

Communities and Place Committee

Thursday, 11 January 2018 at 10:30

County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

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

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Meeting Communities and Place Committee

Date 7 December 2017 (commencing at 10:30 am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Cottee (Chairman) Gordon Wheeler (Vice-Chairman) Kevin Rostance (Vice-Chairman)

Pauline Allan Glynn Gilfoyle Kevin Greaves Tony Harper Tom Hollis Bruce Laughton John Knight John Ogle

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Maureen Dobson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

-	Place Department
-	Place Department
-	VIA
-	Place Department
-	Resources Department

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2017, having been circulated to all Members, were agreed to be a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

RIGHTS OF WAY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

RESOLVED 2017/69

That:

- 1) The commencement of a 12 week public consultation on Nottinghamshire's draft Rights of Way Management Plan (ROWMP) and associated publicity be approved.
- 2) The revised plan be presented to a future meeting of the Communities and Place Committee, and then for final approval by Policy Committee

<u>REVIEW OF THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A1133,</u> <u>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE) (WEIGHT RESTRICTION) EXPERIMENTAL ORDER 2016</u> (3237)

RESOLVED 2017/70

That the Nottinghamshire County Council (A1133, Nottinghamshire) (Weight Restriction) Experimental Order 2016 (3237) as previously advertised be made permanent.

CCTV VEHICLE – UPDATE REPORT

RESOLVED 2017/071

That:

- 1) The purchase and deployment of a second camera car be approved.
- 2) An annual awareness programme sent to schools and the press highlighting the importance of school restrictions and the use of the camera care be approved.

CATERING AND FACILITIES MANAGEMENT – MANAGEMENT RESTRUCTURE

RESOLVED 2017/072

That:

- 1) Permission is granted to begin formal consultation with staff and recognised trade unions
- 2) A further report be brought before the committee after formal consultation has taken place for the final structure to be considered.

CONSERVATION STAFFING RESTRUCTURE

RESOLVED 2017/073

That approval be given to reorganise the staffing structure of the Conservation team, as set out in Paragraphs 8 -11 and Appendix 2 of the report.

TRADING STANDARDS COMMERCIALISATION PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2017/074

That:

- 1) Increasing the income target for the service by a further £145,000 p.a.by 2019/20 be approved
- 2) The proposal to achieve this by redeploying resource from existing work and into income generating work be approved
- 3) That further actions in relation to the report be considered.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2017/075

That an update on the CCTV vehicle be added to the work programme.

The meeting concluded at 11:10 am.

Chairman



Nottinghamshire

11 January 2018

ITEM: 4

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES

PERFORMANCE REPORTING (QUARTER 2 2017/18) - COMMUNITIES AND PLACE

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide the Committee with a summary of performance for Communities and Place for the quarter two 2017/18 (1 July 2017 to 30 September 2017).

Background

- 2. The Council's new Planning and Performance Framework was agreed by Policy Committee on 21 June 2017 and sets out the approach the Council will take to planning and managing its performance. This specifically includes the following:
 - a. Strategic and financial planning.
 - b. Commissioning for both external and internally delivered services.
 - c. The determination of transformation and change options.
 - d. Performance and contract management.
- 3. As part of the Framework, the measurement of the Council's performance is to be defined through core data sets in the Council Plan and Departmental Strategies. The Planning and Performance Framework sets out a new standard approach across the Council where performance will be reported to committees on a quarterly basis.
- 4. Until the departmental strategies are in place, an interim approach for Place Department has been agreed pulling existing performance measures reported to committee at a service level into a single departmental level report. Emergency Planning and Registration is not currently reflected in the report but this will be rectified in the new Place Department report once the Departmental Strategy has been approved.

Information and Advice

- 5. This report provides the Committee with an overview of the quarter 2 position for the key performance measures for Communities and Place.
- 6. A summary of these performance measures is set out below and a performance dashboard, including targets and performance data up to and including 30 September 2017 (Quarter 2) where available, is attached as **Appendix A**.
- 7. Appendix A includes all the performance measures across the Communities and Place department which have previously been reported to a committee. The time period which Page 7 of 92

the current value is referring to is highlighted within the reporting period column (where possible this period is September 2017).

- 8. The previous figures are for the preceding four quarter periods (quarter 1 2017/18, quarters 2, 3 and 4 2016/17) providing performance progress over the last 12 months. The appendix also indicates whether the measure is a cumulative measure which shows performance from 1 April to 30 September 2017, a measure which only includes the value for the individual quarter, a measure which is reported on a rolling 12 month time period, or a measure which is reported annually.
- 9. The comparisons within the appendix are comparing the current value with the previous quarter (quarter 1), although in some cases this is highlighted as not applicable; either when the figure is cumulative or data is unavailable for the previous quarter.

Highways and Transport

- 10. The Highways Service is delivered primarily through a joint venture company, Via East Midlands, to Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) for the benefit of the County's residents, visitors, businesses and highways users, with some key strategic functions retained by NCC.
- 11. The average amount of time taken to repair both street lights under the control of the Local Authority and street lights under the control of the District Network operator continues to reflect good performance for quarter 2, with both being well within the target timescales. Time taken to repair street lights under the control of the Local Authority shows an improvement in comparison to quarter 1 (5.45 average days in quarter 2 compared against 6.14 average days in quarter 1).
- 12. Within quarter 2 there were 5,286 defects reported, demonstrating an increase in comparison to quarter 2 during 2016/17, when 4,308 defects were reported, although a decrease in comparison to quarter 1 this year, when 5,912 were reported. The average repair time for category 2 defects (both high and low) is well within the target timescales. However, the average repair time for category 1 defects has increased to 2 days, which is above the target of 1 day. Via are producing a rectification plan and the actions arising from this will be in place by the end of December 2017.
- 13. The Council has provided a function within the NCC website which allows users to receive updates through automated messaging. This improvement appears to have resulted in a sustained reduction in the number of highways related enquiries. During quarter 2 there were 11,508 enquiries which were dealt with, which is a reduction in comparison to quarter 2 2016/17 (13,389), and is stable in comparison to quarter 1 this year (11,377).
- 14. The highways development control indicators monitor the processing of development control applications and pre-applications, measuring the percentage which are dealt with within 21 days. For quarter 2 the figure for development control applications was 94% (530 out of 563 formal applications), remaining just below the target of 95%, whilst the figure for pre applications was 89% (73 out of 82 informal applications), just below the target of 90%. The latter relates to informal applications where developers request initial advice on highway aspects prior to deciding whether to submit a formal planning application. Some enquiries are speculative in nature and resources have concentrated on dealing with responding within time constraints on those formal applications that are received where developers have committed to submitting a formal planning application.

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- 15. The flood risk management indicators monitor the processing of flood risk management planning applications, measuring the percentage which are dealt with within 21 days, against a target of 95%. For quarter 2 both these indicators were above target, as the figure for all applications was 98% whilst for major and bespoke applications it was 96.5%.
- 16. The overall trend in the numbers of people and children killed or seriously injured in road accidents is still on course to achieve the 2020 target. The 2020 target is to reduce both the number of people killed or seriously injured in road accidents and separately, children killed or seriously injured, by 40% from the 2005-09 average (the baseline). In-year quarterly performance figures can fluctuate for many reasons outside of our control and it is too early in the year to meaningfully compare quarter 2 results to the annual target or previous performance.

Place Commissioning – Waste Services

- 17. The County Council has a long term Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contract (to 31 March 2033) with Veolia Environmental Services (VES), to manage the bulk of the Local Authority Collected waste. This includes providing the recycling network and operating and maintaining the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) at Mansfield. It also includes arranging composting services and waste disposal through subcontractors for the production and processing of Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) from residual waste, and for the use of the Sheffield Energy Recovery Facility (ERF) with Veolia Sheffield. Two other significant contracts are also used to manage waste streams in the County.
- 18. The percentage of household waste sent to reuse, recycling and composting, reported at quarter 1 2017/18, was 45.4%. This is above the target of 45% and reflects a successful quarter with an improved performance. This improvement has been generated through the Ashfield District Council green waste project, Bassetlaw green waste collection and the Recycling Centre Registration Scheme.
- 19. The residual household waste (per household) reported in Q1 2017/18 was 591kg, against a target of 595kg. This shows a continued improvement in performance, the figure reported at quarter 4 2016/17 was 592kg. The success of the green waste projects in Ashfield and Bassetlaw districts along with the Recycling Centre Registration Scheme have all contributed towards the reduction of residual household waste.
- 20. The municipal waste land filled reported at Q1 2017/18 was 7.45%, which is within the target of 8%. This performance has been achieved through the increased use of the Eastcroft and Sheffield Energy from Waste Plants, waste processed as Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) and by improved recycling/composting performance. A note of caution should be highlighted, it is expected the percentage will increase slightly during quarters 2 and 3. This is due to a reduction in tonnage sent to Eastcroft due to an extended shut down at Enviroenergy (the City Council District Heat Scheme) who utilise the steam from Eastcroft.
- 21. The percentage composted and recycled at Household Waste Recycling Centre for quarter 1 was 79.54%, falling just below the target of 80%. This has seen a slight improvement from the quarter 4 2016/17 position of 79.23%.

