

Cabinet

Thursday, 21 September 2023 at 10:30

County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

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

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- (4) Councillors are reminded that Committee and Sub-Committee papers, with the exception of those which contain Exempt or Confidential Information, may be recycled.
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Meeting CABINET

Date Thursday 20 July 2023 (commencing at 10.30 am)

membership

COUNCILLORS

Ben Bradley MP (Chairman)
Bruce Laughton (Vice-Chairman)

Chris Barnfather
Matt Barney
Neil Clarke MBE
John Cottee
Keith Girling
Richard Jackson
Tracey Taylor
Gordon Wheeler

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Deputy Cabinet Members

Mike Adams
Sinead Anderson
Tom Smith
Jonathan Wheeler

Other Councillors

Jim Creamer
Boyd Elliott
Mike Pringle

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Adrian Smith Chief Executive

Marjorie Toward Chief Executive's Department
Nigel Stevenson
Isobel Fleming
Sara Allmond
Martin Elliott
James McDonnell
Phil Rostance

Jonathan Gribbin Adult Social Care and Public Health Department

Colin Pettigrew

Children and Families Department

Derek Higon

Place Department

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting of Cabinet held on 22 June 2023, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

4. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ANNUAL PLAN REPORT 2022-23

RESOLVED 2023/022

That the 2022/23 Annual Report, and executive summary be approved for publication and dissemination.

5. NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE WASTE LOCAL PLAN – PRE-SUBMISSIONS VERSION

RESOLVED 2023/023

- 1) That the summary of the main issues raised during the consultation on the Draft Plan Stage as outlined in the Report of Consultation (Appendix 1) and how these have been addressed be accepted;
- 2) That the Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Waste Local Plan – Pre Submission Version (Appendix 2) be endorsed and that it be published for formal representations.
- 3) That the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment be authorised to make any further non-material typographical, formatting, mapping and other minor amendments considered necessary prior to publication.

6. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS 2022-23

RESOLVED 2023/024

- 1a) That the provisional 2022/23 year-end revenue position be noted.

- 1b) That the year-end position and movement of the Authority's reserves as detailed in paragraphs 20 to 36 and Appendix B of the report be noted.
- 1c) That the final position on 2022/23 contingency requests as detailed in Appendix C of the report be noted.
- 1d) That the year-end position for the 2022/23 Capital Programme and its financing be noted.
- 1e) That the capital variations as set out in paragraphs 51 to 54 and Appendix D of the report be noted.
- 1f) That the Council's 2022/23 Prudential Indicators as detailed in Appendix E of the report be noted.
- 1g) That the Treasury Management outturn report in Appendix F of the report be noted.
- 2) That the transfer to General Fund Balances of £1.6m, as set out in paragraph 21 and Appendix B of the report be approved.

7. FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT: PERIOD 2 2023/24

RESOLVED 2023/025

- 1) That the individual Portfolio revenue budgets for 2023/24 be noted.
- 2) That the summary of capital expenditure to date, year-end forecasts and variations to the capital programme be noted.
- 3) That the contingency requests approved by the Section 151 Officer be noted.
- 4) That the Council's Balance Sheet transactions be noted.

8. OUTCOMES OF THE SCRUTINY REVIEW OF COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS AND RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT

RESOLVED 2023/026

- 1) That the recommendations from the Overview Committee review of Council Consultations and Resident Engagement be received.
- 2) That the recommendations from the Overview Committee review of Council Consultations and Resident Engagement be referred to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Transformation to consider the recommendations and their implementation and report back to the next meeting of Cabinet.

The meeting closed at 11.22 am

CHAIRMAN

REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER, TRANSPORT AND ENVIRONMENT

MOVING TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT – APPLICATION FOR POWERS

Purpose of the Report

1. To enable the Cabinet to approve the making of an application to the Department for Transport (DfT) for the power to enforce certain moving traffic restrictions.
2. This is a Key Decision because it will have significant effects on two or more electoral divisions.

Information

3. Applying for additional traffic management powers helps deliver the Nottinghamshire Plan Ambition 8 to improve transport connections. In particular, it will directly contribute to the stated aims to keep our highways safe and reduce congestion, improve bus services and local transport connections. Furthermore, reductions in congestion will in turn reduce air pollution meeting the aims of Ambition 9 to protect the environment and reduce our collective carbon footprint.
4. Since the 1st June 2022, Local Authorities have been able to apply to the DfT for the power to enforce specified traffic movements as civilly-enforceable moving traffic contraventions in their administrative area. This paper outlines the County Council's work to date on meeting the pre-application requirements and recommends approving the formal application to the DfT.
5. Moving traffic restrictions include no entry, banned turns, prohibitions of driving, box junctions, and one-way streets amongst certain specified others. In Nottinghamshire, these currently can only be enforced by the Police, and are not considered by them to be a high priority. This variability of enforcement has led to increasing numbers of observed contraventions which can create congestion and, in some cases, the potential for road safety issues. **Appendix A** details the restrictions currently enforced by the Police and which the Council would be seeking authority to also enforce.
6. The application for the powers is made via a formal letter signed by a senior officer from the Authority after Member approval. Prior to the application, the DfT requires the following process to have been completed by the Council.
 - a) Consulting the appropriate Chief Officer of Police.
 - b) Carrying out a minimum six-week public consultation on the detail of planned civil enforcement of moving traffic contraventions at initial chosen sites (rather than whether people agree with the principle of moving traffic enforcement), including the

types of restrictions to be enforced and the location(s) in question. This is intended to communicate the rationale for, and benefits of, moving traffic enforcement to residents and businesses, and allow them the opportunity to raise any concerns. There is no requirement for newspaper advertising.

- c) Considering all objections raised and taking such steps as the Council considers reasonable to resolve any disputes.
 - d) Carrying out such effective public communication and engagement as the Council considers appropriate, for example using local press and social media, and continuing this up to the start of enforcement and for a reasonable period thereafter.
 - e) Ensuring all moving traffic restrictions to be enforced will be underpinned by accurate Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs), where applicable, and indicated by lawful traffic signs and road markings. Local authorities are not required to audit all of their TROs and traffic signs; but instead, those that are directly related to the moving traffic restrictions to be enforced.
 - f) Ensuring all the relevant equipment has been certified by the Vehicle Certification Agency (VCA) specifically for moving traffic contraventions.
7. As part of the consideration of applying for the new powers, the Council opted for the initial two sites below to engage with the public on the detail of enforcement. If the Council is successful in its application for these new enforcement powers, these sites will be the first to have direct enforcement by the Authority. While several sites were considered, the sites selected below exhibited relatively high levels of non-compliance with existing restrictions despite efforts made using renewed lining and additional signs. In addition, both sites carry high levels of traffic so it is anticipated that enforcement will deliver significant traffic management improvements for large numbers of the travelling public.
8. If the application is successful and after enforcement of the two initial sites has commenced, the Authority can then consider future priorities for moving traffic enforcement from the range of powers as set out in Appendix A. Restrictions such as town centre pedestrian areas and environmental weight limits can be future priorities but there are additional complexities in enforcing these restrictions that will require detailed consultations with affected businesses and residents.

SITE 1-Radcliffe Road/Trent Boulevard junction

9. The above junction is marked with a yellow box marking to try and ensure that traffic queuing onto or from Lady Bay Bridge does not block other movements. Additional signs have been erected at this location to encourage adherence to the markings but video footage of the site in the peak hours shows that vehicles regularly queue within the junction causing significant congestion problems on all legs. CCTV enforcement should improve vehicle flows across this strategic junction into and out of Nottingham city.
10. In addition, from Trent Boulevard outbound there is 'no left turn' at the traffic lights. This is to protect pedestrians crossing Radcliffe Road at the same time the junction exits. Traffic counts here show a reasonable number of potentially dangerous contraventions particularly after Nottingham Forest have played at home.

SITE 2- B6166 Asda access, Newark.

11. This access was created for the relatively new Asda store and the restriction was designed to prevent drivers from right-turning into the store from the B6166 which causes traffic to queue back through the B6366/B6166 Bowman crossroads which is a significant junction on the edge of the town centre. In addition, queuing traffic also prevents vehicles exiting the Albert Street junction. Traffic counts in 2020 indicate that despite the signing and road markings 67 vehicles made this manoeuvre in a 12-hour period. CCTV enforcement should significantly reduce this and consequently reduce journey time delays and increase safety at the crossroads.

Public engagement exercise

12. On 4th May 2023, the Council commenced a period of public engagement comprising an online survey detailing the above sites and inviting comments from the public and other stakeholders. Letters were sent to all typical consultees including the emergency services, the District and Borough Councils, cycling groups, bus companies, local Members, adjoining Councils and Highways England. Press releases coincided with this launch and articles appeared in the Nottingham Post, Nottinghamshire Live, West Bridgford Wire, the Newark Advertiser and Radio Newark. The closing date for the public engagement exercise was the 20th June 2023.
13. In summary, over 240 responses to the exercise were received and a clear majority of over 70% of respondents were in favour of enforcing all three restrictions at the two locations. The Police have also written to the Council expressly supporting any application for the powers. Support was also given from Rushcliffe Borough Council and Newark and Sherwood District Council as well as Nottingham City Transport who stated that *'the use of enforcement cameras can only help discourage 'over-queuing' at the junction to the benefit of the reliability of the bus service'*. All local Members with a division where the proposed pilot restrictions are located indicated support for the application.
14. There were a relatively small number of objections received to the proposals and these together with a response are listed in **Appendix B**. Many of these are against the principle of enforcement which the DfT advised did not need a response as enforcement is already a possibility from the Police. For the sake of completeness these are included.

Engagement with the Department for Transport

15. The DfT met with the Council on the 27th June and discussed the obligations the Council has to meet prior to the application that are outlined above. The engagement exercise, press content and the considerations within this report are in line with their expectations. Furthermore, the Council's Traffic Manager has undertaken a review of the Traffic Regulation Orders that underpin the two banned turns and a review of the existing signs and lines at both sites. There are no material issues with either the legal Order or the restrictions on site. Camera warning signs will be erected at both sites to help raise awareness of Local Authority enforcement activity.
16. The requirement to have the cameras certificated by the Vehicle Certification Agency will also be met. It is a process the Council is familiar with as it is required for the existing CCTV car and bus lane enforcement.
17. The DfT have stipulated that prior to any enforcement beginning, further press engagement is expected together with a period of warning notices issued to drivers caught contravening the restrictions. These requirements will also be met.

Other Options Considered

18. The option of not applying for the moving traffic enforcement powers has been considered and rejected. The ability to enforce moving traffic restrictions will enable the Authority to further meet its traffic management duty by addressing sites that cause congestion and on occasion road safety issues. The Traffic Management Act 2004 provided that certain contraventions would be civilly enforceable only by designated traffic authorities. Two tranches of such designations have been undertaken by the DfT and it is understood that the third tranche, to be closed shortly, may be the final opportunity to obtain these powers.

Reasons for Recommendations

19. This decision is to request that the Authority be granted civil enforcement powers in relation to moving traffic contraventions as detailed in Appendix A supplementing those already held by the Authority in relation to parking and bus lane enforcement. It is considered that the option to also enforce these moving traffic offences will significantly improve and enhance the Authority's ability to manage traffic in accordance with our statutory duty within the Traffic Management Act and it should reduce journey time delays and improve road safety in line with the Nottinghamshire Plan actions. It is considered that by applying for these powers, the public will benefit from the Authority's ability to enforce key moving traffic restrictions which in turn will reduce congestion and assist road safety. The engagement exercise demonstrated a good level of public support for the proposals that would justify the application and the submitted objections as detailed in Appendix B have been considered as part of reaching a decision on whether to proceed with the application.

Statutory and Policy Implications

20. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the Public Sector Equality Duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability, and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required. In addition, there are clear and well-defined links to the Nottinghamshire Plan.

Data Protection and Information Governance

21. The Council has a comprehensive Data Protection Impact Assessment covering all aspects of the existing enforcement service. The processes for processing data captured by CCTV on moving traffic will be identical to those already used for bus lane and CCTV car enforcement.

Financial Implications

22. Whilst the purpose of this Report is to seek approval to apply to the DfT for the powers to enforce moving traffic restrictions, should the application be successful, and enforcement commences at the initial two identified sites, the CCTV cameras cost approximately £24K to install. The two sites can be enforced using two cameras at a total cost of £48K. This can be met from the existing enforcement surplus. Penalty Charge Notices issued by the cameras would at the current levels be £70 reduced to £35 for payment within 14 days. This Charge level is set nationally. Any future surplus from enforcement after operational costs are deducted is ring-fenced for expenditure in accordance with S55 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

Human Rights Implications

23. The implementation of the proposals within this report might be considered to have a minimal impact on human rights (such as the right to respect for private and family life and the right to peaceful enjoyment of property, for example). However, the Authority is entitled to affect these rights where it is in accordance with the law and is both necessary and proportionate to do so, in the interests of public safety, to prevent disorder and crime, to protect health, and to protect the rights and freedoms of others. The proposals within this report are within the scope of such legitimate aims.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

24. As part of the process of making decisions and changing policy, the Council has a duty 'to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not' by thinking about the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, and victimisation.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share protected characteristics (as defined by equalities legislation) and those who do not.
 - Foster good relations between people who share protected characteristics and those who do not.
25. Disability is a protected characteristic, and the Council therefore has a duty to make reasonable adjustments to proposals to ensure that disabled people are not treated unfairly.
26. The proposals have been considered against the protected characteristics and there should be no adverse impact. People with a disability and requiring mobility aids should benefit from a reduction in vehicles ignoring the prohibited no left turn from Trent Boulevard that has the potential to impact upon the safety of pedestrians crossing Radcliffe Road. If the application is successful and the Council uses the new powers to enforce restrictions in place on pedestrianised areas that suffer from vehicle movements in contravention, this will be beneficial to all pedestrians and in particular those with mobility issues.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

27. Queuing in box junctions creates knock-on congestion on the other arms of the junction that in turn can impact upon a much wider area of the network and upon air quality. Cameras that can facilitate the operation of such restrictions will in turn reduce unnecessary congestion and any adverse air quality strain. Buses should be able to operate more efficiently with reduced congestion and more vulnerable and sustainable road users such as pedestrians and cyclist will benefit from the enforcement of prohibited turns.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is **recommended** that:

- 1) Considering the overall outcome of the public consultation, including objections raised and the responses to those issues set out in Appendix B, Cabinet approves the making of an application to the Department for Transport for the power to enforce moving traffic contraventions as described in the report.

