these pupils' home postcodes to their second nearest compatible schools.</p> | Continue to mirror the NFF and increase unit values to match. |

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| | | <p>A new distance threshold taper is used this year. Therefore, where schools' sparsity distances are marginally below the main distance thresholds for sparsity funding, they will still attract some allocation through the NFF.</p> <p>The distance threshold taper has been set 20% below the main distance thresholds.</p> <p>Maximum sparsity NFF value is £55,000 for primary schools and £80,000 for secondary schools.</p> | |
| 8 | Lump sum (optional factor) | Each school receives a lump sum irrespective of its size or phase of £121,300. | Continue to mirror the NFF and increase unit value to match. |
| 9 | Split sites (optional factor) | To support schools that have unavoidable extra costs because the school buildings are on separate sites. The criteria used for this factor can continue to be determined locally but must clearly define what constitutes a split site and how much is paid. | The factor is part of the NFF, and no change was proposed to the current locally determined criteria. |
| 10 | Rates (optional factor) | <p>Rates will be paid by the ESFA directly to billing authorities on behalf of all maintained schools and academies from April 2022.</p> <p>Schools' budgets will continue to include the rates funding, even though ESFA will no longer pay over physical cash.</p> | |

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| 11 | Minimum Funding Guarantee | Local authorities will be able to set an MFG between +0.5% and +2% per pupil. | Continue to mirror the NFF. |
| Exceptional Factors | | | |
| 12 | Joint Use and Rental (optional factor) | <p>Exceptional circumstances relate to school premises. These may be for rents, or joint-use sports facilities.</p> <p>Where local authorities have already received approval for exceptional circumstances from 2017 to 2018 onwards, they can continue to use the approved factors if the criteria are still being met. Approval prior to this will require the submission of a new disapplication for ESFA consideration.</p> <p>The criteria for this factor are that the value of the factor is more than 1% of a school's budget and applies to fewer than 5% of the schools in the local authority's area.</p> | Exceptional factors are part of the NFF, and no change was proposed to their application. |

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE DAY 2022

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Committee on the plans for celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day in 2022.
2. To seek approval for a £100,000 budget to support the Council's contribution to both celebrations.

Information

The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

3. In 2022, there will be year-long Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and around the world as communities come together to celebrate The Queen's historic reign.
4. Throughout the year, Her Majesty and members of the Royal Family will travel around the country to undertake a variety of engagements to mark this historic occasion culminating with the focal point of the Platinum Jubilee Weekend.
5. An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022, will provide an opportunity for all communities and people to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.
6. Key national events and projects to celebrate the Jubilee year will include the following listed below:
 - The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour)
 - Platinum Jubilee Beacons
 - A Service of Thanksgiving
 - Platinum Party at Buckingham Palace
 - The Big Jubilee Lunch
 - The Platinum Jubilee Pageant
 - The Queen's Green Canopy

Further detail on the above can be found in the letter from the Secretary of State attached at **Appendix A**.

7. Partners across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire including The Lord-Lieutenant, Local Authorities, Emergency Services and the Voluntary Sector, are working together to help plan and coordinate local activities and events that will take place throughout 2022 across the City and County.
8. Resources from Nottinghamshire County Council will be required to support:
 - A Nottinghamshire Jubilee Exhibition to be used at various events in the Jubilee year, including the Nottinghamshire Show on 14 May 2022, and on County Day on 27 August
 - A Veterans Breakfast to include watching Trooping the Colour, to take place on 2 June 2022
 - Facilitating and undertaking local road closures for those communities who wish to hold Street Parties and take part in The Big Lunch
 - Development of education resources, information and promotion across a central website and social media platforms.
 - Lighting of key buildings as part of the Jubilee Beacons on 2 June 2022
 - Reception(s) hosted by the Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council.
9. It is anticipated that outline plans will be launched by the middle of February 2022, and further information and opportunities on how individuals and organisations can contribute and take part will be communicated through the centrally coordinated website.

Nottinghamshire Day

10. The adoption of 25th August as Nottinghamshire Day was approved by the Full Council on 22nd July 2021.
11. Nottinghamshire Day is an annual celebration of our County and everything that it has to offer. It is an opportunity for local communities to develop their understanding of the history and traditions of the places they live, to inspire children and young people and to work in partnership across Nottinghamshire to support the local economy.
12. The first Nottinghamshire Day was held on 25th August 2021 and was celebrated with a flag raising ceremony, hosted by the Chairman of the County Council, and attended by the Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Elected Members, and Civic Dignitaries. On the day, the flag of Nottinghamshire was flown across the county and at Parliament; the Nottinghamshire and union flags have been flown permanently at County Hall since the ceremony. A successful media campaign resulted in 'Nottinghamshire' and '#NottsDay' trending on twitter.
13. With the support of a graduate trainee, the plan for celebrating Nottinghamshire Day in 2022 and future years is progressing well and includes:
 - A Civic event at Newark Castle on 25th August 2022, to include a flag raising ceremony, attendance from Civic dignitaries and speeches.
 - Local events, in collaboration with District and Borough Councils and partners and a central celebration at Sherwood Forest on 27th August 2022.

- Education packs for primary schools that promote the history of Nottinghamshire, whilst encouraging students to think about contemporary issues. The packs will encourage children and their families to take part in the celebration and in 2022 will be focused on Robin Hood, the Civil War, the Pilgrims, and prominent historical Nottinghamshire figures.
- A historical display designed to engage residents with their local history by showcasing historical research and objects from the Nottinghamshire archives and historical organisations across the county.
- A promotional pack to encourage residents to shop locally and provide guidance to businesses to promote the day.
- A web-based interactive hub to present and promote Nottinghamshire Day events and resources to engage and involve Nottinghamshire residents and visitors with the celebrations. This will include resources tailored for Elected Members to promote the celebration within their communities. More information on how Elected Members can get involved in the celebration is included in **Appendix B** to this report.
- A campaign to promote the Nottinghamshire Green Rewards App to encourage residents to have a positive impact on their local environment in the lead up to Nottinghamshire Day.
- A social media campaign to promote the celebration and all that the county has to offer, in collaboration with local businesses and organisations.

Funding request

14. To deliver the approach to celebrating the Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day 2022, it is estimated that a maximum total of £100,000 is required to resource current plans, split between £75,000 for the Jubilee events, and £25,000 for the County Day events.
15. It is proposed that this contribution be funded from County Council contingency funds. It is further proposed that sponsorship is sought to reduce the amount of County Council contingency funds ultimately required to fund the Jubilee Events.
16. On top of the financial contribution, the County Council will also provide staff resource to support and deliver the plans.

Other Options Considered

17. Smaller celebrations, that do not require County Council funding. The more detailed celebrations outlined in this report are favoured, to build on the success and momentum created by last year's Nottinghamshire Day and to ensure the Queen's Platinum jubilee is celebrated in a befitting manner.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

18. The approval of the approach outlined in this report will ensure that the Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day are celebrated in a befitting manner.
19. The approval of a maximum of £100,000 funding will ensure that the approach is deliverable.

Statutory and Policy Implications

20. 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

21. It is requested that contingency funding of up to £100,000 is made available to support the Council's contribution to The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day in 2022 celebrations. Sponsorship will be sought to attempt to reduce the amount ultimately required.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

22. The promotion of the Nottinghamshire Day would encourage people from across Nottinghamshire's diverse communities to celebrate the history and heritage of the County.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

23. Residents will be encouraged to be environmentally conscious in the lead up to the event and download and use the Council's Green Rewards app to capture their carbon savings.

RECOMMENDATION/S

The Committee is asked to:

- 1) Approve the approach outlined in this report to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day 2022.
- 2) Approves funding of up to £100,000 to deliver The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day celebrations in 2022 (with potential external sponsorship contributions to be pursued to cover elements of these costs) and requests that the Section 151 Officer seeks approval from the Finance Committee for an allocation of up to £100,000 from the General Contingency to cover this funding.
- 3) Approve that further updates be shared with Members as appropriate.

