

SUMMONS TO COUNCIL

date Thursday, 28 September 2023 venue County Hall, West Bridgford,
commencing at 10:30 Nottingham

You are hereby requested to attend the above Meeting to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business on the Agenda as under.



Chief Executive

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NOTES:-

(A) For Councillors

- (1) Members will be informed of the date and time of their Group meeting for Council by their Group Researcher.
- (2) Lunch will usually be taken at approximately 12.30pm.
- (3)
 - (a) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Procedure Rules for Meetings of the Full Council. Those declaring must indicate whether their interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or a private interest and the reasons for the declaration.
 - (b) Any member or officer who declares a disclosable pecuniary interest in an item must withdraw from the meeting during discussion and voting upon it, unless a dispensation has been granted. Members or officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are

invited to contact the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

- (c) Declarations of interest will be recorded and included in the minutes of this meeting and it is therefore important that clear details are given by members and others in turn, to enable Democratic Services to record accurate information.
- (4) At any Full Council meeting except the budget meeting and an extraordinary meeting Members are given an opportunity to speak for up to three minutes on any issue which specifically relates to their division and is relevant to the services provided by the County Council. These speeches must relate specifically to the area the Member represents and should not be of a general nature. They are constituency speeches and therefore must relate to constituency issues only. This is an opportunity simply to air these issues in a Council meeting. It will not give rise to a debate on the issues or a question or answer session. There is a maximum time limit of 15 minutes for this item.
- (5) At any Full Council meeting except the budget meeting and an extraordinary meeting Members may present a petition to the Chairman of the County Council on any matter affecting the residents of their division, and in relation to which the County Council has powers or duties. The Member presenting the petition can introduce and speak about the petition for up to one minute. Members are reminded that there is a time limit of 15 minutes for the presentation of petitions, after which any petitions not yet presented will be received en bloc by the Chairman.
- (6) In relation to questions to the Leader, Cabinet Members and Committee Chairmen; after receiving an answer to their question, the Councillor asking the original question may ask one supplementary question on the same matter. There will be no additional supplementary questions.
- (7) Members' attention is drawn to the questions put to the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, and the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee under paragraphs 46, 49, 50 and 57 of the Procedure Rules, and the answers to which are included at the back of the Council book.
- (7) Members are reminded that these papers may be recycled. Appropriate containers are located in the respective secretariats.
- (8) Commonly used points of order
 - 26 – Constituency issues must be about issues which specifically relate to the Member's division and is relevant to the services provided by the County Council
 - 54 – Only 1 supplementary question per question is allowed from the Councillor who asked the original question and supplementary questions must be on the same matter

65 – The Mover or Seconder has spoken for more than 10 minutes when moving the motion

68 – The Member has spoken for more than 5 minutes

70 – The Member is not speaking to the subject under discussion

71 – The Member has already spoken on the motion

76 – The mover of the motion has spoken for more than 10 minutes when using their right of reply to the debate

91 – Points of Order and Personal Explanations

100 – Disorderly conduct

(9) Time limit of speeches

Motions

68 – no longer than 5 minutes (subject to any exceptions set out in the Constitution)

Constituency Issues

26 – up to 3 minutes per speech allowed

29 – up to 15 minutes for this item allowed

Petitions

33 – up to one minute per petition allowed

37 – up to 15 minutes for this item allowed

Questions

49 – up to 60 minutes for this item allowed

(B) For Members of the Public

- (1) 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.

- (2) The papers enclosed with this agenda are available in large print if required. Copies can be requested by contacting the Customer Services Centre on 0300 500 80 80. Certain documents (for example appendices and plans to reports) may not be available electronically. Hard copies can be requested from the above contact.
- (3) This agenda and its associated reports are available to view online via an online calendar –
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings.aspx>

Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 13 July 2023 (10.30 am – 5.24 pm)

Membership

COUNCILLORS

John Ogle (Chairman)
Richard Butler (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair
Mike Adams
Pauline Allan
Sinead Anderson
Callum Bailey
Matt Barney
Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley MP
Anne Callaghan BEM
André Camilleri - apologies
Scott Carlton
Steve Carr
John Clarke MBE
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Corden
John Cottee
Jim Creamer
Debbie Darby - apologies
Sam Deakin
Dr John Doddy
Bethan Eddy
Boyd Elliott - apologies
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Stephen Garner - apologies
Glynn Gilfoyle - apologies
Keith Girling
Penny Gowland
Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
Tom Hollis
Mike Introna

Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
Johnno Lee
Rachel Madden
David Martin
John 'Maggie' McGrath
Andy Meakin
Nigel Moxon
Kane Oliver
Philip Owen
Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Mike Quigley MBE
Mrs Sue Saddington
Dave Shaw
Helen-Ann Smith - apologies
Sam Smith
Tom Smith
Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Lee Waters
Michelle Welsh
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Terence Butler
John Carter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Adrian Smith	(Chief Executive)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Sarah Ashton	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Isobel Fleming	(Chief Executives)
David Hennigan	(Chief Executives)
James McDonnell	(Chief Executives)
Phil Rostance	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
Phil Smith	(Chief Executives)
Vivienne Robbins	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Melanie Williams	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children and Families)
Derek Higon	(Place)

OPENING PRAYER

Upon the Council convening, prayers were led by the Chairman.

MINUTE SILENCE

A minute silence was held in memory of those killed in the attacks in Nottingham and in memory of former County Councillor David Jeffreys.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2023/023

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 May 2023 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

- Councillor André Camilleri (other reasons)
- Councillor Debbie Darby (medical/illness)
- Councillor Boyd Elliott (other reasons)
- Councillor Stephen Garner (other reasons)

- Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle (other reasons)
- Councillor Helen-Ann Smith (other reasons)

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following members declared an interest in Item 7 – Building and Office Rationalisation Programme – Update, Future Arrangements for County Hall, and Proposals for New Offices Near Hucknall:

- Councillor Michael Payne – a member of Gedling Borough Council
- Councillor Jim Creamer – a member of Gedling Borough Council
- Councillor Michelle Welsh – a member of Gedling Borough Council, and brother owns a large scale groundworks company
- Councillor John Clarke MBE – a member of Gedling Borough Council
- Councillor Sam Smith – a member of the Planning Committee on Gedling Borough Council
- Councillor Penny Gowland – a member of Rushcliffe Borough Council

During item 8 – Constitution Review – Update to Council Procedure Rules Councillor Michael Payne declared an interest as the current Chairman of the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority.

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Institute of Civil Engineers East Midlands Merit Awards (EMMAs)

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE introduced the awards. Sophie Lane won the EMMAs Civic Engineering Achiever of the Year award. The Active Travel Fund Cycling Scheme on Regatta Way, West Bridgford was highly commended in the EMMAs Small Project category. Two awards were won in relation to the delivery and completion of the Colliery Way road in Gedling. The Council, together with colleagues at Via and Balfour Beatty, the Council were awarded a merit award in the EMMAs Large Project Category and separately, the project also won the Constructing Excellent East Midlands Civils Project of the Year award.

The Chairman received the awards from Councillor Clarke MBE and presented them to Sophie Lane, Contract Agent at Via, and Toni Pickering and Lewis Donaldson, both Project Managers in Via's Major Projects and Improvements Team.

FORMER COUNTY COUNCILLOR DAVID JEFFREYS

The Chairman spoke in memory of former County Councillor David Jeffreys.

Councillors Richard Butler and Kate Foale also spoke in memory of former County Councillor David Jeffreys.

Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 10.44am and returned at 10.56am during consideration of this item.

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman updated Members on the business he and the Vice-Chairman had carried out since the last meeting.

5. CONSTITUENCY ISSUES

The following Members spoke for up to three minutes on issues which specifically related to their division and were relevant to the services provided by the County Council:-

Councillor Lee Waters regarding road safety concerns on Wood Lane at its junction with St Patricks Road, Hucknall South

Councillor Tom Hollis regarding the quality of road repairs in Sutton West

Councillor Paul Henshaw regarding open and green spaces in Mansfield West

Councillor Mike Pringle regarding planned improvements to A614/A6097

Councillor Sam Smith regarding on-street parking and residential parking permits in his division

The time limit of 15 minutes for speeches was reached and the remaining speeches fell.

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

The following petitions were presented to the Chairman as indicated below: -

- (1) Councillor Dr John Doddy requesting a pedestrian crossing on Pasture Road, Stapleford
- (2) Councillor Eric Kerry regarding parking and road safety issues in the vicinity of Chetwynd Road Primary School
- (3) Councillor Mike Adams requesting the removal of the 'bus plug' on Burton Road between Gedling and Burton Joyce
- (4) Councillor Kate Foale regarding parking and road safety issues on Coventry Road, Beeston
- (5) Councillor Reg Adair regarding school places in Ruddington

- (6) Councillor Mike Pringle regarding upgraded drop kerbs for wheelchair bound residents at Broadleaves care facility
- (7) Councillor John 'Maggie' McGrath regarding residential parking on Albert Avenue
- (8) Councillor John 'Maggie' McGrath regarding accidents on Moorbridge Lane
- (9) Councillor Jim Creamer regarding road safety improvements to street crossings in Netherfield and a new zebra crossing on Burton Road
- (10) Councillor Sybil Fielding regarding speeding traffic in Shireoaks

RESOLVED: 2023/024

That the petitions be referred to the appropriate Cabinet Member for consideration in accordance with the Procedure Rules, with a report being brought back to Council in due course.

Councillor Tom Smith left the Chamber at 11.20am during consideration of this item.

6b. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2023/025

That the contents and actions taken as set out in the report be noted.

7. BUILDING AND OFFICE RATIONALISATION PRORAMME – UPDATE, FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS FOR COUNTY HALL, AND PROPOSALS FOR NEW OFFICES NEAR HUCKNALL

Councillor Ben Bradley MP introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/026 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Keith Girling.

Following a debate, the Chairman put the motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 32 members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair
Mike Adams
Sinead Anderson
Callum Bailey
Matt Barney

Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley MP
Richard Butler
Scott Carlton
Neil Clarke MBE

Robert Cordon
John Cottey
Dr John Doddy
Bethan Eddy
Keith Girling
Mike Introna
Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
Johnno Lee

Nigel Moxon
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Mike Quigley MBE
Sue Saddington
Sam Smith
Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler

The following 26 members vote '**Against**' the motion:-

Pauline Allan
Anne Callaghan BEM
Steve Carr
John Clarke MBE
Jim Creamer
Samantha Deakin
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Penny Gowland
Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
Tom Hollis
Rachel Madden

David Martin
Andy Meakin
Kane Oliver
Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Dave Shaw
Lee Waters
Michelle Welsh
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

No members '**Abstained**' from the vote.

The Chairman declared the motion was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2023/0026

- 1) That following the acceptance of Overview Committee's recommendations and subsequent more detailed work, it be agreed that County Hall is unsuitable as a future core office base for the Council, due to the cost, occupancy levels and environmental impact factors set out in the report.
- 2) In light of recommendation 1, the relocation of the Council's civic, democratic and leadership functions to the new office site near Hucknall be approved, on the basis that the new office can accommodate them when it is completed in the winter of 2024/25, with further engagement and briefing activity for all members to take place during the period of construction.
- 3) That the Latest Estimated Costs for the new office building be approved and, subject to a capital bid to the Corporate Asset Management Group, the associated variation to the capital programme be approved.

- 4) That the development of a formal options analysis and more detailed business case for the future use of the County Hall site for consideration by Members be approved. This work is to include engagement with key stakeholders and residents and incorporate consideration of the heritage factors associated with the County Hall site, along with the general principles set out in this report.
- 5) That further engagement with employees regarding their future working arrangements in the context of the further development of the Council's hybrid working and office rationalisation approach be approved. This will include particular engagement with employees based at the West Bridgford campus in the light of recommendation 1.

The Council adjourned from 12.34pm to 1.37pm for lunch, during consideration of this item.

Councillor Tom Smith did not return to the Chamber after lunch until later in the meeting.

Having not returned to the Chamber after the adjournment for lunch, Councillor Tom Hollis returned to the Chamber at 1.50pm during consideration of this item.

The following members left the Chamber for more than 10 minutes during consideration of this item:

Councillor Michelle Welsh left the Chamber at 11.40am and returned at 11.59am
Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 1.56pm and returned at 2.24pm
Councillor Kane Oliver left the Chamber at 2.04pm and returned at 2.17pm

8. CONSTITUTION REVIEW – UPDATE TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES

Councillor Philip Owen introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/027 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor John Lee.

Following a debate, the Chairman put the motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 33 members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair
Mike Adams
Sinead Anderson
Callum Bailey
Matt Barney
Chris Barnfather
Ben Bradley MP
Richard Butler

Scott Carlton
Neil Clarke MBE
Robert Cordon
John Cottey
Dr John Doddy
Bethan Eddy
Keith Girling
Mike Introna

Richard Jackson
Roger Jackson
Eric Kerry
Bruce Laughton
John Lee
Nigel Moxon
John Ogle
Philip Owen
Mike Quigley MBE

Sue Saddington
Sam Smith
Tom Smith
Tracey Taylor
Nigel Turner
Roger Upton
Gordon Wheeler
Jonathan Wheeler

The following 26 members vote '**Against**' the motion:-

Anne Callaghan BEM
Steve Carr
John Clarke MBE
Jim Creamer
Samantha Deakin
Sybil Fielding
Kate Foale
Penny Gowland
Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
Tom Hollis
Rachel Madden
David Martin

Andy Meakin
Kane Oliver
Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Dave Shaw
Lee Waters
Michelle Welsh
Elizabeth Williamson
John Wilmott
Jason Zadrozny

No members '**Abstained**' from the vote.

The Chairman declared the motion was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2023/027

- 1) That the revised Procedure Rules for Meetings of the Full Council as set out in appendix A of the report be approved for implementation from 14 July 2023.

Having not returned to the Chamber after the adjournment for lunch, Councillor Tom Smith returned to the Chamber at 2.33pm during consideration of this item.

The following members left the Chamber for more than 10 minutes during consideration of this item:

Councillor Pauline Allan left the Chamber at 2.30pm and did not return to the meeting
Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 3.04pm and returned at 3.18pm
Councillor Elizabeth Williamson left the Chamber at 3.05pm and returned at 3.20pm

9. EXECUTIVE REPORT – KEY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES

RESOLVED: 2023/028

That the contents of the report be noted.

Councillor Dave Shaw left the Chamber at 3.24pm and returned at 3.37pm during consideration of this item.

Councillor Andy Meakin left the Chamber at 3.27pm and did not return to the meeting. Councillor Samantha Deakin left the Chamber at 3.28pm and did not return to the meeting.

10a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

1 question had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding Ashfield Fire Station (Councillor Michael Payne replied)

The full response to the question above is set out in set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

Councillor John Lee left the Chamber at 3.31pm and returned to the Chamber at 3.43pm during consideration of this item.

11b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

13 questions had been received as follows: -

- 1) from Councillor Kate Foale concerning voter ID (Councillor Ben Bradley MP replied)
- 2) from Councillor Mike Quigley MBE about parental engagement in SEND assessments (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)
- 3) from Councillor Steve Carr about bus services to Beeston (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 4) from Councillor Paul Henshaw regarding open water swimming at Mill Leisure Centre (Councillor John Cottey replied)
- 5) from Councillor Nigel Turner concerning additional school places in Worksop (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)
- 6) from Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan about recycling facilities (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 7) from Councillor Kate Foale regarding in-person Health Visits (Councillor Matt Barney replied)

- 8) from Councillor Kane Oliver concerning bus service review (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE replied)
- 9) from Councillor Anne Callaghan BEM concerning Holidays Activities and Food programme uptake (Councillor Tracey Taylor replied)

The full responses to the questions above are set out in set out in Appendix B to these minutes.

The time limit of 60 minutes allowed for questions was reached before the following questions were asked. A written response to the questions would be provided to the Councillors who asked the questions within 15 working days of the meeting and be included in the papers for the next available Full Council meeting after the deadline.

- 10) from Councillor Helen-Ann Smith concerning bus service tender (Councillor Neil Clarke MBE to reply)
- 11) from Councillor Michelle Welsh about SEND funding (Councillor Tracey Taylor to reply)
- 12) from Councillor Tom Hollis regarding East Midlands Combined Authority (Councillor Ben Bradley MP to reply)
- 13) from Councillor Lee Waters regarding 'Cavell Centre' health projects (Councillor Sue Saddington to reply)

Councillor Rachel Madden and Councillor Jason Zadrozny left the Chamber at 3.37pm and did not return to the meeting.