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Constitutional Comments (SJE – 05/09/2023)

28. The decision which is the subject of this report is one of the Authority acquiring new County-wide powers which may then be used to enforce moving traffic contraventions. As the crux of this decision is therefore one of new policy, Cabinet is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (KRP 05/09/2023)

29. As noted in the report, there are no financial implications arising directly from the recommendation. The estimated costs and proposed funding for any subsequent camera enforcement are set out in paragraph 22.










Background Papers








None







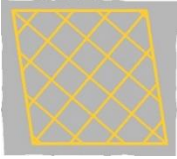
Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

Appendix A: Traffic signs enforceable with moving traffic powers

Description	The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 - diagram number & location	
Vehicular traffic must proceed in the direction indicated by the arrow	606 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 1 and Schedule 14, Part 2, item 42)	
Vehicular traffic must turn ahead in the direction indicated by the arrow	609 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 2)	
Vehicular traffic must keep to the left/right of the sign indicated by the arrow	610 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 3)	
No right turn for vehicular traffic	612 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 7 and Schedule 14, Part 2, item 43)	
No left turn for vehicular traffic	613 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 8 and Schedule 14, Part 2, item 43)	
No U-turns for vehicular traffic	614 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 6 and Schedule 14, Part 2, item 43)	
Priority must be given to vehicles from the opposite direction	615 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 9)	
No entry for vehicular traffic (when the restriction or prohibition is one that may be indicated by another traffic sign subject to civil enforcement)	616 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 10 and Schedule 14, Part 2, item 44)	
All vehicles prohibited except non-mechanically propelled vehicles being pushed by pedestrians	617 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 11)	

Description	The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 - diagram number & location	
Entry to and waiting in a pedestrian zone restricted	618.3B (Schedule 8, Part 2, item 1)	
Entry to and waiting in a pedestrian and cycle zone restricted	618.3C (Schedule 8, Part 2, item 2)	
Motor vehicles prohibited	619 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 12)	
Motor vehicles except solo motorcycles prohibited	619.1 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 18)	
Solo motorcycles prohibited	619.2 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 20)	
Goods vehicles exceeding the maximum gross weight indicated on the goods vehicle symbol prohibited	622.1A (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 13)	
One-way traffic	652 (Schedule 9, Part 4, item 5)	

Description	The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 - diagram number & location	
Buses prohibited	952 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 17)	
Route for use by pedal cycles only	955 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 28)	
Route for use by pedal cycles and by pedestrians only	956 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 29)	
Route comprising two ways, for use by pedal cycles only and by pedestrians only	957 (Schedule 3, Part 2, item 32)	
With-flow cycle lane	959.1 (Schedule 9, Part 4, item 9)	
Contra-flow cycle lane	960.1 (Schedule 9, Part 4, item 6)	
Box junction markings	1043 (Schedule 9, Part 6, item 25)	

Appendix B

Moving Traffic Enforcement Survey Objections & Responses

Site 1- Lady Bay Bridge/Radcliffe Road- box junction marking and no left turn.

	Objection:	Response:
1.	<p>Before any kind of enforcement is considered, the junction should be improved by timing the traffic lights better, as at the moment cars, busses and pedestrians are left waiting unnecessarily long between changes. Ideally the whole junction should be redesigned since the backups of vehicles are too long which causes more pollution. After this then enforcement should be considered.</p>	<p>Like all major junctions in the County, the Radcliffe Road/Lady Bay Bridge junction uses the latest traffic signals technology to maximise green times for all users of the junction based on flows. The junction begins to fail when drivers do not observe the yellow box marking and queue across this then blocking other arms. This can quickly escalate into an increased number of drivers ignoring red lights and jeopardising road safety as well as significantly increasing congestion.</p>
2.	<p>As per DEFRA 2014 city roadside monitoring report Traffic flow is essential to reduction of all emissions. Stop start driving is responsible for inefficient fuel consumption, greater particulates from road contact and brake dust.</p> <p>The changes made to Radcliffe Road through additional traffic light pedestrian crossings further east and recently the reduction to 30 mph for such a vital road have increased congestion especially at rush hour.</p> <p>The same is true of Lady Bay bridge with reduction to 30 mph and much worse road surface than before repairs in 2022.</p> <p>The changes to the A52 roundabout with huge number of additional traffic lights (never needed before) and single use lanes will increase congestion & pollution further West. There is no evidence of serious accidents in the 25 years of using this road.</p> <p>This appears to be a money-making scheme. The additional infrastructure is not without cost including emissions from supply, installation and unlike conventional road signs, electrical energy.</p>	<p>Radcliffe Road bisects the largely residential area of Lady Bay from the urban area of West Bridgford. Although it carries more than 30,000 vehicles daily there are significant and frequent cross movements of vehicles and pedestrians. Consequently, pedestrian crossings are essential to facilitate this safely. The speed limit reflects the largely residential nature of the road and the number of necessary movements across the main flow.</p> <p>In terms of accidents, in the last 25 years the police records show 1 fatal and 38 serious collisions on Radcliffe Road west of the A52 up to and including the junction with Trent Boulevard. 6 of the serious collisions were at this junction.</p>
3.	<p>In busy traffic it's very awkward to accurately judge the movement of the cars ahead of you as you decide whether or not to go into the Yellow Box.</p> <p>That's partly because there's another junction nearby. I don't believe an enforcement camera would improve road safety here at all. The left turn is poorly signed, lots of drivers just DO NOT SEE the 2 signs prohibiting a left turn. Why do they not see them? Because</p> <p>(1) it's a VERY busy junction with drivers looking in several different directions at the same time.</p> <p>(2) the signs are too small.</p> <p>(3) it's impossible to have adequate signage far enough back from the junction, due to the complicated roads layout.</p> <p>I don't think camera enforcement will reduce the number of drivers who inadvertently turn left. Because the drivers who turn left are probably drivers who don't live in Lady Bay and therefore don't know they need to use the cut-through from Rutland Rd onto Radcliffe Rd instead! Residents know the no-left-turn rule and know the Rutland Rd cut-through. Putting a camera there won't improve road safety. What we really need is a big change to the whole junction layout. It used to work many decades ago, but since then there has been a bug</p>	<p>The box junction is the minimum size to protect movements from all arms and has been relayed in 2022. Additional signs are erected on the approaches reminding drivers not to queue within the markings. The left turn from Trent Boulevard has not only the 'no left turn' sign in advance of the junction and three further signs below the signal heads with additional temporary signs strapped to the pedestrian guard rails. In addition, the geometry of the kerbs is such that the left turn is not physically easy . Awareness of heightened enforcement with camera warning signs will reduce the number of incidents of this dangerous manoeuvre. Traffic levels are constantly rising and there is no viable option to re-engineer the whole junction.</p>

	<p>increase in traffic & the relatively recent use of Lady Bay Bridge as a road.</p> <p>This junction has needed a massive improvement for a very long time. Installing cameras won't improve the junction layout & it will only add more traffic signs on an already complicated busy junction where drivers have to look at other traffic and the traffic signals and make judgements about how to drive their vehicles.</p> <p>I can't be the only person who hates this junction when it's busy. It's the worst junction in the whole of West Bridgford, by a very long way & it desperately needs modernising instead of more signs and new cameras.</p>	
4.	<p>Fix the appalling state of the roads before anything like this - it is an absolute disgrace. Your focus is on entirely the wrong place.</p>	<p>The introduction of camera enforcement is to improve road safety and reduce congestion at these junctions. The maintenance of the public highway has no relevance to this initiative.</p>
5.	<p>As with all of Nottingham's Road improvement plans, this will not help traffic flow and is just a cash cow for the council to fine the motorist. I use that junction multiple times daily and the need is not there. there are plenty of locations in the county where this would make a difference on SAFETY grounds, but i guess they are not as busy so not likely to generate as much money.</p>	<p>All existing moving traffic restrictions were considered for potential enforcement and these sites were considered to be those that offered the biggest potential gain to a lot of motorists in terms of improving congestion at key locations and improving safety.</p>
6.	<p>The junction is very busy during rush hour and there are queues going into and out of the junction. Very few people attempt to turn right due to the volume of traffic coming in the opposite direction. Sometimes, through no fault of your own the traffic backs up faster than anticipated once you have started across the junction. If this happens the cameras will pick this up and a fine will be issued. Cameras will therefore make people over cautious and hesitant to enter the junction until it is clear, this will then cause the traffic to back up even more than it does now and cameras will certainly NOT improve traffic flow. So, what are the cameras other than to be another money-making scheme for the Council. The No left turn on to Radcliffe Road is a joke and makes no sense whatsoever.</p>	<p>The Highway Code is clear that drivers must not enter a yellow box junction until they are sure that their exit is clear. Drivers observing the restriction will ensure that unnecessary queues do not develop on the other arms. The no left turn has been in place for years to allow pedestrians to cross Radcliffe Road whilst traffic is flowing from Trent Boulevard. The alternative would be an all-red period for vehicles to allow the movement that would increase vehicle queues and delays on all approaches.</p>
7.	<p>As a law-abiding citizen it is already very unenjoyable driving around Notts as you are in constant danger of falling fowl of one camera or another enforcing often overreaching rules. If turning left is dangerous then of course enforce it by any means necessary but getting caught in hatched areas especially at busy times does not make you a dangerous driver, cameras are too heavy handed for this.</p>	<p>The yellow box junction is at this location to keep one of the key junctions in the County clear of queuing traffic that would quickly create significant issues over a much wider area particularly in the evening peak period.</p>
8.	<p>I do agree that there is a traffic problem in our area, however it can be very unclear as a driver in rush hour traffic whether you have space to get through the yellow box, or indeed to even see it if the traffic is heavy. I don't think penalising drivers for innocent mistakes is the way forward. Yes, there will be some people purposely offending but I think these are in the minority.</p> <p>If you were to introduce cameras, a possibility would be a warning for the first offence to make drivers aware they were breaking the law. Second offenders could then be fined.</p>	<p>Warning notices would be issued for a short period in accordance with the legislative requirements.</p>

9.	Typically, it's very difficult for motorists in regular cars to see where box junctions end. Drivers of high vehicles like buses and lorries have a much better view. The yellow markings are often degraded by passage of vehicles.	The yellow box markings were renewed in 2022 and we will monitor these regularly for signs of wear.
10.	It's often very difficult to judge where box junction markings end if one is in a regular car. Being in a high vehicle like a coach or lorry makes things much clearer. Often the yellow markings are degraded by passage of vehicles tyres and this exacerbates the problem. I gather a recent professional survey of box junctions clarified the above comments for the vast majority of box junctions.	The yellow box markings were renewed in 2022 and we will monitor these regularly for signs of wear.
11.	Visibility of the entire junction and associated entries and exits is overall poor, making it likely that many people are likely to make mistakes and be unfairly punished. Better maintenance of markings and signage would be preferred and beneficial.	The yellow box markings were renewed in 2022 and we will monitor these regularly for signs of wear.
12.	Very poor and confusing junction....needs a redesign rather than cameras to catch people out. The box area is very large which does not help motorists when trying to decide how to proceed.	The box junction is the minimum size to protect movements from all arms and has been relayed in 2022. Additional signs are erected on the approaches reminding drivers not to queue within the markings. The left turn from Trent Boulevard has not only the 'no left turn' sign in advance of the junction and three further signs below the signal heads with additional temporary signs strapped to the pedestrian guard rails. In addition, the geometry of the kerbs is such that the left turn is not physically easy. Awareness of heightened enforcement with camera warning signs will reduce the number of incidents of this dangerous manoeuvre. Traffic levels are constantly rising and there is no viable option to re-engineer the whole junction.
13.	It would appear to be simply another way for you to make money off motorist.	Our experience of enforcement of bus lanes is that using cameras and clearly advertising quickly improves compliance. PCNs fall significantly after the initial period and as warning notices will initially be used, drivers have ample time to readjust their behaviour before any PCNs are issued.
14.	These new powers given to the County Council should be used sparingly. Regularly queuing within the junction marking is not the same as daily or invariably and, in my personal experience of using this junction, I think the problem is being overstated.	Our traffic data clearly shows a significant number of drivers queuing in the junction outbound along Radcliffe Road particularly in the evening peak.
15.	Use better signage. Use better lights timing. More double yellows on Trent Boulevard. Make end of Holme Road one way or a close.	Additional signs have been erected and the lines re-marked recently. The traffic signals are configured with automatic technology to operate as efficiently as possible. Parking restrictions on Trent Boulevard or a one-way Order on Holme Road have no direct relevance to this proposal.
16.	Find a better solution. Help the motorist instead.	The enforcement of these restrictions by the Local Authority rather than the Police will help the vast majority of motorists and pedestrians that use this junction daily.



17.	You should be doing something about people turning right into the drop off zone at the train station, and causing serious congestion at this point, and put a camera here instead, this would be a cash cow for you!! Instead of just painting ahead only, no right turn which no one takes notice of especially taxi drivers!	This is in the Nottingham City administrative area.
18.	Absolutely don't agree with camera enforcement in yellow boxes. You can quite easily be stuck in one because of someone else's ineptitude.	The yellow box junction is already enforceable by the Police. Drivers should abide by the Highway Code and not enter such a restriction unless they can ensure that they can also exit it without stopping.
19.	There are two lanes that go over lady bay bridge (travelling towards town,) people turning right into Trent boulevard from Radcliffe Road. Just before lady bay bridge have to enter the yellow box because if not, they block the whole lane behind them , there is no filter arrow and this causes cars behind to become irate.	The right turn into Trent Boulevard at this location is not frequent enough to warrant a filter arrow that would add further delays to the junction as a whole.
20.	This is just another money-making scheme by the council.	Our experience of enforcement of bus lanes is that using cameras and clearly advertising the fact quickly improves compliance. PCNs fall significantly after the initial period and as warning notices will be initially, drivers have ample time to readjust their behaviour before any PCNs are issued.
21.	I have lived in the area for 13 years and have never noticed a problem.	Our traffic data indicates a significant number of drivers ignoring the yellow box junction particularly in the evening peak. Counts also show that a smaller number ignoring the banned turn but enough to jeopardise the safety of pedestrians.
22.	Put red light cameras up for all of the red-light jumpers coming from Radcliffe Road towards Radcliffe. Same every day.	Noted-red light cameras are not within the scope of this application.
23.	When this junction is very congested it is difficult to avoid being stuck in the Yellow boxed area. The area must be 50 metres in width and breadth which makes it difficult to judge as a driver when it is safe to enter. At one moment the traffic can be flowing, giving the perception that your exit will be clear and then it can suddenly grid to a halt with you stuck in the boxed area. I do agree with illegal right turn enforcement cameras as this would hopefully prevent cars blocking the exit to the junction by performing illegal U turns and right turns where they are not permitted.	The yellow box junction is already enforceable by the Police. Drivers should abide by the Highway Code and not enter such a restriction unless they can ensure that they can also exit it without stopping.
24.	If a ban is put on a left turn on to Radcliffe Road from Trent Boulevard, this will only push the traffic flow further up Radcliffe Road to the next crossroads which unlike the junction at Trent Boulevard are not traffic light controlled. This in turn will lead to greater congestion and road accidents. Councillors need to remember they exist to serve the taxpayer by making life easier not by punishing motorists going about their lawful business and putting unnecessary obstacles in their way but of course the real reason is to generate more cash by treating the motorists as a cash cow for spendthrift local government. We should all vote against this move to restrict our right of access. We can no longer drive along the Trent Embankment. This is a restriction that no reasonable local person wants or desires but just another politically motivated action against local people and their own means of transport.	The left turn from Trent Boulevard is already prohibited and has been for many years.