Place Commissioning – Libraries

22. In April 2016, Inspire took over the provision of the Council's library service. Inspire has developed a programme of investment to modernise public libraries and develop a range of cultural and learning services on behalf of the Council. Page 9 of 92

- 23. The closure and subsequent re-opening after major refurbishment of two libraries at Keyworth and Beeston has impacted service performance in quarter 2 both negatively (decreased usage whilst closed) and positively (increased performance following re-opening). Beeston was closed for part of quarter 2, since then performance has been impressive with visitor numbers increasing to 30,053 in August and September compared to 21,080 in the same period in 2016/17, a 42% increase.
- 24. There has been an increase in visits to libraries in the current year 2017/18 with 698,101 visits in quarter 2 compared to 619,830 visits in quarter 1. There is a sustained focus on growing visitor numbers and all libraries have visitor number targets.
- 25. There has been an increase in New Library Members in the current year with 8,078 new members in quarter 2 compared with 6,242 new members in quarter 1. There is a renewed focus on increasing library membership. The extensive programme of directly delivered courses by Inspire Learning in libraries provides an excellent opportunity to recruit learners as library members.
- 26. Library closures due to refurbishments have impacted on the number of events held in libraries. In the current year 3,003 events were held in quarter 1 compared to 2,446 in quarter 2. However this represents only a small decrease of 139 when the quarter 1 and quarter 2 comparison is made for 2016/17 and 2017/18. Since re-opening, Beeston has now been designated as a Strategic Library and is now offering a full cultural programme of events which will be reflected in future event performance data.

Place Commissioning – Country Parks

- 27. The Council has taken significant steps to secure the long term sustainable future for key sites of environment and cultural importance across the County. Commercial operations at Rufford Abbey Country Park successfully moved over to Parkwood Leisure in February 2017 and will be managed to a plan agreed with Historic England. The Council has identified a capital contribution of up to £1m towards the development of enhanced facilities for the 350,000 visitors to the site. The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) has also contracted with NCC to build and manage the new Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre at Sherwood Forest Country Park. It is expected the new centre will open for business in April 2018.
- 28. The number of visitors to country parks for quarter 2 was reported at 588,864, an increase compared with 421,268 visitors for the same period last year.
- 29. The commercial income generated in quarter 2 was reported at £1,671,500, an increase compared with £1,467,830 for the same period last year.

Catering, Facilities and County Supplies

- 30. The Place Department provides a range of Catering and Facilities Management Services, sold to schools and other customers across the County largely on a bought-back basis, together with employee catering.
- 31. The overall position of facilities management turnover was reported at £15,961,167 for quarter 2 2017/18 which is an increase from the figure of £15,947,087 reported for the same time period last year and is above the target of £15,933,978.

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Schools Catering:

- 32. The turnover of schools catering was reported at £8,660,000 for quarter 2 2017/18, which is a reduction from the figure of £8,865,000 reported for the same time period last year and is below the target of £8,754,000.
- 33. The annual 2017/18 catering buy back levels for primary schools was reported at 89.7%, which is a reduction from the previous figure of 91% and below the target of 90%. The annual 2017/18 catering buy back levels for secondary's and academies was reported at 37.8%, which is a reduction from the previous figure of 44.4% and below the target of 42%.
- 34. The Schools Catering Service served an average 40,917 meals per day over the 6 month period, a decrease of 3.7% on the same period for 2016/17 in total meal numbers. In the most part, this is due to the loss of 1 secondary and 3 primary schools over the last year. Overall cumulative uptake for the period is now 56.2% against a target of 57%. This is broken down by 57.5% take-up in primaries and 51.6% in secondary school sector which compares to 57.7% and 55.0% in the previous year respectively.
- 35. Take-up of Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) for April September 2017 is currently 75.4%, compared to 75.7% in the previous year. It should be noted that figures for Nottinghamshire are based on the assumption that every entitled pupil attends school every day; which in reality is very rarely the case. Other pupil premium free school meals are recorded at a 70.0% take-up.

Facilities Management:

36. The annual 2017/18 facilities buy back levels for building cleaning was reported at 71% which is a reduction from the previous figure of 73%. The annual 2017/18 facilities buy back levels for grounds maintenance was reported at 52%, which is a reduction from the previous figure of 56% and below the target of 60%.

Planning

- 37. Planning are responsible for processing County Matter applications relating to proposals for Minerals or Waste development. During April to June 2017, eight applications were determined, all within the 13 week timescale. Performance continues to exceed the nationally set target of 60%.
- 38. Consultation on the issues and options for the revised Minerals Local Plan started on 20 November for an eight week period until 14 January 2018.

Trading Standards

- 39. The Council's work with other agencies continues to develop to protect vulnerable older residents from falling victim to mass marketing scams and doorstep crime. A new 'Nominated Neighbour' scheme was launched to help vulnerable residents feel safer in their houses.
- 40. The expansion of the Trading Standards commercial offer to support businesses continues with discussions ongoing and potential for further Primary Authority businesses. In addition to the actual income achievement figure of £3,155 in quarter 2, there are a number of proposals awaiting final formal board approval by the companies which are expected to improve performance during the remainder of the financial year.

- 41. In order to increase the number of new traders joining the Trading Standards Approved Trader 'Checkatrade' scheme in the county, a marketing plan is being developed. This is expected to be rolled out early 2018.
- 42. A number of cases have reached the Crown Court during quarter 2 following Public Health funded enforcement activity to combat illicit tobacco. The strong custodial sentences indicate how seriously the courts view this illegal activity, which undermines health objectives regarding smoking prevalence.

Community Safety

- 43. Work is shortly to progress on ensuring the required information Sharing Agreements are in place to enable Nottinghamshire Police to supply the specific performance information requested by NCC.
- 44. Work is continuing with partners to develop a needs assessment process for community safety that is aligned to other countywide assessments. The findings of this assessment will be used to refresh the Community Safety Agreement for Nottinghamshire that is intended to be in place by April 2018. A Performance Management Framework will be developed to ensure progression against the delivery of the commitments within this Agreement. This will result in more meaningful targets, measures and sound evidence base being developed for this area of business.
- 45. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board Hate Crime Executive Group has made a decision to focus on reducing repeat victimisation. Information regarding hate crime repeats will be received monthly by NCC.

Other Options Considered

46. This report is provided as part of the Committee's constitutional requirement to consider performance of areas within its terms of reference on a quarterly basis. Due to the nature of the report no other options were considered appropriate.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

47. This report is provided as part of the Committee's constitutional requirement to consider performance of areas within its terms of reference on a quarterly basis.

Statutory and Policy Implications

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

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That members agree that progress against the VIA rectification plan is reported to a future Communities and Place Committee meeting.
- 2) An update on the schools catering service, along with proposed actions is brought back to a future Communities and Place Committee meeting.

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Constitutional Comments [SLB 05/12/2017]

49. Communities and Place Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments [RWK 06/12/2017]

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

The performance measures included within appendix A are measures which have previously been included within the performance section of committee reports. These committees are as follows; community safety committee, culture committee, environment and sustainability committee, personnel committee, planning and licensing committee, transport and highways committee.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

Communities and Place Performance Update - Quarter Two

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	Nottinghamshire										
Key Performance Indicators	Current Value	e (Q2)	Best to be	Target	Reporting Period	Quarterly/ Cumulative/ Annually	Previous Value (Q1 or Annual)	Previous Value (Q4)	Previous Value (Q3)	Previous Value (Q2)	Data National Average
Highways											
The average number of days taken to repair a street light fault, which is under the control of the Local Authority	5.45	(+)	Low	7.0	Sept 2017	Q	6.14	6.59	6.93	5.25	n/a
The average number of days taken by the District Network Operator (DNO) to rectify street light faults under the DNO's control, following notification of the fault to the DNO	22.84	(-)	Low	35.0	Sept 2017	Q	21.07	33.16	30.24	-	n/a
Number of defects identified/reported	5,286	(+)	Low	No target set	Sept 2017	Q	5,912	6,167	4,447	4,308	n/a
Average number of days to repair a category 1 (urgent) defect	2	(-)	Low	1	Sept 2017	Q	1	1	1	<1	n/a
Average number of days to repair a category 2 (high) defect	16	(-)	Low	28	Sept 2017	Q	8	51	16	4	n/a
Average number of days to repair a category 2 (low) defect	24	(+)	Low	90	Sept 2017	Q	32	48	21	14	n/a
Total number of Highways related Enquiries	11,508	(-)	Low	No target set	Sept 2017	Q	11,377	15,234	12,958	13,389	n/a
Proportion of enquiries that are highways complaints related	0.3%	(+)	Low	No target set	Sept 2017	Q	0.5%	0.3%	0.4%	0.7%	n/a
Percentage of Development control applications dealt within 21 days	94.0%	(+)	High	95%	Sept 2017	Q	87.0%	92.0%	94.0%	93.0%	n/a
Percentage of Development control pre-applications/informal dealt with within 21 days	89.0%	(-)	High	90%	Sept 2017	Q	94.0%	92.0%	95.0%	95.0%	n/a
Flood Risk Management (total) Planning Application Consultations	98.00%	(-)	High	95%	Sept 2017	Q	98.66%	91.60%	97.20%	98.30%	n/a
Flood Risk Management Major and Bespoke Planning Application Consultations	96.50%	(-)	High	95%	Sept 2017	Q	98.38%	96.30%	96.90%	98.00%	n/a
People killed or seriously injured in road traffic collisions	167	n/a	Low	372	Sept 2017	С	73	323	228	148	n/a
Number of children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	12	n/a	Low	39	Sept 2017	С	4	20	16	7	n/a
Roads where maintenance should be considered - principal (KPI)	1.3%	n/a	Low	4%	Annual 2016/17	А	1.3%	-	-	-	n/a
Roads where maintenance should be considered - non-principal (KPI)	3.2%	n/a	Low	9%	Annual 2016/17	А	3.2%	-	-	-	n/a
Roads where maintenance should be considered - unclassified (KPI)	20.5%	n/a	Low	19%	Annual 2016/17	A	20.5%	-	-	-	n/a
Highways Complaints	35	(+)	Low	No target set	Sept 2017	Q	54	40	47	89	n/a
Highways Complaints - Upheld or Partially Upheld	17	(-)	Low	No target set	Sept 2017	Q	16	9	18	36	n/a
Highways Complaints - Not Upheld or Still Active	18	(+)	Low	No target set	Sept 2017	Q	38	31	29	53	n/a
Highways Claims Data - Number of claims received	233	n/a	Low	No target set	Sept 2017	С	152	450	242	170	n/a
Number of claims closed	32	n/a	Low	No target set	Sept 2017	С	22	182	86	30	n/a
Number of claims repudiated	6	n/a	Low	No target set	Sept 2017	С	1	110	46	1	n/a
Number of claims settled/paid	26	n/a	Low	No target set	Sept 2017	С	21	72	40	29	n/a
Active claims	201	n/a	Low	No target set	Sept 2017	С	130	266	156	140	n/a
Percentage Repudiated Rate	19%	n/a	Low	No target set	Sept 2017	С	5.0%	60.0%	53.0%	Rate not calculated	n/a
Place Commissioning - Waste Services											
Municipal waste disposal	£75.68	n/a_		9 target set	Annual 2016/17	A	£75.68	-	-	-	n/a