Councillor Ben Bradley MP
Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Mark Walker, Group Manager, Trading Standards and Communities, Tel: 0115 977 2173

Constitutional Comments (KK 12/01/2022)

24. The proposals in this report are within the remit of the Policy Committee.

Financial Comments (SES 01/02/2022)

25. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 21 of the report. The report proposes that contingency funding of up to £100,000 is made available to support the Council's contribution to The Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Nottinghamshire Day in 2022 celebrations. Sponsorship will be sought to attempt to reduce the amount ultimately required.
26. A request for an allocation from contingency of up to £100k subject to receipt of external sponsorship is to be submitted to the Finance Committee.

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.

- [Policy Committee Report - July 2021 - A County Day for Nottinghamshire \(Nottinghamshire day\)](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All



Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities

Rt Hon Michael Gove MP

*Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing
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6 January 2022

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. To mark The Queen's historic 70-year reign, 2022 will see Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the UK and the Commonwealth as part of a year-long programme of events.

We want celebrations to be even bigger and better than previous national celebrations and for as many people as possible across the nation to participate, at any point from January to December 2022. You'll be aware that an announcement was made to extend the bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022 to provide opportunities for communities throughout the UK to come together to celebrate this historic milestone.

We know that you and partnering organisations you work with understand your communities best and will support them to participate in celebrations. We also know you will want to make sure that this momentous occasion is marked fittingly, and many of you have already started planning exciting programmes of events for your local areas. To support your preparations, we wanted to highlight some of the opportunities for councils and your communities to engage with the Platinum Jubilee which are listed below:

- **Street Parties and 'The Big Jubilee Lunch'**
 - Street parties should be encouraged, and you can play an important role in supporting residents who want to organise parties for their neighbours. For example, relaxing road closure rules to enable street parties to take place as easily as possible will be important. Updated street parties' guidance on how to organise a street party can be found [here](#).
- **The Big Jubilee Lunch – 2 to 5 June 2022**
 - The Big Jubilee Lunch encourages communities to come together, celebrate their connections and get to know each other a little bit better and will bring the Jubilee celebrations into the heart of every community. More details can be found [here](#).
- **Beacon Lighting**
 - In keeping with the long tradition of celebrating Royal Jubilees, Weddings and Coronations, councils are encouraged to light beacons across the UK in the evening of 2 June 2022. Should you wish to take part, more information can be found in the specific Beacons website which can be found [here](#).
- **Platinum Jubilee Events/projects organised by Local Authority-owned civic amenities**
 - Libraries, museums, leisure centres, heritage sites etc are welcome to host their own individual events and projects to mark the Platinum Jubilee. For example, this could include exhibitions, concerts or special talks.

- **National Lottery Funding**
 - More than £22 million of National Lottery funding is being made available to help communities across the country come together to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee. More information on the different funds available can be found [here](#).
- **The Platinum Jubilee Emblem**
 - The official Platinum Jubilee Emblem is available for use for all activities associated with the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, including community and national events. It is free to download [from the Royal website](#), where detailed usage guidance can also be found.
- **The Queen's Green Canopy**
 - Everyone from individuals to community groups, villages, cities, counties, schools and corporations are encouraged to plant a tree for the Jubilee. The initiative runs from October 2021, when the tree planting season began, through to the end of the Jubilee year in 2022. More details can be found [here](#).
- **City Status Competition**
 - The Civic Honours competition launched on 8 June. These rare awards will grant winning towns and cities 'city status' and 'Lord Mayor or Provost status'. More details can be found [here](#).
- **Council led events**
 - Councils are welcome to organise and facilitate large scale Platinum Jubilee events and celebrations of their own choosing within their towns and cities, which could include their own civic occasion, for example, "The Mayor's Jubilee Party".
- **Local pageants**
 - Further guidance on how to host a local pageant will be available early in 2022.
- **Broadcast the TV feed.**
 - The use of local large screens in public places to show TV coverage of the Jubilee, which could include The Platinum Party at the Palace. These screenings could be complemented or enhanced by being a part of a wider event.

The Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) have launched a Platinum Jubilee website which includes useful related resources. The website includes an interactive map, for people and organisations to contribute to and others to search for information on activities taking place near to them. Please explore the website and submit events and activities to be included on the map, which can be found [here](#).

We look forward to seeing the exciting and creative ways in which you and your communities choose to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

With every good wish,



Rt Hon Michael Gove MP
Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
and Minister for Intergovernmental Relations



Nottinghamshire Day Members Pack

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Notts.day@nottsccl.gov.uk

Or visit:

[Nottinghamshire Day | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)

What is Nottinghamshire Day?

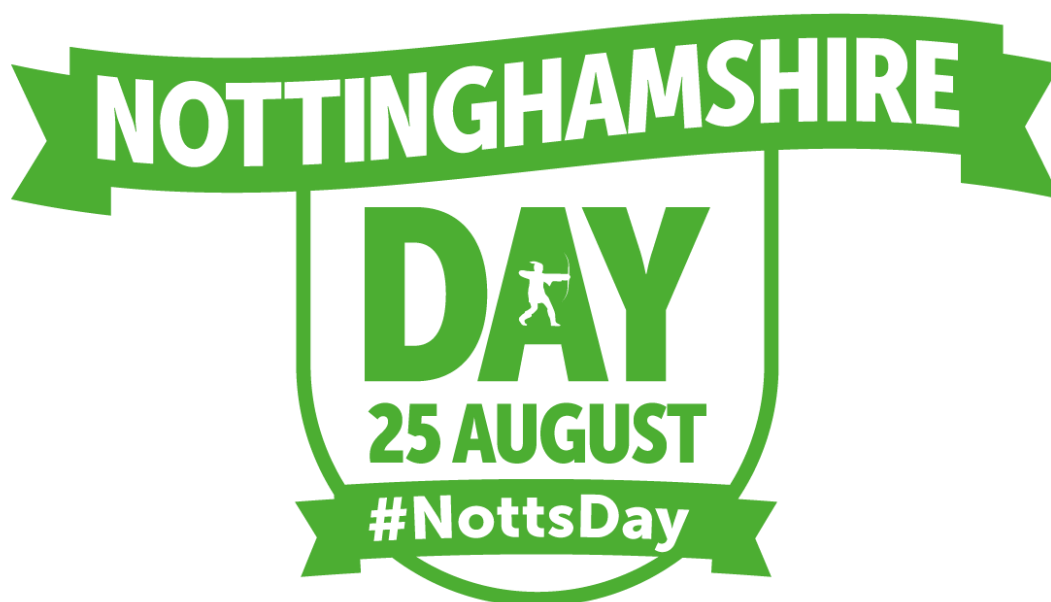
County Days are an opportunity to celebrate the identity, heritage, culture, and local traditions of historic counties and are celebrated by a number of other counties. The celebration of our historic county of Nottinghamshire, in this way, will support local communities to understand and celebrate the history and traditions of the places they live, work, and enjoy their leisure time.

Nottinghamshire Day takes place on the 25th August as this date marks the anniversary of the start of the English Civil War, an event triggered by Charles I raising the royal standard at Nottingham Castle in 1642.

This year Nottinghamshire Day is going to be celebrated in a number of ways, including:

- 25th August 2022- A civic event at Newark Castle that will include a flag raising ceremony
- 27th August 2022- A public event at Sherwood Forest that will include an outdoor stage, market stalls, and entertainment and performances.

The celebrations will also be celebrated with a county wide lead-up campaign that includes involvement from schools, local businesses, and an environmental 'Love your Notts' campaign.



Aims and structure of this pack

The first Nottinghamshire day was held on 25th August 2021 with a successful media campaign and flag raising ceremony attended by Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, the Sheriff of Nottingham, Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Nottinghamshire Police Chief Constable, and several of the county's MPs and representatives from the district and borough councils. There was a successful social media campaign and successful involvement from Notts TV and Radio Nottinghamshire.

This year however we are hoping to celebrate with more in-person events that celebrate the history and heritage of Nottinghamshire. We will work with District and Borough Councils, local businesses, and attractions to promote Nottinghamshire Day, encourage people to explore our towns and countryside, and be involved in Nottinghamshire's history and heritage.

Local history plays a key part in developing a unique sense of place for Nottinghamshire and can help attract visitors. Offering an authentic, local experience that encapsulates all things Nottinghamshire could also help organisations to stand out from competitors and attract new and returning visitors.