The following members left the Chamber for more than 10 minutes during consideration of this item:

Councillor Mike Adams left the Chamber at 3.38pm and returned at 3.57pm
Councillor Errol Henry left the Chamber at 3.39pm and returned at 4.05pm
Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 3.39pm and returned at 4.11pm
Councillor Tom Smith left the Chamber at 3.40pm and returned at 3.57pm
Councillor Elizabeth Williamson left the Chamber at 3.41pm and returned at 4.05pm
Councillor Steve Carr left the Chamber at 4pm and did not return to the meeting
Councillor Dave Shaw left the Chamber at 4.03pm and did not return to the meeting
Councillor Sybil Fielding left the Chamber at 4.04pm and did not return to the meeting
Councillor Sinead Anderson left the Chamber at 4.04pm and returned at 4.16pm
Councillor John Cottey left the Chamber at 4.13pm and returned at 4.23pm

15. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

MOTION ONE

Councillor Dr John Doddy introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2023/029 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Sue Saddington.

An amendment to the motion as set out below was moved by Councillor Kate Foale and seconded by Councillor Mike Pringle:

“In his foreword to the Nottinghamshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-26, the Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council’s Health & Wellbeing Board states that addressing health inequalities across our communities is ‘*more important than ever*’ and requires ‘*joint working to enable everyone to prosper*’. This view is supported by the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Strategy which lists ‘*Tackling Inequalities*’ as one of its four key aims and principles for 2023-28.

This Council is concerned that there is evidence of inequality in oral health when comparing some areas of Nottinghamshire with others and believes that **access to a dentist and** expanding water fluoridation to all parts of Nottinghamshire would generate oral health benefits for residents of every age, but especially children and young people, to whom we are committed to giving the best start in life as a key ambition of our Nottinghamshire Plan through our Best Start Strategy 2021-25.

This Council therefore supports the Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Board working with other **government,** local councils, Integrated Care Partnerships, and the water companies serving this county, to champion the oral health agenda, including **increased NHS Dentistry provision to address unmet need and** water fluoridation, because we certainly believe “prevention is better than cure”.

This Council agrees that the Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Board should deliver updates to all members on the progress of this advocacy and monitoring work, through whatever channels are most appropriate, given the importance of oral health to our residents’ overall health and wellbeing.”

The amendment was not accepted by the mover of the Motion.

Following a debate, the amendment was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was lost.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 15 members voted ‘**For**’ the altered motion:-

Anne Callaghan BEM
John Clarke MBE
Jim Creamer
Kate Foale
Penny Gowland
Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
David Martin

Michael Payne
Sheila Place
Mike Pringle
Francis Purdue-Horan
Lee Waters
Michelle Welsh
John Wilmott

The following 33 members voted ‘**Against**’ the altered motion:

Reg Adair
 Mike Adams
 Sinead Anderson
 Callum Bailey
 Matt Barney
 Chris Barnfather
 Ben Bradley MP
 Richard Butler
 Scott Carlton
 Neil Clarke MBE
 Robert Corden
 John Cottee
 Dr John Doddy
 Bethan Eddy
 Keith Girling
 Mike Introna
 Richard Jackson

Roger Jackson
 Eric Kerry
 Bruce Laughton
 Johnno Lee
 Nigel Moxon
 John Ogle
 Philip Owen
 Mike Quigley MBE
 Sue Saddington
 Sam Smith
 Tom Smith
 Tracey Taylor
 Nigel Turner
 Roger Upton
 Gordon Wheeler
 Jonathan Wheeler

No members '**Abstained**' from the vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment was lost and reopened the debate on the original (substantive) motion.

Following a debate, the Chairman put the motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 36 members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair
 Mike Adams
 Sinead Anderson
 Callum Bailey
 Matt Barney
 Chris Barnfather
 Ben Bradley MP
 Richard Butler
 Scott Carlton
 Neil Clarke MBE
 Robert Cordon
 John Cottee
 Dr John Doddy
 Bethan Eddy
 Keith Girling
 Mike Introna
 Richard Jackson
 Roger Jackson

Eric Kerry
 Bruce Laughton
 Johnno Lee
 David Martin
 Nigel Moxon
 John Ogle
 Philip Owen
 Francis Purdue-Horan
 Sue Saddington
 Sam Smith
 Tom Smith
 Tracey Taylor
 Nigel Turner
 Roger Upton
 Lee Waters
 Gordon Wheeler
 Jonathan Wheeler
 John Wilmott

No members voted '**Against**' the motion.

The following 10 members '**Abstained**' from the vote:-

Anne Callaghan BEM
John Clarke MBE
Jim Creamer
Kate Foale
Penny Gowland

Errol Henry JP
Paul Henshaw
Michael Payne
Mike Pringle
Michelle Welsh

The Chairman declared the motion was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2023/029

In his foreword to the Nottinghamshire Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-26, the Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council's Health & Wellbeing Board states that addressing health inequalities across our communities is '*more important than ever*' and requires '*joint working to enable everyone to prosper*'. This view is supported by the Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Strategy which lists '*Tackling Inequalities*' as one of its four key aims and principles for 2023-28.

This Council is concerned that there is evidence of inequality in oral health when comparing some areas of Nottinghamshire with others and believes that expanding water fluoridation to all parts of Nottinghamshire would generate oral health benefits for residents of every age, but especially children and young people, to whom we are committed to giving the best start in life as a key ambition of our Nottinghamshire Plan through our Best Start Strategy 2021-25.

This Council therefore supports the Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Board working with other local councils, Integrated Care Partnerships, and the water companies serving this county, to champion the oral health agenda, including water fluoridation, because we certainly believe "prevention is better than cure".

This Council agrees that the Chairman of the Health & Wellbeing Board should deliver updates to all members on the progress of this advocacy and monitoring work, through whatever channels are most appropriate, given the importance of oral health to our residents' overall health and wellbeing.

The following members left the Chamber for more than 10 minutes during consideration of this item:

Councillor Elizabeth Williamson left the Chamber at 4.30pm and did not return to the meeting

Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 4.39pm and did not return to the meeting

Councillor Sam Smith left the Chamber at 4.51pm and returned at 5.05pm

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.24 pm.

CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX A

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2023 QUESTION TO CHAIRMAN OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

Question from Councillor Jason Zadrozny

As the Chairman knows my colleagues and I have been campaigning for over six years to have the Ashfield fire station returned to a 24-hour full-time station.

Would the Chairman please take the opportunity to update members on progress to return Ashfield Fire Station to a 24-hour, full-time service.

Response from the Chairman of the Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority, Councillor Michael Payne

I'm sure Councillor Zadrozny will agree with me that the issue of full time fire cover for the good people of Ashfield is far from an anachronistic question as described by Councillor Owen earlier in today's meeting. As Councillor Zadrozny will be aware, Nottinghamshire and the City of Nottingham Fire and Rescue Authority are due to receive an update from the Chief Fire Officer on implementation proposals relating to the specific issue that he has asked about at our full Fire Authority meeting taking place tomorrow on 14 July.

The proposals contained within that report to address the fire risks highlighted in the independent fire cover review carried out in 2019 of our entire city and county will aim, I repeat, will aim to see Ashfield fire station return to a 24 hour whole time crew with the ambition that this can be achieved by the end of November 2023. This will, Mr Chairman, however, be subject to review as more detailed plans are developed by the service. Under the delegated responsibilities of the Chief Fire Officer and in the face of continuing long term uncertainty of the budgetary situation facing the Fire and Rescue Authority, the Service will aim to implement these proposed changes within the current workforce establishment whilst maintaining the levels of fire cover currently seen across the city and our county. Members of the Fire and Rescue Authority will tomorrow be asked to support and endorse the approach of the Chief Fire Officer ahead of the Service embarking on the required steps to implement the required changes.

And I will just finish by saying this, given that this will be the last chance to ask questions about our emergency service, thanks to the anti-democratic work of Councillor Owen and his Conservative colleagues on the other side of the chamber. I am incredibly proud, Mr Chairman, of a Labour led Fire Authority that continues to invest in improving our Fire and Rescue Service even in the face of disproportionate cuts levied by this Conservative government which have been supported by Nottinghamshire Conservative MPs at every single turn and you can have it from me, given it's the last chance I'll be able to speak about the Fire Service in this chamber, while ever I remain in that Chair and while ever Labour is in control of that Fire Authority we will fight the disproportionate cuts, including those voted on by the Leader of this County Council, every single step of the way. And I hope next year in May that

we have a Labour Police and Crime Commissioner who will be concentrating on defending the good people of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire instead of defending themselves in court.

APPENDIX B

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 13 JULY 2023 QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER, CABINET MEMBERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor Kate Foale

Given the 317 cases of alleged electoral fraud investigated nationally by the police during 2021 resulted in only one single conviction, one acquittal and one caution, does the leader agree with me that the initial obstruction of 422 people in Nottinghamshire to exercise their democratic right to vote in recent local elections is concerning, and evidence that voter ID measures are disproportionate?

Response from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ben Bradley MP

Of course we don't know how many cases of voter fraud there were nationally in 2021 because we had no real mechanism of identifying fraud, much less robust legislation around tackling that fraud and securing convictions.

We know that there was one conviction and I'm always intrigued at the argument around this because, of course, it may well be the case that only one speeding conviction has ever been given against anybody speeding down Loughborough Road outside this building, but we know that that does *not* mean that only one person has ever driven too fast down Loughborough Road. It's just only one person has ever been caught, and unless you have proper robust procedures legislation, proper robust regulation to identify people and a good and proper reporting procedure and good ways to identify said crimes, we will never know, will we?

You'll know that there are extensive national and local awareness campaigns; you'll know that residents have direct correspondence, if you were a registered voter you will have received a personal letter from your Returning Officer in the council at the time of the election; you'll know that free ID was made available; you will know that after many years this service still runs very well in other places like Northern Ireland; and clearly awareness will only grow in future elections as it becomes the norm, but our electoral system is precious, our vote is precious, it needs protecting from fraudsters. It is important that candidates, that authorities, that the public can have the utmost confidence in our electoral system. That means that we should have the most robust systems that we can and I'm very confident that we are in a positive place.

Question to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families from Councillor Mike Quigley MBE

Following the recent Cabinet meeting where members considered the draft Nottinghamshire Partnership Improvement Plan for support for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, would the Cabinet Member explain what this Council is doing to fully engage parents in the process of accurately determining their child's needs, designing effective individual plans and support, and thereby maximising strong outcomes?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Councillor Tracey Taylor

The Children & Families Act 2014 identifies the need for children, young people, and their parents or carers to be involved as fully as possible in the decisions being made about them, with their views and wishes being fully considered.

In that context, there are two aspects to supporting children with SEND.

This can be either through simple extra support at school, known as the 'graduated response', or through formal arrangements known as an Education, Health and Care Needs Assessment potentially leading to an Education, Health & Care Plan.

Educational settings play a very important part in the initial engagement of parents and carers in the identification of their child's educational needs through the 'graduated response'. The needs of the child are assessed with their parents or carers and a plan of support is agreed. Regular reviews then take place to ensure that the plan is having the anticipated impact and if necessary, the plan will be changed to ensure that further support is available if required. The County Council devolves a significant proportion of its funding for SEND to educational settings to support the effectiveness of the 'graduated response'.

Local authority funded support services, including the Schools & Families Support Service, the Educational Psychology Service and the Partnership Teams play a vital role in supporting educational settings to develop their overall practices, but also to provide advice and guidance regarding individual pupils with SEND, including face-to-face meetings with parents and carers.

Despite this support, an increasing number of parents and carers are requesting an 'Education, Health, and Care Needs Assessment', or an EHCNA, from the Local Authority. In the Nottinghamshire Partnership's Improvement Plan, it is proposed to introduce enhanced engagement with parents through the development of a 'structured conversation' involving the educational setting, parents or carers and the local authority. This would provide increased opportunity to draw out, even at this early stage, what the outcome should be of any provision which needs to be put in place for the child. Parents and carers will be involved in designing the 'structured conversation' process.

The EHCNA process is delivered through a digital hub which provides access to parents and carers, ensuring they can see the progress being made with their child's assessment and the reports from professionals being submitted. Parents and carers (as well as the children and young people) are also invited as part of the assessment process to contribute their views and aspirations.

A key part of the local area's SEND Improvement Plan is the capture of the lived experiences of children, young people, parents, and carers to evaluate the impact of the changes that we are making.

Question to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment from Councillor Steve Carr

In May 2021, the number 11 and 12 LinkBus that served residents in my division were withdrawn and replaced with the woefully inadequate 13 bus service. I have been lobbying for over two years now about this matter and despite promises of action from staff in the transport department over the last two years my residents still have no answer as to when this problem will be addressed

The lack of a regular bus route to Beeston is not only inconvenient to residents it is also encouraging them to use businesses and services in the city.

When can my residents expect action from you and your staff on this matter as 2 years seems a considerable time given how other axed routes have been dealt with?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Neil Clarke MBE

When Councillor Carr refers to a *“lack of a regular bus route to Beeston”*, I should perhaps clarify that there are very regular bus routes between Beeston and Nottingham in the form of - for example - the NCT 36, and the trentbarton Indigo and i4 services. These buses do I’m sure encourage residents to “use businesses and services in the City”, but passenger figures suggest they are highly valued by the public in the Beeston area.

Councillor Carr I think is referring more specifically to the relative lack of opportunities for people to travel by bus between Bramcote, Beeston North, Beeston town centre and other locations near his division, like the QMC hospital, since the Number 11 and Number 12 commercial services were withdrawn in May 2021. Perhaps it’s more of a north-south rather than east-west situation that he’s referring to, so I’ll address his question on that basis.

As he points out, there is now a CT4N service – the Number 13 – travelling between Beeston, Bramcote and Wollaton, but it is a limited service only available in the daytime on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The County Council currently supports a total of over 90 bus routes and a review of these is currently underway, looking at how we can maximise the impact of the funding we have available, for instance using Demand Responsive Transport, otherwise known as NottsBus On Demand.

Members were recently consulted and asked to identify services that need improvements or areas currently without services. This feedback has been collated and the areas covered by the former 11 and 12 services, along with many others, will be part of the network review.

The network review is due to conclude in the early Autumn with a view to making recommendations for revised services, including the use of Demand Responsive Transport. Councillors will be included in any local discussions before any changes or new services are introduced.

It is important to understand that it will not be possible to support every request made, as demand is higher than the available funding, but I know from my discussions with

officers that very hard work and a lot of creative thinking is going into trying to find sustainable solutions to problems such as the one described by Councillor Carr.

What we should all recognise is that this council invests far greater amounts of money in supporting bus services than most other relevant authorities, some of whom offer no such support at all.

Over £4 million per year is allocated to ensuring that communities across Nottinghamshire have access to bus services that would otherwise not be commercially viable, and over £1 million of additional funding has recently been provided to support 12 commercial routes that were scheduled to be withdrawn due to reduced patronage resulting from the Covid pandemic.

When Councillor Carr talks about councils “taking action” on providing and protecting bus services, he should appreciate that our record of proactivity and investment compares more than favourably with other local authority areas across the country.

Question to the Cabinet Member for Communities from Councillor Paul Henshaw

Access to outdoor activity is very important to Nottinghamshire residents.

Can the Cabinet Member update the Council on why the Mill Leisure Centre had to close its open water swimming facilities in January 2023?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Communities, Councillor John Cottee

Open water swimming at Kingsmill Reservoir is not provided by Nottinghamshire County Council and this is therefore not a matter for this Council. It is operated by an external specialist provider, ‘Love Open Water’, who hire changing facilities and access to water from The Mill Adventure Base.

We were advised that the provision was not open during early 2023 due to a shortage of qualified lifeguards, and therefore the provider Love Open Water was unable to deliver open water swimming safely. We understand that Love Open Water has now resolved this issue and open water swimming restarted at Kingsmill Reservoir in May this year.

If Councillor Henshaw has any further questions on this, I respectfully suggest that these will need to be directed to Love Open Water rather than this Council, but I’m pleased for the opportunity to resolve any confusion over who is responsible.

Question to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families from Councillor Nigel Turner

As an illustration of Nottinghamshire County Council’s ongoing commitment to ensure that sufficient places are provided for primary and secondary-age school children, would the Cabinet Member join me in welcoming the progress being made towards delivering a new school at the Gateford Park housing development, and the 300-place expansion of the Outwood Academy Portland, both in Worksop?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Councillor Tracey Taylor

You won't be surprised that I'm delighted to report on the progress to which you refer.

At Gateford, a new primary school is being delivered in the Gateford-Shireoaks planning area, and that's working with Arc Partnership Ltd and it will in the first instance be a 210 place school – that's One Form Entry and a Free School.

Arrangements for the governance of the new primary school have been shared with the Department for Education, as is standard practice for all new schools. As Cabinet Member, I will join other local councillors to interview prospective operators for the new school in September 2023 to determine the Council's preferred provider. Our recommendation will then be sent to the DfE for their final decision.

Planning permission for the school has already been granted. It has been designed with the capacity to grow to 315 places, which is One-and-a half Forms of Entry, and that's if the demand in the area requires it. The building is funded from Basic Need and from housing developer contributions collected by the local planning authority.

Arc Partnership Ltd are confident that the school will be delivered on time for opening in September 2024.

Outwood Academy Portland: the plans for this are well advanced for the expansion of secondary school places and the Council is working with Outwood Grange Academy Trust to deliver a 300 place, Two Form of Entry expansion at this secondary school, which is rated as 'Outstanding' by Ofsted.