	Nottinghamshire										
Key Performance Indicators	Current Value	(Q2)	Best to be	Target	Reporting Period	Quarterly/ Cumulative/ Annually	Previous Value (Q1 or Annual)	Previous Value (Q4)	Previous Value (Q3)	Previous Value (Q2)	National Average
Percentage of household waste sent to reuse, recycling and composting	45.40%	(+)	High	45.00%	June 2017	Q	45.40%	44.20%	43.60%	43.25%	n/a
Residual household waste (per household)	591	n/a	Low	595	Annual 2016/17	Q	592	-	-	-	n/a
Municipal waste land filled	7.5%	(+)	Low	8.0%	June 2017	Q	7.5%	8.9%	8.8%	8.0%	n/a
% composted and recycled at HWRC	79.54%	(+)	High	80.0%	June 2017	Q	79.54%	79.23%	79.23%	80.0%	n/a
% satisfied with Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs)	98.0%	n/a	High	98.0%	Annual 2016/17	А	98.0%	-	-	-	n/a
Place Commissioning - Energy and Carbon Management							_				
Effectiveness of our Energy efficiency recycling fund (Salix) annual energy savings	£70,686	n/a	High	No target set	Annual 2016/17	А	£70,686	-	-	-	n/a
Energy Management - Annual Income Generation - Return on Investment from photo voltaic cells	12.6%	n/a	High	No target set	Annual 2016/17	А	12.6%	-	-	-	n/a
Energy Management - Annual Income Generation from photo voltaic cells	£143,113	n/a	High	No target set	Annual 2016/17	А	£143,113	-	-	-	n/a
Energy Management - Annual Income Generation - Energy Cost Savings	£79,244	n/a	High	No target set	Annual 2016/17	А	£79,244	-	-	-	n/a
Total Emissions - Excluding Transport (tonnes)	65,637	n/a	Low	No target set	Annual 2016/17	А	65,637	-	-	-	n/a
Emissions from street lighting, traffic signals and signs	15,034	n/a	Low	No target set	Annual 2016/17	А	15,034	-	-	-	n/a
CO2 emissions - annual reductions	9.0%	n/a	High	3.0%	Annual 2016/17	А	9.0%	-	-	-	n/a
Total weather corrected carbon emissions from Council buildings	66,878	n/a	Low	No target set	Annual 2016/17	А	66,878	-	-	-	n/a
Place Commissioning - Libraries											n/a
The number of visits to Libraries	1,317,931	n/a	High	2,500,000	Sept 2017	С	619,830	2,678,863	2,024,797	1,403,888	n/a
The number of Library events and activities	5,449	n/a	High	7,000	Sept 2017	С	3,003	11,569	8,291	5,588	n/a
The number of new Library members	14,320	n/a	High	26,000	Sept 2017	С	6,242	29,907	23,069	16,531	n/a
The number of adult learners (target is set for academic year August - July each year)	2427	n/a	High	7,000	Q1 Aug - Oct 2017	С	2427 for Q1 Aug - Oct	8,717 (Jul17)	4,165 (Apr17)	2,565 (Jan17)	
The number of public computer access and Wi Fi sessions	209,365	n/a	High	250,000	Sept 2017	С	98,773	260,693	191,796	242,652	n/a
The number of visits to Archives	2,748	n/a	High	4,000	Sept 2017	С	1,418	5,357	3,856	2,674	n/a
The number of virtual visits to Archives	142,631	n/a	High	300,000	Sept 2017	С	58,966	374,443	257,237	168,574	n/a
The number of Archives learning activities/events and number of attendances	33/1408	n/a	High	50 /1,000	Sept 2017	С	13 /818	57 / 1,182	44 /853	28 /691	n/a
Successfully deliver file requests for the RMS within time delivery standard	100.0%	n/a	High	95.0%	Annual 2016/17	А	100.0%	-	-	-	n/a
Service customer and learner satisfaction levels achieved	90.0%	n/a	High	90.0%	Annual 2016/17	А	90.0%	-	-	-	n/a
Place Commissioning - Country Parks							_				
lumber of visitors to Country Parks - Sherwood Forest & Rufford Abbey Country Parks	588,864	n/a	High	765,000	Sept 2017	с	175,464	No data available due to transition No data	572,708	421,268	n/a
ncrease Country Parks commercial income	£1,671,500	n/a	High	£2,500,000	Sept 2017	С	£934,000	available due to transition No data	£2, 085,837	£1,467,830	n/a
Number of volunteer workdays that Green Estates worked with	1,400	n/a	High	4,000	Sept 2017	С	1,075	available due to transition	3,727	1,487	n/a
Number of volunteer hours generated by Country Parks	725	n/a	High	5,400	June 2017	С	No data available due to transition	3,398	2,027	1,211	n/a

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Key Performance Indicators	Current Value	(Q2)	Best to be	Target	Reporting Period	Quarterly/ Cumulative/ Annually	Previous Value (Q1 or Annual)	Previous Value (Q4)	Previous Value (Q3)	Previous Value (Q2)	National Average
Service user and customer satisfaction level - Rufford Abbey Country Park	93.0%	n/a	High	90.0%	Annual 2016/17	A	93.0%	-	-	-	n/a
Catering											
Contribution Schools Catering	£777,000	n/a	High	£722,000	Sept 2017	С	£803,000	£3,285,000	£2,354,000	£1,061,000	n/a
Schools Catering - Labour costs as % turnover	52.98%	n/a	Low	52.31%	Sept 2017	с	46.33%	44.39%	47.68%	52.06%	n/a
Food costs as % turnover - Schools Catering	35.00%	n/a	Low	34.50%	Sept 2017	с	35.59%	33.89%	33.01%	33.20%	n/a
Turnover - Schools Catering	£8,660,000	n/a	High	£8,754,000	Sept 2017	с	£5,035,000	£20,662,000	£14,495,000	£8,865,000	n/a
Surplus/deficit Schools Catering	-£575,000	n/a	High	-£631,000	Sept 2017	с	£27,000	£908,000	£550,000	-£207,000	n/a
Buy back levels - Schools overall	82%	n/a	High	73%	Annual 2017/18	A			-	-	n/a
Total Meal Take Up	56.20%	n/a	High	57.00%	Sept 2017	с	56.00%	59.30%	58.50%	57.10%	n/a
Free Meal Take Up	70.00%	n/a	High	75.00%	Sept 2017	с	69.70%	75.90%	75.50%	74.70%	n/a
Buy back levels - Primary Special Schools	89.7%	n/a	High	90.0%	Annual 2017/18	А	91.0%	-	-	-	n/a
Buy back levels - Secondary Schools	37.8%	n/a	High	42.0%	Annual 2017/18	A	44.4%	-	-	-	n/a
Facilities Management					2011/10						
Labour costs as % of turnover - Landscape services	43.67%	n/a	Low	46.05%	Sept 2017	С	43.90%	46.76%	41.52%	42.11%	n/a
Labour costs as % of turnover - Building Cleaning	83.95%	n/a	Low	83.77%	Sept 2017	С	82.30%	84.02%	85.85%	87.23%	n/a
Turnover - Landscape Services	£1,003,000	n/a	High	£912,000	Sept 2017	С	£492,000	£1,824,000	£1,592,000	£1,097,000	n/a
Turnover - Building Cleaning	£6,005,000	n/a	High	£5,971,000	Sept 2017	С	£3,092,000	£11,632,000	£8,762,000	£5,677,000	n/a
Contribution Landscape Services	£150,000	n/a	High	£188,000	Sept 2017	С	£166,000	£285,000	£390,000	£226,000	n/a
Contribution - Building Cleaning	£687,000	n/a	High	£642,000	Sept 2017	с	£412,000	£1,005,000	£771,000	£413,000	n/a
Buy Back Levels - Building Cleaning	71.0%	(-)	High	72.0%	Annual 2017/18	А	73.0%	-	-	-	n/a
Buy Back Levels - Grounds Maintenance	52.0%	(-)	High	60.0%	Annual 2017/18	А	56.0%	-	-	-	n/a
Retain Occupational Health & Safety Advisory Services (OHSAS) 18001 accreditation - Facilities Management	Yes	n/a	High	Yes	Annual 2017/18	A	Yes	-	-	-	n/a
Retain ISO 9001 Accreditation - Facilities Management	Yes	n/a	High	Yes	Annual 2017/18	A	Yes	-	-	-	n/a
Labour costs as % turnover - West Bridgford Campus Catering	60.97%	n/a	Low	56.40%	Sept 2017	С	59.06%	49.52%	50.37%	52.79%	n/a
Food costs as % of turnover - West Bridgford Campus Catering	47.63%	n/a	Low	43.53%	Sept 2017	С	44.31%	41.96%	41.30%	41.37%	n/a
Turnover - Overall Group Performance - Trading	£15,961,167	n/a	High	£15,933,978	Sept 2017	С	£8,768,502	£34,772,000	£25,330,000	£15,947,000	n/a
Contribution Overall Group Performance - Trading	£1,642,662	n/a	High	£1,612,610	Sept 2017	с	£1,407,188	£4,729,000	£3,624,000	£1,762,702	n/a
Surplus/deficit Building Cleaning & Landscapes	-£37,000	n/a	High	-£66,000	Sept 2017	С	£145,000	-£466,000	-£137,000	-£295,000	n/a
Planning											
County Planning matters determined in 13 weeks	100%	(+)	High	60%	June 2017	Q	100%	60%	86%	86%	n/a
Trading Standards							_				
Increase in the number of Primary Authority Partnerships	0	(-)	High	increase	Sept 2017	Q	3	28	-		n/a
Achievement of additional income target	£3,155	(-)	High	£95,000	Sept 2017	Q	£24,500	-	-	-	n/a
% of demand 'one stopped' (problem solved without handoff)	9%	(-)	High	n/a	Sept 2017	Q	26%	19%	-	-	n/a
% of problems worked on solved	78%	(†)	ge 17 of	n/a	Sept 2017	Q	50%	76%	-	-	n/a