25.	There is already lot of confusion on the roads in that junction.	The enforcement of the yellow box marking in particular should assist drivers negotiating this junction by ensuring the entry points are clear of queuing traffic.
26.	<p>We should be getting support from local authorities for the normal day to day running of services .</p> <p>You state you have not got the time or resources to carry that out properly ,then you try to get more involved in traffic control just leave it the police to do their job you look after your job.</p> <p>Others and I will see this as just another attempt by the local authority to collect more money from the public if anything lobby the Police to do more if it's needed and I would suggest that the accident stats say it's not needed.</p>	The Police fully support this proposed application for enforcement powers that will assist them in delivering their statutory duty.
27.	You will need to ensure there is sufficient signage to inform drivers, far better that the City bus lane signage around the Broadmarsh. Both in terms of information and number of signs.	All signs and markings have been checked and will be renewed as required.
28.	Rather than introducing enforcement cameras, Notts County Council should instead look at traffic light phasing as this contributes to congestion in these, and similar, locations resulting in driver frustration when nothing moves, and box junction contraventions.	The junction already operates using the latest technology to ensure the efficient operation of the signals.
29.	Traffic congestion out of the cricket and rugby ground would be reduced by allowing a left turn. Also reduced traffic in the area.	This manoeuvre would jeopardise the safety of pedestrians crossing Radcliffe Road .
30.	Put those cameras away, I don't want to live in Orwellian Bridgford.	The cameras are ANPR cameras that will only detect traffic contraventions and not record private individuals.
31.	Enforce the no left turn.	This is proposed as part of the engagement.
32.	Yet another money scheme to target motorists. Spend this money on potholes instead. Stop going after easy targets.	The introduction of camera enforcement is to improve road safety and reduce congestion at these junctions. The maintenance of the public highway has no relevance to this initiative.
33.	<p>When travelling towards Notts along Radcliffe Road, if you want to turn right onto Trent Boulevard at that junction, there is no filter light and it is a huge junction with lots of traffic in the same lane trying to go straight on so it is extremely challenging to make it across in time and safely and without blocking lots of other people.</p> <p>Therefore, drivers instinctively enter the yellow box to try to make it across safely and give room for others to pass. These are good drivers who do not usually commit driving offences so I am concerned at them being excessively penalised.</p>	<p>The right turn into Trent Boulevard at this location is not frequent enough to warrant a filter arrow that would add further delays to the junction as a whole.</p> <p>The Highway Code is clear that drivers should never enter a yellow box junction unless they are certain they can safely exit it without stopping.</p>
34.	<p>The road markings (white lane lines and box junctions) in Nottingham are often non-existent, including the box junction in question and also the lane lines around the "roundabout" outside Lady Bay Retail Park. I think we have enough cameras already and with the quality of today's camera I feel personal privacy is being abused.</p> <p>There is a right turn that cars take just after coming through the lights at the Trent Boulevard box junction. If cars cannot</p>	<p>The markings for the yellow box junction were renewed in 2022. Camera enforcement will significantly improve compliance of the restriction which is there to ensure the safe operation of the whole junction for all users.</p> <p>The right turn into Trent Boulevard at this location is not frequent enough to warrant a filter arrow that would add further delays to the junction as a whole. The Highway Code is clear that drivers should never</p>

	<p>pass the car sitting in the right lane, as it is not able to make the right turn, cars have to back up behind it and cars which thought they had a clear passage over the box junction now find they have to stop on the junction.</p> <p>Mark the roads properly before installing expensive and invasive cameras and powers.</p>	<p>enter a yellow box junction unless they are certain they can safely exit it without stopping.</p>
35.	<p>Councils should not be given powers such as these because in my experience they become a money-making scheme and over zealously policed.</p>	<p>The proposed application for powers is to support the Councils commitment to reduce congestion and improve road safety.</p>
36.	<p>We are seeing a general decline in policing with officers being replaced by civilians. I consider that the constant use of cameras is an opportunity for councils to raise cash(accepting</p> <p>I have not checked to see the condition attached to this potential camera enforcement.</p>	<p>Civil enforcement of parking, bus lane and other moving traffic restrictions is proven to be efficient and effective at improving driver compliance of restrictions that are predominantly in place for road safety reasons. The Police fully support the application and it will allow them to apply their resources elsewhere.</p>
37.	<p>I am strongly against this and will look to prioritise my vote at elections against any party that wants to fine road users who are incorrectly obeying the rules of a box junction.</p> <p>Most people do obey the law and this is simply a way to fine people who have made an honest mistake.</p> <p>I am strongly against any camera operated enforcement.</p>	<p>The proposed application for powers is to support the Councils commitment to reduce congestion and improve road safety. The enforcement of the box junction would only apply to those vehicles that are evidenced as stopping within the box in contravention to the Highway Code.</p>
38.	<p>This looks like another way of getting cash from the hard-pressed public</p> <p>It saddens me that it seems a default to raise cash</p> <p>Spend more time helping drivers by way of encouraging good driving practices.</p>	<p>The proposed application for powers is to support the Councils commitment to reduce congestion and improve road safety. Drivers that respect restrictions and the Highway Code will not be impacted by this enforcement.</p>
39.	<p>Stop looking at more ways to raise funds by enforcing unwanted/unwarranted money-making schemes under the guise of safety and start reviewing your own employment practices to cut costs.</p>	<p>The proposed application for powers is to support the Councils commitment to reduce congestion and improve road safety. Most moving traffic restrictions are in place for clear road safety reasons or to reduce congestion at key locations.</p>
40.	<p>Travel this route almost daily and traffic flow is fine and the traffic always keeps on moving. Unnecessary expense.</p>	<p>Our data shows that there are significant queuing issues particularly in the evening peak.</p>
41.	<p>Driving in Nottingham has become a stressful situation due to the amount of bus lanes, average speed check and other cameras throughout the city.</p> <p>You spend more time looking at the Speedo and at the poorly laid road markings to make sure you're not going to receive any fines or tickets.</p> <p>We do not need to add any more to this. So much so I now try and go to other cities over Nottingham.</p> <p>Maybe if the road network was improved, you'd stop people queuing in the box altogether.</p>	<p>The enforcement of bus lanes, speeding and in due course moving traffic restrictions is nationwide. There is no simple alternative to increase capacity at the junctions because of finite space so the most viable option is to ensure that the restrictions</p>
42.	<p>Should look at traffic light timing instead.</p>	<p>The junction already operates using the latest technology to ensure the efficient operation of the signals.</p>
43.	<p>This is not about law enforcement but is simply a way of making easy cash from easy targets, i.e., motorists.</p>	<p>The proposed application for powers is to support the Councils commitment to reduce congestion and improve road safety.</p>

<p>44. This survey is not reliable. It's preamble includes generalisations without specifying the extent of problems allegedly caused or the actual frequency of their occurrence and doesn't say anything about the likely knock-on effect of stricter enforcement and doesn't say anything about where else the cost of this proposed work could be spent. It is just a PR exercise designed to pretend that full and proper public consultation has been conducted.</p> <p>I cross that junction multiple times per week, in every direction and at every time of day, every day of the week. It is actually very rare to see routes blocked by stationary vehicles in the box and when they are it is for only a very short period and the vehicles temporarily held up at those times, when 'released', are very soon at the back of a different queue so their total journey time is not impacted. I know because I have been one such vehicle. This proposed scheme will merely add to frustration and will actually have the net effect of lengthening average journey times by reducing the capacity of the junction. At present drivers are able to apply intelligence to minimise their impact on other road users but strict enforcement of the box will prevent that.</p> <p>Except when large sporting events are 'tipping out' there are very, very few pedestrian uses of the crossing referred to as being a danger to turning left out of Lady Bay and the number of vehicle journeys for which that turn is a logical part are very few - there are much easier ways for most vehicles to head east on Radcliffe Road.</p> <p>There are much bigger dangers on that junction, to pedestrians seeking to cross Radcliffe Road on the West side of the lights, adjacent to Edward Road, the pelican lights for which give approaching drivers a very misleading message as they are not properly coordinated with other lights and they can't see where vehicles are coming from and the lights giving those pedestrians priority can't be seen by traffic emerging from Edward Road.</p> <p>In short, there are bigger problems at that junction and elsewhere in the county that should be addressed, box junction enforcement is a dangerous distraction, a 'solution' in search of a problem and should not be pursued. This survey is not reliable. It's preamble includes generalisations without specifying the extent of problems allegedly caused or the actual frequency of their occurrence and doesn't say anything about the likely knock-on effect of stricter enforcement and doesn't say anything about where else the cost of this proposed work could be spent.</p> <p>It is just a PR exercise designed to pretend that full and proper public consultation has been conducted.</p> <p>I cross that junction multiple times per week, in every direction and at every time of day, every day of the week. It is actually very rare to see routes blocked by stationary vehicles in the box and when they are it is for only a very short period and the vehicles temporarily held up at those times, when 'released', are very soon at the back of a different queue so their total journey time is not impacted. I know because I have been one such vehicle. This proposed scheme will merely add to frustration and will actually have the net effect of lengthening average journey times by reducing the capacity of the junction. At present drivers are able to apply intelligence to minimise their impact on other road users but strict enforcement of the box will prevent that.</p>	<p>The exercise meets the DfT requirements to ensure that the public are engaged with any proposed addition of Local authority enforcement of these restrictions above that already provided by the Police. Our traffic data clearly shows a significant number of drivers queuing in the junction outbound along Radcliffe Road particularly in the evening peak. The pedestrian crossing is configured to work whilst vehicles are moving out of Trent Boulevard to minimise the delays to all users. Any pedestrians crossing whilst a vehicle makes a banned left turn are at risk.</p>
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Site 2 – Portland Street, Newark – No Right Turn

	Objection:	Response:
1.	Work with ASDA and council planning department to improve access to this vital service.	The junction was never designed to allow a safe right turn in from Portland Street because of the proximity to the junction. There is an alternative entrance off Lombard Street a few hundred metres away.
2.	Fix the roads - potholes everywhere.	These proposals have no link to highway maintenance.
3.	As with all of Nottingham's Road improvement plans, this will not help traffic flow and is just a cash cow for the council to fine the motorist. there are plenty of locations in the county where this would make a difference on SAFETY grounds, but i guess they are not as busy so not likely to generate as much money.	All existing moving traffic restrictions were considered for potential enforcement and these sites were considered to be those that offered the biggest potential gain to a lot of motorists in terms of improving congestion at key locations and improving safety.
4.	Find a better solution be creative, the issue is not the motorist but the no right turn. The problem has been created by you !. Giving planning to build the supermarket without considering the traffic implications. Take responsibility find a better solution by not penalising the motorist.	The supermarket is relatively new and 2 entrances were needed to ensure the efficient movement of traffic into the site. Motorists were never permitted to turn right at this location when the store opened and would not be penalised if they observed the restriction and used the alternative entrance to the site.
5.	Councils are here to provide services. Police to provide law enforcement.	The Police are fully in favour of this proposal.
6.	I have made this mistake myself many times and have never seen the sign. This consultation is the first time I've realised the mistake I've made. I think before installing enforcement cameras there should be a 612 no right turn, probably at 900mm diameter to be really clear with a supp plate saying no right turn for supermarket, on the right-hand side of the road as when you approach that junction to turn right, that is the side of the road you look at. The sign on the left is too small and next to a directional sign for traffic turning left and so isn't easy to notice. The road markings are often covered by traffic. Enforcement at this stage seems premature or a cash grab trying to prey on motorists who don't know they're doing anything wrong.	The signs and lines depicting the restriction are clear and meet the legal requirements of the Traffic Signs and General Directions. In addition, the geometry of the junction and in particular the kerbs should alert a driver that turning right into the access is prohibited. Camera signs and warning notices will further improve compliance.



7.	<p>It would be much better to install a short stretch of fencing down the middle of the road to make the unwanted move impossible.</p> <p>This question should not be posed without fuller explanation of all the knock-on issues and alternative responses to the concern and evidence as to how real the problem actually is.</p>	<p>Traffic data shows that this manoeuvre happens many times a day (67 times in a 12-hour count) .</p> <p>These drivers would have to use the main entrance on Lombard Street and apart from a short additional distance to travel, there should not be any impact upon the highway network. The road is not wide enough at this location to install any safety barrier as proposed.</p>
8.	<p>Signage currently could be clearer- the 'no right turn' sign is on the left of the road, away from the relevant junction, and the 'ahead only' writing on the road is ambiguous.</p> <p>Not with standing this, the issue here is one of poor design: travelling south through Newark there is no apparent way to get to the upper Asda car park (to drop off/pick up from here, or to get to the shops here), without performing a turn further along the street to come back and turn left into the junction, something that is inconvenient and even more disruptive.</p>	<p>The signs and lines depicting the restriction are clear and meet the legal requirements of the Traffic Signs and General Directions.</p> <p>In addition, the geometry of the junction and in particular the kerbs should alert a driver that turning right into the access is prohibited. Camera signs and warning notices will further improve compliance. There is a further main entrance to Asda off Lombard Street a few hundred metres from this one on Portland Street.</p>
9.	<p>The traffic is only held up leaving town it doesn't hold up the traffic coming into town it's at a standstill most of the time</p>	<p>Any delays caused by a prohibited turn are unnecessary and cause not only congestion but road safety issues.</p>
10.	<p>Cameras are expensive to install, maintain and monitor. They also invade people's right to privacy. We are turning into a police state. Having visited many parts of China where this police state approach can be visible seen we, the public, need to do all we can to stop the same approach creeping in in the UK.</p> <p>The extra powers that Government and Councils want to "control" the population are the first steps. Mark the road with clear signage and if necessary, get a police presence there at random times to both interact with the public and enforce the correct no turn rules.</p>	<p>The proposed application for powers is to support the Councils commitment to reduce congestion and improve road safety. The no right turn into Asda is clearly signed and that combined with the geometry of the junction should assist drivers in realising that the turn is prohibited. The Police are fully supportive of the Council's application for powers to assist them with enforcement.</p>
11.	<p>As previous, councils should not be given these powers as they overuse them to make money from local people.</p>	<p>The proposed application for powers is to support the Councils commitment to reduce congestion and improve road safety.</p>
12.	<p>Do not know the junction therefore think those more local should comment</p>	<p>Noted</p>
13.	<p>As per previous comment - I am strongly against this and will look to prioritise my vote at elections against any party that wants to fine road users who are incorrectly obeying the rules of a box junction.</p> <p>Most people do obey the law and this is simply a way to fine people who have made an honest mistake. I am strongly against any camera operated enforcement.</p>	<p>The proposed application for powers is to support the Councils commitment to reduce congestion and improve road safety.</p>
14.	<p>I don't live in this area but have used this junction – again why go to default raising cash from drivers encourage good drivers practices.</p>	<p>The proposed application for powers is to support the Councils commitment to reduce congestion and improve road safety. Drivers that respect restrictions and the Highway Code will not be impacted by this enforcement.</p>
15.	<p>Living on the south side of Newark post code NG24 4RY we were very pleased to get a supermarket on our side of the town with easy access.</p> <p>It was always a problem getting to Morrisons when Lombard Street and Castle gate were blocked because of the Castle station crossings.</p>	<p>Although there is a signed restriction to prevent vehicles turning right out of the Asda access off Portland Street, this is not the restriction that we are proposing to enforce namely the no right turn into the supermarket.</p>

Ever since Asda opened, I have been using that carpark often three times a week. However, in my opinion that junction was a badly thought-out design from the start.