The aim of this history pack is to help Nottinghamshire County Council Members be involved in the day and lead up. Through an exploration of Nottinghamshire's history and attractions, as well as ideas for involvement, tips, and guidance, we hope that you will help us celebrate Nottinghamshire and benefit from all the county has to offer.

This pack includes information on Nottinghamshire's history and heritage, how and why you should get involved with the day, free education packs, draft social media posts, and a digital asset pack.

The goal of Nottinghamshire Day

The goal of Nottinghamshire Day 2022 is to:

- Celebrate Nottinghamshire's history and heritage
- Inspire children and young people to be involved in the day and community, and historical and cultural organisations
- Celebrate and draw attention to Nottinghamshire's leading role through a celebration of our current environmental, sporting, cultural, and technological projects
- Allow all residents to be involved in the day and show their celebration of the county
- Support and provide opportunities and promotion for Nottinghamshire businesses
- Support the local economy and visitor and tourism economy
- To work with partnerships across Nottinghamshire
- To work with local community and voluntary groups across the County.



How to get involved

This Nottinghamshire Day, we are encouraging all Members to be involved and help us celebrate Nottinghamshire! Please see the below suggestions for ways to get involved in your areas and with your communities, and how you can help us.



Promote historical sites and organisations in your area and engage with its history and communities, helping to promote the significance of your area to Nottinghamshire history and heritage.



Help to contribute to our research: If there are areas of Nottinghamshire history that you are passionate about we encourage everyone to be involved and contribute ideas to Notts.day@ncc.gov.uk



Attend the civic event on 25th August at Newark Castle and the public event at Sherwood Forest on 27th August.



Encourage community groups, including town and parish Councils, to get involved in Nottinghamshire Day, host their own events and post on social media. Education, history, and promotional packs are also in development and will be available via the webpage.



Make use of the digital asset pack and post about Nottinghamshire Day on social media platforms, engaging with #NottsDay and #shoplocal.



Host your own event, taking inspiration from the ideas on [page 6](#).

Hosting an event:

If you would like to get further involved with the Nottinghamshire Day celebrations or host your own events here are some more optional ideas that can be branded as Nottinghamshire Day:

- Competitions
- Re-enactments
- Workshops
- Family events
- Exhibits
- Themed tours or talks of local attractions
- Community picnics
- Fetes
- Local group performances
- Social media posts using the digital asset pack and #Nottsday or #shoplocal

If you would like to celebrate Nottinghamshire Day independently, but would like your celebration to be promoted, then this could be posted to our social media channels and our 'Events' section of the Nottinghamshire Day website, which will inform the public of all Nottinghamshire Day celebrations happening both on the day and in the lead up.

Nottinghamshire History:

This Nottinghamshire Day we are focusing on areas of Nottinghamshire history that are exemplars of people coming and working together.

The key areas being focused on are Robin Hood, the Pilgrims and Thanksgiving, and The English Civil Wars, along with prominent figures from Nottinghamshire history. These include many examples that can be used to embody the ethos of Nottinghamshire day, which is communities being united and using the past to reflect on our present.

More information on the history of Nottinghamshire can also be found in the historic collections in Nottinghamshire Archives and the local studies in libraries. These collections cover over 800 years of history and all aspects of the county and are a great starting point for anyone wishing to look further into their county's history.

Digital asset packs

The digital asset pack includes a variety of social media images, posters, and logos that can be used to brand an event as being a part of Nottinghamshire Day.

[Nottinghamshire Day Face book Ad3.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Nottinghamshire Day Face book Ad4.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Nottinghamshire Day Facebook post3.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Nottinghamshire Day Facebook post4.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Nottinghamshire Day Twitter cover2.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Nottinghamshire Day Twitter cover3.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Nottinghamshire Twitter Post3.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Nottinghamshire Twitter Post4.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Notts Day Face book Cover3.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Notts Day Face book Cover4.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Notts Day Poster 03.pdf \[PDF\]](#)

[Notts Day Poster 04.pdf \[PDF\]](#)

[General Social media assets](#)

[Notts Day Face book Cover2.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Nottinghamshire Day Twitter cover.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Nottinghamshire Day Facebook post2.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Nottinghamshire Twitter Post2.jpg \[JPG\]](#)



Facebook image frame

You can show your support for the day and pride in where you live by showcasing the Nottinghamshire Day image frame (pictured) around your Facebook profile picture for you and your organisation.

Personal page:

1. Click on your profile picture and then select 'add frame'
2. Search 'NottinghamshireDay' or '#NottsDay' under the 'choose a frame' option
3. Choose either the light or dark green to suit your preference.

Organisation/business page: If you or someone you know has a Facebook business page, you can www.facebook.com/profilepicframes

4. Go to the bottom left corner and select the page
5. Search for the frame (#NottsDay or NottinghamshireDay)
6. Choose either the light or dark green to suit your preference.

General poster and other graphics:

[Notts Day Poster 02.pdf \[PDF\]](#)

[Microsoft Teams Background.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Website banner.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

[Nottinghamshire flag image.jpg \[JPG\]](#)

Single Colour

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REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**ATTENDANCE AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION ANNUAL
CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION 2022****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval for the attendance of three Members and the Chief Executive at the Local Government Association (LGA) Annual Conference & Exhibition in Harrogate on 28-30 June 2022.

Information and Advice

2. The LGA covers every part of England and Wales and is the voice of local government. The LGA's annual conference is the largest event in the local government calendar, regularly attracting over 1,400 delegates, 130 speakers and more than 100 exhibitors. This year's event is being held on 28-30 June in Harrogate
3. This year's conference will focus on the key issues affecting local communities with the programme and keynote speakers due to be finalised early in 2022.
4. The programme will consist of a mix of cross-party political addresses and other significant plenary sessions by key players throughout the local government community, taking in private and voluntary perspectives. There will also be opportunities to take part in a variety of workshops and fringe sessions.
5. It is proposed that the Leader and Deputy Leader attend the conference along with the Chief Executive. The remaining place will be offered to the Main Minority Group.

Other Options Considered

6. To not send any delegates to the event but this would mean the Council missing out on a valuable opportunity to share best practice and utilise valuable networking opportunities.

Reasons for Recommendation

7. To enable the County Council to be appropriately represented at this year's annual conference.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. 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

9. The cost of each conference place remains at £545 (£495 early bird price), which reflects a reduced rate for LGA Members. The costs of the conference places for Members and related travel and accommodation will be met from the Democratic Services budget for Member conference fees and in accordance with the requirements and rules within the Travel and Accommodation Policy.

RECOMMENDATION

That approval be given for the Leader, Deputy Leader, a member of the Main Minority Group and the Chief Executive to attend the Local Government Association Annual Conference and Exhibition on 28-30 June 2022 in Harrogate.

COUNCILLOR BEN BRADLEY MP
Leader of the Council

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Keith Ford, Team Manager, Democratic Services T: (0115) 9772590 E-mail: keith.ford@nottsc.gov.uk

Constitutional Comments (LW – 10/12/2021)

Policy Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (SES 07/12/2021)

The financial implications are set out in paragraph 9 of the report.

The cost of each conference place remains at £545 (£495 early bird price), which reflects a reduced rate for LGA Members. The costs of the conference places for Members and related travel and accommodation will be met from the Democratic Services budget for Member conference fees and in accordance with the requirements and rules within the Travel and Accommodation Policy.

Background Papers

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 Local Government Association's dedicated website for the event –

[Events date and venue \(local.gov.uk\)](https://www.local.gov.uk/events)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**COUNTY COUNCILS NETWORK (CCN) CONFERENCE – NOVEMBER 2021****Purpose of the Report**

1. To report to Committee the key messages from the County Councils Network (CCN) conference, which took place in Buckinghamshire from 21 - 23 November 2021.