The Trust is supporting the Council in the interim period with an additional sixty Year 7 places from September 2023 in anticipation of higher demand. The Council will work with the Trust to ensure that there are sufficient school places in the Worksop planning area until the new permanent accommodation becomes available in September 2025.

Outline plans have been submitted to Bassetlaw District Council. The project is funded via Basic Need and Community Infrastructure Levy monies. The Council has worked closely with all partners, in particular with Bassetlaw District Council, to secure this addition to school capacity in Worksop.

So, in conclusion, as you say, Councillor Turner, both projects are examples of the work that goes on, not just in Worksop but across the County, to ensure sufficient places are provided for both primary and secondary-age school children. This will help maintain this Council's excellent record for not only meeting such demand but also enabling most children to secure places at a preferred school.

Question to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment from Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan

What communication have this Council had with Leicestershire County Council about sharing their recycling facilities with Nottinghamshire residents?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Neil Clarke MBE

I understand that Councillor Purdue-Horan has already asked a similar question at the Place Select Committee last week, and that he received a response from officers at that time.

So, to reconfirm, there have been no recent conversations with Leicestershire County Council about Nottinghamshire residents being able to use the Leicestershire recycling sites, albeit such conversations have taken place in the past.

For context, all our 12 Nottinghamshire Recycling Centres are currently open 8am-8pm, seven days a week. In Leicestershire, their sites are only open 9am-7pm, and are closed several days of the week, so they're not open every day.

By way of an example, the nearest Leicestershire site to Councillor Pursue-Horan's division is at Bottesford. The site is only open three days per week: Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

I'm sure Councillor Purdue-Horan will agree that whilst we could seek a reciprocal arrangement with Leicestershire to allow our residents to use their sites when they are open, Leicestershire residents would be much keener to travel over the border into Nottinghamshire to dispose of their waste any day of the week, as our sites are open every day. This may well end up in more costs to our residents outweighing the benefits gained.

Question to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health from Councillor Kate Foale

Does the Cabinet Member agree with me that for the Healthy Families Programme 2024 and beyond a success, all new-born babies and mothers must be offered an in-person Health Visit?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health, Councillor Matt Barney

Thank you for drawing attention to the brilliant work that Health Visitors do.

Before I answer formally, I was taken back to my own experience with Health Visitors, with my own four children, and the health visits that we had some many years ago now. But certainly, my kids have got a lot to be thankful for, because I remember the first Health Visitor that came to our house, I was so novice and had so little idea what to do with my first-born son that I asked if I could pick him up when he was crying and she looked at me with a horror, saying "Of course you can, you stupid boy!".

So, my children have got a lot to be thankful for with the work of Health Visitors, but more seriously as well, having had four children my wife and I, the role each time that

Health Visitors have played has been very different, because each birth has been different, each experience has been different, the child's needs have been different, so for each of the four occasions even as we grew in competence, even I grew in competence by child four, there were still essential things that the Health Visitor did, so it's from that like that I'm happy to answer this question.

I agree with completely, completely with you that it is essential that families are seen in person, and I'm pleased to say that this has always been the position in what has been historically a very well-performing service here at Nottinghamshire County Council.

The Healthy Families Programme currently, already provides all new-born babies and mothers across the county with an 'in-person' review, in line with the Government's Healthy Child Programme. This means all families are offered, face to face, visits which include:

- a New Birth review, between 10 and 14 days;
- a 6-8 week review;
- a 1- year health and development review; and
- a 2-2.5 year health and development review.

These existing arrangements will continue into 2024 and beyond, and as I explained in Cabinet, we are pleased to be entering into a co-operation approach to develop this service with the current provider, who can evidence that they meet the outcomes we expect for these young children.

I would emphasise again that good performance levels are already being met through the existing provision, including good performance for 'in person' reviews.

I would once again like to thank Health Visitors for the brilliant work that they do across Nottinghamshire.

Question to the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment from Councillor Kane Oliver

On February 8th 2023, the current Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council stated the ambition "...that every Nottinghamshire community will be connected to a bus or other public transport route." Can the Cabinet Member please give a timeframe for this?

Further to this, Nottinghamshire County Council carried out a consultation on a network review of supported bus services on 26th May with all Nottinghamshire County Councillors. Would the Cabinet Member agree to extend this consultation to Borough / District / Parish and Town Councils and other residents?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, Councillor Neil Clarke MBE

Councillor Oliver is quite correct that in February our Council Leader stated: "We've made a commitment that every community will be connected to public transport and we're going to stick to that."

Councillor Bradley did not state a timeframe, and nor for that matter did the Conservative Group's manifesto in May 2021, because it would essentially be meaningless.

Public transport services are a living, evolving organism.

New routes and providers emerge, while others may cease or withdraw, sometimes at short notice, as we have all experienced, meaning that at any given time, we might be nearer to or further from achieving our goal.

Even as and when we reach a time where we believe every community is connected to public transport, that situation could still change, so our commitment is to never stop striving to deliver that ambition. There isn't a precise 'end' date. It's an ongoing, continuous issue.

The more cynical element amongst our political opponents will no doubt choose to highlight areas where we are not achieving our ambition completely at a given point in time. That's a matter for them. We cannot control whether others choose to be constructive or destructive, but it won't deter us from pursuing a very admirable and commendable goal.

Our political opponents might also sneer and say, "Well, any council can state that ambition, it doesn't mean anything on its own!" – well, they might be right - but not all councils are investing more than £4 million per year to back up that ambition!

I am focused on working with those who share our unwavering ambition and who want to be constructive, not destructive. There are many such councillors in this Chamber, not just on the Conservative side, and they will recognise that this Council has a strong track record for supporting local bus services.

The over £4 million per annum I've just mentioned is ensuring that communities across the County have continuing access to 80 bus services that would otherwise not be commercially viable, and over £1 million of additional funding has recently been provided to support 12 more commercial routes that were scheduled to be withdrawn due to reduced patronage resulting from the Covid pandemic.

Where gaps in public transport provision exist or occur, we will seek to resolve them as soon as practically possible, using whatever means are at our disposal.

We've been innovative and introduced new Demand Responsive Transport services in the Newark, Ollerton, Mansfield, Retford and South Rushcliffe areas. DRT is a transport solution suited to where it is not commercially viable to provide a traditional service. It's our intention to further roll out DRT where it makes sense to do so.

To answer Councillor Oliver's second point, our bus network review consultation with County Councillors was designed to find out from a County Councillor perspective what is working well and less well in their divisional areas. County Councillors are well placed to understand the needs of their local constituents, as we frequently say in this Chamber. A good level of responses has been received from those elected Councillors and it is not intended to widen the consultation at this stage.

Question to the Cabinet Member for Children and Families from Councillor Anne Callaghan MBE

Child poverty data published last month identified 54,221 children living in poverty in Nottinghamshire, an increase of 16,056 more children than in 2015.

In 2022, the number of those attending the Holiday Activities and Food programme was 12,133, which is 739 fewer participants than the year before.

As child poverty is rising, can the Cabinet Member explain why the Holiday Activities and Food programme participation is decreasing?

Response from the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, Councillor Tracey Taylor

The simple answer at this moment is “no”.

I cannot explain exactly why we see the implied discrepancy between an increase in children in poverty according to data from the End Child Poverty Coalition, and a decrease in the numbers participating in the Holiday Activities and Food Programme. I’m going to refer to that as HAF.

I don’t necessarily accept the premise that we should automatically expect the two figures to track each other upwards or downwards, because that would make certain assumptions which may or may not be accurate or justified, but I would certainly be interested to read the outcomes of any scrutiny around this matter.

Councillor Callaghan was present and will probably recall that at the recent Children & Families Select Committee on 19th June, the Committee Chairman, Councillor Sam Smith, commented on the HAF Programme figures for 2022. He noted that engagement with the HAF programme in Rushcliffe was comparatively high compared with other areas of Nottinghamshire, even though apparent eligibility in the other areas was typically higher than for Rushcliffe. Councillor Smith asked whether these figures were used to inform and perhaps *change* the choice of locations used to deliver the HAF programme in the less engaged areas, in pursuit of higher participation.

In response, the relevant officer explained that there is a HAF ‘group’ that examines such data, and that the way HAF operates is that invitations are sent out to be a HAF provider, and sometimes “our hands are a little bit tied” – and that’s a quote from the officer - if we don’t get a bid from a particular geographical area, so we work on an ongoing basis to address the deficit.

Earlier in the same Select Committee meeting I made a point about the take up of free school meals which could be equally applied to the HAF Programme. I said that, whilst we do everything possible to promote the availability of such support to children and families, we cannot compel families to engage with it.

I detect an implication in Councillor Callaghan’s question that the contrast she is making between the child poverty data and the HAF participation data suggests

something is wrong with the way the HAF programme is promoted or administered. However, we surely should not rule out the possibility that the data for the uptake in HAF could be the accurate representation of current need or want, and that in fact the child poverty data quoted is somehow skewed, not least given that the figures in the question are taken over an eight year period to show high growth, and the HAF Programme, which has only been around a couple of years, is a one year comparison showing limited decline.

To be clear, Chairman, I'm not drawing one conclusion or another. What I'm saying is that we shouldn't approach this question from a presumptuous starting point. Councillor Callaghan will be aware that the decision made by the Children and Families Select Committee at the recent meeting was, and again I quote: 'That a report on the delivery of the HAF Programme be brought to a future meeting of the Committee at a date to be agreed by the Chairman', so the opportunity to scrutinise this issue more thoroughly is forthcoming.

Chairman, I've sought to answer the question in a constructive manner because it is a serious subject, but I do take issue with Councillor Callaghan claiming in the local press that 'Conservatives don't take rising child poverty seriously enough'. I can assure you I take child poverty extremely seriously as the Cabinet Member for Children & Families, and I would not be so disrespectful to suggest that other members, including herself, do not.

The question she raises is a valid one, but the way to find the answer and shape future policy is through calm, rational, non-partisan analysis, and not by making silly and insulting statements to the media in pursuit of a headline.

REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the decisions made by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment concerning issues raised in petitions presented to the County Council at its 30 March and 11 May 2023 meetings.

Information

A. Petition in support of continuing bus services in Sutton Bonington (Ref:2023/04)

2. A 251-signature petition was presented to Full Council on 30 March 2023 by Councillor Matt Barney in support of continuing bus services in Sutton Bonington.
3. In September 2022 Trentbarton made the decision to withdraw the Skylink bus service between East Midlands Airport and Loughborough which provided an hourly service for the residents of Sutton Bonington. The County Council has provided financial support from its Bus Service Improvement Plan funding to maintain the Skylink route until 15 May 2023.
4. The County Council has commissioned a service from 17 May 2023 which will operate as a Demand Responsive Transport service. This new service will also replace the 865 route and continue to provide links to Kegworth and the Clifton Park & Ride site. Additionally, this new service will provide new links to multiple destinations in the operating zone including East Midlands Gateway, East Midlands Airport, and East Leake, offering access to employment, and connections to major bus services and the NET Tram. The service will operate between 07:00 and 24:00 7 days a week. Information about the new service is now available on the Council's website [Nottsbus On Demand Zones | Nottinghamshire County Council](#). This new service will be provided by Kinchbus under contract to the County Council.
5. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

B. Request for a residents parking permit scheme on Frederick Road, Stapleford (Ref:2023/05)

6. A 32-signature petition was presented to the 30 March 2023 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John McGrath requesting a residents' parking scheme be introduced on Frederick Road, Stapleford, for house numbers 1 to 29 on the north-western side of the road and 2-22 on the south-eastern side.
7. Frederick Road is a residential street with a church, shops, Nottingham College, and other amenities nearby, to the east.

8. The petition raises issues with residents being unable to park on Frederick Road, near their homes, due to cars being parked by visitors and workers of the nearby shops, businesses, and Nottingham College, as well as residents of adjacent roads that have permit schemes in place.
9. Residents' permit schemes are prioritised in locations where residents do not have access to off-street parking and the presence of non-resident parking makes it difficult for residents, who rely on on-street parking, to park their vehicles.
10. To determine the impact of non-resident parking on Frederick Road, a survey will be carried out. This will be used to determine whether a residents' parking scheme at this location should be considered for inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme.
11. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

C. Petition requesting Mansfield Road, Warsop, be closed at its junction with Vale Avenue, and installation of new turning area (Ref:2023/06)

12. A 50-signature petition was presented to Full Council on 11 May 2023 by Councillor Bethan Eddy on behalf of residents, requesting that the service road on Mansfield Road, Warsop, be closed at its junction with Vale Avenue, with a new turning area installed at the Vale Avenue end of the service road. The request has been made in response to the proposed installation of a new traffic signal-controlled junction at the junction of Vale Avenue and the A60, with residents raising concerns over potential safety issues resulting from cars rat-running along Mansfield Road in an attempt to avoid having to wait at the proposed traffic signals.
13. The signals in question form part of an agreed highway mitigation package relating to planning application 2017/0816/OUT determined by Mansfield District Council (MDC). The application relates to the provision of 400 dwellings to the south of Stonebridge Lane, located approximately 400m north of Mansfield Road. The proposed signal layout was consulted upon and agreed through the planning process, with planning permission being granted by MDC in September 2018. Once planning permission has been granted it is not within the gift of the County Council to force a developer to change their agreed plans once they have been approved by the Local Planning Authority. Whilst we do undertake further design checks relating to the detailed design, these checks are limited to compliance and technical standards rather than the general principal of the design.
14. Notwithstanding this, the proposed signals have been designed to control vehicle speeds and flows on the A60 as well as to try and prevent erratic driver behaviour, by allowing controlled safe access/egress from Vale Ave onto the A60. The signals have been designed to cope with the anticipated traffic flows generated by the development, so minimum queuing should help to discourage any recurring rat-running. Having consulted with our traffic signals specialists at Via East Midlands Ltd, they consider based on their experience with similar arrangements elsewhere in the County that rat-running is unlikely, especially along a narrow service road, that is extensively used for on street parking, with a very difficult exit priority junction because of high daily flows on the A60.
15. We recognise that no matter how much junction designs are improved there will unfortunately always be a minority of miscreant drivers that defy reason/expectations, seemingly being too impatient to follow normal driving etiquette. However, until the signals are installed and

operational it is unclear whether this theoretical problem will translate into a highway safety issue.

16. The engineering works associated with closing the road to through traffic, as well as the required legal orders to restrict vehicle movements are significant and therefore cannot be undertaken lightly. Unfortunately, without definitive evidence to suggest rat running will be a problem, these works cannot be justified at this time. It is recommended this matter is revisited if it does become a proven and significant issue after the signals have been operational for a while, but that otherwise no other changes to the highway are proposed at this time.

17. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

D. Request for the introduction of a Residents' Parking Scheme on The City, Beeston (Ref:2023/07)

18. A 16-signature petition was presented to the 11 May 2023 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Kate Foale on behalf of residents of The City, Beeston.

19. The City is an historic residential road to the south of Beeston town that was split in half when Middle Street was extended during the middle of the 20th Century. The eastern part of the road (the section to which the petition relates) is now a cul-de-sac featuring a mix of housing types.

20. While the County Council is sympathetic to the frustrations caused by intrusive parking, permit schemes are applied, where it is appropriate to do so, to assist residents without access to off-street parking and are, therefore, prioritised in locations where residents do not have access to off-street parking.

21. All but three of the properties appear to have access to off-street parking. Additionally, the road is very narrow: at its narrowest it is only 3.8m wide, which means that any vehicle that parks on the road is likely to make access to or egress from off-street parking very difficult. As a result of the above this request would not be considered appropriate for inclusion in a future year's integrated transport programme and so it is proposed that no further assessment be undertaken. Residents' Permit Schemes cannot be introduced to address issues resulting from vehicles blocking access to a property, and if residents' accesses are being obstructed, this should be reported to the Police. To help prevent vehicles obstructing access to their property, residents are, however, able to request the installation of H-bar markings. Where approved (by the district highways manager), the current charge for the installation of such markings is £244 which covers design, health and safety, administration, works, and renewal costs.

22. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

Link to Nottinghamshire Plan/Annual Delivery Plan

23. Should the proposed actions be approved, they will help deliver the following Nottinghamshire Plan ambitions/delivery plan priorities:

- 'Improving transport and digital connections' and more specifically:
 - response to petition labelled A will help in the delivery of the action: '*Keep our highways safe and reduce congestion*'

- response to petition labelled A will help in the delivery of the action: *‘Improve local and regional transport connections to make journeys easier’*
- response to petition labelled A will help in the delivery of the action: *‘Support people with transport options that are healthier and more sustainable’*
- response to petition labelled A will help in the delivery of the action: *‘Improve bus services’*
- *‘Protecting the environment and reducing our carbon footprint’* and more specifically:
 - response to petition labelled A will help in the delivery of the action: *‘Drive use of public transport and other green ways to travel’*
- *‘Improving transport and digital connections’* and more specifically:
 - response to petition labelled C will help in the delivery of the action: *‘Keep our highways safe and reduce congestion’*

Other Options Considered

24. There are no other options to consider as this report is for noting only.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

25. The recommendations detailed within this report have been developed to help ensure delivery of the County Council’s ‘Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-31’ priorities, national priorities, and local transport goals and objectives. Recommendations are based on their ability to deliver strategic objectives (including transport objectives), evidence of need (including technical analysis), feasibility, and value for money assessments.