To use the top car park and come out the same way we would have to cut across to the outside lane and then turn right into Albert Street to get home---or go right down to the lower level then out onto Lombard Street involving far more queuing at busy times and two sets of traffic lights.

how can this help congestion ?

When my wife became disabled with spinal cancer, the disabled bays in the top carpark were a godsend but she could not cope with the drive over the speed bumps so we had no option.

Is it possible that drivers trying to right turn to get in may have been directed by sat nav--once they get there where do they go ? In my opinion that should be a hatched box junction and allow traffic in and out either way.

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER,
TRANSFORMATION****THE COUNCIL'S PREVENTION AND EARLY HELP APPROACH –
SUPPORTING A RESILIENT, HEALTHY NOTTINGHAMSHIRE****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report proposes a framework within which Council services will operate to deliver on the Council's continued commitment to prevention and early help. The report outlines how this aligns with wider partnership commitments and describes key principles to underpin a whole Council approach to prevention and early help.
2. This is a Key Decision because it will have significant effects on two or more electoral divisions.

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3. The Nottinghamshire Plan articulates the Council's vision for a healthier, more prosperous, and greener future for everyone, and the ambitions and approach which underpin this vision. To deliver on the vision and ambitions, the Council is committed to prevention and early help in its widest sense. In this paper, the term prevention will be used to refer to support designed to stop a need or problem emerging in the first place. The term early help will be used to refer to support that is aimed at halting the development of a need or problem that is already emerging. Whilst many Nottinghamshire County Council services have already adopted preventative approaches, the Council is seeking to embed a consistent, whole-Council framework, within which all services should operate. This framework is captured in the six key principles described in this report.
4. To fulfil the Council's vision of a County where everybody can thrive, all the right building blocks of health need to be in place, such as good local access to transport, healthy food and green spaces, stable jobs, quality housing and good education. The biggest impact the Council can have on prevention now and in the future is to strengthen these building blocks and to address gaps where these are missing.
5. The Council's approach will continue to create a more effective and integrated offer for residents. Working collaboratively with partners to deliver shared partnership commitments, as outlined in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy, the Council will ensure that it is making best use of resources and offering joined-up services, closer to the communities it serves. The Council will seek to improve the network of proactive support for people and to maintain,

support and grow the assets (e.g. voluntary and community-based organisations) in communities.

6. The Council is proud of what it has achieved so far and will continue to invest in prevention and early help as the foundations of its approach to organisational change, transformation and service improvement. A focus on prevention will underpin the cross-Council work being delivered through the corporate transformation programmes.
7. This approach is central to delivering an efficient, effective and sustainable Council for the future and is at the heart of transforming what and how the Council delivers for the people and communities of Nottinghamshire.
8. To continue to deliver an effective prevention and early help approach the whole Council will embed key principles. They are:

Principle 1 - Data and insight will inform how the Council prioritises the allocation of its resources, in proportion to need, addressing inequalities and ensuring the Council has the greatest impact for the most disadvantaged communities.

9. A key achievement is the introduction of Local Area Coordinators who are now in post, based across five different localities across the county. The Local Area Coordinators support a population of approximately 10,000 people within each of these locations as a test and learn pilot programme until March 2025. The Council is expanding the pilot of the Local Area Coordinators, with five additional Local Area Coordinators currently being recruited, working with partners across the Place Based Partnerships to identify localities to widen the test and learn pilot through to March 2025. A full evaluation of the test and learn pilot will be undertaken to understand the impact of this work, alongside other community based early help and support roles.
10. Cabinet are asked to support continued engagement with partners to review and redesign the early help offer for children and families. This will build on existing commitments to progress family hub network design sites in Retford, Hawtonville in Newark and Sutton in Ashfield, as agreed by the Children and Young People's Committee in December 2021; with proposals for full roll out due to be discussed at Cabinet in November 2023.
11. As part of this redesign, Cabinet are invited to agree a pilot programme of work to trial a more collaborative and place-based approach, working with partners in five initial places across the county, to test new approaches to partnership delivery. They are Carlton-in-Lindrick (Bassetlaw), Manton in Worksop (Bassetlaw), Hawtonville (Newark & Sherwood), Boughton (Newark & Sherwood) and the Oak Tree/Bellamy estates (Mansfield). The Council are actively engaging with partners and community representatives to develop plans for these five areas, and projects will be brought forwards over the next three to six months to bring integrated and tailored services closer to these communities. This will:
 - see the Council bring forward plans to deliver a family hub network for the Oak Tree estate, with delivery planned by April 2024. A report will be presented to Cabinet in November 2023, to agree in principle two additional family hub design sites (including Oak Tree) and to agree to begin statutory consultation required to progress this.

- bring community venues back into use or adapt existing buildings to better meet the needs of communities, looking to co-locate and provide targeted outreach services in priority places,
- generate options to integrate service delivery to avoid duplication and maximise the impact of partnership investment in communities, or explore the joint commissioning/delivery of tailored services, where the Council and partners identify needs that are not currently being met by existing partnership services,
- test and learn from new approaches to working with partners to provide the right help, at the right time, in the right place – for example, trialling a team around the school approach, which wraps multi-agency family support around a child's day to day interactions with their school, to identify and meet needs as early as possible.

Principle 2 - The Council will be person-centred and strengths-based, so that services work with people to build on their strengths and promote their independence.

12. To embed the Council's person-centred and strengths-based approach, the Adult Social Care and Health department have already changed the way that they work with people accessing services, to build on individuals' independence, resilience and people's ability to make their own choices. This helps to build people's skills and a network of wider support to help them to live the best life they can, whilst reducing reliance on long-term care. Between September 2022 and March 2023, the number of people connected to a community group or the voluntary sector as part of their support offer increased by 32 per cent.
13. To develop this further, Cabinet are asked to support the Council's further engagement to improve its collective response to people with severe and multiple disadvantage (SMD) who experience some of the poorest outcomes in the population. This includes people who have experienced homelessness, substance use, domestic abuse, mental ill health and other disadvantage. The Council will **work together with statutory and voluntary sector partners, and people with lived experience, to find more effective ways to support people with SMD. This work will propose new ways of working to move from crisis response to upstream early intervention. This will better support recovery, independence, and improved health outcomes. The Council will build** on the recent success in attracting long term investment from the Integrated Care Board (ICB) into a new Integrated Clinical SMD team, which will improve health outcomes for people with SMD and those who are alcohol dependent.

Principle 3 - The Council will listen to people and communities as it develops the preventative and early help offer, so that their design is shaped by the people who will use the Council's services.

14. The Council leading the way in work to ensure the voices and views of people accessing the Council's services are heard. In particular, the Adult Social Care and Health department has made considerable progress in this area, publishing a plan for working with people called Better Together. Recently, colleagues from Adult Social Care and Health have been undertaking a 'Big Conversation' and have listened to people to understand how well the Council supports them to have a good life. The Big Conversation report has now been published and will be used to drive continuous improvement in adult social care services.
15. The development of family hub network design sites is led by the findings of co-production activities with local families and wider stakeholders. Each design site is initiated with public

consultation, followed by targeted co-production activities with parents/carers and children and young people. The co-production work in Retford family hub network design site has been highlighted as an example of good practice by the National Centre for Family Hubs.

Principle 4 - The Council will make information, advice and support more accessible, so that people can find the right help, at the right time and in the right place. The Council believes that the right help is proportionate and enables people to maintain their independence and build resilience. The Council believes the right time is as early as possible, to prevent needs escalating. The Council believes the right place is usually close to people's homes, in their communities and neighbourhoods.

16. The Council's relatively stable financial position means that it has continued to invest in services, like children's centres and young people's services, that help children get the best start in life, support parents, give young people safe places to go and that identify needs early and prevent them getting worse. Building on the current children's centre offer, the Council is introducing new family hub networks across the county, designed and delivered with partners, communities and families. The first family hub network was launched in Retford in April 2023, and the Council is committed to family hub developments in line with the Council Plan. . During 2022-23, the Young People's Service supported 12,623 individual young people to engage in a range of fun, safe and high-quality positive activities and opportunities with a trusted youth worker. In 2022-23, the Children's Centre Service worked with 10,802 families who accessed targeted interventions and support with the largest cohort of families having a child under the age of 1.
17. Cabinet are asked to support prioritisation of work to improve the platforms through which people can access information, advice and guidance and the quality and accessibility of the information available. This will make more, high quality and up to date information and support available online and through digital platforms, so that more people can easily self-serve at a time and place that is convenient for them.

Principle 5 - The Council will work together with its partners, so that people experience a more joined-up offer and so that the Council can make the best use of resources by reducing duplication and maximising opportunities of service integration and/or co-location.

18. The Council is ambitious to continue its ongoing work to improving the help available to people struggling with their mental health and wellbeing, or who are at risk of self-harm and suicide. The Council has seen a 35 per cent increase in Mental Health Act assessments in the last 12 months and are working with partners to integrate and co-locate services for adults requiring mental health support, so that the Council is able to work together to prevent crises and provide early, effective support.
19. Cabinet are asked to endorse the development of a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) chapter on adult social care prevention. This will inform the adult social care prevention commissioning framework, work with Place Based Partnerships to understand how we are all investing in community-based preventative roles and to make sure we have an efficient and effective network and pathway of support available in communities.

Principle 6 - The Council will help people to access the opportunities that Nottinghamshire offers, so that they can access the education, training or employment to achieve their ambitions and help the economy to prosper.

20. The Council are actively supporting people, places and communities, responding to the impacts of cost-of-living increases and have successfully delivered over £11million of household support funding to over 40,000 households. The wider Local Communities Fund awarded almost £1.2million to over 90 voluntary and community groups in 2022/23 and supported 110 young talented athletes to develop their elite sporting skills. The Council also awarded £500,000 of capital funding to 54 local community groups to help them improve local facilities for residents. In addition, over 100 community groups shared £250,000 to help them support people to manage with energy and food costs.
21. Cabinet are asked to support continued engagement with the Council's partners to bring together initiatives aiming to strengthen the building blocks for good health and wellbeing, working together to improve how we deliver good homes and housing, prioritise health in the local planning of towns and neighbourhoods, improve access to employment and skills opportunities and grow and support community-based organisations. The Council will work closely with District Councils and other partners, making the most of the opportunities presented by devolution and the Levelling Up Partnerships in Mansfield and Bassetlaw, to improve infrastructure, attract further investment and grow the economy and prosperity.
22. Cabinet are asked to endorse further work to develop libraries as community and learning hubs, working in partnership with Inspire. The Council will work with Inspire to develop options for libraries as community, cultural and learning hubs. Libraries will provide a range of events, courses and activities that are accessible in local communities and affordable for everyone and, will support young children to develop language, reading and motor skills. Libraries will embed a 'Making Every Contract Count' (MECC) approach to ensure people and communities have access to brief advice and information on a range of prevention services that matter to them.

Other Options Considered

23. Do nothing – this option has been discounted as this would not achieve the vision and ambitions as outlined in the Nottinghamshire Plan. It would also mean that the Council is not able to respond to meet the identified needs of the people and communities of Nottinghamshire.

Reasons for Recommendations

24. If approved, these recommendations establish a set of Council-wide principles that create greater coherence and consistency in the Council's approach to prevention and early help. Cabinet support for the further actions outlined will enable the Council to continue to work with partners and will help us to achieve the strategic vision and ambitions, as outlined in the Nottinghamshire Plan.

Statutory and Policy Implications

25. 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.

26. The Council's prevention approach will seek to advance equality and equity of opportunity and outcomes. By working with partners to target those communities with greatest needs, the Council seeks to improve outcomes for the people who live there, including those with protected characteristics.
27. Working closely with NHS partners is central to the Council's approach to prevention. The Council's approach will support delivery of the Council's public health duties, supporting delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and will be support delivery of the vision, principles and values outlined in the NHS constitution.
28. Prevention and early help underpin the Council's ability to safeguard children and adults at risk, by ensuring the delivery of early and preventative help to stop needs escalating and by helping people to live safe, happy and independent lives.

Financial Implications

29. The commitments outlined in this report can be met within existing budgets or will be subject to further decisions in line with the Council's constitution.

Implications in relation to the NHS Constitution

30. Working closely with NHS partners is central to the Council's approach to prevention. The Council's approach will support delivery of the Council's public health duties, supporting delivery of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and will be support delivery of the vision, principles and values outlined in the NHS constitution.