Information**Background**

2. Following Policy Committee approval on 2nd September 2021, the Leader, Deputy Leader and Leader of the Labour Group attended the annual CCN conference, along with the Chief Executive.
3. The conference is organised by the CCN, which is a cross-party special interest group of the Local Government Association (LGA), representing England's county local authorities. The CCN acts as the voice for county authorities across Westminster, to key influencers, and within the LGA and local government sector.
4. The theme for the 2021 conference was leading recovery and delivering renewal. Leaders of England's largest councils gathered to ask key Government Ministers in attendance questions regarding key national policy agendas including, levelling up and county deals, the future of Children's Social Care and Adult Social Care Reform, planning communities and net zero.
5. Conference attendees heard from key figures including the Secretary of State for Levelling-Up, Housing, and Communities, Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, Minister of State for Care, Gillian Keegan MP, Chair of the Independent Review of Children's Social Care, Josh MacAlister and a cross party selection of MPs.

Overview of the Conference**Councillor Tim Oliver, Chairman of the CCN**

6. The conference was opened by Councillor Tim Oliver, Chairman of the CCN, who summarised the focus of the conference in his opening remarks. An overview of the key points raised by Councillor Oliver is provided in points 7 and 8 below.
7. Through the challenges of the pandemic, the vital role Local Government in supporting their local communities and economies has been clear for all to see. Member Councils should be proud of their herculean humanitarian effort, but the pandemic is not over and there remains

much to do to protect the vulnerable. The focus now must also be on the future, and the essential place-based leadership that counties will offer through recovery and in delivery of the Government's levelling up agenda to "build back better".

8. CCN's recent successes and priorities as an influencing voice include:

- A better-than-expected Spending Review outcome; an additional £4.8 billion in Government grant and a potential 3-year settlement. CCN advocacy has continued to ensure that the Local Government Settlement distributes funding in a fair manner that acknowledges the severe pressures being experienced by frontline upper tier services. Campaigning for fairer funding will continue, highlighting the impact of reduced Government grants on local taxpayers.
- A long-term solution to Adult Social Care, building on the recently announced reforms. CCN will be vocal with regards to the additional pressures that the move to a fair price of care and the additional responsibilities that have been announced will place on front line services and will hold Government to account on funding. Right now, there is a need for pooled funding with the NHS to speed up discharges from hospital and the CCN are supporting intensive discussions with Government and health partners.
- Sustainable Children's services; analysis commissioned by the CCN indicates that without systemic changes the number of children in the care system across the country is likely to rise by up to 36% by 2025. An optimised service delivery model is required to improve outcomes and deliver sustainable services, including reducing the number of children in long term residential care by investing in preventative services.
- The importance of Counties as place-based leaders in building strong economic foundations, delivering the levelling up agenda, addressing health inequalities and creating the green society of the future. Delivery of devolution through County Deals at pace will be central to this and CCN have commissioned support to contribute to the developing framework for deals.

Secretary of State for Levelling-Up, Housing, and Communities

9. Rt Honourable Michael Gove MP joined the conference remotely and answered questions from attendees on a variety of topics, summarised as follows:

- Devolution
- Local Government structures
- Planning reform
- Challenges faced by social care services
- Local economies
- Transport.

Other Topics

10. The other sessions at the Conference were as follows:

- The Future of Children's Social Care
- Adult Social Care Reform
- Planning Communities
- The Role of Counties in Delivering net Zero
- Views from Liberal Democrats, Labour and the LGA
- Local Government Finance
- Where Next for Levelling Up

- Counties' Role in Leading Recovery and Delivering Renewal
- Keynote speech from the Minister of State for Care, Gillian Keegan MP.

Other Options Considered

11. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. To feedback to Committee on the key messages from the CCN conference.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, 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, sustainability and the environment and ways of working 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

14. The cost of attending the conference was set out in the report to Policy Committee on 2 September 2021.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That Members consider the contents of this report and note that further details of the speeches and presentations can be found on the CCN website.

Councillor Ben Bradley MP
Leader of the Council

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Anthony May, Chief Executive,
Anthony.may@nottscc.gov.uk

Constitutional Comments (ELP 17/12/21)

15. The committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SES 14/12/2021)

16. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

17. The cost of attending the conference was set out in the report to Policy Committee on 2 September 2021.

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.

[CCN Network Annual Conference 2021 - Policy Committee Report - 2 September 2021](#)

[Watch all the sessions from CCN Conference 2021 – County Councils Network.](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, CUSTOMER, GOVERNANCE AND
EMPLOYEES****USE OF URGENCY PROCEDURES****Purpose of the Report**

1. To update Policy Committee on the use of the Council's Urgency Procedures in the latest monitoring period (July 2021 – December 2021).

Information

2. The Constitution sets out procedures to deal with events which require a decision outside of a committee's normal cycle of meetings. The use of these procedures should periodically be reported to Policy Committee.
3. The procedures enable urgent decisions by committee, calling an additional meeting of a committee or an urgent decision by the Chief Executive (the latter decisions are reported to the next meeting of the relevant committee).
4. The Chief Executive also has the power to take emergency decisions if necessary.
5. Despite the ongoing pandemic, use of the Urgency Procedures in the latest period continues to be limited and appropriate and these procedures have only been utilised when it was in the public interest to do so.
6. Members may recall that the Urgency Procedures were not utilised at all in the previous monitoring period (January – June 2021), as reported to Policy Committee in the Work Programme report of 15 July 2021.
7. There were no emergency or urgent decisions taken by the Chief Executive in this monitoring period.
8. The Chairman of Communities Committee agreed to the following item being included on the agenda for the meeting of 3 November 2021, following publication of the agenda and prior to the meeting taking place:-

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Relevant Committee</u> | <u>Item</u> | <u>Reason for Late Submission of Report</u> | <u>Reason for consideration as an urgent matter</u> |
|-------------|---------------------------|--|--|--|
| 3/11/21 | Communities Committee | Nottinghamshire Household Support Fund | The Government had only recently announced the funding, and discussions were ongoing with partners on the design of the Nottinghamshire system to deliver the funding to those most in need. | The Government had recently made £5.6m of funding available for Nottinghamshire to support those most in need this winter. This funding needed to be spent by the end of March 2021. Waiting to bring proposals to the next Committee would not only have delayed getting the monies to those who most need it, but may have reduced the amount of the funding that could be deployed in the funding period. Proposals regarding £2.3m of the funding were taken to Children and Young People's Committee on 1 November, and this report dealt with the balance. |

Other Options Considered

9. None – reporting on the use of the Urgency Procedures to Policy Committee is a Constitutional requirement.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. To enable the Committee to be updated on the use of the urgency procedures, in line with the Council's Constitution.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members consider whether any further information or actions are required in relation to the Council's urgency procedures in the latest monitoring period of July 2021 – December 2021.

Marjorie Toward

Service Director, Customers, Governance and Employees

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Constitutional Comments (EH)

Policy Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report. If Committee resolves that any actions are required it must be satisfied that such actions are within the Committee's terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SES)

There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

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- Records of individual urgent decisions.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**BROXTOWE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW – STAGE 2
CONSULTATION RESPONSE****Purpose of the Report**

1. The report asks Policy Committee to consider the final draft recommendations relating to Broxtowe Borough Council's Community Governance Review and agree the Council's response to the consultation.