	Nottinghamshire										
Key Performance Indicators	Current Value	(Q2)	Best to be	Target	Reporting Period	Quarterly/ Cumulative/ Annually	Previous Value (Q1 or Annual)	Previous Value (Q4)	Previous Value (Q3)	Previous Value (Q2)	National Average
Positive media pieces regarding the work of the Service	48	(-)	High	n/a	Sept 2017	Q	64	n/a	-	-	n/a
Number of tailored interventions to protect vulnerable residents based on the risk, threat and harm to the individual	106	(+)	High	250	Sept 2017	Q	74	280	206	141	n/a
Increase in the number of Trading Standards Approved Traders in County and City	7	(-)	High	350	Sept 2017	Q	18	n/a	-	-	n/a
Totality of sentences (by type) imposed by Criminal Courts - Custody (months)	91	n/a	n/a	n/a	Sept 2017	Q	43	96	-	-	n/a
Totality of sentences (by type) imposed by Criminal Courts - fines	£120	n/a	n/a	n/a	Sept 2017	Q	£2,250	£80,742	-	-	n/a
Totality of sentences (by type) imposed by Criminal Courts - unpaid work (hours)	640	n/a	n/a	n/a	Sept 2017	Q	455	400	-	-	n/a
Community Safety						_					
Reduction in all crime compared to 2015/16	53,593	(-)	Low	n/a	Oct 16 to Sept 2017	RY	50,797	47,583	-	-	n/a
Increase in reporting of hate crime categories	983	n/a	High	n/a	Nov 16 to Oct 17	RY		-	-	-	n/a



11th January 2018

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR PLACE AND COMMUNITIES.

UPDATE ON KEY TRADING STANDARDS & COMMUNITY SAFETY MATTERS

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Committee on key Trading Standards and Community Safety matters, to agree the reporting frequency for future reports, and the frequency that progress reports regarding certain key threats are provided to Members.

Information and Advice

Trading Standards:

- Doorstep Crime Between July and September 2017 Trading Standards received 35 reports of doorstep crime were received; 7 from the Police, 1 from the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub and the remainder from individuals. Officers have supported 15 vulnerable victims and dealt with two offenders who were arrested and interviewed. This intervention prevented a further £9,000 from being paid to criminals.
- 3. Trading Standards Officers have given a presentation to Age UK Connect Team who visit and support elderly and vulnerable residents in the North Nottinghamshire and Newark area to increase awareness of doorstep crime and scams and to promote joint working to protect our most vulnerable residents.
- 4. Officers have also worked with the Alzheimer's Society and raised awareness of scams and doorstep crime with their volunteers and staff. Information is also being distributed via some of their Dementia Cafes that carers and those with dementia attend. Officers are also adapting the Service's Doorstep Crime and Unwanted Post leaflets to make them more suitable for people with learning difficulties and/or cognitive decline.
- 5. Trading Standards Officers continue to provide target hardening visits to Nottinghamshire residents that have fallen victim to doorstep crime to ensure they have the appropriate support in made. A number of referrals have been made to other agencies and charities that can continue to support the residents.
- 6. **Mass Marketing Scams** officers continue to work with other agencies to intervene to protect Nottinghamshire victims of mass marketing scams, identified by lists supplied by the National

Scams Team or via referrals from social care and health colleagues etc. Some examples of our cases:

- An officer worked with Age UK Connect to arrange for a vulnerable visually impaired repeat scam victim to receive 2 hours a week help with their post, bills and shopping from the Adult Deaf and Visual Impairment team.
- After our intervention a deaf scam victim now has a loan call blocker to block unwanted nuisance calls and a more suitable smoke alarm from Nott's Fire and Rescue.
- A care agency reported finding a resident with dementia on the phone when they arrived for a routine visit. Due to our scam awareness raising they recognised it as a scam call and intervened. We are supporting the care worker to fit a call blocker.
- 7. Trading Standards managers are working with Social Care/Safeguarding managers to develop a Nottinghamshire County Council Financial Abuse and Scams Action Plan. The action plan will aim to:
 - Ensure all Safeguarding policies and procedures include financial abuse and scams;
 - Raise awareness of scams amongst the public, Councillors, Safeguarding Adults Board, Health & Wellbeing Board and local and regional safeguarding networks;
 - Further develop prevention measures to ensure that those residents most at risk from scams don't become victims and
 - Further develop and improve a multi-agency approach to identify, support and safeguard victims of scams.
- 8. The national Friends Against Scams initiative (<u>www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk</u>) will be a key vehicle for scams prevention action under this plan. In Nottinghamshire there are currently 348 "Friends" and 26 "SCAMchampions" registered, since the launch of the initiative in October 2016, and the actions under this plan aim to greatly increase this figure.
- 9. Under this national initiative (<u>www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/callblocker</u>) free call blockers are available to any resident with dementia who is experiencing unwanted calls. Officers have requested a call blocker via the new scheme for a Nottinghamshire resident and this has resulted in 80% of their incoming calls being blocked.
- 10. **Illicit Tobacco** –Officers continue to apprehend individuals and businesses that sell and distribute illicit tobacco. During July and August 2017 intelligence was received of individuals selling illicit tobacco from private houses and the following action was taken:-
 - In Newark a female was found selling illicit cigarettes and unsafe cigarettes and 5,000 cigarettes were seized with a street value of £2,250.
 - In Mansfield a male was found selling counterfeit cigarettes and hand rolling tobacco. 2,900 individual cigarettes and 260g of tobacco were seized with a street value of £2,345.