Public Sector Equality Duty Implications

31. When making decisions the Council must have regard to its public sector equality duty. The Council has a duty to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not by thinking about the need to:
- a. Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation
 - b. Advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share protected characteristics and those who do not.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

32. Prevention and early help underpin the Council's ability to safeguard children and adults at risk, by ensuring the delivery of early and preventative help to stop needs escalating and by helping people to live safe, happy and independent lives.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet are asked to:

- 1) Note the alignment of the Council's ambitions around prevention and early help, as articulated through the Nottinghamshire Plan, with wider partnership ambitions outlined in the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Integrated Care Strategy.
- 2) Agree the key principles as set out in the report.
- 3) Agree a pilot programme of work to trial more collaborative and place-based approaches with partners in five initial places across the county, as outlined at paragraph 11.
- 4) Endorse and support further actions outlined in paragraphs 10, 13, 17, 19, 21 and 22.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 04.09.2023)

33. Cabinet has the remit to consider the report and recommendations.

Financial Comments (KRP 29/8/23)

34. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in the report. As set out, any additional budget requirements will need to be subject to further approvals as required.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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

- The Nottinghamshire Plan
- The 2022/23 Nottinghamshire Plan Annual Report
- The 2023/24 Annual Delivery Plan
- Implementing Family Hubs in Nottinghamshire – report to Children and Young People's Committee on 13th December 2021
- Early Help Strategy 2021-25 (published by the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children Partnership)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES**REVISION OF THE ADAPTATIONS TO PROPERTY OR HOUSE MOVES
POLICY FOR DISCRETIONARY FUNDING TO FOSTER CARERS, ADOPTIVE
PARENTS OR SPECIAL GUARDIANS****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report seeks Cabinet approval of a revised Adaptations to Property Policy, to be amended to the 'Adaptations to Property or House Moves Policy', attached as **Appendix 1**, for Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) foster carers, adoptive parents, and special guardians of NCC child/ren who may be considering an adaptation to their property, or a house move in connection with their role. The report also seeks approval for the policy to be reviewed following each four-yearly election cycle.
2. This is a Key Decision because it will have significant effects on two or more electoral divisions.

Information

3. Foster carers in Nottinghamshire play a hugely important role in enabling children and young people who are unable to stay with their birth families to live in a caring, family home. Part of the Council's commitment in Ambition 3 of The Nottinghamshire Plan is to keep children, vulnerable adults and communities' safe. This policy supports the Council's ambition to increase the number of foster placements available to children in the Council's care by supporting foster families to continue to safely care for children within their family home, and enabling more children in care to live in family-based placements.

Children's Social Care receives requests for financial support from NCC foster carers, adoptive parents, families and friends through Special Guardianship Orders, to adapt their home / move house to provide a permanent placement for an NCC child/children.

4. An Adaptations Policy was approved in January 2016 with the aim to:
 - increase the number of placements
 - provide permanence for NCC looked after child/ren or young people
 - provide permanence for NCC children / young people to whom the County Council has responsibility.

5. To achieve these aims, the County Council provides financial assistance to NCC carers of NCC child/children to adapt or extend the present property to create extra room or to assist the purchase of an alternative property to alleviate overcrowding or take extra children.
6. This revised Adaptations to Property or House Moves Policy provides an update to the existing process and ensures greater transparency and equitable use of resources, targeted at those most in need.
7. To be eligible to apply for a funding request under the Adaptations to Property or House Moves Policy, one of the following is required:
 - an NCC foster carer or adopter to be the carer/s of an NCC child/children and the legal owner of the property in question
 - the family and friends/carers of NCC child/children to be under a Care Order or subject to Care Proceedings.
8. A request for funding under the Adaptations to Property or House Moves Policy will only be considered when any one of the following applies:
 - to provide extra capacity in their home to care for another child on behalf of NCC
 - to secure a long-term placement for a child already in their care
 - to enable sibling groups for whom they are caring to remain together
 - to meet the needs of a child with multiple disabilities in their care
 - to meet certain health and safety requirements, which otherwise would mean that a child in their care would have to be moved
 - to enable a house move to care for another child on behalf of NCC. .
9. In the event an NCC carer/carers meet one or more of the eligibility requirements outlined above, the supervising social worker will consider the carer's alternative options for finance, the need for legal contracts and charges on property, including recovery arrangements and the ability of the carers to contribute financially towards some of the costs.
10. There are separate application and approval processes for requests for financial assistance of up to £2,500 and over £2,501 (both approved by the Council's Finance department); these are both detailed in the policy (**Appendix 1**) and in the Application Process Flowchart (**Appendix 2**).
11. NCC adopts a flexible, shared-cost policy in relation to providing financial assistance. Therefore, there is some expectation that an NCC carer/carers makes a financial contribution to the cost of the adaptation, where possible.
12. In cases where a decision is made not to give financial assistance, applicants can ask the Corporate Director, Children and Families, to review that the policy has been complied with.
13. It is proposed that the policy be reviewed following each four-yearly election cycle.

Other Options Considered

14. The option of not providing any funding was rejected as not being in the best interests of children and potentially not cost effective when comparing with long-term placements outside of a family-based setting. This is discretionary funding.
15. Historically, the greatest impact of the existing Adaptation policy has typically been for smaller amounts (approximately £2,500) and therefore should be easier to obtain. The system provides a relatively straight forward process for carers to apply for up to £2,500 (application form and approval of the CFS Service Director) to help fund minor adaptations which could support a child staying with them, allowing for stable family-based placements to continue.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

16. The County Council already regularly gives financial assistance to NCC carer/carers under the existing Adaptations Policy. The update to this policy provides a robust framework, with a clear fair and straightforward process, with clear layers of decision making and accountability.
17. The benefits for the County Council are that small investments such as this can provide a longer term saving by a child remaining with an internal foster carer, rather than needing to move to a more expensive external provider. It also promotes goodwill and encourages carers to stay with the Council.
18. This means the Council can be more targeted in its approach and support carers who cannot afford to make changes to their own property specifically for a child. It is anticipated that very few applications for larger amounts will be made.

Statutory and Policy Implications

19. 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

20. Any financial assistance up to £2,500 is approved by the CFS Service Director using existing budget. Financial assistance at or above £2,501 is subject to a business case and is submitted to CAMG and approved in line with the Financial Regulations. Budget for the financial assistance will be identified and approved as required.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

21. When making decisions the Council must have regard to its public sector equality duty. The Council has a duty to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not by thinking about the need to:
 - Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation
 - Advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share protected characteristics and those who do not
22. This policy will support, provide for and secure foundations for NCC child/children under the care of the County Council.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

23. This policy assists with placing of children in care in a family setting.

RECOMMENDATION

That:

- 1) Cabinet approves the Adaptations to Property or House Moves Policy, attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 2) the policy is reviewed following each four-yearly election cycle.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 16/08/23)

24. The report falls within the remit of Cabinet to consider.

Financial Comments (CDS 31/07/23)

25. There are no financial implications arising directly from this policy, however, financial assistance under this policy in excess of £2,500 are subject to a business case and need to be approved via the Capital Assets Management Group (CAMG) and the requirements under the Financial Regulations. In the event of a carer ceasing to care for the children then legal charges may potentially apply to the property to ensure that public money is protected.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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Adaptations to Property Policy 2016

Adaptations Application Capital Programme Business Case

Carers Adaptations Application form

Financial Assistance Agreement (over £2,501)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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Policy Library Pro Forma

This information will be used to add a policy, strategy, guidance or procedure to the Council's Policy Library.

Title: Adaptations to Property and House Moves Policy

1. **Aim / Summary:** This Adaptations to Property or House Moves Policy is applicable to foster carers, adoptive parents, or special guardians of a child/ren on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council who may be considering an adaptation to their property or a house move in connection with their role.

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Adaptations to Property or House Moves Policy

1. Context

This Adaptations to Property or House Moves Policy is applicable to foster carers, adoptive parents, or special guardians of a child/ren on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) who may be considering an adaptation to their property or require more space in their home in connection with their role. This is a discretionary service.

2. Scope of this policy

Wherever possible children should be able to live in a stable family-based setting for the duration of their childhood with any siblings. Placement moves should be minimal, equitable and regardless of placement type, public funds should be used responsibly and fairly. If an adaptation to a home is not possible, an alternative option could be to move to an alternative property. In cases where a house move requires funding from the County Council, this may be considered as long-term financial assistance, of which the terms would need to be negotiated.

3. Objectives

- To increase the number of placements
- To enable the carer to continue to look after several children
- To provide permanence for specific looked after child/ren or young persons to whom the County Council has responsibility.

4. Eligibility

A request for funding under the Adaptations to Property or House Moves Policy will only be considered when any one of the following applies:

- to provide extra capacity in their home to care for another child on behalf of NCC
- to secure a long-term placement for a child already in their care
- to enable sibling groups for whom they are caring to remain together
- to meet the needs of a child with multiple disabilities in their care
- to meet certain health and safety requirements, which otherwise would mean that a child in their care would have to be moved
- to enable a house move to care for another child on behalf of NCC.

The NCC carer/carers must be the legal owner/s of the property in question before an application for an adaptation to a property can be considered. If carers are renting a property, then it is not possible to consider any adaptation.

5. Financial Statement

NCC adopts a **flexible, shared-cost policy** in relation to financial assistance and so there is some expectation that carers make a financial contribution to the cost of the adaptation, or the house move, wherever possible.

6. Key actions

1. Initial Actions

If an NCC carer/carers meets one or more of the eligibility requirements outlined above, a discussion will take place between the social worker and the carer to consider the following options in detail at an early stage:

- Alternative options for finance.
- The need for legal contracts and a legal charge on the property, including recovery arrangements.
- The ability of the carer to contribute financially towards some of the costs.
- If the social worker believes there is merit in the proposal, the service manager will then determine whether an application can be made; however, this is not a guarantee.

If the eligibility criteria to make an application has been approved, the NCC carer/carers should seek three quotes for the cost of the proposed building work. The County Council usually agrees the lowest quote.

If the eligibility to make an application for a house move has been approved, the business case to be considered by CAMG will reflect the local housing market and the needs of the family and household and will be considered based on a clear balance of the best interest of the child(ren) and the financial interest of NCC.

2. Application Process and Approval for Property Adaptations Funding up to £2,500 *(Detailed in the Adaptations Flowchart attached at **Appendix 2**)*

- A discussion takes place between the supervising social worker and carer to determine if the eligibility threshold is met.
- The Fostering service manager provides approval to make an application (however, this does not guarantee that a decision or a grant will be made).
- The NCC carer/carers obtains three quotes and fills in the application form to make an application.
- The service manager approves or rejects the application.
- The supervising social worker informs the carer in writing of approval to provide funding to proceed with the adaptation.
- **Note:** if the application is not approved, the social worker ensures a letter is sent to carers with reason why and the decision is logged on the Mosaic database.

3. Application Process and Approval for Property Adaptations Funding over £2,501 *(Detailed in the Adaptations Flowchart attached at **Appendix 2**)*

- The NCC carer/carers completes the application form and financial statement to include evidence of the carer's sources of income and expenditure, council tax, mortgage repayments, value of property, private pensions, court commitments and savings. This information takes account of possible increases to the value of the carer's property and potential ability to generate income because of the funding.
- The Fostering service manager considers the adaptation to property or house move application and completes the business case funding application.

- The Group Manager presents the business case to a Children and Families (CFS) Service Director for approval to proceed to the Capital Assets Management Group (CAMG).

The CFS Service Director presents the business case to CAMG. The business case will be considered against the needs of the looked after child/ren and the potential for long term revenue savings

- In accordance with the Financial Regulations, CAMG will review the business case and assess the financial aspects and will advise the Cabinet Member for Finance and, in turn, will seek approval from the relevant approving body.
- If approval for the monies for the financial assistance is given in accordance with the Financial Regulations the CFS Service Director will carry out a final review of the business case to ensure that there are no material changes requiring reconsideration (if so refer back through the process as needed) and they will approve the application .
- **Note:** if the application is not approved, the supervising social worker ensures a letter is sent to the NCC carer/carers with reasons and logs the decision on the Mosaic database.

In cases where a decision is made not to give financial assistance either below or above £2,500 the NCC carer/carers can ask for the decision to be referred to the Corporate Director. As this is a discretionary service the Corporate Director will review the application to check that it has followed the policy. In the event that it has not, the Corporate Director can ask for the application to be re-considered in line with the policy..

4. Payments

Payments for the building work are made to the NCC carer in instalments and a final payment is not released until the building works have been completed to standard and to the satisfaction of a local building inspector (via planning/building regulations as part of the planning process). Payments for a house move will be paid in a lump sum to the solicitors acting for the NCC carer/carers in order for the house purchase to proceed. The solicitors will hold the money to order on behalf of NCC until the house purchase completes.

The payments are monitored by the relevant service manager and the CFS departmental payment team.

Appendix

- Adaptations Application Process Flow Chart

ADAPTATION TO PROPERTY OR HOUSE MOVES PROCESS FLOWCHART

APPLICATION PROCESS

Request made by NCC carer for adaptation or house move to increase capacity or provide a child-specific placement

Application
Rejected

Approved

Application considered by Fostering Service Manager. Carer seeks 3 building quotes or provides details of suitable alternative properties

Supervising social worker and carer complete Carer's Adaptations Application Form

Supervising social worker ensures Financial Assessment is completed by carer if over £2,501

FUNDING APPROVAL

NCC Carer's Adaptations Application considered by Fostering Service Manager

Rejected

Approved

Internal Fostering Budget

Capital Budget

Funding does not exceed £2,500

Funding exceeds £2,501
Proposal for Capital Budget

Complete business case for Capital Budget

Group Manager presents business case to CFS
Service Director

Rejected

Business case presented at CAMG

Approved

Signed off in accordance with the
Financial Regulations

Rejected

Approved

APPLICATION APPROVAL

CFS Service Director checks the application
and approves

CFS Service Director checks the business case
and approves the application

Supervising social worker informs the carer in writing of approval
Financial Assistance Agreement signed and Legal Charge drawn up

PAYMENT

Payments are made to carer/s in accordance with the payment schedule

MONITORING

Building work or house move proceeds

Supervising social worker monitors progress - informs Legal & Fostering Service Manager if the carer
commitment breaks down

If at point of breakdown Legal services engaged

**REPORT OF CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
ASSET MANAGEMENT****EAST MIDLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – ANNUAL UPDATE AND
FUNDING FOR YEAR 3****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to:
 - provide an update on the work undertaken by the East Midlands Development Company (EM DevCo) in its second year of operation and its future priorities.
 - seek approval for the County Council's (NCC) annual contribution of £500k for 2023/24.
2. This is a Key Decision because it will have significant effect on two or more electoral divisions.

InformationPolicy background

3. The Nottinghamshire Plan was approved at Full Council in November 2021 and sets out a clear and ambitious vision for the future of Nottinghamshire for the next ten years, including working towards a healthy, prosperous, and greener future for everyone. The EM DevCo programme impact is for positive results across local place regeneration, regional supply chains and jobs which contributes to this aim. The scale of impact for businesses and residents of the programme is across all of Nottinghamshire and the wider region, and the delivery is significant in supporting the following Nottinghamshire Plan ambitions:
 - attracting investment in infrastructure, the economy and green growth,
 - making Nottinghamshire somewhere people love to live, work and visit,
 - improving transport and digital connections
 - protecting the environment and reducing our carbon footprint and
 - strengthening businesses and creating more good-quality jobs

Background

4. In 2020, NCC, Leicestershire County Council, Broxtowe Borough Council, Rushcliffe Borough Council and North-West Leicestershire District Council agreed to establish an Interim Vehicle, the EM DevCo, as a precursor to a new type of statutory development corporation aimed at driving forward plans for major growth and infrastructure. The initiative has benefitted from Government support. NCC also provides supporting services on a cost

recovery basis through a series of Service Level Agreements, and funding towards core operational costs.