Information

2. Broxtowe Borough Council is undertaking a Community Governance Review, which is a legal process that considers the most suitable ways of representing the people in the area identified in the review. Outcomes could include:
 - a. Creating, merging or abolishing parishes
 - b. The naming of parishes and the style of new parishes and the creation of town councils
 - c. The electoral arrangements for parishes (for instance, the ordinary year of election, council size, the number of councillors to be elected to the council and parish warding)
 - d. Grouping parishes under a common parish council or de-grouping parishes
 - e. Other types of local arrangements, including parish meetings
3. At its meeting on 30 September 2021, the Governance and Ethics Committee considered Broxtowe Borough Council's initial draft proposals. It agreed to send a holding response, noting that the proposals were subject to consultation, with suggestions welcomed from any local stakeholder, that could influence the final proposals and any response the Council might wish to make.
4. The deadline for the initial phase of consultation closed on 30 September 2021 and the responses that were received were used by Broxtowe Borough Council to produce its final draft proposals ([Community Governance Review - Report to Committee \(broxtowe.gov.uk\)](https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/community-governance-review-report-to-committee)). The County Council has now been invited to comment on the final draft proposals. The consultation period for this stage of the review closes on 28 February 2022.
5. The final proposals on which this Council is being asked to comment are set out in the table below:

| Area name/ description | Changes to Parishes | | Effect on Divisions | | Properties affected | Electors affected |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| | From | To | From | To | | |
| Gilt Hill | Greasley | Kimberley | Greasley & Brinsley | Nuthall & Kimberley | 12 | 20 |
| A610 Island (North) | Kimberley | Greasley | Nuthall & Kimberley | Greasley & Brinsley | 0 | 0 |
| Ikea Island | Greasley | Kimberley | Greasley & Brinsley | Nuthall & Kimberley | 2 | 4 |
| Coatsby Road (Greasley) | Greasley | Kimberley | Greasley & Brinsley | Nuthall & Kimberley | 4 | 7 |
| South of A610 (GRE2) | Greasley | Awsworth | Greasley & Brinsley | Stapleford & Broxtowe Central | 0 | 0 |
| Awsworth Lane (Awsworth) | Kimberley | Awsworth | Nuthall & Kimberley | Stapleford & Broxtowe Central | 6 | 10 |
| North of Stapleford Allocation | Stapleford | Unparished | Stapleford & Broxtowe Central | Bramcote & Beeston North | 0 | 0 |
| Stapleford Allocation | Unparished | Stapleford | Bramcote & Beeston North | Stapleford & Broxtowe Central | 0 | 0 |
| South of A610 (GRE2-ESM) | Greasley | Eastwood | Greasley & Brinsley | Eastwood | 0 | 0 |
| Brinsley Pit Tip | Eastwood | Brinsley | Eastwood | Greasley & Brinsley | 0 | 0 |
| Hilltop Rise / Fairdale | Eastwood | Greasley | Eastwood | Greasley & Brinsley | 3 | 3 |
| Charles Avenue Allotments | Greasley | Eastwood | Greasley & Brinsley | Eastwood | 0 | 0 |
| Kimberley School and Leisure Centre | Greasley | Kimberley | Greasley & Brinsley | Nuthall & Kimberley | 0 | 0 |
| Newdigate | Greasley | Kimberley | Greasley & Brinsley | Nuthall & Kimberley | 0 | 0 |

6. The proposals would have the following impact on County Divisions:

| Division | Net change in properties | Net change in electors |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Toton, Chilwell & Attenborough | 0 | 0 |
| Stapleford & Broxtowe Central | 6 | 10 |
| Nuthall & Kimberley | 12 | 21 |
| Beeston Central & Rylands | 0 | 0 |
| Eastwood | -3 | -3 |
| Bramcote & Beeston North | 0 | 0 |
| Greasley & Brinsley | -15 | -28 |

7. The final draft recommendations represent a more marginal impact on the County Division boundaries than the initial draft proposals that went before Governance and Ethics Committee in September 2021. Given this very limited impact on county electoral divisions and the benefits to be gained by improving coterminosity of boundaries at parish and County Division level, the proposal is for the Council to formally support the current recommendations within the review and offer its support for a related alterations Order to be sought from the Boundary Commission by Broxtowe Borough Council
8. Following the close of consultation, Broxtowe Borough Council will consider all the submissions received and produce its set of final recommendations. These are due to be considered by Broxtowe's full Council in May 2022, where a decision will be made on the arrangements with a resolution to make a Reorganisation Order. The process is scheduled to be completed by June 2022.
9. A Council undertaking a Community Governance Review may ask the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to make changes to boundaries at district or county level to reflect reviewed parish boundaries and coterminosity.
10. In respect of the proposals set out above, the recommendation to the Boundary Commission from Broxtowe Borough Council would be to make the related alterations to the County boundaries, or, wherever it is viable and considered to be the most administratively appropriate option, the creation of a new polling district.
11. In the report that was previously submitted to the Governance and Ethics Committee reference was made to a request from Broxtowe Borough Council, asking this Council to consider two further amendments to correct anomalies from historic reviews. Since that time, officers have confirmed that the only mechanism through which this correction would be made would be through a full electoral review of the County. Broxtowe Borough Council has been made aware of this request and confirmed on this basis it is not something they would continue to request of the County Council. A note will be kept of those anomalies and they will be considered within future reviews of electoral arrangements for Nottinghamshire.

Other Options Considered

12. The Council could choose not to submit a response to the consultation.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

13. The report submitted to Broxtowe Borough Council's Governance, Audit and Standards Committee on 29 November 2021 summarises the feedback received during the first consultation period and how this has been taken into account in drafting the final proposals.
14. Where proposals for related alterations are submitted to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, it would expect to receive evidence that the principal council has consulted on them as part of its review. Providing a response to this consultation will provide evidence demonstrating Nottinghamshire County Council's position on the proposals.
15. If any individual Councillor or group wish to make their own comments on these proposals, they are able to make them directly to Broxtowe Borough Council.

Statutory and Policy Implications

16. 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.

Implications for Service Users

17. From a County Council perspective, the only change for electors affected by the proposals would be the Division that they vote for at County Council elections and potentially the polling station at which they cast their vote.
18. There are wider impacts of the review, which will be for Broxtowe Borough Council to consider when it develops its final proposals and subsequently votes on the final recommendations. These implications are an effect of the wider review and have not related to any change to the county Division boundaries. These implications include the potential for affected residents' precept to change if they move from one parish to another, their representation at parish council level, and ensuring that there is consistent community identity within neighbourhoods.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee authorises the Chief Executive to submit the letter at **Appendix A** to the report to Broxtowe Borough Council as Nottinghamshire County Council's response to the consultation on the final draft proposals of its Community Governance Review.

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Constitutional Comments (EKH 07/01/2022)

19. Policy Committee has the authority to take the decisions set out in the recommendations.

Financial Comments (SES 05/01/2022)

20. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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- [Governance and Ethics Committee report, Nottinghamshire County Council – 30 September 2021](#)
- [Governance, Audit and Standards Committee report, Broxtowe Borough Council – 17 May 2021](#)
- [Governance, Audit and Standards Committee report, Broxtowe Borough Council – 29 November 2021](#)
- [Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007](#)
- [Local Government Boundary Commission for England – Guidance on community governance reviews](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Bramcote and Beeston North – Councillor Steve Carr
- Beeston Central and Rylands – Councillor Kate Foale
- Eastwood – Councillor Eddie Cubley
- Greasley and Brinsley – Councillor Elizabeth Williamson
- Nuthall and Kimberley – Councillor Philip Owen
- Stapleford and Broxtowe Central – Councillors Dr. John Doddy and John “Maggie” McGrath
- Toton, Chilwell and Attenborough – Councillors Richard Jackson and Eric Kerry

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10 February 2022

Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for notifying Nottinghamshire County Council about the draft final proposals for the Community Governance Review that you are currently undertaking within the Borough, and your invitation to comment on them.

The Council notes that feedback received during consultation on the initial draft recommendations has helped shape the final proposals. When compared with the draft recommendations, the Council also notes the reduced impact of the final draft recommendations on the County Division boundaries.

Nottinghamshire County Council therefore supports the draft recommendations and supports your making a request to the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to make the related alterations to the County boundaries, or, wherever it is viable and considered to be the most administratively appropriate option, that you create a new polling district.

Yours faithfully

Anthony May
Chief Executive
Nottinghamshire County Council

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT FULL BUSINESS CASE SUBMISSION****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report seeks in principle Committee approval for the draft Full Business Case (FBC) of the East Midlands Freeport, subject to certain conditions set out in the recommendations. The report also seeks approval to delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (or the Service Director Investment & Growth, acting as his nominee) (in consultation with the Leader of the Council, the S151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer) to endorse submission of the final draft FBC subject to their satisfactory approval of the conditions set out in the recommendations.