- In Mansfield a female was found selling illicit cigarettes and unsafe cigarettes and 800 cigarettes were seized with a street value of £360.
- 11. In all cases the individuals admitted the offences and received a written caution. The seized goods will now be destroyed.
- 12. Intelligence was also received regarding business premises selling illicit tobacco and cigarettes as follows:-
 - 3 separate shops in the Sutton in Ashfield and Beeston areas have closed as a result of our enforcement.
 - A shop in Mansfield has continued to distribute illicit cigarettes and tobacco. 13,600 cigarette sticks and 2.5kg of hand rolling tobacco have been seized with a street value of £6.736. 6 individuals have now been charged with various offences.
 - Following a test purchase from a shop in Worksop, 3 individuals have been charged with various offences relating unsafe and counterfeit cigarettes and tobacco. 5,300 cigarette sticks were seized and 4kg of tobacco with a total street value of £3,976.
 - An investigation continues regarding the seizure of 9,460 individual cigarettes and 400g of tobacco with a street value of £4,417 from another shop in Worksop.
- 13. Intelligence reports from Crimestoppers have increased with a total of 10 referrals being received for the period between July and September 2017.
- 14. In October, officers attended a premises within the County, which Nottinghamshire Police had secured. Inside the premises tobacco manufacturing was taking place and 3 tonnes of tobacco leaf, with a street value of £1.2 million, was seized and subsequently handed to Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs (HMRC). The investigation continues.
- 15. Food Enforcement –Food safety concerns have been identified at some premises selling illicit tobacco in the Mansfield, Netherfield and Mapperley areas. Our illicit tobacco team conducted joint visits with a food officer to tackle various food safety issues, including out of date food and food incorrectly labelled for allergens. Officers also inspected alcohol in the premises to ensure that none was counterfeit; none was found.
- 16. Following a routine inspection, officers have been working with a large sandwich manufacturer to ensure the labelling of their products, which are intended for UK supermarkets, is correct along with their internal quality systems.
- 17. Following an Environmental Health referral, we have been advising a pie manufacturer regarding product labelling requirements. Whilst the food was not intrinsically unsafe the labelling of the products was non-compliant.
- 18. **Product Safety** Officers will be conducting two proactive Product Safety projects in the coming months:

- Part Worn Tyres: project will include advice to suppliers of part worn tyres in the county about their legal obligations under product safety legislation. Appropriate communication channels will be used to raise the public's awareness of the importance of tyre safety.
- Second Hand Electrical "White" Goods: project will include advice to second hand electrical goods retailers in the county to advise them of their legal obligations under product safety legislation. The public's awareness of the key issues involved will be raised via appropriate communication channels.
- 19. Explosives Programme 2017-18. Officers conducted their annual inspection programme, to ensure fireworks were being stored and supplied safely in October and November. Intelligence-led activity focussed on higher risk and newly licensed premises. 24 premises across the County were inspected in Bassetlaw, Mansfield, Ashfield and Newark and Sherwood.
- 20.5 premises inspected were found to be selling fireworks which were no longer permitted. These were removed from sale and advice given to ensure that only CE marked fireworks were being sold.
- 21. **Regional Investigations Team Operation Strut**-the investigation into a Leicestershire based organised criminal gang who fraudulently sold motor vehicles reached a conclusion in November with sentencing at Leicester Crown Court. The gang sold defective and dangerous second hand motor vehicles to consumers, they also bullied and intimidated customers who tried to complain.
- 22. Three men were sentenced for their involvement in the fraud which netted £80,000. Paul Hanna the main man behind the operation was sentenced to 3.5 years in prison and ordered to pay £69,000 in compensation. This was taken from the cash that was found hidden on his premises. Jignesh Manani received 2 years in prison and Justin John was sentenced to 120 hours of unpaid work. The Judge commended the Regional Investigation Team for the hard work that went into the investigation.
- 23. **Operation Spinnaker** Members will recall the investigation into the Wyvern Group, one of the largest and most complex investigations ever carried out. This was an intricate web of over 150 publishing companies that were set up to con businesses into paying for advertising in publications that were effectively non-existent. Johnathon Rivers, the sole controller of the group was jailed for 6 1/2 years for his involvement and ordered to repay £1.2 million from the proceeds of his crime.
- 24. Rivers was a lifestyle criminal and his personal wealth included property, a holiday home in the Caribbean and a private plane. I am very pleased to report that due to the hard work by the regional investigations team and financial investigators, Rivers recently paid over the £1.2 million pounds stripping him of the assets and money he illegally obtained through criminal activity. This represents one of the largest recoveries following a Trading Standards investigation and again shows that crime doesn't pay.
- 25. Legal Update Hucknall Mini Market Sherzad Mohammad of Annesley Road Stores and Hucknall Mini Market, had his case regarding counterfeit and dangerous cigarettes sent to the Crown Court, where he entered guilty pleas. Further offences have since been identified, and his new case was listed for trial for October of 2017.

- 26. Mr Mohammed pleaded guilty to the charges before the start of the trial and was sentenced on 2nd November. He received a custodial sentence of 13 months, suspended for 2 years and was ordered to carry out 100 hours unpaid work. A proceeds of investigation was also concluded for Mr Mohammed, the court agreed that the benefit from this crime was £20,000 and Mr Mohammed was given an available amount of £700. This is the value of his available assets that he now has to pay to the court.
- 27. Outram General Stores, Ashfield Four individuals were charged with conspiracy to possess criminal property in the form of illicit cigarettes, following a joint investigation with Nottingham City Council. Following not guilty pleas, a trial was set for June 2017. Before trial, Al Khaldi, and Alain Ali, both pleaded guilty, whilst Hersh Mohammed and Mohammed Ali were both found guilty after the trial. The following sentences were imposed:

	Imprisonment	Unpaid Work
Mr Hersh Mohammed	2 1/2 years	120 hours
Mr Alain Ali	12 months (suspended)	120 hours
Mr Khalidi	6 months (suspended)	150 hours
Mohammed Ali	9 months (suspended)	80 hours

- 28. Mr Hersh Mohammed the main defendant behind the offences was also subject to a Proceeds of Crime investigation, the benefit of his crime was £76,646, the available amount he has been ordered to pay is £700.
- 29. Zam Zam, Eastwood In January 2017, Mr Sarbest Abdullah of Zam Zam, Eastwood, appeared in Nottingham magistrate's court charged with the supply of dangerous and illicit tobacco and was sentenced in October 2017 to carry out 40 hours unpaid work. This is the first occasion that anyone associated with this particular premise has been prosecuted
- 30. **Kubus, Mansfield** In November 2017, four men Fakher Fathulah, Marwan Shaban, Nabaz Ahmadi and Amin Amin appeared at Crown Court charged with conspiracy to supply dangerous and counterfeit cigarettes. Three pleaded guilty before trial whilst the case against the 4th defendant was withdrawn. They are due to be sentenced on the 12th December 2017.
- 31. **John Paul Allen** In May, Allen appeared in the Mansfield Magistrates court charged with offences of fraud to the value of £26,400. There is one victim in this case, who the Authority alleges has been defrauded by representations that she needed certain work carrying out on her property. Mr Allen pleaded not guilty, and his case is listed for trial on the 2nd January 2018.

Community Safety

32. Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) Communities – Work is continuing to develop a GRT chapter for inclusion in the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. This will provide a further evidence base to direct activities designed to reduce any inequalities that disproportionally impact these communities. When completed governance arrangements will need to be established, with partners, to ensure delivery against the recommendations included within this document. Key to this will be ensuring a wide range of voices from these communities are heard in shaping delivery and implementation, and work is progressing to secure this.

- 33. At a Countywide level there are moves to further organise a coordinated response from partners to unauthorised encampments. Within this work the Council will continue to ensure legal and statutory obligations are met in a timely and effective manner. A policy on the matter is currently being developed and will be brought to this Committee for endorsement in the New Year.
- 34. Consideration is still being given to how the functions carried out by the vacant Gypsy and Traveller Liaison post can be delivered in the most effective way going forward. All duties assigned to this post are currently being undertaken by a number of officers in the team, offering a more resilient and flexible response.
- 35. **Community Safety Needs Assessment** To support the work of the Community Safety Partnerships in localities, and the Safer Nottinghamshire Board, a needs assessment process has been developed, led by the Council. This assessment will provide a firm foundation for the identification of priorities and actions, for improving community safety. The findings of this assessment will now inform the refresh of the Community Safety Agreement.
- 36. All two-tier local authority areas are required by law to publish a county community safety agreement that identifies:
 - The countywide community safety priorities that arise from the strategic assessment and that require escalating to the county level;
 - The ways in which the Responsible Authorities in the county might more effectively implement the priorities set out in the strategic assessment through coordinated or joint working; and
 - How the Responsible Authorities in the county area might otherwise reduce crime and disorder or combat substance misuse through coordinated or joint working.
- 37. The new Agreement will be implemented from April 2018.
- 38. Youth Crime Prevention Education– Two projects that were initiated, steered and seed funded by Nottinghamshire County Council continue to have a positive impact on the young people they are delivered to.
- 39. These are the "I Pledge to Keep on Track" youth crime prevention programme aimed at primary schools year five and six and the "Virtual Justice" Project, aimed at year seven and eight. These projects have been successfully evaluated over the last five years demonstrating significant impact on the knowledge, skills and behaviour of the young people attending. They have also been nationally and locally recognised and received awards.
- 40. The following Aims were previously developed to inform evaluation of both projects by the National Centre for Citizenship and the Law and the Council:
 - Improve children's understanding of the consequences of their actions as citizens;
 - Improve knowledge and understanding of the legal and criminal justice systems;
 - Increase understanding of the law and how to live within it;

- Engage children in active citizenship in their community through Citizenship models of learning and activity;
- Improve children's education attainment by learning inside and outside the classroom; and
- Increase aspirations and social mobility
- 41. A strength of both projects is that they have been measured against consistent Learning and Social outcomes and have demonstrated impact across all these over a number of years:
- 42. More specifically the evaluation results show evidence that learning has taken place across five Generic Learning Outcomes in the Arts Council England's adapted 'Inspiring Learning for All' (ILFA) framework. These include: Knowledge and Understanding; Attitudes and Values; Activity, Behaviour and Progression; and Enjoyment, Inspiration, Creativity. Results also show learning has taken place across three Generic Social Outcomes in the ACE's ILFA framework have been met. These are: Stronger and Safer Communities; Strengthening Public Life; and Health and Well-being.
- 43. The above aims and learning and social outcomes fit well with the new Strategic Priorities of the Council Plan. To build on this success and take this work forward the Community Safety Team are currently working with a range of partners; including; the National Justice Museum, Nottinghamshire Police, Nottinghamshire Crown Court and the Youth Commissioners.
- 44. The proposed shared vision for the new "Justice Project" is to incorporate the learning from the above projects and develop links between the National Justice Museum and Nottinghamshire Crown Court. This would create opportunities for young people aged 14+ to observe trials and engage in Question and Answer Sessions with the Judges. The new proposal will be presented to the Youth Crime Prevention Advisory Group meeting on the 5th December.