5. The overall ambition of EM DevCo and NCC is to supercharge growth for the regional economy. This will be achieved initially on three sites – Toton & Chetwynd Barracks, Ratcliffe-on-Soar Power Station, and the East Midlands Airport Area – that build on the potential of HS2, the region's status as a major trade and logistics gateway, and its historic strengths in research & development and industrial innovation. The overall outcomes of the EM DevCo work are to enable a vision for growth which is set to deliver 14,000 full time equivalent (FTE) jobs, £25billion expenditure in the region, and £9billion GVA in its construction phase, and to deliver up to 85,000 FTE jobs, £6bn GVA per annum, and 20,000 homes by the 2050s in its operational phase.
6. The governance of the Company means that NCC's interests are represented in the following ways:
 - **Oversight Authority** - meets quarterly to monitor progress against its agreed goals and targets and to agree the business plan of EM DevCo. It is made up of elected representatives from the five investing Councils, including the Leader of the Council.
 - **Director Board** - operates under the direction of an independent skills-led board of directors, with senior directors from each member local authorities, as well as six independent private sector directors from the development, infrastructure, finance, design, and environmental sectors. The Corporate Director of Place has been appointed as Council's nominated director on the Board.
7. On 9 December 2020, Policy Committee approved the establishment of the Interim Vehicle, EM DevCo and NCC's budgetary contribution of £0.5m per annum over 3 years, to be reviewed at the end of both year 1 and year 2 against progress and relevant milestones in the Company's Business Plan and the level of partner contributions. The first meeting of the Oversight Authority in April 2021 approved the year 1 annual business plan and budget, and the Company was formally incorporated in May 2021.
8. The Oversight Authority met in April 2022 and endorsed the year 2 annual business plan, including key delivery themes which continue to underpin the business plan for 2023-24. On 9 May 2022, the year 1 update was submitted to Finance Committee gaining approval to the second payment to EM DevCo of £0.5m funding plus an additional £1.62m of Government grant funding, administered by the County Council.

2022/23 Achievements

9. There has been significant progress made to date, putting EM DevCo on track for high impact results benefitting Nottinghamshire residents and businesses. Those most to note are detailed below:
 - **HS2 Growth Strategy Review** - the Department for Transport formally asked EM DevCo to lead on the co-ordination and oversight of this work, with potential for £2m of funding. It is expected that this will produce some early outputs including baseline reports and positioning papers to help inform future major complementary infrastructure investments.
 - **Commercial partner** - Areli Developments Ltd were appointed as a commercial partner in Spring 2022 to undertake work on looking at the vision for the three sites

from a commercial and delivery perspective. The work demonstrates the investment potential of the sites and how, as a package, they can offer a hugely positive transformational impact on the region..

- **Design code pathfinder** – The DevCo has been designated as one of only 25 areas nationally for 2022/23 to prepare a design code (which sets the design vision and provides a clear set of requirements to achieve/deliver this vision). Consultation on the strategic design code for Toton/Chetwynd/Broxtowe and for Ratcliffe closed on 30 April 2023, and the final draft code is being developed with the support of the affected local planning authorities.

Future Priorities

10. The Oversight Authority has endorsed the DevCo year 3 annual business plan and future priorities. These include:
 - **Vision framework** - publicly launch and engage with key stakeholders and local communities on the work prepared by Areli Developments Ltd.
 - **Advance plans for pioneering developments** – with the aim to achieve the high standards expected and help secure more future facing jobs, GVA, homes, natural capital net gains, carbon reduction and great place shaping.
 - **Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill** - continue to make the case to be at the vanguard of Locally Led Urban Development Corporations
 - **Create a comprehensive infrastructure plan** – in order to secure complementary investment from partner agencies. This will include positioning major schemes with key delivery partners with an emphasis on sustainable travel modes and public transport hubs.
 - **East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy review** - continue to oversee and co-ordinate the work to develop a comprehensive and integrated set of proposals reflecting the cumulative impact of growth and infrastructure to 2050.
 - **Pursue site-specific objectives** – to aid in the development of comprehensive, integrated approaches, secure best-practice design quality, and enable enhancements to natural capital, flood mitigation and accessibility.
 - **Consider a capital match fund** – the potential for £50,000 for small community schemes that contribute towards the vision for growth including investment in green and blue infrastructure.
 - **Generate business cases for additional match funding** – this is to build on the recent successes with funding for the Areli work and HS2 Growth Strategy.
11. EM DevCo will concurrently develop a proposed land and investment strategy in anticipation of statutory development corporation status. Different sites will present different opportunities and challenges, and this will impact the approach taken and will include key considerations such as delivery models, phasing, and funding. The work is complementary to other regional initiatives, including devolution and the emergence of an East Midlands County Combined Authority, through providing clear proposals and delivery mechanisms for growth and infrastructure.

Legislative Update

12. EM DevCo continues to work with Government to support the legal process of establishing Locally Led Urban Development Corporations (LLUDC) arising from the Levelling Up White Paper as well as proposed legislation on development corporation reform.
13. The Levelling up and Regeneration Bill is now at an advanced stage and is expected to complete passage through Parliament this winter. The Bill refers to the possible creation of a statutory Mayoral Development Corporation arising from the creation of the new East Midlands Mayoral County Combined Authority (EMCCA).

Financial Update

14. At the Company's inception, investing local authority partners committed a total of £1.5m, in principle, per annum to April 2024. This was made up from Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire County Councils contributing £500k each and the three member District Councils contributing £501k collectively (£167k per authority). In addition to NCC's contribution, further funding is annually required to be secured from Government as well as further targeted funding streams. In total £2.64m has been secured to date in non-local authority matched funding for EM DevCo specified projects. EM DevCo has maintained Government support, and a request for additional Government funding in support of the Company's priorities for the forthcoming year has been submitted. This is currently being considered by the Department for Levelling Up Homes and Communities (DLUHC).
15. At the most recent Oversight Authority meeting, Broxtowe and Rushcliffe Borough Councils each indicated their investment share as available for the financial year 2023-24 (subject to the necessary internal approvals). Leicestershire County Council and North-West Leicestershire District Council have not committed to funding the Company in 2023/24. In consequence, the Company's intention is to focus priorities in the current year to Business Plan objectives within the areas which have contributed funding.

Other Options Considered

16. Do not agree NCC's contribution: although this would mean that NCC would continue with the current approach of only providing core match funding if all partners are able to do, it would significantly impact on the ability for the EM DevCo to continue work on the priorities for the forthcoming year (which have been developed in consultation with NCC). Many of these are related to Nottinghamshire delivery and benefits, as identified in the Nottinghamshire Plan.
17. Increase the length of NCC's contribution: The current EM DevCo vehicle is benefiting local places, people and business, with the potential to become a development corporation with statutory powers in the next 2 years. Given the funding landscape and priorities will evolve further following the implementation of the Bill, it is not proposed that NCC should commit funding on a longer timeline at present, as the core funding contribution should be open to review year on year.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

18. This report recommends updating the current approach for approving this year's annual payment. NCC's past financial contributions have been contingent on all the other partners

also agreeing their funds. This report recommends that NCC does not make its contribution dependent on the funding of others, and instead determines if the contribution is right for NCC. It will be the responsibility of EM DevCo to make up any shortfalls in core match funding from other appropriate sources.

19. NCC's contribution to core funding represents its public support for the work of EM DevCo, and this plays an important role in enabling the Company to secure significant wider match funding. This is especially the case for Government funding, which usually requires evidence of such match funding.
20. The year 3 business plan deliverables set out above have been endorsed by EM DevCo's Oversight Authority and sit within the context of a longer delivery timescale. In particular this work is highly complementary to other regional initiatives, including HS2, EM Freeport and devolution, through providing clear proposals and delivery mechanisms for growth and infrastructure.
21. It is recognised that if the approach to this year's annual contribution is approved, there will need to be further consideration of NCC's contribution in subsequent years. This will be considered in the context of the legislative and machinery of government changes that are likely to impact upon EM DevCo in the next 12 months and whether the Business Plan objectives continue to offer value for money and support delivery of NCC strategic objectives.

Statutory and Policy Implications

22. 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

23. These are set out in the body of this report. Funding for EM DevCo in 2023/24 will be drawn, as planned, from the Council's share of the Nottinghamshire Business Rates Pool, but will be subject to checks that the proposal satisfies the current subsidy control regime.

Human Resources Implications

24. None.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

25. When making decisions the Council must have regard to its public sector equality duty. The Council has a duty to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not by thinking about the need to:
 - Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation

- Advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share protected characteristics and those who do not.

26. It is not considered that the work of EM DevCo will disproportionately impact people with protected characteristics.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

27. EM DevCo's core proposition is built around high-quality placemaking and sustainability principles. Improving biodiversity, implementing natural capital net gains, and encouraging net zero development are all core themes to the Company's work and in line with the environmental aspirations of Nottinghamshire County Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet:

1. Notes the update of the work undertaken by EM DevCo Ltd in its second year of operation.
2. Approves a County Council contribution of £0.5m for delivery from April 2023 to March 2024, subject to satisfactory confirmation of the legal position with regard to subsidy control.

COUNCILLOR KEITH GIRLING

CABINET MEMBER – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ASSET MANAGEMENT

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Constitutional Comments (KK 31/08/2023)

The proposals in this report are within the remit of the Cabinet. All key decisions are subject to notice being published in the Forward Plan at least 28 days in advance of the decision being taken.

Financial Comments (NS 12/9/23)

The financial implications are 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.

- EM DevCo – report to Policy Committee – May 2020
- EM DevCo Prospectus for Growth

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR
TRANSFORMATION****RESPONSE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SCRUTINY REVIEW
OF COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS AND RESIDENT ENGAGEMENT****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide a response to the Overview Committee recommendations arising from the committee's review of Council Consultations and Resident Engagement.

Information

2. At the meeting of the Overview Committee held on 29 June it was resolved:

"That the recommendations from the scrutiny review of resident engagement and consultation, as detailed in the report, be endorsed, and referred to Cabinet for consideration."

3. At the meeting of Cabinet held on 21 July where the report was presented it was resolved:

"That the recommendations from the Overview Committee review of Council Consultations and Resident Engagement be received."

"That the recommendations from the Overview Committee review of Council Consultations and Resident Engagement be referred to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member – Transformation to consider the recommendations and their implementation and report back to the next meeting of Cabinet."

4. In accordance with Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000, Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview Committee. In providing this response the Cabinet is asked to state whether or not they accept each recommendation and the reasons for this decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take in response to each recommendation.
5. The responses to the recommendations made from the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transformation are set out in the table at **Appendix 1**. All recommendations have been accepted and appropriate actions described.

Other Options Considered

6. None. In accordance with Section 21B of the Local Government Act 2000, Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview Committee.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

7. To detail the response of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Transformation on the recommendations arising from the Overview Committee's review of Council Consultations and Resident Engagement.

Statutory and Policy Implications

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

Financial Implications

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

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the response to the recommendations arising from the Overview Committee's review of Council Consultations and Resident Engagement be approved.

COUNCILLOR BRUCE LAUGHTON DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSFORMATION

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Constitutional Comments (HD 23/8/2023)

10. Cabinet is the correct body of Council to respond to the recommendations of the Overview Committee.

Financial Comments (KRP 23/8/23)

11. There are no financial implications arising from the contents of 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.

- [Outcomes of the Scrutiny Review of Council Consultations and Resident Engagement – 29 June 2023](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

Appendix 1

Response to the recommendations arising from the Overview Committee review of Council Consultation and Resident Engagement

Overview Committee recommendation	Cabinet Decision (Accept or Reject)	Action to be taken (if any) and timescale for completion
1. That the public consultation on the Council's budget should commence earlier in the year to enable the responses to be considered at an earlier point in the budget development process.	Accept	The budget consultation for 2023 is planned to launch on 29 September, 2023 (subject to approval from Cabinet). This contrasts with the 2022 iteration, which launched on 17 November, 2022. As a result, the consultation process has been brought forward by 2 months, to enable the response to be considered at an earlier point in the budget development process. This will be reviewed following this year's budget consultation, for next year's cycle.
2. That members of the Overview Committee be given the opportunity to comment on the proposed questions for the 2023/24 budget consultation in advance of the launch of the public survey.	Accept	Members of Overview Committee have been given opportunity to comment on the proposed questions in advance of the survey launching. As agreed with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee, the questions were circulated to Members of Overview Committee via email, with their feedback considered when finalising the survey.
3. That consideration should be given to whether there are any further potential areas of development to build on the existing use and to maximise opportunities provided by social media, the "emailme" system, the Council's Citizen's Panel and the MyNotts app to promote the budget consultation survey to residents.	Accept	Consideration has been given to potential further opportunities to promote the budget consultation to residents; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Messages will be regularly posted on all the Council's social media channels, leading up to the survey, during, and with increased frequency as the survey deadline approaches. Through 'social listening' the council will listen to what are the feelings and priorities of community groups, to help focus on creating content that is relevant and engaging.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Email bulletins encouraging participation in the survey will be sent to the council's email subscribers, at the time of the survey opening and prior to closing. • All members of the Citizens Panel will be contacted and encouraged to complete the survey. • A prominent link to the survey will be placed on the MyNotts App, with a notification going out to all subscribers.
4.	That relevant communications related to the public budget consultation should clearly state the approximate time that it will take a resident to complete the survey.	Accept	In accordance with common practice across the Council's consultation apparatus, the budget survey will emphasise to residents that it will take only a 'few minutes' to complete. This is to not put pressure on residents and/or assume the time required for those who it may take longer to read – this does not account for the time it may take readers to digest the contextual information within the booklet, prior to answering the questions themselves.
5.	That paper copies of the budget consultation should continue to be provided, but that the number of copies printed should be reduced.	Accept	Paper copies of the survey will continue to be provided, but at a reduced scale. Posters and booklets will be sent to libraries to ensure the survey is accessible, electronic versions of the posters and booklets will be emailed to all elected members and children's centres. Paper copies will also be available on request via our Customer Service Centre.
6.	That work be carried out to investigate potential opportunities around how more young people could be encouraged to take part in relevant consultations.	Accept	Nottinghamshire County Council supports children and young people in influencing the design and delivery of services through our Youth Voice structure and The Young People's Voice expression of interest, which is a mechanism that enables services both internal and external to the Council to engage with young people and hear their views about the provision they receive, or are affected by, and provides an opportunity for young people to offer insight into how changes can be made to better meet their needs. To enhance this, further opportunities are being explored to identify ways that children and young people can be better involved.