Information

2. On 13 January 2021 Policy Committee endorsed the submission of an Expression of Interest to Government for an East Midlands Freeport (EMF). The submission was successful and the East Midlands Freeport Board submitted an Outline Business Case on 10 September 2021. The OBC was evaluated by MHCLG and local partners have since focused on preparation of a Full Business Case (FBC); the Freeport Board intends to submit the FBC on in March / April 2022.
3. Some information contained in this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as it contains information relating to the financial and business affairs of partners collaborating with the County Council (including the Council) to develop the OBC and the FBC. Having regard to all the circumstances, on balance the public interest in disclosing the information does not outweigh the reason for exemption because the information would add a limited amount to the public understanding of the issues but would significantly damage the Council's and partners commercial position. The exempt information is contained in the Exempt Appendix. The version of the FBC in the Exempt Appendix may be subject to amendment at the Freeport Board on 24th February 2022, ahead of submission to Government in March / April 2022.

What is a Freeport?

4. Within Freeports, trade is facilitated by reducing the direct and administrative costs of trading goods with the rest of the world. Goods entering a Freeport zone are not subject to typical import procedures. The goods can be processed and re-exported from the zone without being considered to have entered the host country. Import duties and procedures are only borne at the moment that goods enter into the domestic economy.
5. In the UK, Freeports are a flagship government programme that are expected to play an essential part in the UK's post-Covid economic recovery and contribute to realising the levelling up agenda, bringing jobs, investment and prosperity across the four nations of the UK through benefits and incentives. The reports to the January and September 2021 Policy

Committees (listed as a background documents to this report) set out in some detail what Freeports are and how they work in terms of their purpose and incentives. In addition, those reports set out how Government will offer financial support to successful Freeports, particularly in respect of the costs of infrastructure, planning and attracting inward investment.

6. In summary, the objectives of the Government's Freeports Policy are to create national hubs for global trade and investment across the UK, promote regeneration and job creation, and to create a hotbed of innovation. Set in the context of these objectives, securing a Freeport could bring significant benefits to Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands, particularly when combined with the newly established East Midlands Development Corporation, of which the County Council is part owner and the delivery of the recently announced Integrated Rail Plan investments in the Midlands.

Progress with the East Midlands Freeport Bid

7. The EMF bid is centred on the area around East Midlands Airport as the port of entry, with two additional key sites, at the Ratcliffe on Soar power station site in Rushcliffe, Nottinghamshire and at the East Midlands Intermodal Park site in South Derbyshire.
8. Following the announcements in March 2021, the Government produced guidance for each Freeport partnership. That guidance included a requirement that a lead local Council was identified to lead the development of the FBC. Leicestershire County Council provide that function for the East Midlands Freeport.
9. The EMF Board has met fortnightly since the OBC submission to steer the development of the FBC which is now ready for consideration by each of the EMF partners. Subject to support from partner organisations, the EMF Board is proposing to seek final approval at its meeting on the 24th February before submitting to Government.
10. The work for FBC has focused on the following key areas of activity:
 - i. Governance model and structure, including risk and liabilities
 - ii. Governance of and use of Retained Business Rates
 - iii. Tax site delivery and management
 - iv. Customs site delivery and management
 - v. Infrastructure, transport modelling and seed fund bids
 - vi. Regional interdependencies – alignment with EM DevCo

County Council Support for the Freeport

11. Previous reports to Policy Committee have set out in detail key considerations for the County Council, specifically, infrastructure requirements and impact on road and rail networks, planning requirements, financial implications and economic benefits.
12. As we move towards completion of submission of the FBC, in debating the recommendations set out in this report, Policy Committee is invited to carefully consider the key issues set out in the section below:
 - i. Governance – how the Freeport will be governed and the various risks, implications and liabilities for the County Council, including the interrelationship with EM Dev Co.

- ii. Business Rates – the approach to defining the baseline from which retained business rate growth will be agreed, a no-detriment clause to ensure the constituent local Councils are not financially disadvantaged, and the proposed management and use of business rates, including the interrelationship with EM Dev Co.
- iii. Infrastructure and transport – to ensure that key infrastructure requirements are understood, with scope to fund necessary and appropriate schemes through the use of seed capital funding from Government, from use of retained business rates or through developer contributions.

13. The Final Business Case provides proposals on future governance. After negotiation with partners, the proposed model is now based on an incorporated corporate structure; this has consistently been the preference of Nottinghamshire County Council. Whilst full details of the articles and corporate structure of the new company are not complete at the time of writing, the proposed structure will limit the County Council's liability and be covered by the Companies Act which offers the County Council a higher level of assurance.

14. The County Council will not cede any power or responsibility to the Freeport Board as it is currently proposed and will retain decision making responsibility over relevant statutory powers, including that of Highway Authority. It is proposed that the Leader of the Council will continue as the Council's representative at the Freeport Board through until incorporation of the company. Should the freeport be approved and designated by Government, it is the intention that the company will be incorporated and the Leader will be appointed as the Council's nominated company director. Any decisions for the Council as a member of the Freeport company may only be exercised with the approval from the relevant body of Council.

15. The Final Business Case also sets out detail for the management and use of retained business rates through a retained rates agreement.

16. The FBC follows HMT Guidance and a high level summary of the 5 cases is set out below:

Summary of Full Business Case

- a) **Strategic Case:** provides the narrative outlining the need for freeport investment in the East Midlands, the locational advantages it offers, the rationale for why freeport and public investment is needed and the key challenges it is helping to address; most importantly, it sets out the nature of the proposal which is as follows:

“East Midlands Freeport (EMF) is a prime and unique opportunity for the UK Government to contribute to the three policy aims of promoting national hubs for trade and investment, creating a hotbed for innovation, and delivering regeneration and job creation in a region that sits at the heart of the UK's economy.

The only airport-centred, inland freeport in England, EMF is an unprecedented opportunity to develop a world-leading advanced manufacturing and logistics hub through public intervention. EMF is based around three core and complimentary sites; the East Midlands Airport and Gateway Industrial Cluster (EMAGIC), the Ratcliffe-on-Soar site, and the East Midlands Intermodal Park (EMIP).

Its central location, combined with strong proximity to the M1 and the Strategic Road Network put 91% of the UK population within a four-hour drive, and its airport connectivity

provides rapid access to global markets for importers and exporters. Complementing this, direct rail connections to all coastal freeports make EMF an airport-connected axis for the Freeports, and thus a key component to the wider freeports regime. Additionally, the local authorities in the region are both supportive and forward thinking, putting EMF in a primary position to deliver a national hub for global trade and investment with the support of Government.

Transport connectivity, a unique level of local university integration into EMF's governance structure and supporting network, and existing industry-leading expertise in advanced manufacturing, advanced logistics and energy provides the foundations for the development of a hotbed of innovation in areas such as whole supply chain decarbonisation. The step-change in innovation and R&D that EMF will achieve will further enhance benefits by focusing on high-value, low carbon investment in the manufacturing and logistics sectors, and will help address historically low investment in R&D in the region.

The criticality of intervention in the area is further underpinned by the need to drive regeneration and job creation. From 2012-2019 actual job growth in the East Midlands was only 53% of the national average. Meanwhile, most recent data shows that in 2018/19 the East Midlands received the lowest level of investment in economic affairs (being enterprise and economic development, science, technology and employment policies) of all the UK regions and the lowest level of spend on transport. This gap has widened annually from 2014/15 to the present given aforementioned factors including a lack of government funding, coordination, and prioritisation.”

This section also confirms that the three constituent sites of the EMF are:

Ratcliffe-on-Soar site:

- Economic activity will be focussed on advanced manufacturing and logistics with decarbonised technology and low carbon energy.
- New businesses on site will generate thousands of jobs including the potential development of a Gigafactory.

East Midlands Airport Gateway and Industrial Cluster (EMAGIC), containing East Midlands Airport and land at Logistics Park East Midlands Gateway:

- A focus on advanced logistics and manufacturing with a multimodal inland freeport. The site encompasses potential development within the two existing ports – EMA and Maritime Rail Freight Terminal.

East Midlands Intermodal Park (EMIP):

- A focus on advanced manufacturing and advanced logistics, with proximity to Toyota UK, a focus will be on the automotive sector. Development will include new commercial accommodation, rail infrastructure and transfer facilities to enable the transfer of freight between road and rail.
- EMIP will provide rail terminal and clustered supply chain access to the automotive supply chain leading to job growth and investment in the site and wider region.