Other Options Considered

45.None

Reasons for Recommendations

46. To provide appropriate progress reports to enable Members to appropriately scrutinise and help steer the work of the Service.

Statutory and Policy Implications

47. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

48. This report contains no additional financial implications for the net budget of the service, with activity reported or that proposed being contained within existing service budget.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Members agree to:

- 1) Receive a follow up report at every second Committee meeting on key Trading Standards and Community Safety Matters, in the same format as the report considered by Committee at this meeting and that this is included in the work programme;
- Receive updates on progress regarding the specific key threats of Illicit Tobacco, Mass Marketing Scams and Doorstep Crime as part of these follow up reports, at a frequency of not less than once every fourth Committee meeting;
- 3) Develop a financial abuse and scams action plan, including options for raising awareness with key stakeholders;
- Receive an update report to scrutinise commercial performance as set out within the CDU process, as part of these reports, at a frequency of not less than once every fourth Committee meeting;
- 5) Officers using appropriate media campaigns to promote key messages regarding the product safety projects regarding part worn tyres and second hand electrical items.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 01/12/2017)

49. The Communities and Place Committee is the appropriate body to consider the contents of the report.

Financial Comments (RWK 04/12/2017)

50. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from 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.

• 'None'

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

• 'All'



11 January 2018

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

INDEPENDENT TRAVEL TRAINING

Purpose of the Report

1. To endorse the continued work of the team, to seek approval to develop a Nottinghamshire brand for use on Independent Travel Training and future awards presentations for schools and colleges to celebrate the success of the scheme.

Information and Advice

- 2. The Independent Travel Training (ITT) programme was approved by Members in 2013 to help promote independence and travel awareness for students accessing Special Education Needs transport. Since then over 130 pupils have successfully been trained and now have the skills to use public transport to educational placements, work or training opportunities. There are currently over 150 students accessing the training programme, including students from both special educational needs and mainstream educational establishments and also students in the care of the local authority who are often vulnerable and travel training helps improve their life chances and opportunities providing independent access to training and employment opportunities.
- 3. The ITT programme was expanded in 2016 for the Adult Social Care Department and is currently being embedded in to the new Notts Enabling Service (NES) who support and encourage independent living skills within Adult Services.
- 4. ITT is the delivery of specific training to users who are currently unable, or restricted in their ability to travel unassisted on public transport because of learning difficulties or physical disabilities. Children and young people in the authorities care have also accessed the program to help improve life skills and future life choices. Successful delivery of the scheme allows service users to enjoy independence and be able to access services and facilities they wish to use and removes the need for the provision of high cost bespoke transport services.

Nationally recognised benefits include:

- Increased independence, confidence and personal mobility;
- Increased access to education opportunities at colleges and universities, local services and leisure activities;
- Reduced burden on Local Authority specialist service provision;
- Reduced need for home visits and reliance on carers;
- Increased public transport patronage;
- Improvement in life skills, such as handling money, personal skills and road safety.

- 5. In 2015 and 2017 a celebration of successful students was held at County Hall where students are presented with certificates by Councillors and Senior Officers. This year the event was attended by over 50 students from 5 schools. Students, teachers, governors, parents and carers also came along to support the event which was a huge success and featured in local press.
- 6. Nottinghamshire have for a number of years bought training materials developed by Norfolk County Council using their TITAN (Travel independence training across the Nation) brand, materials include educational training videos, monitoring sheets and literature for parents, carers and schools.
- 7. In the past 18 months it has become increasingly difficult to access the materials from Norfolk following a number of changes to their staffing and departmental structures. To ensure that ITT can continue successfully in Nottinghamshire it is proposed that new training materials including short videos are produced and owned by Nottinghamshire.
- 8. Nottinghamshire is recognised as one of the leading Authorities delivering ITT and training. We have been successful in promoting and supporting other Authorities with the rollout of travel training. This has generated a small income stream in the past and it is hoped that this will increase with the control of the training materials and brand. The Travel Training lead officer has presented the scheme to ATCO members, the DFE and DFT in London and plays a key role in supporting other authorities with travel training.

Other Options Considered

- 9. To continue without this proposal would reduce the scope and impact of ITT in Nottinghamshire.
- 10.ITT continues to be an important area of work with more schools and colleges rolling out the scheme and the current scheme is the best method of delivering the benefits to our service users.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11. Independent Travel Training has had increasing success in developing and promoting independent living, the recommendation will allow this to continue and show Nottinghamshire as a leading Authority in travel training and promoting independence.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. 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 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

13. The cost of producing new training materials is expected to be £7,000 and can be met from existing budgets and off-set by some revenue income.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) To endorse the continued work of the team, to seek approval to develop a Nottinghamshire brand for use on Independent Travel Training and future awards presentations for schools and colleges to celebrate the success of the scheme.

Adrian Smith Corporate Director, Place

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Constitutional Comments [LM 28/11/2017]

14. The Communities and Place Committee is the appropriate body to consider the contents of the report.

Financial Comments [RWK 04/12/2017]

15. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 6 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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11 January 2018

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

STREET LIGHTING ENERGY SAVING

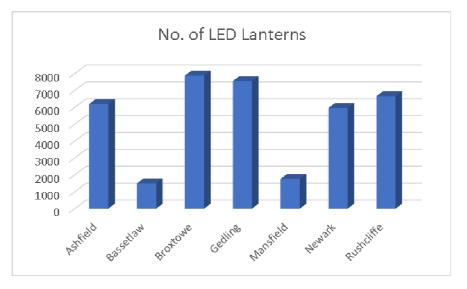
Purpose of the Report

- 1. To provide an update for committee relating to the Street Lighting Energy Saving programme and to consider extending further to incorporate improving the condition of lighting stock.
- 2. The proposals contained in this report will allow significant savings to be made, reduce the County Council's carbon footprint and are fully aligned with the Authority's key commitments to provide the best possible services for local people, improving the places residents live and providing good value for money:
 - A great place to bring up your family The installation of LED lighting will improve the illumination of the highway making it a safer place for vulnerable road users such as children and young people.
 - A great place to fulfil your ambition These proposals will make use of the highway network more appealing during the hours of darkness which in turn will encourage people to make greater use of the leisure opportunities available in Nottinghamshire.
 - A great place to enjoy later life It is anticipated that the proposed lighting improvements will improve older resident's sense of security making them more likely to access the care and support opportunities they need.
 - A great place to start and grow your business Street lighting is a vital component necessary to deliver the excellent highway network required to improve access to markets. The proposals will minimise potential delays arising from road traffic accidents and collapsed lamp columns allowing goods and people to travel in a safer and more predictable fashion.

Information and Advice

Background of Energy Saving Project

- 3. There are approx 94,000 street lights in Nottinghamshire. Previous to the energy saving project the stock consisted of a 50/50 split between low-pressure sodium (SOX) and high-pressure sodium lanterns (SON). The SOX lanterns are the oldest & least efficient assets so these were highlighted to be replaced with LED alternatives.
- 4. Salix offer interest free loans to local authorities for energy saving projects and this was utilised to secure a 4-year spend to save programme of LED lantern upgrades on the network.
- 5. To date we have now replaced 37,500 SOX with LED which has resulted in the assets being more efficient to run and maintain. As part of the programme we have also been updating the remaining SON lanterns with new lamps and gear to improve efficiency and extend their lifecycle.
- 6. The upgrade programme is going well with conversion works complete in Ashfield, Broxtowe, Rushcliffe, Gedling & Newark areas. Works are currently taking place in Bassetlaw.



- 7. The Mansfield area is programmed for LED upgrades in 18/19. A lamp clean and change was carried out in 2013 which has helped to minimise faults but the general age and condition of the equipment warrants a different approach.
- 8. The Salix loan already secured will cover the lantern cost for 8,000 conversions, these works are due to be complete by December 2018. It is intended to extend this and utilise current available energy reduction funding streams to treat the remaining 5,500 lanterns so that all stock in Mansfield will be addressed. These works will be combined in with column replacements to improve the stock condition and limit risk of column failure. This will extend the completion date to April 2019.
- 9. A bid has been discussed with the NCC Energy Team for the additional £1.6m required to extend the project. This will comprise of 50:50 contribution from the ACE (Additional

Capital for Energy Fund) and LAEF (Local Authority Energy Finance) recycling fund £800,000 repayable loan.