7.	That opportunities should be put in place that enable departments across the Council to share feedback and best practice around consultation and resident engagement activity.	Accept	Opportunities are currently being explored to set up sharing of feedback and best practice. These include making more use of internal systems where best practice could be shared and discussed with colleagues working on consultations and other forms of customer interaction.
8.	That as and where appropriate, communication activity should take place with residents to show how their responses had been used to inform the development of the area of Council activity that had been consulted on.	Accept	Through the sharing of best practice, officers conducting consultation will be reminded that as and where appropriate, communication activity should take place with residents. In reference to the budget survey specifically, once the data has been analysed and considered, the outcomes will be made available on the public website. Other appropriate communication will be considered in relation to the budget survey which may include sharing key themes/messages on the council's social media channels.

ANNUAL BUDGET SURVEY – 2023

Purpose of the Report

1. To outline the proposed approach to undertaking the 2023 Budget Survey and to seek approval to launch the survey.

Budget Survey – Rising to the Challenge

2. The Nottinghamshire Plan, approved in November 2021, sets out the County Council's 10-year vision for a healthy, prosperous and greener future for everyone. This focuses on the below themes:
 - Improving health and wellbeing in all our communities
 - Growing our economy and improving living standards
 - Reducing the County's impact on the environment
 - Helping everyone access the best of Nottinghamshire.
3. The themes are underpinned by strategies and plans, including our Annual Delivery Plan (available on the Council website).
4. We have made positive progress against our Annual Delivery Plan (as evidenced in our Annual Report) and continue looking to the future and finding ways we can deliver the best for Nottinghamshire's communities, whilst ensuring value for money. Our budget is built on a foundation of solid financial management over many years, putting our Council in a relatively positive position, despite difficult national and international circumstances.
5. However, we still face financial challenges. As presented to Members at the February 2023 budget meeting, from 2024/25 onwards, the Council is projecting a budget shortfall of £30.8m across the duration of our Medium-Term Financial Strategy, to 2026/27. This means we need to continuously find ways to use our resources in the most effective ways and remain focussed on getting the maximum value for the people and communities of Nottinghamshire, for every pound we spend.
6. The Council regularly consults residents and other stakeholders to seek their views on a wide range of issues. The budget survey enables the Council to hear the views of residents and other key stakeholders, and for these to be considered when members make decisions as part of the budget setting process.

7. Building on the positive response from last year's survey, consideration has been given as to how the 2023 budget survey could be further developed, this has included a thorough review by Overview Committee. The full report ([29 June 2023](#)) is available on the Council's website and the response to the specific recommendations of Overview Committee members can be found in the relevant Cabinet report, earlier on this agenda. The recommendations have been considered in the design of this year's survey.
8. It is also to be noted that members of the Overview review group were in strong agreement that whilst some minor amendments to the questions included in the budget consultation survey may be needed each year, once a format had been agreed, the questions asked each year should remain largely unchanged. Members agreed that consistent questions asked over several years would enable detailed analysis on how residents' priorities were changing over time.
9. The 2023 survey sets out how the council spends its allocated budget and asks people for their views about our services, their priorities and opportunities to reduce spend or raise additional revenue. A draft paper copy is appended (appendix 1). Subject to Cabinet approval, the survey will launch via the Council website on 29 September 2023, closing on 12 November 2023.
10. The consultation will be publicised through a range of channels including:
 - a. Nottinghamshire County Council website
 - b. local and regional media
 - c. social media, including Twitter, Facebook and Instagram
 - d. email bulletins to the Council's subscribers
 - e. and in print at Libraries.
11. We will also be sharing our consultation with our partners, including groups representing the business community and other relevant stakeholders, including the trade unions at Central Joint Consultative and Negotiating Panel (JCNP).
12. Members are encouraged to share the survey with their communities.
13. Cabinet will take account of the consultation when drawing up firm proposals to the Council. Results will be communicated after the consultation has ended on the council's website.

Other Options Considered

14. Not to consult stakeholders – this would not enable the views of residents and other key stakeholders to be considered when members make decisions as part of the budget setting process. Therefore, this option has not been pursued.
15. To conduct a different type of survey – This was considered by Members of the Overview Review Group who discussed the potential that in future years the questions and their format could be amended to make them even more accessible and be presented in a more interactive way. Members agreed that whilst there could be some potential benefits of large-scale changes to the format of the survey, making such changes would take considerable time, put significant demands on resources and could be difficult to deliver as the Council does not

currently have a dedicated team for the management and delivery of consultation and engagement activity. Therefore, this option has not been pursued.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

16. To agree arrangements for the 2024/25 budget survey.

Statutory and Policy Implications

17. 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

In addition to officer time in production of the survey, the approximate cost for the design costs for digital and printed items including the printing and distribution of paper items is £2,275. This will be met from existing budgets.

Data Protection and Information Governance

An outline Data Protection Impact Assessment has been completed and submitted to the Information Governance Team, with appropriate advice taken regarding any impacts identified.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

In coming to a decision, Cabinet must have regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. At this stage, the decision is to seek approval to commence a budget survey seeking the views from a wide range of residents and stakeholders and efforts have been made to address potential accessibility issues in the design of the survey and to report back on the outcomes of the survey to inform future decision making.

Further consideration of the Public Sector Equality Duty will be given as appropriate at each stage of the decision-making process, whilst a summary Equality Impact Assessment specific to the budget consultation, has also been completed.

Additional questions have been included in the 'About You' section of the survey.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

There will be a reduction to the number of paper copies produced. This reflects our commitment to being sustainable and environmentally friendly and that the vast majority of respondents are now completing the survey online. Printed posters and booklets will be sent to libraries to ensure the survey is accessible. Electronic versions of the posters and booklets shall be emailed to all elected members and children's centres, whilst paper copies will be available on request via our Customer Service Centre.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that Cabinet:

- 1) Agrees the changes and notes improvements to this year's survey.
- 2) Approves the launch of the 2023 Survey.

COUNCILLOR BRUCE LAUGHTON DEPUTY LEADER AND CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSFORMATION

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Constitutional Comments (HD 23/8/2023)

1. Cabinet is the appropriate body of Council to consider the report and its recommendations.

Financial Comments (KRP 23/8/23)

2. As noted in the report the anticipated cost of design and production is £2,275 and this will be met from existing budgets.

Background Papers and Published Documents

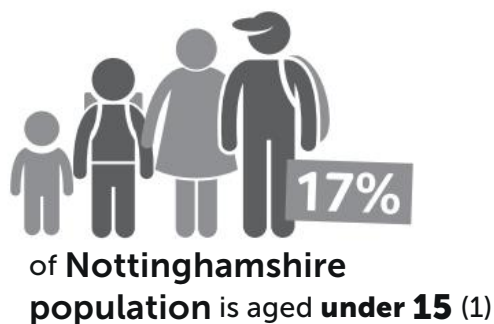
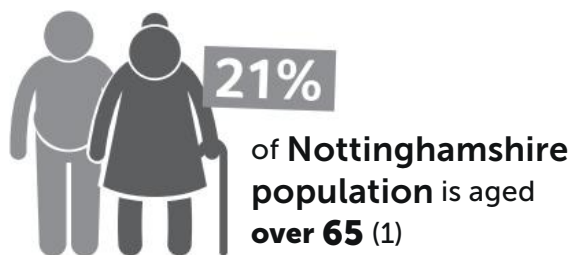
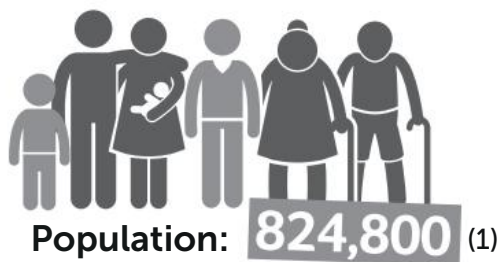
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- Report of the Chairman of the Overview Committee 29 June 2023 - outcomes of the scrutiny review of council consultations and resident engagement
- Response to the recommendations from the scrutiny review of council consultations and resident engagement – 21 September 2023
- Appendix 1 – Draft Budget Survey 2023, paper version

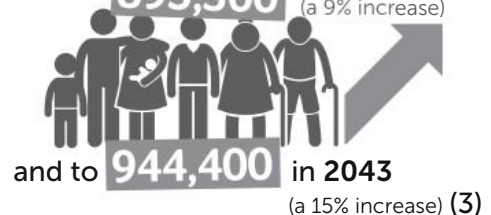
Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

State of the County – Key Facts and Figures



Nottinghamshire's population is
expected to grow from **824,800** in
2021 to **895,300** in 2031
(a 9% increase)



Notes: (1) ONS, 2021 census

(2) ONS, Annual Population Survey (APS), December 2022

(3) ONS, Subnational Population Projections, 2018



What Nottinghamshire County Council does

We want to create a healthy, prosperous and greener future for everyone who lives and works in Nottinghamshire, as is set out in our 10 year vision, The Nottinghamshire Plan 2021-2031 (<https://plan.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/>). The building blocks for this include healthy early years, education, employment and transport, as well as access to services for people needing more specialist support.

As part of this the County Council provides a huge range of services. This includes providing essential care and support for vulnerable older people. This is where the vast majority of the Council's budget is spent. The Council also provides help, protection and care for hundreds of children and young people through a wide range of services such as children's centres, youth services and children's social care. We help people with learning disabilities into education and work. We support people out of hospital to get back onto their feet.

We also maintain thousands of miles of roads and pavements, commission major road projects and play a big role in planning public transport. We're also a lead agency for flood prevention.

We run Trading Standards, protecting consumers and supporting businesses across Nottinghamshire. We fund partners to run our libraries and cultural services, as well as some of the best country parks and visitor attractions in the County.

We officiate thousands of weddings as part of the important role we play in registrations. We support the school admissions process. We also fund and commission new schools. We attract inward investment into the county, promoting and supporting access to modern, reliable broadband services, whilst we also work with partners to pave the way for investment to support businesses, jobs and housing.

We work with communities to strengthen the building blocks for good health, helping to give children the best start, supporting people wanting to make healthy changes relating to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, nutrition and exercise, and giving particular attention to people living with the harmful impacts of homelessness and domestic violence.

Each year we have a legal duty to balance our budget and just like the people in Nottinghamshire, we're also feeling the pressures that are driving up the cost of living such as record inflation and energy costs. We also have additional demands on our services, including an increase in complex and specialist health care needs and a national shortage of social care staff. To see specific actions we are aiming to delivery over the coming months, see our Annual Delivery Plan 2023-2024 (<https://plan.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/our-progress/>), which sets out what we will do this financial year to achieve our ambitions. It also contains the measures that we will use to monitor our progress towards achieving each of the overarching ambitions found within The Nottinghamshire Plan.

How we are rising to the challenge

From 2024/25 onwards, the Council is projecting a budget shortfall of £30.8m across the duration of our Medium Term Financial Strategy, to 2026/27.

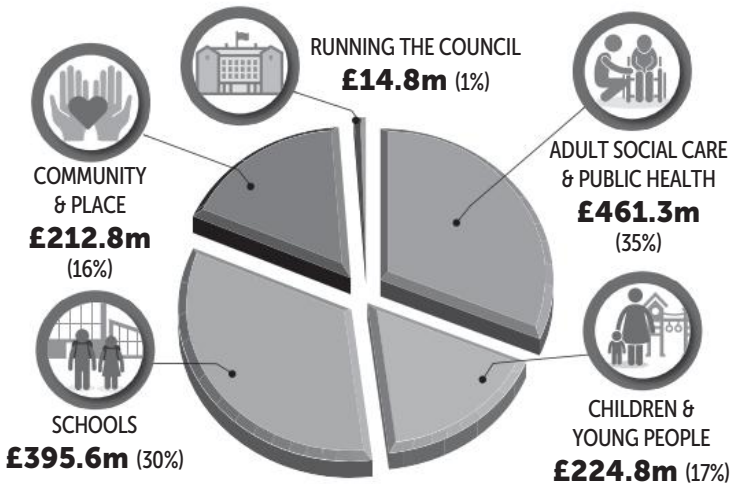
As a council we have a proven track record in balancing our budgets and saving money. We've delivered substantial savings over the last 10 years, in part by transforming the way we deliver some of our key services. We also continue to do all we can to mitigate and reduce pressures on our budget, whilst introducing life changing 'prevention' services that help to reduce demand for expensive care.

We are working to keep children safe at home wherever possible and to get more children who need specialist care into long-term family-based placements, including foster families and kinship care. Family-based placements improve children's life chances and cost the Council less.

Investing in our highways also helps us to boost the economy and deliver better value to the taxpayer. For example, we build major new roads and junctions that will support people and businesses. We're also changing the way we maintain our 2,500 miles of roads to reduce costs and improve our service. You can see a wide range of achievements in our Annual Report 2022-2023 (<https://plan.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/our-progress/>).

We want you to tell us what matters to you.

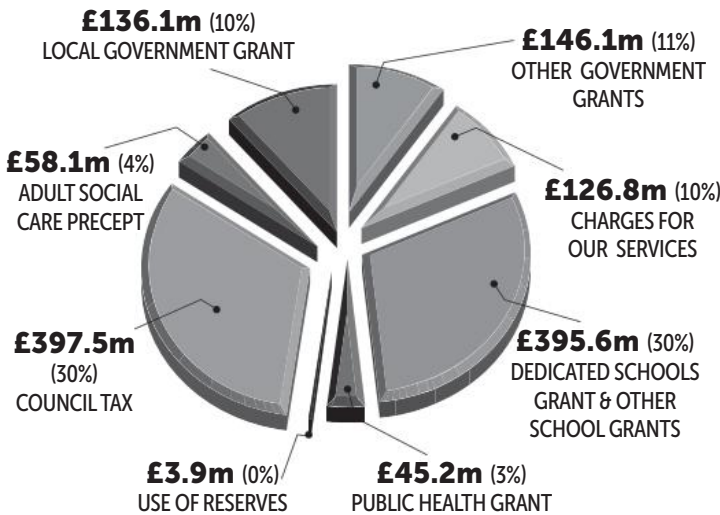
How we spend our annual revenue budget



The Council spends most of its money on Adult Social Care and Public Health (£461.3m), followed by schools (£395.6m).

Community and place services are allocated £212.8m, with services for children and young people allocated a similar amount of money (£224.8m). £14.8m (roughly 1 per cent of money) is allocated to the running of the Council.