The Strategic Case also provides a summary of the key elements of the remaining four sections of the FBC, specifically: the approach to calculation and allocation of retained business rates to nominated projects; formalisation of pooling and borrowing arrangements; an outline of the proposed Customs and Tax sites; expected end users and target markets; environmental impacts, mitigation and resilience to climate change, specifically flooding.

- b) **Economic Case:** this section models the full range of levers that will be used to deliver the Freeport. The levers are as follows:
- Use of seed capital funding – projects are required to meet Government criteria
 - Tax sites
 - Retained business rates – work has been supported by LG Futures working with local authorities.
 - Customs sites - quantifies benefits to businesses in the context of existing business models and any reduced compliance costs.
 - Planning - sets out whether/ where Freeport status impacts existing planning status across the three tax sites and demonstrates understanding of the impact of the Freeport on the transport network.
 - Innovation - looks to quantify development of R&D capability and progress towards Net Zero targets.
 - Trade and investment promotion – demonstrates the extent to which the marketing and communications strategy underpins regional benefits of the Freeport.
 - Skills and workforce development - quantifies regional skills uplift and enhanced productivity.
- c) **Finance Case:** this work has been supported by LG Futures and sets out in detail the approach to the use of retained business rates. Detailed information is provided for the period up to 2025 and an overarching profile for the full retention period up to 2050. It also sets out: the anticipated delivery costs of the Freeport proposals and how they will be met, along with the approach to calculation, cost estimates, validation and assurance.

Cost areas include:

- Governance – including the Executive/Delivery Team
- Communications and stakeholder engagement
- Trade and investment promotion
- Customs site delivery including security and policing
- Innovation and skills proposals
- Meeting Net Zero
- Planning
- Monitoring and evaluation

Also set out in the Finance Case are detailed value for money considerations (efficiencies and in-kind contributions); the approach to estimating contingency, optimism bias and how any cost overruns will be funded.

- d) **Commercial case:** this section sets out the delivery and management strategies for both tax and customs sites. It also includes a clear statement of the vision and strategy for site development specifically, target market sectors, land ownership and planning status – along with the tools, mechanisms, and approaches will be deployed to deliver the intended land use and benefits from each of the tax sites. The dependencies, risks and expected timelines for activating sites and bringing forward investment is also set out.

A Procurement Strategy is also included that sets out the approaches to be taken, risk transfer, contracting mechanisms and subsidy control (formerly State Aid).

- e) **Management case:** this final section of the FBC sets out the overall approach to ensuring timely delivery of the proposals, including: recruitment and details of appointment processes for the permanent Chair of the Board and proposed Executive Delivery Team; governance proposals, including roles and responsibilities of all partners and lines of reporting; customs and tax site security and infrastructure and how illicit activity will be dealt with. The narrative also sets out approach to monitoring and evaluation.

Specifically in relation to governance, details are included for Board and sub-committee arrangements, membership, powers, and decision-making mechanisms (schedule of delegation and accountability). The final governance documents are contained in the FBC annexes:

The governance section confirms the proposal to set up the East Midlands Freeport as an incorporated body and explains why this approach has been chosen over other options in terms of its suitability for delivering the Freeport's strategy and meeting Government and partner objectives.

Considerations for Nottinghamshire County Council

17. There are a number of key issues for Members to consider in evaluating their support for the EMF FBC. These are set out below:

Governance considerations

- a. The FBC should provide a finalised, detailed statement of the Freeport's long-term governance arrangements. Such arrangements must be flexible and be clear as to how it will evolve over time. Critically the arrangements must facilitate private sector leadership or a meaningful partnership between private and public sector partners. The Freeport governing body is accountable to Government for the delivery of the Freeport proposal as set out in the FBC.
- b. As has been noted above the proposals are to establish a Freeport Company limited by guarantee. A company limited by guarantee is a company that does not have shareholders. Instead, it is owned by a group of members known as guarantors who all agree to pay a certain amount of money should the company be wound up. Such guarantee is normally set at a nominal amount and because of this and the concept of limited liability this in the ordinary course would be the full exposure of the council. However, the Council may of course provide other forms of funding and guarantees which would be at risk and these are covered elsewhere in this report.
- c. As with any company the proposed Freeport company will have a board of directors and these individuals will be responsible for the day to day decisions and owe their duty to the company and not the Council. Whilst the constitutional documents have not yet been finalised, it is expected that founder members including the Council will have the right to appoint a director and that certain key company matters will be reserved to the Council in its corporate capacity. These might include large financial decisions and any annual business plan for example.

- d. It is currently proposed that there will be 13 directors representing all of the key stakeholders and an independent chair. The Council will have the right to appoint one director. Proposals for the Council to join the company as a member and nominate the Leader as a Company Director will be reported for further approvals in due course.
- e. The form of the constitutional documents of the Company (articles of association and members agreement) which will provide safeguards for the Council and other Freeport members are still to be finalised and the agreement of these documents will need to be delegated as per the recommendations below. In order to mitigate and manage the risk the Council will seek assurances from Leicestershire County Council (as the lead authority) that the Freeport company will be incorporated prior to the Government granting the Freeport status. If the details of the constitutional documents raises concerns about the level of risk for the Council that may not be mitigated by appropriate controls, further approvals will be sought as appropriate.

Retained Business Rates (BR) considerations

- 18. As part of the development of the Freeport bid the Local Authority partners have agreed in principle that there will be 'no detriment' in respect of Business Rates (BR). The intention of this is that authorities will retain the BR that they were expecting to receive before passing any balance to Freeport. The full details of this will need to be subject to a separate agreement between the authorities involved but, based on this intention, it is not expected that this will impact on the financial position of NCC.
- 19. Separate to any agreement in respect of no detriment, allowance will need to be made for any renewable energy developments which take place within the Freeport boundary. Separate legislation provides for any BR related to such a development to pass to the authority granting planning permission. Again, agreement in principle exists that any BR related to renewable energy will be treated in the same way as all other BR, but this will need additional confirmation.

Set Up Costs

- 20. The initial costs associated with the preparation of the business case and of the development of the Freeport are being borne by the accountable body, Leicestershire County Council. These costs will be funded from the initial funding made available by Government for the development of the Freeport bid or from future BR as appropriate. There is limited funding also available to fund identified infrastructure which would benefit the Freeport once established.
- 21. NCC costs in relation to the Freeport are mainly internal staff time, although there has been a need to obtain specialist legal advice in relation to the governance issues. The estimated external costs of this are expected to be in the region of £15 - 25k. These costs will be funded from the NCC share of the Business rates pool.

Business Plan

- 22. The business plan anticipates that future business rates retained by Freeport will be sufficient to both fund the Freeport itself, and to fund anticipated infrastructure developments. These will be in addition to any projects funded from the initial funding provided by Government.
- 23. The only issue which may impact this is the timing of developments. If a large and beneficial infrastructure project is identified early in the life of the Freeport, then sufficient BR may not have been received to fully fund this. It is anticipated in this scenario that Freeport, as a

separate legal entity, would borrow in advance of BR receipts, with capital and interest repaid out of ongoing BR. At this point, if it occurs, borrowing from a Local Authority would reduce interest paid and would be financially beneficial. Any decision to lend to Freeport to fund infrastructure would need to be approved by the relevant authority and would be subject to approval at the time.

24. In a similar way the ongoing costs of Freeport would be funded by the retained business rates but again there may be a short term cashflow issue if costs are incurred before business rates are received. Funding would either need to be from the accountable body or through a loan from another Local Authority. Funding in this way would again make financial sense but would be subject to a separate approval if required.

Freeport Boundary

25. Following submission of the OBC, discussions have been ongoing in respect of the boundary of the Freeport to be included in the bid. To ensure complementarity with sites in both the Freeport and Dev Co, further work will be required to ensure the business plans are aligned and deliverable.
26. The second change is the proposed inclusion additional land near East Midlands Airport (EMAGIC). If accepted this would increase the BR available to Freeport by around 5%.

Contingency

27. Currently there are proposals for a reserve to be set up within Freeport, when established, to reduce the risk of any unforeseen costs causing financial issues for the scheme. Whilst this will reduce future risks the amount proposed will need to be agreed and this will be subject to ongoing negotiations between the partners. The reserve would be set up from retained business rates.