Statutory and Policy Implications

26. 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

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

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the contents of the report be noted.

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE
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Background Papers and Published Documents

- Responses to Petitions Presented to the Chairman of the County Council – Delegated Decision (Reference 355) by Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment (published)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Beeston Central and Rylands – Councillor Kate Foale
- Leake and Ruddington – Councillor Matt Barney and Councillor Reg Adair
- Stapleford and Broxtowe Central – Councillor John McGrath
- Warsop – Councillor Bethan Eddy

REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN 2023/24

Purpose of the Report

1. This report presents the Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2023/24 for approval by Full Council. An annual Youth Justice plan is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. A copy of the full plan is attached as **Appendix 1**.

Information

2. The Youth Justice Strategic Plan sets out on an annual basis how Youth Justice Services are delivered in Nottinghamshire, including how the Youth Justice Partnership contributes to the delivery of the service and how effective the work of the Partnership is on reducing crime. The plan also sets out priorities for developing and improving the service. Nottinghamshire has just concluded a three-year plan, updates to which were approved at Full Council on 23 September 2021 and 22 November 2022. This year's publication updates on progress made against previous priorities and outlines the refreshed priorities for the new plan for 2023/24.

Delivery of Youth Justice Services in Nottinghamshire

3. Youth Justice Services in Nottinghamshire are made up of three multi-agency Locality Teams and a countywide Interventions Team. The Services meet all the statutory requirements of a Youth Justice Service as set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and includes seconded staff from Police, Probation, Health, and Futures (Education, Training and Employment).
4. The Services work closely with partners and commissioned providers at a strategic and operational level to try to ensure that the needs of children and young people are met and to achieve its outcomes and aims. The Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Board works with strategic partners to ensure that the health provision offered to young offenders provides them with equality of access which the general population experiences, and it will continue to work in a multi-disciplinary way to ensure that children are not criminalised or remanded unnecessarily.

5. Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Services has maintained its commitment to working with children and young people in an early intervention and preventative capacity. It delivers a high-quality service in relation to diversion, outreach and detached services, thus keeping a focus on reducing the numbers of First Time Entrants and supporting young people outside of the formal criminal justice system. This year the service has begun delivery of the new Ministry of Justice funded Turnaround Programme, which sees younger children on the cusp of offending who would not previously have met the threshold for a service, receive a whole family assessment and plan to prevent them from entering the criminal justice system.
6. Key contributors to the Youth Justice Board, and to this plan, include the Police, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the Violence Reduction Unit, Health Partners, Probation, District and Borough Councils, Children's Social Care and Education.

Performance of the Youth Justice Partnership

7. The aims of the Youth Justice Services are to:
 - Reduce the number of young people entering the criminal justice system
 - Reduce the frequency and rate of re-offending by children and young people who are already within the youth justice system
 - Keep the numbers of young people experiencing custody – either on remand or as a sentence of the court - to a minimum.
8. These are measured as the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of the Youth Justice Partnership. Over the last year, performance against these measures has been good with data showing that Nottinghamshire is performing in line with or better than the national average. When compared with the previous financial year, First Time Entrant rates in 2022/23 remained stable at 144 per 100,000 of the population (compared with 149 in 2021/22). The rates of re-offending reduced from 15.8% to 10.2%, compared with a national average of 34.2%. There has been a decrease in the number of offences each re-offender commits and the 're-offences per re-offender rate' was 3 in 2022/23 compared with a national average of 3.65.
9. Both nationally and locally there are fewer young people experiencing incarceration and a drive to support young people through community orders. In Nottinghamshire the numbers of young people remanded or sentenced to custody has reduced year on year and is well under the national average.
10. For 2023/24 the National Youth Justice Board (YJB) has introduced an extended set of KPIs against which the partnership will need to collect data and measure performance and trends. The 10 new measures represent the YJB's ambition for partnerships to be addressing the holistic needs of children in the Youth Justice System and signal a move away from measuring offending data only. The new KPIs are detailed on page 9 of the Strategic Plan.
11. For the 2020-2023 Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Strategy, the partnership identified seven key areas of development to provide focus:

- To work with partners to promote a more holistic approach to meeting children and young people's needs in the Youth Justice System
- To increase the number of children and young people who are accessing early intervention aimed at reducing the potential of them entering the criminal justice system
- Every child and young person in contact with Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Service has appropriate Education, Training and Employment provision in place
- To ensure that children and young people have the best support available to meet their needs when leaving custody
- To ensure that robust consultation processes are in place to enable all children and young people and parents and carers to have an opportunity to shape Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Services.

12. Pages 6 and 7 of the 2023-24 Youth Justice Strategic Plan outline what was achieved in the previous plan. These include:

- The service strengthened its partnership with health, increasing its use of screening of children and young people for speech language and communication needs (SLCN) and ensuring that trauma-informed approaches were adopted across the service.
- The appointment of a specialist substance use worker has improved the service's approach to working with children and young people identified as having a substance use need.
- The numbers of children and young people accessing early intervention, and engaging on voluntary programmes of intervention, has increased and the number of First Time Entrants has fallen.
- The service has increased its offer of support in relation to Education, Training and Employment and all children and young people on a court order or an out of court disposal are now supported by an adviser according to their individual need, promoting educational inclusion.
- The service has developed its joint working approaches with statutory partners, improving how the service supports children and young people whilst they are in custody, improving accessibility to accommodation and improving the support that is available for those transitioning to adult services.
- The developed a participation strategy and the launch of a new online feedback platform seeking out the views and opinions of those who have worked with the service.

13. The Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Partnership, informed by self-assessment activity against inspection frameworks and the external scrutiny of peer reviews, has identified four primary objectives for the 2023/24 Youth Justice Strategic Plan:

- Developing a shared diversionary vision across the partnership
 - Improving arrangements for children and young people on multiple pathways
 - Strengthening the approach to addressing serious youth violence and exploitation
 - Improving access to mental health and speech and language provision.
14. Details of the Partnership's aims and objectives in these four areas, as well as how progress will be measured, can be found in pages 11 to 15 of the Strategic Plan. The service has consulted with children and young people regarding these areas and highlights of their feedback can be found on page 16.
15. The Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Strategy is aligned to the Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-2031 and delivering the strategy is one mechanism by which the Youth Justice Services will contribute to the achievement of the ambitions set out in the plan. Youth Justice Services activity is specifically relevant to Ambition 2: keeping children, vulnerable adults and communities safe. This will be achieved through high quality service delivery to prevent young people coming into the criminal justice system, to reduce reoffending and to protect children and young people from criminal exploitation.

Other Options Considered

16. An annual Youth Justice plan is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

17. The Youth Justice Strategic Plan requires the approval of Full Council.

Statutory and Policy Implications

18. 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.

Crime and Disorder Implications

19. An annual Youth Justice plan is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 which requires the local authority with its partners to prevent offending and reoffending by children and young people and to deliver an effective local youth justice system.

Financial Implications

20. Statutory Youth Justice plans must be fully costed; this year's plan has no additional costs associated with it.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Strategic Plan 2023/24, attached as **Appendix 1**, be approved.

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Constitutional Comments (SF 16/08/23)

21. The Youth Justice Plan is part of the Council's policy framework and is reserved to Full Council for approval (see Section 3, Part 1, paragraph 5 of the Constitution on page 33).

Financial Comments (VC 25/08/23)

22. There are no additional financial implications arising directly from this 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.

[Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Strategy 2020-23 - report to Full Council on 15 October 2020](#)

[Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Service Strategy Review 2021/22 – report to Full Council on 23 September 2021](#)

[Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Strategy 2022-23 update – report to Full Council on 24 November 2022](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Strategic Plan

2023/24



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Executive summary

As the new Chair of the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Partnership Board, I am pleased to present this year's plan, outlining Nottinghamshire's strategic direction and priorities for the year ahead. Having come back to the youth justice system after several years of absence, the pace and scale of change has been significant, but it has been gratifying to see a system that is increasingly child-focused whilst still seeking to recognise the experience of victims and to seek restoration.

Our collective commitment is focused on effectively rehabilitating and supporting young individuals within the criminal justice system. Through early intervention, reoffending prevention, and the promotion of youth well-being, we aim to create a brighter future for the children and young people of Nottinghamshire. This plan highlights the challenges we face, emphasises the strength of collaboration among key stakeholders and underscores the importance of using evidence to inform practice. Together, we embark on a journey of positive change, ensuring transformative outcomes for our children and young people.

The plan has been developed by members of the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Partnership Board with the support of the Youth Justice Service, a range of care and justice professionals and, most importantly, whilst keeping at its centre, the voices of children and young people using the service, victims, and communities. Key contributors to this plan include Police, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, Violence Reduction Partnership, Health, the Youth Justice Service, Probation, District Councils, Children's Social Care and Education. Members of the Board have stepped up to champion key areas of development and will report regularly back to the Board on our collective progress.

The plan updates on the progress made against the priorities in the plan 2020-2023 and sets out new priorities for the year ahead.

As well as supporting the Youth Justice Service to carry out its statutory functions and meet its key aims, this plan also supports the work of the Board in relation to its identified strategic objectives

Laurence Jones
Chair of the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Partnership Board
Service Director for Commissioning and Resources Nottinghamshire County Council

Introduction

Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Service is made up of three locality teams and a county-wide interventions team which provides support to the locality teams and delivers outreach and detached youth work. Whilst most children and young people receiving preventative intervention are seen by staff based within the interventions team; all three locality teams work with children and young people accessing both voluntary and statutory interventions; including assessing and managing children and young people who have been referred for an Out of Court Disposal (OOCOD).

The service meets all the statutory requirements of a Youth Justice Service as set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and includes seconded staff from Police, Probation, Health (Youth Justice Nurse), and Futures (Education, Training and Employment advisers). In addition to the multi-agency teams, the service commissions specialist external providers to help it deliver key statutory functions, such as substance misuse (Change Grow Live), reparation and victim services (Remedi) and appropriate adult work (The Appropriate Adult Service).

There is a mixed profile of children and young people across the county, with offending centred in and around urban areas, including the Nottingham conurbations, Mansfield, Ashfield, Newark, Retford, and Worksop. However, there is a spread of communities across more rural areas which also require servicing.

The service is spread over a large geographical area which can impact on staff resource as they can spend a large proportion of time travelling across the county. Children and young people are seen in their communities; this includes visiting homes, schools or making use of community venues. The numbers of children and young people being supported by the service has gradually risen. At any one time, there are between 250 and 300 children and young people receiving intervention across a range of prevention, diversionary and statutory programmes.

The service consistently performs well against key indicators when compared to the national average, having a lower number of first-time entrants, a lower reoffending rate and a lower number of custodial sentences and remands.

Our vision

The service is committed to embedding child-first principles throughout all elements of service delivery. Our vision is to be a child first service which sees children as children and which takes a trauma informed, strengths-based approach to working with all children and young people. The service places a strong emphasis on forming positive relationships with children and young people and sees these relationships as key to helping individuals build their resilience, building on their strengths, and fulfilling their potential. It is fundamental that children and young people are treated fairly and are supported to actively engage with the service and, where possible, are diverted away from the youth justice system to encourage wider social inclusion.

Progress, performance and priorities

Progress

Over the past three years there have been five key areas of focus, driving activity across the partnership. These areas were.

- 1 To work with partners to promote a more holistic approach to meeting children's needs in the youth justice system**
The partnership took a child first approach; considering the underlying factors for children and young people at risk of offending. Work has seen the service strengthen its partnership with health, increasing its use of screening of children and young people for speech language and communication needs (SLCN) and ensuring that trauma-informed approaches were adopted across the service. The appointment of a specialist substance use worker has also improved the service's approach to working with children and young people identified as having a substance use need. Despite this activity, it is acknowledged that increasing health provision for children and young people on diversionary and preventative pathways remains as a priority and will feature as part of next year's plan.
- 2 To increase the number of children and young people accessing early intervention aimed at reducing the potential of them entering the youth justice service**
The service has improved diversion and prevention services to children and young people at risk of offending; reducing thresholds for accessing preventative intervention and increasing the range of outcomes that can be used as part of out of court disposals. The numbers of children and young people accessing early intervention, and engaging on voluntary programmes of intervention, has increased and the number of first time entrants has fallen. The service has also worked with the police and children's social care developing processes to ensure that children and young people at risk of child criminal exploitation and serious youth violence are able to be identified at the earliest opportunity and supported by the most appropriate service. Whilst there has been good progress, the partnership wants to ensure that this remains an area of priority for the coming year so will feature as part of next year's plan.
- 3 That every child and young person in Nottinghamshire youth justice service has appropriate education, training and employment provision in place**
The service has increased its offer of support in relation to education, training and employment and all children and young people on a court order or an out of court disposal are now supported by an adviser according to their individual need, promoting educational inclusion. The education, training and employment team has improved its relationships with educational providers to reduce school exclusions for children and young people known to the service; it has also supported young people who have transitioned to adult services to remain in education, training and employment and developed its links with the fair access team. Fair access works in partnership with schools, other local authority agencies and families, to secure and maintain appropriate education for a range of vulnerable pupils who are, or might otherwise, become missing from education.

- 4 To ensure that children and young people had the best support available to meet their needs when leaving custody**
The service has adopted constructive resettlement approaches and improved the experiences of children and young people transitioning back into the community, and between the youth justice and probation/other adult services. The service has developed its joint working approaches with statutory partners, improving how the service supports children and young people whilst they are in custody, improving accessibility to accommodation and improving the support that is available for those transitioning to adult services. Service level agreements have also been updated to ensure that improved working practices are sustainable.
- 5 To ensure that robust consultation processes were in place to enable children and young people and their families to have an opportunity to shape Nottinghamshire's youth justice service**
The service developed a participation strategy, demonstrating its commitment to involving children, young people, and their families in shaping the service. The launch of a new online feedback platform seeking out the views and opinions of those who have worked with the service. It has also been consulting with children and young people about service development, the recruitment of staff and the interventions which are being delivered. Feedback from families has been shared across the service; highlighting gaps in service delivery in need of development and promoting areas of good practice which can be replicated to improve the experience of children and young people and their families.

Performance

In Nottinghamshire, the service consistently performs well against key indicators when compared to the national average, having a lower number of first-time entrants, a lower reoffending rate and a lower number of custodial sentences and remands.

- Locally, the total number of children and young people remanded and sentenced to youth detention accommodation has fallen seeing a reduction from last year. There have been just two custodial sentences and four remands within the full year and rates remain at an all-time low, demonstrating a consistent level of high performance.

Whilst the number of first-time entrants has fallen, the current rate is plateauing at a similar rate to the previous year. Data tells us that children and young people in Nottinghamshire are entering the criminal justice system later into their childhood than those nationally. This may be seen as a good sign and indicates that efforts to divert younger children from the criminal justice system are proving to be effective.
- Rates of re-offending and numbers of re-offences committed by re-offenders has again reduced and figures show that Nottinghamshire is performing better than the national average.



Performance measure	Nottinghamshire current performance 2022/23	Nottinghamshire's performance 2021/22	Target
First time entrants: Number per 100,000 of 10-17 population	144	149	Lower than the national average (168)
Re-offending – Binary (reported 3 months in arrears)	10.2	15.8	Lower than the national average (34.2%)
Re-offending – Frequency re-offences per offender (reported 3 months in arrears)	0.31 (Q4)	0.62 (Same Q last year)	Lower than the national average (1.25)
Re-offending – Frequency re-offences per re-offender (reported 3 months in arrears)	3.0 (Q4)	4.50 (Same Q last year)	Lower than the national average (3.65)
Custodial remands (actual numbers)	4	7	Lower than the national average (30)
Custodial sentences (actual numbers)	2	7	Lower than the national average (16)

** Dependent upon counting rules applied some statistics may vary

The Youth Justice Board (YJB) has increased the number of performance indicators that services are expected to report on and the youth justice service will now be reporting on an additional ten key performance indicators:

- KPI 1: Accommodation**
Will report on the type and suitability of children and young people’s accommodation.

KPI 2: Education, training and employment
Will monitor children and young people’s employment, training and educational status, the type of provision which is being accessed and the number of hours of education, training and employment that are being offered and attended.

KPI 3: Special education needs
Will show the number of children and young people with an identified special educational need, the number that have a formal plan in place and how many are accessing suitable educational provision.

KPI 4: Mental health and emotional wellbeing
Will measure the number of children and young people identified as having a mental health and emotional wellbeing need; and the number that have either received, or have been offered, an intervention.

- KPI 5: Substance misuse**
Monitors the number of children and young people with a screened/identified need for intervention to address substance misuse who are accessing, or have been offered, intervention.