How the Council is funded



The Council's biggest source of funding is from Council Tax at £397.5m. The next biggest is from the Dedicated Schools Grant and other school grants at £395.6m.

The Local Government Grant makes up £136.1m with other Government grants making up £146.1m. Charges for services amount to £126.8m. The Public Health Grant is £45.2m, whilst the Adult Social Care Precept brought in £58.1m.

Percentages are presented for illustrative purposes and therefore shown to their nearest whole number

Have your say

As we look to set our budget for 2024/25 we are asking people to complete a survey about what they think our priorities should be.

The easiest way to complete the survey is online at: www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/budgetsurvey

- Complete this printed copy and hand it in at the council building where you picked it up or send it to the freepost address shown on the back.
- Call us on **0300 500 80 80** to complete the survey over the phone.

- If you are deaf or hard of hearing, you can use the text relay service by dialling **18001 0115 9774050** from your textphone or the Relay UK app.
- Or, download the SignVideo app to communicate with us in British Sign Language via an interpreter. Visit nottinghamshire.gov.uk/contact-us for more information.

Feedback regarding the results of this consultation will be available on our website in spring 2024.

LIVING IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

The following questions are designed to help the Council understand residents' feelings about living in Nottinghamshire and how the Council supports people. When referring to your 'local area', we mean anywhere that is within 15-20 minutes walking distance from your home.

01 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with your local area as a place to live?

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|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very satisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly satisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly dissatisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> Very dissatisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

02 Overall, how satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the way Nottinghamshire County Council runs things?

- | | | |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Very satisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly satisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fairly dissatisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> Very dissatisfied | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

03 To what extent do you agree or disagree that you can influence decisions affecting your local area?

- | | | |
|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Agree | <input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

Budget priorities

We know that people are facing pressures on their household finances.

Demand on our services for older people, people with disabilities and for vulnerable children are increasing. Government grants have reduced whilst inflation, and the challenges in meeting the National Living Wage, mean our services are more expensive than ever to deliver. As we look to set our budget for 2024, we want you to tell us which services are important to you. This will help us to understand what we should prioritise and where there are the potential opportunities to make savings.

04 To what extent do you and your family access the following Nottinghamshire County Council services

- care and support for vulnerable adults and older people (this includes services such as residential placements, day care, respite care, homecare, supported housing)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Frequently | <input type="checkbox"/> Occasionally | <input type="checkbox"/> Rarely | <input type="checkbox"/> Never | <input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know |
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- services to keep children safe (including fostering, adoption, safeguarding and child protection, residential care, short breaks)

☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ Rarely ☐ Never ☐ Don't Know

- support for families (including children centres, youth services, early years and childcare services)

☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ Rarely ☐ Never ☐ Don't Know

- protecting and improving health (including helping to give children the best start, supporting people wanting to make healthy changes related to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, nutrition and exercise, mental wellbeing and suicide prevention, and giving particular attention to people living with the harmful impacts of homelessness and domestic violence)

☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ Rarely ☐ Never ☐ Don't Know

- community and public transport (including planning and improvements, highway maintenance, bus travel including schools)

☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ Rarely ☐ Never ☐ Don't Know

- environmental services (waste and recycling, flooding & climate change)

☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ Rarely ☐ Never ☐ Don't Know

- economic development and regeneration (including employment and skills, broadband, tourism)

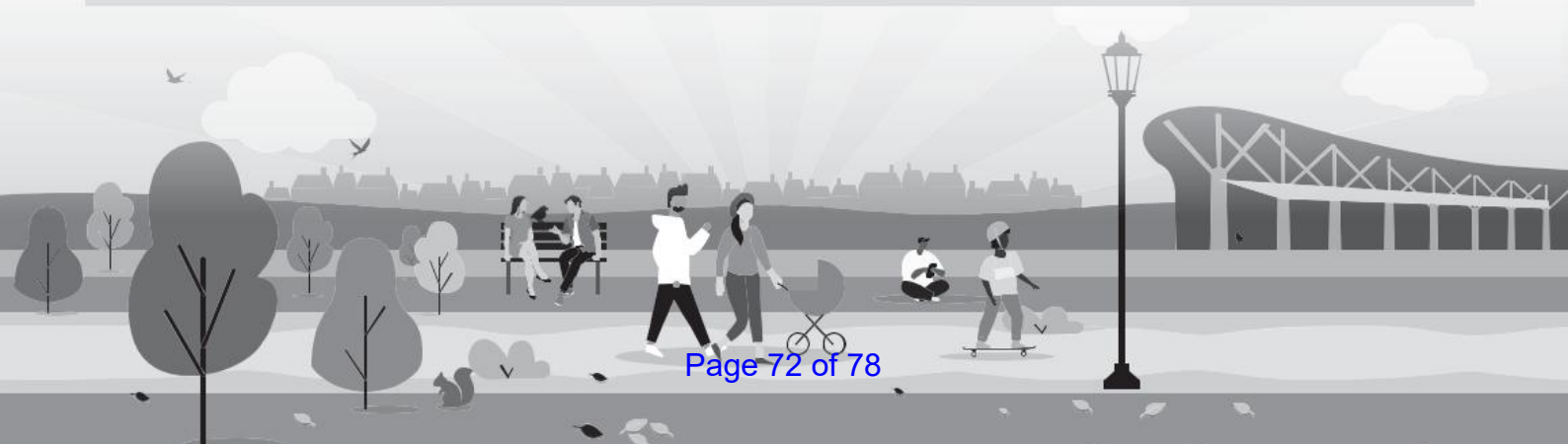
☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ Rarely ☐ Never ☐ Don't Know

- recreational and cultural services (including library services, arts, trails & country parks)

☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ Rarely ☐ Never ☐ Don't Know

- services for schools (including school admissions)

☐ Frequently ☐ Occasionally ☐ Rarely ☐ Never ☐ Don't Know



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Please rank the three Nottinghamshire County Council services in order according to the services that benefit you and your community the most - with 1 being the highest priority and 3 being lowest priority to you. Please do not select more than 3 services.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> care and support for vulnerable adults and older people (this includes services such as residential placements, day care, respite care, homecare, supported housing) | <input type="checkbox"/> community and public transport (including planning and improvements, highway maintenance, bus travel including schools) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> services to keep children safe (including fostering, adoption, safeguarding and child protection, residential care, short breaks) | <input type="checkbox"/> environmental services (waste and recycling, flooding & climate change) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> support for families (including children centres, youth services, early years and childcare services) | <input type="checkbox"/> economic development and regeneration (including employment and skills, broadband, tourism) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> protecting and improving health (including helping to give children the best start, supporting people wanting to make healthy changes related to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, nutrition and exercise, mental wellbeing and suicide prevention, and giving particular attention to people living with the harmful impacts of homelessness and domestic violence) | <input type="checkbox"/> recreational and cultural services (including library services, arts, trails & country parks) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> services for schools (including school admissions) |

In February 2024, Full Council will consider what the Council Tax Rate will be from April 2024. When setting Council Tax we need to consider that more and more people in Nottinghamshire are needing help from the Council, and the cost of these services goes up every year. One option to fund these increases is to raise Council Tax. Whilst subject to change, the maximum increase currently permitted (referendum limit) is 2.99% and for every 1% increase, our latest estimates show that this raises (or avoids cutting) roughly £4.5m a year. Each 1% increase would mean approximately, an additional 33p a week for a Band D property.

The Council would still need to make some savings, but an increase in Council Tax would support us in balancing the budget. Based on this:

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Please tell us if you support or oppose Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) increasing Council Tax:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> I support NCC increasing Council tax up to the current referendum limit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I support NCC increasing Council Tax by lower than the referendum limit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> I oppose NCC increasing Council Tax |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don't know |

To what extent do you agree or disagree that the Council should reduce spend in the following services to help meet the financial challenge?

- care and support for vulnerable adults and older people (this includes services such as residential placements, day care, respite care, homecare, supported housing)

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

- services to keep children safe (including fostering, adoption, safeguarding and child protection, residential care, short breaks)

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

- support for families (including children centres, youth services, early years and childcare services)

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

- protecting and improving health (including helping to give children the best start, supporting people wanting to make healthy changes related to alcohol, drugs, tobacco, nutrition and exercise, mental wellbeing and suicide prevention, and giving particular attention to people living with the harmful impacts of homelessness and domestic violence)

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

- community and public transport (including planning and improvements, highway maintenance, bus travel including schools)

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

- environmental services (including waste and recycling, flooding & climate change)

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

- economic development and regeneration (including employment and skills, broadband, tourism)

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

- recreational and cultural services (including library services, arts, trails & country parks)

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

- services for schools (including school admissions)

<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Agree	<input type="checkbox"/> Neither agree nor disagree
<input type="checkbox"/> Disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Strongly disagree	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't know

In February 2024, Full Council will consider what the Adult Social Care Levy will be from April 2024. The Adult Social Care Levy is a charge that is included in your Council Tax bill. This money is set aside to pay for things like caring for people at home and helping people with a disability. The Government introduced the Adult Social Care Levy to help councils pay for the increasing cost of these services. Councils are allowed to increase the Adult Social Care Levy part of their Council Tax bills, as long as the money is only spent on adults and older people who need the most care.

Whilst subject to change, the maximum increase currently permitted is 2%. If 1% was added to the Adult Social Care Levy on Council Tax bills, our latest estimates show that this would generate roughly £4.5 million extra income to spend on adult social care in Nottinghamshire, meaning approximately, an additional 33p a week for a Band D property. Just as with Council Tax, this would help pay for the increase in costs to the services provided to adults and older people who need the Council's care. Based on this:

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Please tell us if you support or oppose Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) increasing Council Tax through the Adult Social Care Levy:

<input type="checkbox"/>	I support NCC increasing the Adult Social Care Levy at the current level permitted by government
<input type="checkbox"/>	I support NCC increasing the Adult Social Care Levy by lower than permitted by Government
<input type="checkbox"/>	I oppose NCC increasing the Adult Social Care Levy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Don't know

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We would welcome Nottinghamshire people's suggestions about how the Council could save money or raise additional revenue, please provide details below (100 words): * We ask you not to identify yourself or anyone else within your response.

** If you provide a comment in this section, we may include extracts in public reporting on the survey. All extracts will be anonymous and your personal details will not be shared. [Page 75 of 78](#)

Please tick this box if you do not want your comment to be included in reporting. ☐

ABOUT YOU

The Council and partners are committed to ensuring that all of its services are delivered fairly and in compliance with its public sector duties within the Equality Act 2010. The questions in this section are voluntary but the more information you provide, then the more we can learn about customers' views of our services.

WHAT IS YOUR AGE? TICK ONE BOX ONLY

<input type="checkbox"/> Under 18	<input type="checkbox"/> 35-44	<input type="checkbox"/> 65-74
<input type="checkbox"/> 18-24	<input type="checkbox"/> 45-54	<input type="checkbox"/> 75+
<input type="checkbox"/> 25-34	<input type="checkbox"/> 55-64	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say

WHAT IS YOUR GENDER? TICK ONE BOX ONLY

<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Female
<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer to self-describe (specify)	
<input type="text"/>	

WHAT IS YOUR ETHNIC ORIGIN? TICK ONE BOX ONLY

<input type="checkbox"/> White - English/Welsh/Scottish/ Northern Irish/British	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Chinese
<input type="checkbox"/> White - Irish	<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Any other Asian background (please state)
<input type="checkbox"/> White - Gypsy or Traveller	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> White - any other background (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/Black British
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/Black British - African
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - Black Caribbean & White	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/Black British - Caribbean
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - Black African & White	<input type="checkbox"/> Black/Black British - Any other Black, background (please state)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - Asian & White	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Mixed - any other mixed background (please state)	<input type="checkbox"/> Arab
<input type="text"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Any other ethnic group (please state)
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Indian	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Pakistani	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Asian British - Bangladeshi	

DO YOU HAVE A LONG-TERM HEALTH NEED OR DISABILITY?

TICK ONE BOX ONLY

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say
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PLEASE SPECIFY WHAT ACCESS NEEDS YOU HAVE

<input type="checkbox"/> Mobility	<input type="checkbox"/> Vision	<input type="checkbox"/> Mental Health	<input type="checkbox"/> Hearing
<input type="checkbox"/> Learning	<input type="checkbox"/> Communication	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say			

WHAT IS YOUR CURRENT EMPLOYMENT STATUS? TICK ONE BOX ONLY

<input type="checkbox"/> Employed in full-time job (30 hours plus per week)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed and not currently seeking work
<input type="checkbox"/> Employed in part-time job (under 30 hours per week)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed and seeking work
<input type="checkbox"/> Self employed - full-time	<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployed and unable to work
<input type="checkbox"/> Self employed - part-time	<input type="checkbox"/> Long-term sick or disabled
<input type="checkbox"/> Employed on an apprenticeship	<input type="checkbox"/> Wholly retired from work
<input type="checkbox"/> Full-time education or training (not working)	<input type="checkbox"/> Looking after family/home (e.g. homemaker, carer)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Not working - other
	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say

WHEREABOUTS DO YOU LIVE?

<input type="checkbox"/> Ashfield	<input type="checkbox"/> Rushcliffe
<input type="checkbox"/> Bassetlaw	<input type="checkbox"/> Nottingham City
<input type="checkbox"/> Broxtowe	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say
<input type="checkbox"/> Gedling	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify)
<input type="checkbox"/> Mansfield	
<input type="checkbox"/> Newark and Sherwood	

Care experienced is someone who, at any stage of their childhood, and for any length of time, has been in care e.g. looked after by the local authority. Based on this;

DO YOU CONSIDER YOURSELF TO BE A CARE EXPERIENCED PERSON?

TICK ONE BOX ONLY

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Prefer not to say
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TICK HERE IF YOU HAVE SERVED IN THE UK ARMED FORCES, REGULAR OR RESERVE:

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HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS SURVEY? TICK ONE BOX ONLY

<input type="checkbox"/>	County Council Councillors	<input type="checkbox"/>	Posters/leaflets in libraries
<input type="checkbox"/>	Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Town/Parish Councils
<input type="checkbox"/>	MyNotts app	<input type="checkbox"/>	Local media (e.g. newspaper, radio, TV)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Email from County Council	<input type="checkbox"/>	Word of mouth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Email from another organisation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please specify)
			<input type="text"/>

THANK YOU FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY.

Please hand it in at the council building where you picked it up or send it back to:

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**Notts Survey, Nottinghamshire County Council,
County Hall, Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP**

Data Protection

Personal data supplied on this survey will be held electronically and will be used in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Act (2018). The information you provide will be used for statistical analysis, management, planning and the provision of services by the County Council.

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