

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**PROGRAMME FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S 2020 MAYFLOWER
COMMEMORATIONS****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to update Policy Committee of national and regional plans for 2020 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims reaching America.
2. Policy Committee approval is sought to allocate £316,500 as Nottinghamshire County Council's contribution towards the Mayflower 2020 Commemoration proposals, the impact of which requires approval for a £130,000 variation to the capital programme, funded from capital contingency.

Information

3. As set out in the Council's first ever Visitor Economy Strategy (2019-2029), creating jobs and attracting more visitors to the county is a key goal for Nottinghamshire County Council.
4. Nottinghamshire has a rich and fascinating past to compare with anywhere else in the country. Whether it be rebellions, religion or royal connections. Worldwide events, such as the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim Fathers in 2020, a story which started right here in Nottinghamshire, provide a fantastic opportunity for us to showcase our county.
5. This is one of the most influential journeys in global history and a moment in the shared history of the four nations of: the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, the Wampanoag and the United States of America.
6. As previously reported to this Committee, Nottinghamshire is the cornerstone of this extraordinary journey. A journey from which inspirational people took the heroic step to flee persecution, travel halfway across the known world on the Mayflower to set up a colony in harsh conditions and establish principles for the foundation of freedom and modern democracy.
7. William Brewster, from Nottinghamshire was the religious leader of the group on the Mayflower, which included families, crew and servants. The Pilgrims were strongly religious people, travelling with others who were not part of their tight-knit congregation. There were 17 men, 10 women, and 14 children who were religious migrants on the Mayflower. *Of Plymouth Plantation* was written by the William Bradford and affords the best account of the Pilgrims. However very little is known about the female pilgrims who travelled as wives and mothers, even though their role was pivotal in the voyage, the settlement and the creation of the first

Thanksgiving. During the first winter, many of the pilgrims died from the harsh conditions and disease – only five women survived, some of them with links to Nottinghamshire.

8. Nottinghamshire's best-known pilgrim connection is with Scrooby, a village on the former Great North Road which was home to the Brewsters. Scrooby Manor was the original home of William Brewster where he succeeded his father as the postmaster and it is the original Manor where the Scrooby separatists met to worship in secret before fleeing to Leiden in Holland and later to America. Today the Manor remains a private house rebuilt over time but still of architectural significance, recognised through its listing by Historic England, with its grounds protected as a scheduled monument.
9. To bequeath to future generations, Nottinghamshire County Council and its partners across the Pilgrim Roots area are committed to play their part in sharing knowledge and raising awareness to a domestic and international audience, the importance of the Nottinghamshire Pilgrims' story.
10. A high-profile national programme of events and festivals is planned to mark 400 years since the departure of the Mayflower Pilgrims, beginning with a series of *Illuminate* light shows this month. The Programme will feature festivals, touring exhibitions and world class events aimed at creating a memorable 12 months of commemoration, through to November 2020 and the closing *Illuminate Ceremony*. An overview of the international Mayflower 400 programme, which is subject to continual update, can be found at **Appendix A**.
11. The Pilgrim Roots regional partnership covering Nottinghamshire, Lincolnshire and South Yorkshire is also developing a series of events. Details of the emerging programme can be found by visiting the online calendar at <http://www.pilgrimroots.co.uk/events/>
12. Nottinghamshire County Council intends to promote a coherent approach to a portfolio of county level activity, planned up to and beyond 2020 for the long term economic and community benefit of the county. This will elevate the profile of Nottinghamshire as the leading light behind the separatist movement and will include marketing activities, events and high-level lobbying.
13. All activity will be developed to complement and add value to partner activity. Subject to Policy Committee approval, up to a maximum of £186,500, will be allocated for a programme to develop our own inclusive plans. This financial allocation does not include in-kind support, grant, sponsorship and wider income which may increase the scale of activity. Many of these projects are at an early stage of design/delivery.
14. In recognition of the importance of the village of Scrooby in the overall Pilgrim story, it is suggested that a further £130,000, funded from capital contingency, is allocated to install heritage lighting columns in the village, along with costs towards a Pilgrim Fathers commemorative art installation. Where practicable, the intention is for the Council to work closely with partners to identify and secure external funding support to reduce its overall contribution.
15. The table at **Appendix B** provides a high-level overview of the proposed £316,500 County Council contribution towards the Pilgrim projects, along with a summary of highways work, the commemorative installation and support for Pilgrim Roots projects through the Local Improvement Scheme.

Other Options Considered

16. There has been extensive background work over several years, in setting up the national and regional groups, creating partnerships and establishing support networks. Awareness is being raised and will increase over the coming year. Our partnerships with Mayflower 400 and the Pilgrims Roots will continue post 2020, providing benefits to the county. Further, the Pilgrim activity is a key pillar of the year one delivery of the Nottinghamshire Visitor Economy Strategy which Policy Committee approved in June 2019. Therefore, the option of not undertaking any further work in relation to promoting the County's Pilgrim's heritage was discounted.

Reasons for Recommendation

17. Links are being developed with the Arts Council, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport and other government departments that will support future lobbying for funds and backing. The Council is committed to highlighting the county's rich heritage, ensuring residents and businesses understand and value Nottinghamshire's key role in the Pilgrims who founded the modern United States.

Statutory and Policy Implications

18. 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

19. The financial implications generated from the recommendation will be met in part from the existing Growth and Economic Development Initiatives Budget in 2019/20 and allocations for 2020/21. It is anticipated that the split, over the two financial years, will be as follows: for 2019/2020 £62,500 and £124,000 for 2020/2021.

20. The remaining £130,000 requires a variation to the capital programme, funded from capital contingency.

RECOMMENDATION

To enable Nottinghamshire County Council to develop a county level response which complements and adds value to the Pilgrim Roots and Mayflower 400 plans for 2020, it is recommended that Policy Committee:

- 1) Allocates £316,500 as Nottinghamshire County Council's contribution towards the Mayflower 2020 Commemoration proposals, the impact of which requires approval for a £130,000 variation to the capital programme, funded from capital contingency.

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Constitutional Comments (LW - 15/10/2019)

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

Financial Comments (GB - 01/11/2019)

22. The financial implications are set out in paragraphs 19 and 20 of the report. The Economic Initiatives budget in 2019/20 is £515,036 and is allocated during the year to a variety of agreed programmes and initiatives. In addition, it is proposed that the Policy Committee capital programme is varied to reflect the £130,000 funding required to install the heritage lighting columns and to contribute to the commemorative art installation in Scrooby, funded from capital contingency.

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.

- *Mayflower 400 and Pilgrim Roots in Nottinghamshire* – Update, Report to Policy Committee, published 14 November 2018

Electoral Divisions and Members Affected

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