KPI 6: Out of court disposal
Reports on the number of children and young people who have successfully completed interventions as part of an out of court disposal.

KPI 7: Wider services
Will highlight the number of children and young people within the service who are working with wider services (e.g., referred for early help intervention, on a Child Protection Plan, Child in Need, care experienced etc.).

KPI 8: Management Board attendance
Makes it mandatory for the service to report on senior and non-senior partners’ attendance at the Board.

KPI 9: Serious youth violence
Will report on the number of proven serious youth violence offences and the demographic breakdown of individuals cautioned and convicted for these offences.

KPI 10: Victims
Will monitor the number of identified victims who have been contacted by the service and engaged with a restorative justice intervention or provided with information and/or additional support.



Priorities for 2023/24

This year the partnership has chosen to focus on four primary objectives:

- ✓ **Developing a shared diversionary vision across the partnership**
- ✓ **Improving arrangements for children and young people on multiple pathways**
- ✓ **Strengthening the approach to addressing serious youth violence and exploitation**
- ✓ **Improving access to mental health and speech and language provision**

The service has consulted with children and young people regarding these areas which will form part of the planning.

1. Developing a shared diversionary vision across the partnership

The service in Nottinghamshire remains committed to working with children and young people in need of support, on a non-statutory basis. It prides itself on delivering a high-quality service in relation to youth diversion, prevention, and detached services, thus, keeping a focus on reducing the numbers of children and young people entering the service for the first time. The numbers of children and young people working with the service on non-statutory programmes of intervention has gradually increased over the past few years contributing to reduced numbers of first-time entrants.

The promotion of appropriate diversion is a core principle of child first practice. The partnership wishes to promote a collaborative focus on earlier intervention, increasing the proportion of preventative and diversionary interventions that are being used, whilst

continuing to reduce the number of children and young people who are working with the service on a statutory basis.

The partnership wants to better understand how partners can work better together to improve opportunities for providing early preventative intervention and divert children and young people from the criminal justice system. This will include ensuring that children, young people, and their families access support from a range of early help services, with the youth justice offer being available to those who need a targeted approach with elements of crime prevention.

Whilst this objective will contribute towards reducing the number of first-time entrants, success will also be measured by key performance indicator 6.

Outcome

Children and young people who are at risk of offending are identified at the earliest opportunity so that their individual needs are met.

The service will...

- ✓ Promote earlier access to services for children and young people with underlying neurodiversity needs.
- ✓ Pilot increased presence of youth justice staff in police custody suites to promote opportunities for consultation and reduce delays in children and young people accessing preventative/diversionary interventions.
- ✓ Review and agree a diversionary protocol with the police and partnership colleagues promoting consistency and use of the full range of diversionary and out of court disposals for children and young people across Nottinghamshire.
- ✓ Improve the timescales for the processing and delivery of out of court disposals to ensure that children and young people receive a timely outcome.
- ✓ Promote outcomes across the partnership for children and young people where diversionary activity has taken place, increasing the confidence, and use, of the wide range of disposals.
- ✓ Review how the partnership can support schools to identify and respond to children and young people who would benefit from targeted intervention with an element of prevention.

2. Improving arrangements for children on multiple pathways

Findings from both internal and external audits/inspections indicate that service pathways do not always complement one another. Feedback from children, young people and their parents and carers also suggests that working across services can often be a complicated and confusing experience. The partnership supports the view that pathways need to be reviewed to prevent duplication and improve families' experiences when working with multiple services.

Over the coming year, the partnership wants to build an understanding of existing pathways and the effectiveness of partnership working when children and young people are working across different services. The partnership wants to ensure that children, young people, and their families have a voice, ensuring that their feedback features as a central part of this work and any improvements that are made.

The services reporting on key performance indicators 2, 3, 4 and 5 will assist in measuring performance in relation to this objective.

Outcome

Improve the co-ordination of resources and services to prevent duplication and ensure that children and young people's experience is the best that it can be when working with multiple services.

Proposed activity

- ✓ Review the available data in relation to children on multiple pathways open to the youth justice service to gain an insight into areas of potential duplication.
- ✓ Implement improvements to arrangements for joint working to better meet the needs of children and young people who are working across services (e.g., youth justice and education, health, children's social care, etc.)
- ✓ Gather child, young person and families' feedback about their experience of being open to multiple services to learn what is and what is not working.

3. Strengthening the approach to addressing serious youth violence and exploitation

While overall performance in Nottinghamshire in relation to serious youth violence is relatively strong the service recognises that the implications of these offences have widespread consequences for individuals and communities. Performance information indicates that, with respect to first time entrants, 'violence against the person' offences including weapons possession make up nearly half of all offences.

When considering the children and young people within the youth justice service, there is a growing opinion that violent and aggressive behaviours may be more strongly related to individual factors such as experiences of trauma and developmental delay, fuelled in many cases by exposure to social media. It is these perceptions and opinions that need to be further investigated and supported with evidence which will form part of the plan for this year.

The partnership wants a better understanding of the local picture so that its able to address and prevent the harm arising from serious youth violence and exploitation of children and young people. The partnership needs to

build mechanisms for sharing relevant data to develop a common understanding of the local picture amongst partners; this will assist in strengthening its approach to effectively tackle the issues for perpetrators and victims of youth violence and exploitation.

It is known that around one in five children and young people who have ever been permanently excluded from school have been cautioned or sentenced for a serious violence offence; thus, further demonstrating that working with education and other partners plays a critical part in addressing youth violence and exploitation. As is required by the Serious Violence Duty (which came into force in January 2023), the service will be working with the Violence Reduction Partnership and partners to establish a strategic need assessment, identifying the drivers of serious violence in the local area and the cohort of people at most risk or most affected by serious violence.

Reporting data in relation to key performance indicator 6 and 9 will assist in measuring performance in relation to this objective.

Outcome

To develop a deeper understanding of SYV locally to be able to better respond.

Proposed activity

- ✓ Review and improve mechanisms for sharing relevant data across the partnership to enable us to build a local picture of serious youth violence and develop a response plan.
- ✓ Develop a children/young people's offending dashboard which can be presented to the Board on a quarterly basis.
- ✓ Population risk and offending profiles produced by the Violence Reduction Partnership to be shared with the partnership Board in order that the service can contribute to a response plan.
- ✓ Agree a partnership response to data showing a strong link between exclusion and offending.

Outcome

To ensure that policies / practice for how the partnership approaches violent/weapons offences is reflective of 'best practice'.

Proposed activity

- ✓ Review the joint police / youth justice knife crime policy ensuring that it aligns with national developments and examples of best practice.
- ✓ Review the schools' knife crime policy, clarifying roles and responsibilities with a focus on primary aged children and those with special educational needs and disabilities.
- ✓ Contribute to the implementation of neighbourhood safeguarding and disruption meetings across all seven districts.

4. Improving access to mental health and speech and language provision

Despite some focused activity over the past three years, it is acknowledged by the partnership that there remains a shortfall in health provision for children and young people who are working with the service on preventative and diversionary pathways.

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Joint Local Transformation Plan for children and young people's emotional wellbeing and mental health aims to increase the numbers of children and young people who can access services. It also aims to develop a single point of access for all children and young people's mental health early intervention services, ensuring that the most vulnerable children and young people are able to access resources.

As a whole system, the partnership needs to respond to children and young people's experience of trauma and adverse childhood experience with a view to increasing the number of children and young people who are able to access emotional and mental health support.

National and local research has evidenced that a high percentage of children and young people in the youth justice system have speech, language and communication difficulties; this is estimated as being approximately 80 to 90%, with 60% of young males having clinically significant levels of language impairment (Snow, 2013). Local data indicates that 82% of children and young people known to the youth justice service have speech, language and communication needs.

The partnership wants to improve outcomes for children and young people with speech language and communication needs and acknowledges that increasing specialist resource is key.

Success in relation to this objective will be measured by key performance indicator 4 and 5.

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Outcome

Improved access to early intervention support for children and young people with speech, language and communication needs, and emotional and mental health issues.

Proposed activity

- ✓ Recommission increased and improved resource to address speech, language and communication needs and emotional and mental health provision for children and young people working with the youth justice service.
- ✓ Review the pathway for neurodiversity assessment and diagnosis for children and young people known to the service, to ensure that they can access the right service at the right time.



What do children and young people think of the plan?

- The children and young people who were spoken to as part of developing the plan agreed that serious youth violence should be a priority and asked that the service also consider the impact of ‘youth culture and street culture’ on children and young people.
- Their view was that serious youth violence and drugs were very closely linked and said that delivered interventions should take this into consideration. This will be considered when constructing principles for service delivery.
- Children and young people felt strongly that early education relating to violence and offending was important and believed that services should be working in education settings with groups of children and young people on a regular basis.
- They also said that, in their experience, outreach workers were well placed to raise awareness and educate children and young people in the community and felt that these staff were important.
- In addition, they said that it was also important for children and young people to have something to do in their local communities to help them avoid being involved in gangs and offending.
- Children and young people will continue to be involved in discussions about the service priority areas and their views will feed into operational developments.

Appendix

Youth justice services in Nottinghamshire are funded from a variety of funding streams, both direct monetary payments and seconded staff.

Agency	Staffing costs	Payments in kind revenue	Total
Local Authority		857,547	857,547
Nottinghamshire Police	78,000	59,038	137,038
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner		109,000	109,000
National Probation Service	45,000*	5,000	50,000
Clinical Commissioning Group	193,000		193,000
Youth Justice Service Grant		1,193,655	1,193,655
Turnaround Grant Funding		288,000	288,000
Total	316,000	2,512,240	2,828,240

*Probation allocation is 0.6 FTE probation officer and 0.4 FTE OMPSO

The youth justice service receives additional ‘in kind’ services from the county council in terms of infrastructure (accommodation, IT support), assistance with quality and performance monitoring / administration and business support.

The funding available to the service allows it to deliver statutory services in a holistic way, with children and young people receiving specialist support with their physical and emotional health, with input from qualified youth justice and youth work staff, and dedicated resource to support them with accessing education. The service is striving to broaden this holistic offer to those children and young people being supported on a voluntary basis also.

Grant and partnership contributions, including from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, allow the delivery of a robust preventative offer through the My Future Youth Support Programme. The service uses its grant, partner contributions and available resources to deliver a broad range of services. It has recently recruited additional early help case managers, enhancing its delivery model to include a more holistic approach and expanding on early preventative offers of support to more children and young people.





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REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF OVERVIEW COMMITTEE

SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide a summary of the work of the Overview Committee and the three select committees during 2022/23 and to detail how the Council's Scrutiny function has worked to support delivery of the objectives contained in Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-31.

Information

2. The Local Government Act 2000 introduced a new political management system for local councils in England and Wales, requiring them to have a separate 'executive' in the form of a leader, or elected mayor, and cabinet. To provide a counterweight for this, the Act also introduced the concept of 'overview and scrutiny', whereby every council with an executive management structure is required to have one or more overview and scrutiny committee.
3. At its meeting 31 March 2022, the Council agreed unanimously to change from a committee system of governance to the executive system (Leader and Cabinet model), with the accompanying introduction of a scrutiny function.
4. Scrutiny aims to ensure that public services and policies best meet the needs of Nottinghamshire residents. Scrutiny acts as the check and balance to the Council's Executive decision makers, the Cabinet, by contributing to policy review and development; holding the Council's Cabinet and partners to account for decisions and performance and investigating issues that matter to residents and working with Council officers and partners to improve services.
5. In accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Overview Committee is required to report at least annually to Full Council on the workings of the overview and scrutiny function. This first annual report presents a summary of scrutiny work carried out by the Overview Committee and the Adult Social Care and Public Health, Children and Families and Place Select Committees. To highlight the impact of scrutiny in helping the Council achieve its goals, this report describes outcomes across the ambitions set out in the Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-31.
6. In Nottinghamshire, the Council's Statutory Healthy Scrutiny Committee operates independently from the Overview Committee and the three select committees, as such the work of the Council's Statutory Healthy Scrutiny Committee is not included in the Annual Report.

7. An independent review of the Council's scrutiny arrangements is currently underway being led by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny, with all Members having the opportunity to feed their views and ideas into the review.
8. The Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23 is attached at **Appendix A**.

Other Options Considered

9. None. In accordance with the Overview Committee's Procedure Rules, as set out at Section 6, Part 2 (o.) of the Council's Constitution, the Overview Committee is required to report at least annually to Full Council on the workings of the overview and scrutiny function and on any other matters of a general nature which it wishes to bring to the attention of Council.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. To meet the requirements of the Council's Constitution for the Overview Committee to report annually to Full Council on the on the workings of the overview and scrutiny function.

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.

Financial Implications

12. There are no direct financial implications relating to the recommendations of the report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23 be noted.

Councillor Boyd Elliott
Chairman, Overview Committee

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Constitutional Comments (LW 14/09/2023)

13. Full Council is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report. Under section 2(o) of Overview Committee's Terms of Reference, Overview Committee is required to report at

least annually to Full Council on the workings of the overview and scrutiny function and any other matters of a general nature which it wishes to bring to the attention of Council.

Financial Comments (SES 15/09/2023)

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

- Local Government Act 2000 Part 1A Chapter 2 – Overview and Scrutiny Committees
- Change to Council Governance Arrangements – Report to Council 31 March 2022

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23



Introduction from the Chairman of the Overview Committee.

Welcome to the scrutiny annual report. The report provides a summary of the work undertaken by Overview Committee and the three select committees during 2022/23. It details how the Council's Scrutiny function has worked to support delivery of the objectives contained in the Nottinghamshire Plan, the Council's 10-year vision for a healthy, prosperous, and greener Nottinghamshire for everyone.

Scrutiny is an important non-political process carried out by Councillors on behalf of the residents of Nottinghamshire. Scrutiny raises standards by challenging the Council's performance and checking whether policies and services meet people's needs.

With the change to the Council's governance arrangements in May 2022 and the introduction of the new scrutiny function, 2022/23 has been a busy year for scrutiny. During the year, 23 scrutiny committee meetings were held, and three detailed scrutiny reviews were completed. This work has played a vital role in holding decision makers to account; reviewing policies and strategies; as well as considering how the Council is delivering on its commitments to the residents of Nottinghamshire. Throughout the year Overview Committee and the three select committees have focused on the critical issues for the Council and provided constructive input to improve outcomes for residents. Important work carried out by members of the Overview Committee has included detailed scrutiny of budget proposals ahead of the budget and council tax being agreed by Council.

Scrutiny at Nottinghamshire is still very new, and as such our approach to scrutiny is still developing. During 2022/23 scrutiny members attended an excellent training session delivered by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny that provided an opportunity for members to further develop their scrutiny skills. Additional training was also made available to scrutiny chairs and vice-chairs to support them in their role.

Now that the new arrangements have been in place a year, a review of the scrutiny element of the Council's new governance arrangements will consider how the Council's approach to scrutiny can be further developed to ensure that this activity is helping to provide the best possible outcomes for Nottinghamshire residents.

I wish to thank all scrutiny members and co-opted members for their hard work and commitment to carrying out meaningful scrutiny in Nottinghamshire during the past year. I'd also like to thank Cabinet members and officers for attending scrutiny committee meetings and supporting the delivery of the in-depth scrutiny reviews that have taken place.

The next year will be a busy one as scrutiny continues to seek to support the delivery of the ambitions of the Council, and I look forward to working with all Scrutiny members, Cabinet members and officers to deliver high quality scrutiny throughout 2023/24.

Councillor Boyd Elliott Chairman of the Overview Committee

What is scrutiny?

Scrutiny aims to ensure that public services and policies best meet the needs of Nottinghamshire's residents. Scrutiny acts as the check and balance to the Council's Executive decision makers, the Cabinet, by contributing to policy review and development, holding the Council's Cabinet and partners to account for decisions and performance and investigating issues that matter to residents.

Who is involved?

Any Councillor who is not a member of the Cabinet can participate. Committees also have co-opted members and dedicated officer support. Cabinet Members, Strategic Directors, other officers, and representatives of partner organisations are invited to attend meetings to discuss issues.

What kinds of things can scrutiny look at?

Councillors and Co-opted Members prioritise issues. Because of the time commitment and effort required it is not possible to look at every topic. Each select committee draws up a list of possible items it would like to consider. Overview Committee reviews this, together with its own list of selected topics, and manages the overall Work Programme, considering whether scrutiny can make a real difference by looking at an issue.

Is there anything scrutiny can't examine?

Individual complaints or regulatory decisions are not appropriate topics for scrutiny.

Is scrutiny political?

Councillors across all political groups participate, setting aside party politics to look objectively at issues, basing their findings on evidence.

What happens in Scrutiny Committee meetings?

Formal Scrutiny committee meetings are held in public. They provide a forum whereby councillors can:

- discuss written information they have received from the council and external bodies.
- hear evidence from witnesses, which could include other councillors, council officers, experts, representatives from other organisations and members of the public.
- question witnesses to gain a better understanding of the issues.
- draw conclusions from their discussions and the evidence examined, in the form of an outcome.