- 10. The extension to the project gives a 7-year payback. The initial energy savings were identified at £181,323pa. With the extension to the project annual energy savings will rise to £442,480pa. There will be an additional loan payment to cover of £114,286 pa which still leaves additional savings of £146,871pa. After 7 years the loan will be fully paid back with on-going total savings of £442,480 pa.
- 11. Since 2012 to date this programme has reduced annual consumption for street lighting by 12,000,000 kwh & 11,000 tonnes of carbon. Annual savings on the energy budget are approx £1.5m per annum and cumulative savings since the beginning of the project are over £5m.
- 12. These savings also incorporate inflation in energy costs and growth on the inventory for new developments and inheritance of new equipment on the highway such as Section 278/38, School flashing ambers signs and interactive signs.
- 13. The white light from the LED's give a much clearer perception of the road image which is proven to promote safety in night time hours on the highway. The Police and Accident Investigation Unit have been consulted in the roll out.
- 14. The LED's offer residents better illumination of the road, are much more efficient and have a longer lifespan so continuous light levels are maintained.
- 15. We have already noticed the reduction in outages in areas where the LED's have been installed. This reduction in visits will release money from the maintenance budget to concentrate on improving the stock condition around the remainder of the County.

Other Options Considered

16. The only other option is to leave the existing stock and deal with failures as and when they occur. This has in the past proven to be more expensive due to numerous visits to similar locations. There is also the risk of collapsed columns on the highway. Dealing with upgrade works by areas is more cost effective and will help to build a cyclic future maintenance programme.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

- 17. This is a high demand service that provides an important public realm function by supporting community and road safety, and promoting the night time economy. A routine maintenance programme is now established in-order to deal with the day to day service delivery. The conversion of LED units in Mansfield by utilising available loans will improve apparatus on the highway and produce additional savings.
- 18. We are heading into year 4 of a successful project. There have been very few complaints with good support from the community. The extension of the project will create additional savings for the revenue budgets, improve lighting assets in Mansfield and reduce risk on the highway.

Statutory and Policy Implications

19. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Crime & Disorder

20. Crime and disorder issues are covered in paragraph 13 & 14.

Sustainability and the Environment

21. Refer to paragraph 11.

Financial Implications

- 22. The cost of extending the project as detailed in the report is estimated at £1.6M. This cost can be met from within an existing allocation in the Capital Programme with £800K being funded by the County Council and £800K being met from the LAEF revolving fund with repayments being made over a 7 year period.
- 23. The proposed project will result in estimated annual savings of £328,194 during the first 7 financial years whilst the LAEF funding is being repaid, and estimated annual savings of £442,480 thereafter. These savings will be included in the MTFS.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is **recommended** that Committee:

1) agrees to extending the LED 'Spend to Save' programme as identified in the report.

Adrian Smith Corporate Director, Place

Name and title of report author Gary Wood, Group Manager, Highway & Transport

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Constitutional Comments – (SJE – 02/11/2017)

1. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Communities & Place Committee to whom responsibility for the exercise of the Authority's functions relating to the management and maintenance of highways has been delegated.

Financial Comments (RWK - 20/12/2017)

The financial implications are set out in paragraphs 22 and 23 of the report.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All



Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to Communities and Place Committee

11 January 2018

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR (PLACE)

ITEM: 8

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (STANDHILL ROAD, CARLTON - TRAFFIC CALMING)

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider objections received in respect of the above Traffic Calming and if it should be implemented as advertised.

Information and Advice

- 2. Standhill Road is a mainly residential street, with a small number of shops located primarily at the southern extent. There are two schools along the road; Standhill Infant School and Porchester Junior School, at the southern and northern ends respectively. St John's Methodist Church and King George V Recreation Ground are located off the road. Properties largely consist of detached and semi-detached houses. The properties to the north generally have off-road parking, with more on street parking at the southern end of the road. The road terminates at its southern end with Carlton Hill (B686). At the northern end, at its junction with Morley Road/Prospect Road, there is a No Entry restriction. Along the whole road there are 8 junctions, including the one with Carlton Hill.
- 3. Following concerns raised by local residents and investigation of accidents along the route including vulnerable road users, it is proposed to introduce 11 round top road humps on Standhill Road, from the junction with Carlton Hill to the junction with Morley Road/Prospect Road. The proposals are detailed on the attached drawings EMD_HW10215_006A, EMD_HW10215_006B, EMD_HW10215_006C,

Responses received

- 4. An initial consultation was carried out in June 2016 with197 questionnaires delivered to local residents. The number of responses received was 106 (53.8%), of which 83 (78.3%) were in favour of the introduction of the road humps. This is in keeping with the required criteria to progress with the scheme proposal.
- 5. In accordance with the Highways Act 1980, a formal consultation took place between 23rd October and 19th November 2017. Notices and plans showing the proposals were posted on site and a notice placed in the local press. Comments were invited from statutory consultees including police, fire and ambulance services and Gedling Borough Council. All 193 residents, businesses and organisations on the road were consulted. Ten written responses were received during the consultation; six of these are supportive of the proposals; four responses are considered to be objections to all pract of the proposals.

- 6. Objecting comments relate to the following issues:
 - Lack of evidence to support the proposals
 - Negative environmental effects of humps
 - The proposals will encourage irresponsible road use
 - Negative impacts on residents
 - Negative impact on other road users
 - Preferred alternatives
- 7. Lack of evidence One resident considered the representation of statistics from the initial consultation had been misleadingly represented and there was insufficient demonstration of support from the first consultation. Further, they considered the detail provided should have given size and construction of the proposed bollards and traffic signs.
- 8. Negative environmental impacts Three residents raised concerns about increased pollution due to slowing and accelerating of vehicles caused by the road humps. There was one concern expressed about noise generated by vehicles travelling over the humps.
- 9. The proposals will encourage irresponsible road use One resident suggested that the humps would attract younger drivers to drive irresponsibly.
- 10. Negative impacts on residents' road use Three residents raised concerns relating to parking and one resident on access to their driveway
- 11.Negative impact on wider road users One resident raised the potential negative impact on emergency vehicles passage along the road.
- 12. Preferred alternatives one resident suggested the need to consider use of speed cameras as a less disruptive alternative solution.

Responses

- 13. Lack of evidence to support the proposals In the initial consultation letter it was stated that 78% of respondents were in favour of the traffic calming measures. The exact percentage of votes received after initial consultation is 53.8%, of which 78.3% of the votes received were in favour of the introduction of the road humps. Public consultation exercises often experience poor response rates. A response of over 50% on this occasion with over 75% of respondents in favour, indicates strong support for the proposals and is in keeping with criteria to progress with the proposal.
- 14. Over the last 5.5 years (1/1/12 to 31/7/17) on Standhill Road there have been 11 reported injury accidents, 6 of which involved vulnerable road users, i.e. pedestrians, cyclists and motor-cyclists; 2 out of those 6 were serious injuries. Having reviewed the circumstances of these accidents, it is considered that the round top road humps offer the most appropriate solution to reduce accidents.
- 15. Negative Environmental Impacts The number of humps and intervening distances are designed to allow drivers to maintain an acceptable speed, without the need for a sudden change of speed just before/after humps, so should not have an unacceptable environmental impact.
- 16. The impact of the road humps is anticipated to discourage irresponsible road use by reducing vehicle speeds.

- 17. Negative impacts on residents' road use There will be no loss of on street parking. The location of humps and associated bollards and signage has been carefully considered to meet the aims of the scheme but manage impact on residents. Where possible, bollards and humps have been located adjacent to property boundaries to reduce impact on parking practice and negative visual impact. No access to driveways has been compromised.
- 18. Negative impact on wider road users Emergency Services were included in the consultation process. No objection or comment relating to impact on access for emergency vehicles services has been received from those organisations. Standhill road is not a classified road, strategic fire route or bus route
- 19. Preferred alternatives- Government guidelines state that fixed cameras should only be used where there have been at least three fatal or serious collisions per kilometre in the last three calendar years and where the majority of drivers are exceeding the speed limit. This is not the case for Standhill Road.
- 20. Traffic calming by vertical deflection has been demonstrated to be successful in reducing casualties and Nottinghamshire County Council has had wide experience with these schemes since the early 1990s.

Other Options Considered

- 21. The following options have been considered:
 - a. The option to provide parking bays on alternate sides of the road and define formal passing places; this was discounted due to concern over lack of effectiveness in reducing vehicle speeds and anticipated lack of popularity with residents, who generally prefer to park vehicles close to their property.
 - b. The utilisation of Speed Cameras was discounted as it does not meet the required criteria as defined in para 19 above.
 - c. The use of speed cushions was discounted as these are generally required on roads which are classified road, strategic fire route or bus route.

Comments from Local Members

22. County Councillors Jim Creamer and Errol Henry, Members for Carlton West are supportive of the scheme.

Reasons for Recommendations

23. The proposed scheme is considered the most appropriate means of reducing road accidents occurring along the route.

Statutory and Policy Implications

24. 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 public-sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are

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material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Crime and Disorder Implications

25. Nottinghamshire Police raised no objections to the proposals.

Financial Implications

26. The Scheme is funded from the 2017/18 Safety Improvements (Integrated Transport Measures) at a cost of £40,000.

Human Rights Implications

27. 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 considered to be within the scope of such legitimate aims.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

- 28. 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 don't.
 - Foster good relations between people who share protected characteristics and those who don't.
- 29. 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. Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) are a means by which a public authority can assess the potential impact that proposed decisions / changes to policy could have on the community and those with protected characteristics as a means of ensuring this. An EIA may also identify potential ways to reduce any impact that a decision / policy change could have, and if it is not possible to reduce the impact, the EIA can explain why. Decision makers must understand the potential implications of their decisions on people with protected characteristics.
- 30. An EIA has been undertaken to assess the potential impact of the proposal, the results of the consultation and any appropriate mitigation. This EIA is included as a background paper to this committee report. Decision makers must give due regard to the implications for protected groups the potential implications of their decisions on people with protected characteristics.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

32. The proposals are intended to have a positive impact on all highway users. Being in close proximity to two schools, they should also help to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. Page 42 of 92

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

33. By creating a safer walk to school environment, the proposals may help to promote sustainable transport choices for staff and pupils accessing the school, and may thereby reduce travelling by private transport.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is **recommended** that:

1) The Nottinghamshire County Council (Standhill Road, Carlton) Traffic Calming goes ahead as proposed.