Other financial Issues

28. Although the boundary of the Freeport itself will be clearly defined, the area where retained BR can be utilised to improve infrastructure is not. The Freeport guidance suggest BR can be allocated to projects that help achieve EMF aims and objectives from within the 'travel to work area' around the Freeport. An approval process will need to be established to ensure expenditure is clearly beneficial and linked to the Freeport.
29. The Freeport guidance suggest one use of BR is to compensate other areas that lose out due to displacement of commercial activity into the Freeport area. Again, the definition of this is not clear and further guidance is being sought from DLUHC to clarify what this entails.

EM Dev Co alignment

30. Work is underway to formalise the interrelationship between the EMF and EM Dev Co. On the 15th December 2021, Neil O'Brien MP wrote to both EMF and EM Dev Co in his capacity as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Levelling Up, the Union and Constitution. In the letter the Minister repeated the Government's commitment to accelerate the delivery of an East Midlands delivery vehicle (EM Dev Co) and invited the two bodies to consider how alignment could be achieved, and whether full convergence may be more appropriate.
31. The EMF Board and EM Dev Co Board have begun a review of a series of principles and trigger points as part of alignment options. The detail has not yet been completed. The Independent Chairs of both bodies have stated on record their desire to ensure the future success of both the freeport and Dev Co for the region. Further work is underway and will be

considered by both Boards, set out in the FBC and presented to the Minister in response to his letter.

Transport and infrastructure

32. There are two parts for Members to consider in respect of the transport and infrastructure elements of the Freeport FBC as they impact Nottinghamshire. The first part considers the initial bid for seed capital funding that has been made in respect of the Ratcliffe on Soar site. Seed capital funding was made available to Freeports to help enable early works. The second part considers the wider impacts of the Freeport on Nottinghamshire Transport and Infrastructure and the early work done to date to mitigate and predict any impacts.
33. In terms of works to be completed as part of the initial proposals at Ratcliffe on Soar site (seed capital funding), high level proposals were submitted by Nottinghamshire County Council to fund access/egress works next to the site. Due to the Freeport and traffic generation that this will bring there will be a need to undertake highways mitigation works at a cost of approximately £12m. These will need to be further validated /developed following the submission of the FBC and following the completion of delivery model discussions.
34. To consider wider Impacts of the Freeport on Nottinghamshire Transport and Infrastructure, work was commissioned by Leicestershire County Council (LCC). This provides a conceptual analysis of the impacts of the Freeport on the wider transport and infrastructure network, and the outputs of this have been included in the FBC. In order to meet the deadlines for submission of the FBC the Leicestershire PRTM model has been used, and not the East Midlands Gateway Model which is Nottinghamshire County Council's preferred model.
35. The PRTM model provides a detailed and thorough analysis for the purposes of the FBC. A number of options have been proposed, however this work is still at an early stage and will need further refinement. It is recognised that this work is indicative and further work will be required as part of further Freeport stages and the planning process for the Freeport. There will be a need to brief Members further as this work continues and the County Council will set out a position as Highway Authority in respect of any planning applications.

Other Options Considered

36. To not support the Full Business Case submission, however this would prevent the benefits and opportunities outlined in the report from being achieved and utilised; the freeport will fail a key criteria in the Government assessment without ongoing support of key local authorities.

Reasons for Recommendations

37. The reasons cited in the January and September 2021 reports remain. In addition, now the Freeport has proceeded to the FBC stage, it is important that partners reaffirm support for the bid. In the case of the County Council, there are clear synergies between the Freeport and the work the Council leads on the East Midlands Development Corporation, the Integrated Rail Plan, STEP and its wider economic development and Covid recovery ambitions.

Statutory and Policy Implications

38. 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

39. The financial implications are detailed in paragraphs 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 28 & 29.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

40. Core components of the East Midlands Development Corporation and Freeport bids are focused on enhancing natural capital, environmental sustainability and our journey to a zero carbon future. One of the formal sub-committees proposed in the Freeport governance structure will focus on net zero and as such, Members can have assurance that implications for the environment will be actively considered by the Freeport during implementation.

41. The proposition at Ratcliffe on Soar includes the 'ZERO' facility, bringing research, innovation and enterprise together with industry and investors on one site to accelerate the design and delivery of new zero carbon technologies and manufacturing. Moreover, the Ratcliffe on Soar vision includes provision of new forms of energy production including through the use of hydrogen which will further enhance our transition to a low carbon economy.

42. The proposals at EM Intermodal Park and the Airport sites in the Freeport bid will include low carbon industries.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

43. The Freeport policy is clearly targeted at 'levelling up' and improving employment, productivity and prosperity outcomes in poorer performing regions of the UK. Given the impact of COVID19 on the economy, it is more important than ever that the region has an economic plan and programmes of activity such as the Development Corporation and the Freeport which would accelerate the creation of new higher value jobs, and provide access to skills and training so that local people can benefit from these new opportunities.

44. A key element of the emerging bid is a logic model that sets out how people across the region will benefit from the new jobs and prosperity and how any negative displacement effects will be mitigated and prevented.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Policy Committee:

- 1) approves, in principle, the current draft of the East Midlands Freeport Full Business Case; and
- 2) delegates authority to the Deputy Chief Executive (or the Service Director Investment & Growth, acting as his nominee) (in consultation with the Leader of the Council, S151 Officer and Monitoring Officer) to endorse the submission of the final draft of the Full Business Case to Government subject to the following conditions having been met:

- a. Satisfaction that the final draft FBC does not increase the risk or financial exposure of the Council beyond the parameters set out in this report; and
- b. Sufficient detail of the governance structure for the Freeport company and associated safeguards being agreed between the parties to protect the Council's interest prior incorporation of the company, including setting the amount of any contributions to a contingency reserve for the Freeport or its general funding.

COUNCILLOR BEN BRADLEY MP
Leader of the Council

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Constitutional Comments (SSR 02/02/2022)

45. The decision falls within the delegation to Policy Committee. The Council's statutory functions in respect of planning, highways, economic development and transportation remain unaffected and the submission of the bid will not fetter the Council's discretion in exercising those functions in accordance with legislation, policy and guidance at a national and local level.

Financial Comments (KRP 28/01/22)

46. As set out in the report and in the FBC the Freeport proposals are intended to be fully funded from the anticipated business rates which will be retained and utilised by the Freeport itself. There are issues still to be fully resolved in respect of the interaction with the Development Corporation and its business plan and around ensuring that there is no detriment to all Local Authorities associated with the Freeport in respect of business rates.

47. Although not anticipated, any decision to lend or provide guarantees to Freeport to fund either operating costs or infrastructure developments in advance of business rates receipts would need to be subject to further reports and approvals.

48. The costs of supporting and developing the Freeport proposals within NCC are primarily staff time but anticipated external legal fees of £15-25k will be funded from the NCC share of the Business Rates pool.

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.

- Freeport Bidding Prospectus
 - a. https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/935493/Freeports_Bidding_Prospectus_web_final.pdf
 - b. January 2021 – Policy Committee report
 - c. September 2021 – Policy Committee report...

Electoral Divisions and Members affected

- All

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, CUSTOMERS, GOVERNANCE AND
EMPLOYEES****WORK PROGRAMME****Purpose of the Report**

1. To review the Committee's work programme for 2022.

Information

2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The attached work programme includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.

Other Options Considered

4. None.

Reason for Recommendation

5. To assist the Committee in preparing and managing its work programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. 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.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee considers whether any amendments are required to the Work Programme.

Marjorie Toward
Service Director, Customers, Governance and Employees

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Constitutional Comments (EH)

7. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference

Financial Comments (NS)

8. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers

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.

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

POLICY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME (AS AT 1 FEBRUARY 2022)

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| Outside Bodies Register - Update Report – | To notify Committee, on a six-monthly basis, of any changes to the Council's Outside Bodies Register and to seek approvals where appropriate. | Marjorie Toward | Keith Ford |
| Nottinghamshire Plan Annual Delivery Plan 2022-23 | To agree the delivery plan. | Derek Higon | Katrina Crookdake |