What is the role of each Committee?

The Council's Constitution details the role of each committee in detail. The main responsibilities of each committee are:

Overview Committee

- Scrutinise and review any matter under the responsibility of the Chief Executive's Department.

- Coordinate the work of three select committees (including approving each committee's work programme) to ensure the time of select committees is used effectively and efficiently.
- Scrutinise the implementation of the Nottinghamshire Plan.
- Support Cabinet in the creation of the Council's Budget.
- Consider Call-in requests.

Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee

- Scrutinise and review any matter under the responsibility of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Department.

Children and Families Select Committee

- Scrutinise and review any matter under the responsibility of the Children and Families Department.

Place Select Committee

- Scrutinise and review any matter under the responsibility of the Place Department.
- Carry out the Council's statutory responsibility for flood risk management scrutiny.
- Carry out the Council's statutory responsibility for crime and disorder scrutiny.

What are Task and finish groups?

Task and finish groups are informal, usually small and time-limited bodies comprised of councillors and, often, co-optees brought in from outside the council for their specific skills and experiences. They are established by a parent committee to undertake a discrete piece of scrutiny work, and report back to that committee with their findings and recommendations.

What is Call-in?

Call-in provides a mechanism for councillors to use when they feel that a decision being made by the executive needs to be revisited (or possibly changed) because they can show that the principles of good decision-making have not been followed. It provides a key check and balance in the leader/cabinet system of governance.

What about Health Scrutiny?

In Nottinghamshire, the Council's Statutory Healthy Scrutiny Committee that examines the delivery of externally delivered health services across the County, such as NHS dental services and access to GP's, operates independently from the Overview Committee and the three select committees. Coordination of work programmes between the committees does take place to ensure that the work of the Health Scrutiny Committee and of the other committees are aligned and not duplicated.

Further information on the work of the Health Scrutiny Committee can be accessed [here](#).

The Nottinghamshire Plan

The Nottinghamshire Plan is the Council's 10-year vision for a healthy, prosperous, and greener Nottinghamshire for everyone.

This vision is supported by nine ambitions and commitments to 2025 which act as a framework for all County Council activity. These are:

- Helping our people live healthier, more independent lives.
- Supporting communities and families
- Keeping children, vulnerable adults, and communities safe.
- Building skills that help people to get good local jobs.
- Strengthening businesses and creating more good-quality jobs.
- Making Nottinghamshire somewhere people love to live, work and visit. • Attracting investment in infrastructure, the economy, and green growth.
- Improving transport and digital connections.
- Protecting the environment and reducing our carbon footprint.

A tenth ambition "A forward-looking and resilient Council" describes the Council's ambitions and commitments in terms of internal corporate improvement.

During 2022/23 the Overview Committee reviewed the delivery of the Annual Delivery Plan and accompanying Assurance Report that detailed how the activities to deliver on the ambitions of the Nottinghamshire Plan were progressing. With all actions contained within the Annual Delivery Plan and Assurance Report being currently 'On Track' or 'Completed', the focus of Scrutiny has been on specific areas that were not achieving the expected levels or where feedback from residents to Members had prompted specific queries.

Throughout 2023/24 the Overview Committee will continue to review how activity across the Council is delivering on the ambitions of the Nottinghamshire Plan.

The following sections provide a summary of the work undertaken by the Overview Committee and the three select committees during 2022/23 and details how the Council's Scrutiny function has worked to support delivery of the objectives contained in the Nottinghamshire Plan.

Helping our people live healthier, more independent lives.

Adult Social Care Market Pressures

Members of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee examined the activities that were being taken by the Council to create stability in the Adult Social Care market and support increased future demand for social care services. Members of the committee sought assurances around how the success of the activities being implemented would be measured, particularly regarding recruitment and retention of the social care work force and on the impact of recent recruitment campaigns. Members of the committee also sought assurance on how the changes to how payments were made to Homes Based Care and Supported Living Providers would work to stabilise the Adult Social Care Market and how they would enable the provision of sustainable social care services for Nottinghamshire residents.

Members of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee will be receiving a further report in October 2023 to scrutinise the impact of the activities that have been

implemented over the past year to address the challenges in the Adult Social Care Market.

Day Opportunities Strategy 2022-27

In April 2022, the Council introduced a new five-year Day Opportunities Strategy that set out a future vision for an inclusive society where mainstream leisure and employment support can be accessible to people who access care and support. At the March 2023 meeting of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee members received a report that detailed the progress being made in implementing the strategy. Members of the committee welcomed the implementation of the Strategy and its objectives, but agreed that further detailed scrutiny was needed to examine:

- how the Strategy would be implemented to ensure equity of access of all residents who accessed the service across Nottinghamshire.
- how the performance of the newly implemented strategy would be measured and reported.
- how the Day Opportunities service model would support the lives and improve outcomes for those people with lived experience.
- how the ongoing service delivery of the Day Opportunities Strategy would take into account the outcomes of the consultation that would be carried out with people who had lived experience.

A member led task and finish review will start in Autumn 2023 to scrutinise these issues in detail. The findings of the review will be reported at the March 2024 meeting of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee in advance of them being submitted to Cabinet for their consideration.

Improving the public health outcomes of Nottinghamshire residents

At the December 2022 meeting of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee members received a report that provided information on the public health outcomes experienced by Nottinghamshire residents. At the meeting members sought to gain further information and clarification on the activities that were being carried out to improve the public health outcomes of all Nottinghamshire residents, particularly for those residents who lived in areas of higher deprivation.

After discussing the report in detail, members were assured that the work that was required to improve the health of all residents, and in particular, of residents in the more deprived areas of Nottinghamshire had been identified as areas of priority in both the Nottinghamshire Plan as well as in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

As a result of the debate at the meeting, members also agreed that further detailed scrutiny should be carried out on specific public health issues, these included access to, and the take up of the NHS Health Check service and on tobacco control and the potential public health impacts of vaping.

The role of e-cigarettes (vapes) in tobacco control and Public Health

At the March 2023 meeting of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee, members considered the role of e-cigarettes or “vapes” in tobacco control and public health in Nottinghamshire. Members of the committee were keen to examine the benefits and risks of vapes, how they were used as a tobacco quitting

aid, and how issues around youth vaping and the use of vapes in Nottinghamshire schools were being addressed.

As part of their detailed discussions committee members:

- raised concerns about the long-term impacts of vaping and the lack of information around potential future health implications. Members acknowledged data that showed that the risk of vaping was 95% less than that of using traditional tobacco products but noted that there were still some risks.
- were pleased to see joint work with Trading Standards to tackle sales to underage children.
- raised concerns about the recyclability and disposal of single use e-cigarette products.
- felt that the advertising of brightly coloured and highly flavoured e-cigarette products was inappropriate. Members felt strongly that the legislation and regulation of these products was not sufficient.
- welcomed the work that was being carried out with schools to support them discourage smoking and vaping amongst children and young people.

As a result of the discussion that was held at the meeting:

- the Chairman of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee wrote to Nottinghamshire MPs:
 - to advise them of the committee's concerns around the advertising, availability, and subsequent use of vapes by children and young people, and to request that they raise these concerns with relevant Government ministers, and,
 - to advise of the committee's support for the recommendations arising from "The Khan review: making smoking obsolete" that were published in June 2022.
- the Chairman of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee wrote to the Secretary of State for the Environment regarding the committee's concerns about the environmental impact of disposable vapes.
- members of the committee received further information on the support that was provided to schools to assist them to address issues around vaping and how they as elected members could support and promote this work.

Supporting our communities and families

Financial Support for the Provision of School Uniform

In advance of the decision being taken by the Cabinet Member for Children and Families, members of the Children and Families Select Committee considered a report on the continuation of the Council's scheme for providing financial support towards the cost of replacing school clothing and footwear for families in exceptional circumstances. Included in this category are families who have lost clothes in a fire, a flood, theft, have been made homeless or who are fleeing domestic violence. During 2022/23 £673.75 was paid in allowances to families experiencing exceptional circumstances against a budget of £500.

On considering the information provided, members agreed that the scheme should continue in its current form, and recommended to the Cabinet Member that the overall budget should be increased to £1,000 to ensure that it could adequately meet projected future demand. On taking the decision, the Cabinet Member accepted the recommendations of the Children's and Families Select Committee.

Review of Education Health and Care Plans

As part of the development of the Children and Families Select Committee's work programme, the Education Health, and Care Plan (EHC) process was identified as an important area for a detailed scrutiny task and finish review.

The key objectives set out for the review were:

- to gain an understanding of the issues and challenges surrounding the implementation of EHC Plans and the carrying out of the preceding Assessments.
- to establish what processes, organisational structures, and capacity the Council had in place so that it could fulfil its statutory duties relating to EHC Plans sustainably and efficiently.
- to examine the processes being carried out at neighbouring Local Authorities in relation to EHC Plans and to consider if this could highlight any areas of best practice.
- to make appropriate recommendations on how the processes surrounding EHC Plans could operate more effectively at the Council to ensure that the best outcomes are achieved for children, young people, and families.

The findings of the review will be considered at the October 2023 meeting of the Children and Families Select Committee in advance of them being submitted to Cabinet for their consideration.

Child Poverty – Free School Meals

At the June 2023 meeting of the Children and Families Select Committee, members examined how the Council used Free School Meals (FSM) provision to plan and inform the delivery of other support for children and families.

The committee agreed that it was vital that all possible steps were taken to ensure that every child who was eligible for FSM was enrolled for that support. The committee asked that further work be carried out to examine how the County Council could work with the District and Borough Councils to enable the effective sharing of data in relation

to auto-enrolment for FSM to help ensure that no child who was eligible was missing out in receiving FSM.

The committee also requested that through the Council's existing work with partner organisations and the voluntary sector, that further work should take place to develop an increased understanding of the number of families in Nottinghamshire who were just above the income level to be eligible for FSM, but who were still struggling financially. Members of the committee agreed that this work would enable the targeting of available support to families who were struggling financially.

During 2023/24 the Children and Families Select Committee will be looking at the Council's Holiday Activity Fund Programme to examine how it is delivering to the children and families of Nottinghamshire.

Cost of Living Review

Members of the Overview Committee are currently carrying out a review to understand how the current challenges around cost-of-living are impacting on Nottinghamshire residents and to examine how the Council's response is supporting residents and staff in these challenging and difficult times.

In July 2023 as part of the review activity, members of the review group met with representatives from the Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB). At this meeting members examined in detail the impact of the cost-of-living situation on residents across Nottinghamshire in relation to cost of living pressures. The review group learnt how the CAB was working to support residents and how the cost-of-living situation had changed the type of enquiries that residents were presenting with in comparison to those seen in previous years. A further information gathering meeting with representatives of other partner and voluntary organisations will take place in the Autumn.

The work of the review group will conclude in examining the Council's role and activities regarding supporting residents and staff who are facing cost-of-living pressures. This will enable the review group to assess and to gain assurance that the support that the Council is able to provide is meeting the pressures being experienced by residents and staff.

A final report that details the findings of the review will be presented at future meeting of the Overview Committee.

Keeping children, vulnerable adults, and communities safe

Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report

The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (NSCP) provides the safeguarding arrangements under which safeguarding partners and relevant agencies work together to coordinate safeguarding services across Nottinghamshire.

In December 2022 members of the Children and Families Select Committee received the NSCP's annual report for 2021/22. The committee took this opportunity to engage with the NSCP's independent scrutineer to examine how the NSCP was fulfilling its duties and how the NSCP was coordinating the multi-agency arrangements that were in place to deliver effective safeguarding activity that would protect children and young people across Nottinghamshire. After an in-depth and detailed discussion, members were assured that the NSCP was fulfilling its duties but agreed that future reports from

the NSCP should contain more information about how current activity by the NSCP was supporting the delivery of its strategic priorities.

The Children and Families Select Committee will continue the important work of scrutinising safeguarding activity for children and young people when it receives the 2022/23 NSCP annual report at its October 2023 meeting.

Nottinghamshire Adults Safeguarding Board Annual Report and Plan

The Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board (NSAB) is made up of representatives from organisations including, Nottinghamshire Police, the Crown Prosecution Service, the NHS, local councils, and voluntary organisations. Its main responsibility is to get these organisations working together to help adults who may have been abused and to help prevent adults being abused. In December 2022 the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee received the NSAB annual report for 2021/22 and took the opportunity to discuss with the Independent Chair how the NSAB was working to deliver on its strategic priorities. After an in-depth and varied discussion members were confident that the NSAB was effectively delivering adult safeguarding but sought further assurance on its activity around the adult safeguarding needs of refugees and asylum seekers in Nottinghamshire.

At the committee's request, NSAB undertook assurance work regarding how the adult safeguarding needs of refugees and asylum seekers were met in Nottinghamshire. This resulted in contact being made with Serco, the accommodation provider for Nottinghamshire, and agreement being reached that two six-monthly updates would be provided by Serco to the Board, complete with supporting data. It was also agreed that Serco would undertake to complete the annual 'Performance Assurance Tool', alongside other partner agencies, reporting upon their safeguarding activity and how they contributed towards the strategic priorities of the Board. Additionally, a site visit was also undertaken by the Independent Chair and Board Manager, with initial quality assurance and analysis undertaken. This found that staff induction, pathway guidance and training were areas the Board would continue to engage with Serco to develop. The Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee will continue the important work of scrutinising safeguarding activity for adults when it receives the 2022/23 NSAB annual report at its October 2023 meeting.

Road Safety

In January 2023 the Place Select Committee examined the activity that was being carried out by the Council, Via, and other delivery partners to deliver further improvements to road safety across Nottinghamshire.

Crime and Disorder - Safer Nottinghamshire Board

Legislation requires that Councils appoint a Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee that must meet at least once a year to look at crime and disorder issues. In Nottinghamshire the Place Select Committee carries out this role.

In July 2023 the Place Select Committee examined the Safer Nottinghamshire Board's crime and disorder strategy, the Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement 2023-2025. The committee recommended that the Communications Strategy that was being developed to support the delivery of the Community Safety Agreement should focus on activity that would make it clearer and easier for residents to report crime and anti-

social behaviour incidents to both local authorities and to the Police. The committee also sought and gained assurance that the five priority areas (Domestic Abuse, Serious violence, Prevention High Harm Offences and Fraud and Cyber-crime) identified by the Safer Nottinghamshire Board did not have an order of priority for action, and all priorities were tackled equally to improve lives of residents.

The Place Select Committee will continue to scrutinise the delivery of the Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement during 2023/24.

Building skills that help people get good jobs.

Secondary school place planning

At the March 2022 meeting, members of the Children and Families Select Committee looked at how the Council is working to deliver sufficient secondary school places across Nottinghamshire.

Members agreed that the Council's overall plan for delivering secondary school places was positive, with new schools being built and current schools being extended.

Members agreed that for the Council to provide the required number of school places across Nottinghamshire it was essential that the processes for identifying the need for school places were fully integrated with the processes for both building new schools and expanding existing ones. In Autumn 2023 members of the Children and Families Select Committee will be carrying out a task and finish review to examine how the Children and Families and Place departments can best work together on projects being implemented across Nottinghamshire to deliver additional school places.

Provision of Support to Looked After Children Transitioning Out of the Care System

At the June 2023 meeting of the Children and Families Select Committee, members examined how the Council supported Looked After Children to transition out of the care system and to lead successful and fulfilling lives. As part of a wide-ranging and in-depth discussion members examined how young people leaving the care system were supported to access education and employment. The committee were advised:

- all children in care had Personal Education Plans at school to support them in achieving their goals, interests, and aspirations.
- young people in care had access to individual personal advisers in their school. A mentoring scheme was also in place with Nottingham Trent University.
- the number of care-experienced young people attending further and higher education had increased, and many young people had attended employability briefings with local businesses.

The committee welcomed this activity and asked that the Cabinet Member for Children and Families looked further at how more young people could be encouraged to remain with their foster family after turning 18, as this would provide more young people with a continuation of a supportive and stable home from which they could then embark on their next steps into further education, training, or employment.

Strengthening businesses and creating more good-quality jobs.

Making Nottinghamshire somewhere people love to live, work and visit.

Attracting investment in infrastructure, the economy and green growth.

Visitor Economy Framework

At the December 2022 meeting of the Overview Committee members received a report on the actions being implemented that were supporting the delivery of the ambitions of the Nottinghamshire Plan. At the meeting members were advised that the Council's Visitor Economy Framework was due to be refreshed in response to changes arising from the Covid-19 pandemic and other changes to the visitor economy. As such a refreshed strategy would be considered by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management in early 2023. As a result of the discussion that took place it was agreed that members of the Place Select Committee would look in detail at the refreshed Visitor Economy Framework in advance of the strategy being considered for approval by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management.

As a result of the discussions that took place, members of the Place Select Committee agreed that the Visitor Economy Framework clearly set out the steps that the County Council would take to enable the Visitor Economy in Nottinghamshire thrive and recover from the impact of the pandemic. Members of the committee also highlighted several areas that should be focused on in the creation of the action plan that would be used to drive forward the objectives of the Visitor Economy Framework. These included:

- increasing the delivery of good quality accommodation to enable more visitors to make longer visits to Nottinghamshire.
- maximising the opportunities provided by visitors who were coming to Nottinghamshire to access elite sports events, other visitor attractions and recreational sports facilities to develop other elements of the local visitor economy.
- Developing the use of social media to engage with potential visitors, especially younger visitors to Nottinghamshire.
- developing the role of the County Council in bringing stakeholders together to share and utilise best practice around activities that would further develop the visitor economy in Nottinghamshire.

The Place Select Committee will be receiving a report in March 2024 to examine the progress being made in implementing the Visitor Economy Framework and how it is supporting the growth of Nottinghamshire's Visitor Economy.

Improving transport and digital connections

Highways

In May 2021 a cross party Highways review panel was established to review all aspects of highways management in Nottinghamshire. In January 2023 the Place Select Committee examined how the recommendations that had arisen from the review were being delivered and how they were leading to continued improvements to Nottinghamshire's roads.

The Place Select Committee will receive a further report at its December 2023 meeting to scrutinise and monitor the impact of the recommendations in improving Nottinghamshire's roads.

Public Transport and Concessionary Travel

In October 2022 the Place Select Committee received a report that provided an overview of public transport and local bus arrangements. The report enabled members to examine and scrutinise current activity around concessionary travel, the Bus Network Review and on the work being undertaken to improve the public transport infrastructure.

During 2023/24 the Place Select committee will be examining the outcomes of the Bus Network review and how the subsidies and support provided by the Council for bus services in Nottinghamshire are supporting the delivery of public transport infrastructure in Nottinghamshire.

Review of Concessionary Travel.

In early 2023 members of the Place Select Committee carried out a "task and finish" review of concessionary travel in Nottinghamshire. The review enabled members to gain an understanding of the Council's concessionary fare scheme and to examine what the scheme could look like in the future. In carrying out the review members noted that there were a series of statutory obligations and discretionary elements to the concessionary fare scheme, and that whilst the Council could liaise with commercial bus operators on concessions, the Council did not have the power to enforce any changes to their policies.

The recommendations from the review included:

- That consultation and engagement activity be carried out with both older persons and disabled persons permit holders to gather further information on how they currently use their travel pass and how potentially they would like to be able to use their pass in the future to meet their travel needs.
- That consultation and engagement activity be carried out with concessionary permit holders at suitable intervals in the future to ensure that the concessionary travel scheme in Nottinghamshire continues to meet the needs of its users.
- That the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment gives consideration to a feasibility study being carried out to fully examine the issues and costs

around extending the time window in which the older persons and disabled permit could be used from 09:30 to 09:00.

The recommendations were approved at the March 2023 meeting of the Place Select Committee. A full response to the recommendations was received from the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment at the July 2023 meeting of the Place Select Committee where members were advised that all the recommendations from the review had been accepted. As part of the response it was noted due to the Concessionary Fare review that was currently being undertaken by the DfT, any public consultation activity would be carried out once the outcomes of this review were known.

Protecting the environment and reducing our carbon footprint

Climate Change

In May 2021 Nottinghamshire County Council declared a Climate Emergency.

At the March 2023 meeting of the Place Select Committee members examined the activity that had been carried out by the Council in responding to the challenges of climate change since the declaration had been made and that would support the Council's ambition to become carbon neutral in all its activities by 2030. As part of their considerations, members also examined the Council's Carbon Reduction Plan that sets out the framework for action for the activities on how the Council's greenhouse gas emissions are measured and reported in pursuit of the 2030 net zero ambition. Over the last three years, total carbon emissions from the Council have been reduced by around 5,000 tonnes, this equates to almost a third of direct emissions being cut.

As a result of the wide ranging and in-depth discussion on the Council's activity to address the challenges of Climate Change the committee recommended:

- That to support the activity being carried out to meet the ambition of the Council to be carbon neutral by 2030, further work should be carried out to enable a greater understanding on the impact of hybrid working on the Carbon emissions related to the delivery of Council services.
- That further work should be carried out to gain a greater understanding of the amount of Carbon emissions related to the delivery of Council services provided through alternative delivery models, with consideration given to how this information could be included in the Council's Greenhouse Gases Report.
- That further work should be carried out to investigate the potential opportunities around how the Council's estate could be used for renewable energy production.

The Place Select Committee will continue to scrutinise the Council's activity and the progress being made towards reaching its ambition to become carbon neutral by 2030 during 2023/24.

Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure

The development and delivery of electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure across Nottinghamshire involves several County Council functions, as well as those carried out at a national, regional, and district level by both partner organisations and the

private sector. As such when the Place Select Committee discussed EV charging at its March 2023 meeting, members were focussed on the role of the Council and Via in supporting the delivery of EV charging infrastructure in Nottinghamshire. The committee welcomed the work that was being carried out on a pilot programme that would enable residents without off-street parking to apply to have an EV cable channel cut into the footway so that they could charge their EV vehicle outside their home. The committee recommended that further work should be carried out to examine how applications by residents to the Electric vehicle cable channel pilot programme could be encouraged and increased to enable more residents without off street parking to be able to charge their vehicles at home.

The Place Select Committee will be receiving a further report on during 2023/24 to examine how the Council is continuing to support the development of EV charging infrastructure across Nottinghamshire.

Recycling in Nottinghamshire

In October 2022 members of the Place Select Committee visited the Materials Recovery Facility in Mansfield where the kerbside recycling collected across Nottinghamshire is sorted before going on to be recycled and reused.

In January 2022, the Transport and Environment Committee gave approval for a Strategic Review of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) network to be carried out to ensure that individual HWRC sites, as well as the wider network were fit for the future. At the July 2023 meeting of the Place Select Committee members considered a report that detailed the work that had been carried out so far by the review.

As the recommendations that had so far been identified by the review still required additional analysis and evaluation to fully understand their impact to the HWRC network, members of the Place Select Committee will be carrying out a detailed piece of scrutiny work in Autumn 2023 to support the delivery of the review. The outcomes of this scrutiny work will then be considered by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment in formulating the final recommendations on how the provision of HWRCs could look in the future.

Flood Risk Management

As part of its statutory role to scrutinise flood risk management activity, the Place Select Committee received a report on the Council's (as the lead local flood authority) response to the flooding that had occurred in Worksop and surrounding areas in August 2022.

A forward looking and resilient Council

Review of council office buildings

In Autumn 2022 members of the Overview Committee carried out a "task and finish" review that looked at how the Council's office buildings were used and how they could be used most effectively in the future to deliver effective, accessible value for money services to Nottinghamshire residents.

Several recommendations emerged from the review. The recommendations focussed on how the Council's existing buildings could be used most effectively in the future, giving regard to the changes to working practices that had been accelerated by the Covid-19 pandemic as well as by the ongoing budgetary pressures being faced by the Council.

As part of the review process, members considered in detail the role of County Hall as part of the Council's office accommodation. Members of the review group recognised the historical significance and value that County Hall, but also noted the significant improvements that it required to create a modern working environment and to reduce the environmental impact of the building. As such the review recommended that consideration should be given to County Hall's role as a building within the Council's operational estate.

The findings of the review were considered and approved at the January 2023 meeting of the Overview Committee. A full response to the recommendations was provided by the Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management at the 23 March 2023 meeting of the Overview Committee. The Overview Committee will be receiving a progress report on the activities that have taken place around the recommendations from the review during 2023/24.

Review of Council Consultations and Resident Engagement

In late Spring 2023 members of the Overview Committee carried out a "task and finish" review of Council consultations and resident engagement. The review was set up as members were keen to learn about the Council's approach to consultation and resident engagement, and how this activity could best be used to support the delivery of the Council's strategic priorities and support the delivery of the best possible services to the residents of Nottinghamshire. A specific area of focus for the review was the Council's annual budget consultation process and other whole-council consultation activity.

In the context of the review, it was noted that the statutory consultations that the Council was required to carry out and that had legally defined rules on how they must be conducted, and the consultations on employment matters that were governed by agreed policies and procedures, were not included in the scope of the review.

The review highlighted the good practice being that was being delivered across the Council and recommended that further opportunities should be put in place to enable departments across the Council to share feedback and best practice around their consultation and resident engagement activity. The review also made several recommendations on how the Council's annual public budget consultation could be delivered in future. These recommendations focused on activities that would make the consultation as accessible and engaging as possible with residents and that would also enable the information received to be fed into the budget development process in the most timely manner.

The findings of the review were considered and approved at the June meeting of the Overview Committee and received by Cabinet at its July 2023 meeting. A full response

to the recommendations is scheduled to be provided by the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transformation at the September meeting of Cabinet.

Budget scrutiny

Overview and scrutiny is an integral part of the council's governance and decision making structure contributing to the council's budgetary and policy making function, as well enabling members to hold the executive to account.

At the December 2022 meeting, Overview Committee received a report that provided an update on the current budget position for 2022/23 as well as outlining the processes for developing the budget for 2023/24 and the related budget consultation with residents. At this meeting members of the committee agreed that the task and finish review on the Council's approach to consultation and resident engagement, that would also look at the approach to the public budget consultation (that was carried out in early Spring 2023) should take place.

The Overview Committee then undertook detailed scrutiny of the Council's budget proposals in January 2023 ahead of the formal budget and council tax setting by the Council in February 2023. In reviewing the draft budget that Cabinet would be proposing to Council for approval members were mindful of the impact of inflationary pressures that were not only creating cost of living pressures for residents but were also creating new challenges for the authority.

In examining the budget proposals members examined how:

- all the risks that could potentially impact on the delivery of the budget had been fully understood and mitigated for in its creation.
- robust processes were in place to implement and monitor the transformational activity that would enable the delivery of both the current and future budgets.
- the Council had good levels of financial reserves and that these were being managed effectively.
- the consultation with residents on the proposed budget had been carried out effectively and that the responses received had been considered in its preparation.
- the proposed Budget would support the delivery of the objectives as detailed in the Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-31.

During 2023/24 Overview Committee will continue its important role of contributing to the development of the Council's budget. The committee will also look to ensure that future budgets are robust and sustainable, deliver high quality services to Nottinghamshire residents and support the delivery of the ambitions of the Nottinghamshire Plan.

Call-in

Call-in is an important mechanism for Councillors to use when they feel that a decision being made by the Executive needs to be revisited due to a perceived procedural error. During 2022/23 there was one decision that was called-in for review by the Overview Committee.

On 31 March 2023 Overview Committee considered a call-in request in relation to the decision – Nottinghamshire Healthy Families Programme: 2024 and beyond that had been taken by Cabinet at its meeting on 9 March 2023. The Nottinghamshire Healthy Families Programme is a public health nursing service that supports families to provide their children with the best start in life.

At the meeting a variety of comments and views were discussed by the committee which concentrated on the grounds that had been detailed in the request for the call-in.

The Committee considered all the information it had heard from the members and officers who attended the call-in meeting and felt that on balance there was sufficient basis in respect of formal scrutiny and on the consideration of alternative options to warrant further consideration of the decision by Cabinet. As a result, the Committee resolved to refer the decision back to Cabinet for further consideration.

As a result of the call-in:

- Cabinet has carried out further work on the recommissioning of the Healthy Families Programme.
- A joint working group comprising various members of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee, the Children and Families Select Committee and the Health Scrutiny Committee will be undertaking further scrutiny on the future delivery of Nottinghamshire Healthy Families Programme.

The year ahead

Overview and scrutiny is an integral part of the council's governance and decision-making structure, contributing to the council's budgetary and policy making function as well as holding the executive to account. This report has provided an opportunity to reflect on the experiences of the last year and to recognise the challenges and opportunities that are ahead.

The next few years will continue to be challenging for the council; operating as it does in an environment of diminishing resources and increasing demand for services. As such, it is important that scrutiny focuses on activity where it can support the council to make the best use of the resources available and in ensuring that frontline services are still delivered to the highest possible standards.

As part of the development of scrutiny at the Council, committee work programmes will be focussed and directed towards the key issues that face both the council and Nottinghamshire residents.

Throughout 2023/24

the Overview Committee will:

- continue to review how activity across the Council is delivering on the ambitions of the Nottinghamshire Plan.
- be involved in the development of the Councils budget for 2024/25.
- carry out detailed scrutiny of the Council's budget proposals ahead of the formal budget and council tax setting by the Council in February 2024.

the Adult Social Care and Public Health Select Committee will:

- be focussed on activities that support the continued delivery and development of high quality adult care services.
- examine the activities that are being taken to improve the public the health of residents.
- carry out a detailed review to support the implementation of the council's Day Opportunities Strategy.

the Children and Families Select Committee will:

- be focussed on activities that support families and that provide children and young people with the best start in life.
- carry out a detailed review of how the council works to ensure the delivery of sufficient school places across Nottinghamshire.

the Place Select Committee will:

- be focused on activities that will make Nottinghamshire cleaner, greener and provide good quality roads and transport infrastructure.
- carry out a detailed review around how the delivery of the council's Household Waste Recycling Centres could look in the future.

Overview Committee

- Budget Monitoring Process and Budget Framework
- Budget 2023/24 Development
- Nottinghamshire Plan Performance Monitoring
- Budget 2023/24
- Outcomes of the scrutiny review of council office buildings
- Nottinghamshire Plan – Annual Delivery Plan
- Outcomes of the scrutiny review of Council Consultation and Resident Engagement

Adult Social Care & Public Health Select Committee

- Adult Social Care Market Pressures
- Nottinghamshire Adults Safeguarding Board Annual Report and Plan
- Overview of Public Health Outcomes in Nottinghamshire
- Day Opportunities Strategy 2022-27
- E-cigarettes and vaping
- Discharge to assess.

Children and Families Select Committee

- Elective Home Education
- Financial Support for the Provision of School Uniform
- Response to the Ofsted Focused Visit to Nottinghamshire County Council Children's Services
- SEND Provision and Sufficiency
- Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership Annual Report
- Pupil Place Planning
- Provision of Support to Looked After Children Transitioning Out of the Care System
- Child Poverty – Free School Meals

Place Select Committee

- Public Transport and Concessionary Travel
- Highway Services
- Road Safety
- Waste Management/Recycling in Nottinghamshire
- Response to the Flooding in Worksop and surrounding areas in August 2022
- Climate Change
- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
- Household Waste Recycling Centres Review
- Outcomes of the scrutiny review of Concessionary Travel
- Safer Nottinghamshire Board - Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement 2023-2025

Scrutiny Minutes

Overview Committee

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REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES & THE ARMED FORCES CHAMPION

SUPPORTING OUR ARMED FORCES STRATEGY REPORT – UPDATE ON PROGRESS AND FUTURE PLANS

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of the report is to update Full Council on the work being achieved to support the delivery of the Council's Armed Forces Strategy.

Information

2. The Communities Committee approved the 'Supporting Our Armed Forces Community Strategy' on 15 September 2021, which underpins the Council's commitment to the Armed Forces Covenant (signed in 2018). As a result, Nottinghamshire County Council were awarded the Defence Employers Recognition Scheme Gold Award in 2020.
3. The award is an acknowledgement of the Authority's commitment to recognising what is a truly a unique and challenging lifestyle, one which few people outside of the military community can always comprehend.
4. To support the delivery of this programme of work, the establishment of a dedicated Officer resource driving forward key actions and an annual Armed Forces Community Fund of £20,000, were approved in September 2021.
5. Councillor Girling as the Armed Forces Champion, together with Councillor Lee, and Councillor Henry in their Armed Forces Advocate roles, lead by helping to develop and drive the Armed Forces agenda forward. All three Members have previously served in the Armed Forces, and bring that insight, understanding and passion to the roles.
6. The Lead Members have been working hard with Officers to support the Armed Forces community in Nottinghamshire over many years. This work recognises not only those currently serving, but also their partners and families, those who have previously served, and reservists, who are all key members of the Armed Forces Community.
7. The Armed Forces Community Fund enables the development and expansion of this work and has been important in:
 - Supporting key events such as commemorations and anniversaries
 - Supporting a veteran's breakfast club 4 times a year
 - Promoting key information and links

Activities

8. Several activities have been supported during 2022 - 2023. These include:

- Supporting a veteran's breakfast club 4 times a year. The purpose of the club is to facilitate a face-to-face meeting for our armed forces family; reserves, veterans, cadet adult instructors and family members to relax in a safe and social environment and stay in touch. The benefits are widespread not least providing an outlet for shared experiences and being made aware of current defence issues, which are doubly important if a colleague, partner, or other family member has been deployed in operations around the world.
- Working in partnership with Thoresby Courtyard, the Lancers Museum, and the Limelight Orchestra to celebrate the Coronation on Saturday 6 May. Serving personnel not on duty as well as residents including veterans from across Nottinghamshire enjoyed tea and cakes whilst watching the live screening of King Charles III and Queen Camilla's Coronation.
- In addition, the Lancers Museum unveiled a restored 1950's – 1960's 65 tonne Conqueror Tank, one of only eight in the Country.
- The official launch of the Nottinghamshire World War I & World War II Roll of Honour during Armed Forces week commencing 19 June 2023. This updated and revised Roll of Honour now allows members of the public free access to family records of military personnel and civilians killed during both world wars. The site has attracted international interest and received over 500,000 hits. The link can be found: [Roll of Honour | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)
- The inaugural "Boots and Berets" Awards at the Robin Hood Suite, Nottingham Forest Football Club on 24 August 2023, sponsored by Arc Partnership, Via East Midlands and Scape, with over 150 guests gathered to celebrate and recognise the important work businesses, charities and individuals do in supporting the Armed Forces Community across Nottinghamshire. As Guest of Honour, The Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Sir John Peace, made presentations in the following categories:
 - **The Employee Forces Hero Award** - acknowledging the outstanding commitment and performance within the workplace presented to Gillian Walsh, Ashfield District Council.
 - **The Employer Forces Hero Award** - acknowledging the outstanding commitment and performance within the workplace presented to both Experian and Newark and Sherwood District Council.
 - **The Community (Together) Award** - provides an opportunity to recognise collaborative approaches of engagement presented to Nottinghamshire Police
 - **The Legacy (Inspiration) Award** - given to an individual who has demonstrated excellence in leading practice, projects or tasks as well as

demonstrating leadership presented to Tim Richmond, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire.

- **Two special awards** – given to recipients who through the years have influenced the armed forces agenda presented to Sir John Peace, Lord Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire & Councillor Keith Girling.

9. The Armed Forces Champion Councillor Keith Girling, on the evening presented the Reserve Force and Cadet Association (RFCA), a cheque for £1,650 to enable 22 cadets from low-income families from across the County to attend an annual camp or adventurous training, in August 2023. As a contribution to the cost of an activity, each £75 bursary enabled young people within the cadet movement who would otherwise not be able to attend. Most experienced being away from home for the first time, camping out and life-skill practices associated with a uniformed youth organisation.
10. During the evening £705 was raised in charitable donations for the Armed Forces Charity Soldiers', Sailors', Airmen's Families Association (SSAFA). The Chairman of the Nottinghamshire SSAFA will be present at the next NCC Breakfast Club on 8 November 2023, for a cheque presentation.

Future Activities

11. As a result of the contribution made by Nottinghamshire County Council, the Armed Forces Champion has been invited by Nottinghamshire Army Cadet Force, (NACF), and Nottinghamshire Royal Air Force Air Cadets, (RAFAC), to attend open days to see in cadets at the Army Nesscliffe Training Camp, Shropshire, and RAF Station, Flying School, Syerston, Nottinghamshire.
12. Following on from successful away days to The National Arboretum and RAF Duxford, a coach trip is being planned to the home of the codebreakers in October 2023. 150 veterans from 3 pickup points across the County will travel to Bletchley Park in Milton Keynes. The trip in partnership with Nottingham Forest Community Trust, Nottinghamshire Healthcare Foundation Trust and Newark and Sherwood District Council and aims to work with veterans to tackle isolation, loneliness, mental health, and other health issues.

Other Options Considered

13. Not to support the County's armed forces community.

Reasons for Recommendation

14. To provide an update to Full Council on the 'Supporting Our Armed Forces Community Strategy' and the delivery of this programme of work.
15. That the County Council demonstrates its intention to continually support the county's armed forces community.

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.

Financial Implications

17. The financial implications are contained within the report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the Full Council notes the updates and endorses the progress being made in relation to 'Supporting Our Armed Forces Community Strategy' and the delivery of this programme of work.

Councillor John Cottee
Cabinet Member for Communities

Councillor Keith Girling
Armed Forces Champion

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Interim Service Director, Place and Communities (0115) 977 2173

Constitutional Comments (EKH 18/09/2023)

18. Full Council can receive and consider this report.

Financial Comments (PAA29 19/09/2023)

19. As in 2021/22 and 2022/23, a budget of £20,000 has been allocated in 2023/24 from revenue contingencies to meet the cost of the programme of work on the Supporting Our Armed Forces Community Strategy as set out in 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.

- Supporting Our Armed Forces Community Strategy 15th September 2021
[Supporting our Armed Forces Community Strategy \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/Supporting-our-Armed-Forces-Community-Strategy)

Electoral Divisions

- All

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE REPORT: KEY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES

Purpose of the Report

1. The report seeks to update Members on various matters relating to the Leader's portfolio and the work of the Executive.

Information

2. **Nottinghamshire Day** – On the 25th and 26th August we celebrated everything that's great about our county. More than two thousand people are estimated to have attended this year's Nottinghamshire Day celebrations at Sherwood Forest County Park which was a huge success despite the inclement weather.
3. The free-to-attend event was led by the County Council working with a range of partners such as RSPB, Notts Outdoors and Inspire, as part of the annual Robin Hood Festival. On lookers were treated to an array of Medieval melodies, historical re-enactments, storytellers and much more.
4. **The Tour of Britain 2023** – On Wednesday 6th September we welcomed back hundreds of the world's top cyclist as the county hosted stage 4 of the prestigious Tour of Britain cycle race. The riders made their way through a number of villages and towns to the north of Nottinghamshire including Worksop, Retford, Tuxford, Southwell and Collingham before reaching the finish line in Newark.
5. This is the fourth time since 2017 that the race has graced our county, it's always fantastic to see the thousands of residents and visitors lining our streets cheering on the cyclists as they make their way through the towns. Congratulations to the winner of stage 4, Olav Kooij, who equalled the record of four consecutive Tour of Britain stage victories.
6. **Appointment of Interim Chief Executive of the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA), Mark Rogers** – On the 9th August the EMCCA officially announced the appointment of the new Interim Chief Officer for the devolution programme, Mark Rogers.
7. Mark will be a key enabler to help partners prepare for a combined mayoral authority for the East Midlands. I look forward to working alongside him as we begin to navigate through the critical next steps to make sure the region is well placed to establish a mayoral combined county authority in 2024, if the legislation receives Royal Assent.

8. **Boots and Berets Military Awards** – It was a real privilege to be invited alongside Councillor Keith Girling to this year's Boots and Berets Military Awards night hosted at the world famous City Ground.
9. The event, organised by the County Council and sponsored by our partners Arc Partnership, Via and Scape, was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate those in Nottinghamshire who help and support our veterans and service men and women across the county. I was privileged to meet some amazing individuals and organisations who were all so deserving of this recognition.
10. **Holiday Activity Fund (HAF) Programme** – Across the county tens of thousands of children were able to access the HAF provision this summer. It was great to welcome the Prime Minister Rishi Sunak to Nottinghamshire where he joined Councillor Tracey Taylor in Gedling to take part in some of the activities coordinated by the County Council.
11. We are extremely proud of the support we offer in our communities, and we continue to invest in and expand these services. The Charities and community groups that step forward to deliver holiday activities via the HAF fund do an incredible job in supporting young people across Nottinghamshire.
12. I was invited to join the Mapperley All Stars, one of the fantastic sports clubs who delivered 600 sessions over a 5 week period to children entitled to a HAF place. Their programme not only helped keep children active but also educated on food and nutrition, confidence building and how to manage conflicts through a range of different activities. The HAF scheme itself has developed from the Covid School Holiday support grant which has now expanded from just food into an accessible provision that is available to all.
13. **Castle Meadow Campus Open Day** – At the end of July I was invited to the University of Nottingham's Castle Meadow Campus to look at their plans to bring together business and education across the area.
14. Strong collaboration is key as we look to find the right solutions to invest in across the county and get the most out of the Levelling up Partnership Funding to tackle some of the long-term local challenges in Nottinghamshire.
15. **Transport Minister Visit** – It was a pleasure to host Transport Minister Richard Holden MP at County Hall to talk about some key transport priorities in Nottinghamshire, including highway improvements and our public transport provision.
16. We discussed how more flexibility from Government in the short term could help us to improve our bus services and continue the roll out of our excellent Notts Bus OnDemand scheme which is replacing routes that are not commercially viable with a flexible service that ensures our rural areas stay connected to good public transport.
17. Longer term we talked about the huge potential benefits of devolved transport powers and additional funding for highways maintenance and repairs. The potential to remove the national ring-fencing that forces us to spend money on things that are not local priorities and being able to expand and equalise public transport across the region, such as an OnDemand bus service rolling out wider and faster.

18. **New Notts Highways Webpage** – Last month we launched our new website showing improvements to roads and pavements throughout Nottinghamshire. The site nottshighways.co.uk allows residents and road users to search across the county to find where resurfacing and patching schemes have taken place, with details of the works and images of what has been done.
19. Over 650 improvements, delivered since spring 2022 by Via East Midlands on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council, are mapped on site. They include full resurfacing works, the ongoing programme of county-wide mechanised patching and other road surface improvements such as microasphalt works.
20. The site is also accessible through the MyNotts app and is updated each week with the latest improvements on roads across Nottinghamshire.
21. **141 Bus Service** – At the start of August Councillor Neil Clarke, Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, was delighted to announce that thanks to the County Council the 141 bus service is able to continue to serve residents in Bestwood, Hucknall, Mansfield and Ashfield.
22. The council began subsidising the service in September 2022 and appointed Stagecoach as the new operator after Trentbarton announced they could no longer operate the service.
23. We have worked closely with Stagecoach to introduce a new operating model for the 141 which will see the cost of the subsidy for the taxpayer decrease over time as the operator implements new ideas to improve, develop and market the service. It's great to see that following the support from the council, passenger numbers continue to increase.
24. The route and the timetable of the 141 will remain the same, meaning local residents along the route will continue to benefit from a regular service.
25. **Meeting with the Chancellor** – Following the summer recess I met with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, along with colleagues from Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire, to talk about the upcoming Autumn Statement and share some local priorities.
26. Collectively we spoke about Highways investment, about various cost of living challenges and business costs, about major regional investments and much more. It was really helpful to be able to speak directly to the Chancellor and feed these things in on behalf of the County.

Progress Report

27. **Outwood Grange Academies Trust – Extension of Worksop Portland School** – Councillor Keith Girling, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management, recently signed off a decision to invest in the extension of the Worksop Portland School. The works, due to commence over the coming months will take around 50 weeks to complete and accommodate a further 60 pupils making a total capacity increase of 300 places across 5 year groups.
28. This £10m investment will be funded from a combination of Basic Need funding and developer contributions.

29. **Nottinghamshire School Places Programme, New Primary School, Gateford Park, Worksop** – Councillor Keith Girling, Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management, recently approved the latest estimated costs for the works to provide a new school at Gateford Park in Worksop, giving the green light for the project to proceed to the construction phase.
30. It was a pleasure to join Councillor Girling and Councillor Tracey Taylor, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, as we put the first spade in the ground on the site of what is our third new primary school in Nottinghamshire this year alone.
31. The school will be built on land off Gatekeeper Way in Gateford in two phases and is expected to open for the new school year in September 2024.
32. It will eventually have the capacity for 315 primary places plus a 26-place nursery – with the first phase of the scheme seeing capacity for a 210-place school – ensuring that there are enough places to meet the needs of families in the area.
33. The project is being delivered with Arc Partnership and Morgan Sindall Construction.
34. **School Building Improvement Programme (SBIP)** – The Cabinet Member for Economic Development and Asset Management has approved the latest list of projects to benefit from this year's SBIP. This huge investment is funded annually by the Department of Education and provides capital improvements for our Maintained School estate.
35. The £9.2m investment will deliver improvements across several workstreams, focusing on the health and safety and maintenance issues which are most likely to result in a school closure if not addressed. We are committed to providing safe, compliant, and fit for purpose Schools. The SBIP is key programme for delivering this commitment.
36. **All decisions agreed at Cabinet are published online, you can find more details on the Council's Website - [Democratic Management System > Decisions \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/DEMOCRATIC-Management-System/Decisions)**

Decisions taken under Special Urgency procedures

37. None.

Other Options Considered

38. None

Reason for Recommendation

39. This is a noting report to update the Full Council on matters relating to the Leader's portfolio and the work of the Executive since the last meeting, as required by the Constitution.

Statutory and Policy Implications

40. 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

41. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the contents of the report be noted.

**COUNCILLOR BEN BRADLEY MP
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

For any enquiries about this report please contact:
Phil Rostance, Executive Officer

Constitutional Comments (CEH)

42. Full Council is required to receive this report, which is to note, as set out in the Constitution.

Financial Comments (SES)

43. There are no financial implications arising from this 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.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- None

NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FULL COUNCIL

Title of Motion:	UNIVERSAL FREE SCHOOL DINNERS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN.
Date of Council meeting:	28 TH September 2023
Proposer of Motion: (Name and signature)	Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan
Seconder of Motion: (Name and signature)	Councillor Debbie Darby
Background/supporting information (maximum 100 words):	
<p>Evidence shows that free school meals (FSMs) improve children's economic, educational and health outcomes throughout life however it's estimated that currently 800,000 children live in poverty but aren't eligible for FSMs due to the low eligibility threshold. In Nottinghamshire 23.2% of pupils currently receive FSMs (much higher in Ashfield, Bassetlaw and Mansfield).</p> <p>https://academic.oup.com/restud/article/89/2/876/6273674?login=true https://cpag.org.uk/news-blogs/news-listings/800000-children-poverty-not-getting-free-school-meals Universal free school meals would make a huge difference to the cost-of-living crisis – here's how (theconversation.com)</p> <p>All infant school-age children are entitled to FSMs. In London, every primary school-age child in state-funded schools are now receiving FSMs this academic year and universal FSMs are being rolled out in primary schools in Scotland and Wales. https://www.london.gov.uk/who-we-are/what-mayor-does/priorities-london/free-school-meals</p> <p>In Nottinghamshire there are 135 state-funded Primaries and 123 Academies.</p>	
Motion to be proposed (active section):	
<p>Nottinghamshire County Council resolves:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To note the impact the provision of free school meals has in improving children's economic, educational and health outcomes throughout life. 2) To investigate providing each pupil in Local Authority controlled Primary Schools with a free school meal. The feasibility study would look at process, cost and how to resource it. 3) That this Council will further ask the Department of Education to increase the annual payment to Academy Schools to extend Universal infant free school meals to all Primary Schools in Nottinghamshire. 	
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NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FULL COUNCIL

Title of Motion:	Plan To Support Wilko Staff In Nottinghamshire
Date of Council meeting:	28/09/2023
Proposer of Motion: (Name and signature)	Cllr Kate Foale
Seconder of Motion: (Name and signature)	Cllr Anne Callaghan
Background/supporting information (maximum 100 words):	
<p>Ambition 4 of the Nottinghamshire Plan is “Building skills that help people get good jobs.”</p> <p>4-year targets of this Ambition include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Use our position as a major employer to create training and development opportunities.” “Help adults to learn new skills.” <p>Wilko is headquartered in Bassetlaw, where it also operates a distribution centre, and has 15 stores across Nottinghamshire.</p> <p>It is widely reported that over 2,000 people in Nottinghamshire may lose their jobs due to the chain’s closures.</p> <p>Nottinghamshire County Council has vacancies in valuable areas of work, such as the Care sector.</p>	
Motion to be proposed (active section):	
<p>That the Council agrees to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Use our position as a major employer in the County, to establish links to support the significant number of Wilko staff in Nottinghamshire with transferrable skills who are at risk of losing their employment; Take additional steps to connect Wilko staff to existing opportunities and to offer opportunities to learn new skills, with the view to joining our valued workforce; Measure additional actions taken in order to evidence and demonstrate impact. 	
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NOTICE OF MOTION FOR FULL COUNCIL

Title of Motion:	Promoting the delivery of drop off and pick up provision on new school sites.
Date of Council meeting:	Thursday 28 th September 2023
Proposer of Motion: (Name and signature)	Councillor Sam Smith
Seconder of Motion: (Name and signature)	Councillor Andre Camilleri
Background/supporting information (maximum 100 words):	
<p>Nottinghamshire County Council's 'New School Guidance for Housing Developers' (May 2023) states that any school to be built on <i>land presently in the ownership of the Council</i> will be expected to include 'drop off and pick up' provision on the school site itself to minimise impact on residential amenity whilst still promoting alternative means of travel to school such as walking, cycling, scooting and public transport.</p> <p>This is important to avoid traffic disruption for nearby residents and ensure that remedial highway works are not later required at the County Council taxpayer's expense to mitigate traffic issues outside new schools.</p>	
Motion to be proposed (active section):	
<p>This Council agrees that when a planning application is made for the construction of a new school on <i>any land</i> in Nottinghamshire, then as a statutory consultee responding to the relevant planning authority, including borough and district councils, so far as it may be applicable to the site and within the bounds of the relevant planning legislation, we will request that developers and the planning authority make suitably appropriate land available, and design provision is made, to include 'drop off and pick up' points within the curtilage of the school site.</p>	
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