Adrian Smith Corporate Director – Place

Name and Title of Report Author

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Steve Marston - Project Engineer (Environmental Management and Design) (Via East Midlands Ltd) 0115 9772154

Constitutional Comments (SLB 06/12/2017)

34. Communities and Place Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (SES 29/11/2017)

35. The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers

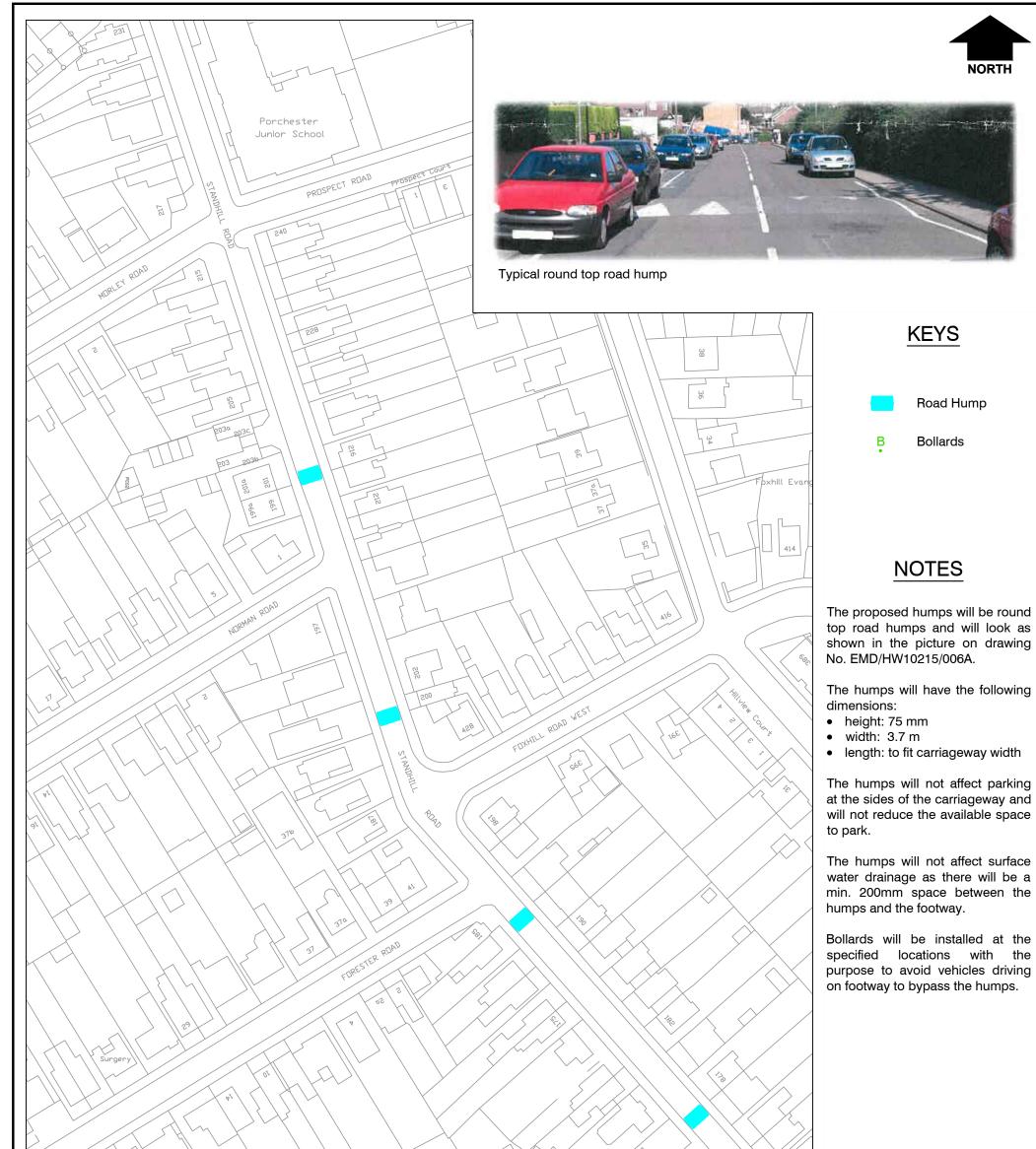
All relevant documents for the proposed scheme are contained within the scheme file which can be found in the Environmental Management and Design section at Trent Bridge House, Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 6BJ.

- Drawings of the proposed traffic calming scheme are attached to the report.
- Equality Impact Assessment Standhill Road Traffic Calming Scheme

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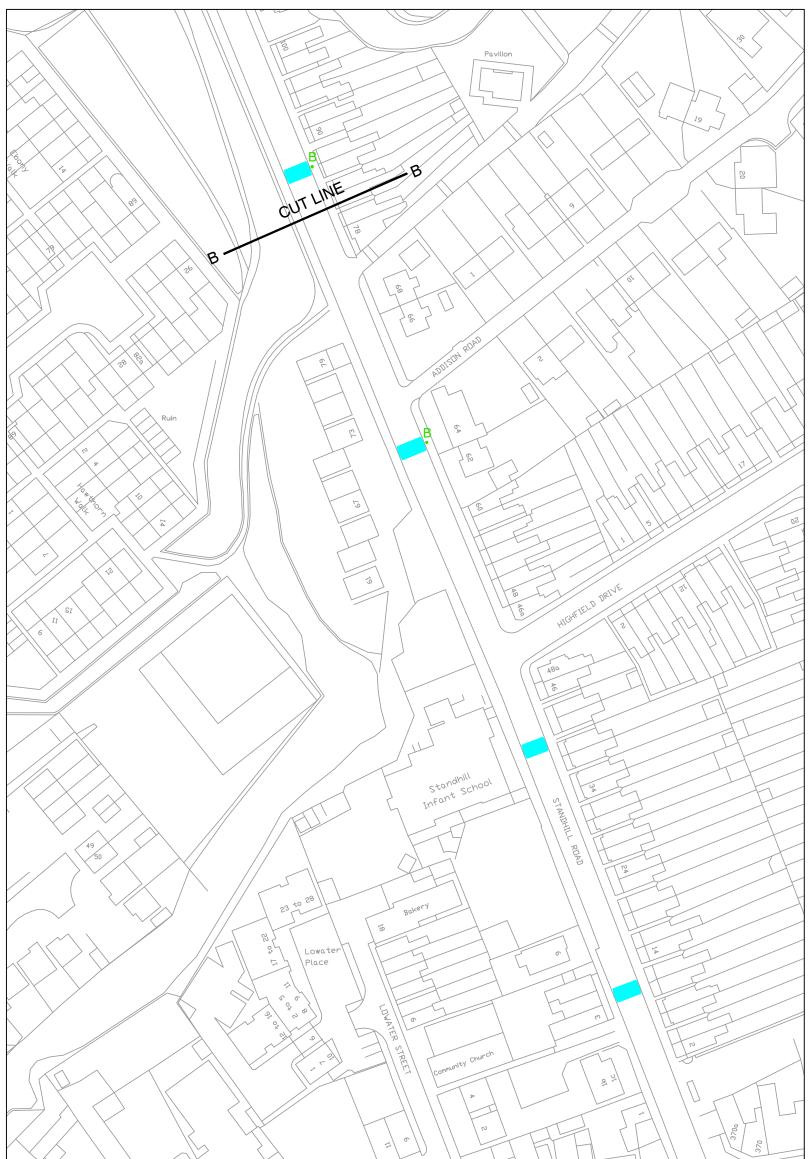
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11 January 2018

Agenda Item: 9

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR PLACE

MINER TO MAJOR: THE REAL SHERWOOD FOREST STAGE 2 APPLICATION

Purpose of the Report

- 1. To seek approval for the County Council, in its role as lead partner for the Miner to Major Landscape Partnership Scheme, to submit the Stage 2 Application to the Heritage Lottery Fund by the published deadline in February 2018.
- 2. To seek approval for match funding provision as part of the Heritage Lottery Fund bid.

Information and Advice

- 3. The County Council submitted the Stage 1 application for Miner to Major (M2M) to the Heritage Lottery Fund's Landscape Partnerships programme on behalf of a group of partners, including the Forestry Commission; Friends of Moor Pond Wood; Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield; Greenwood Community Forest; Natural England; Newark and Sherwood District Council; Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust; Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire; Royal Society for the Protection of Birds; and, Sherwood Forest Trust.
- 4. The Stage 1 application was successful in attracting £149,000 of funding, of which the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) provided 80%, and work on the Development Stage has been underway since September 2015.
- 5. A number of key changes affecting both partner organisations and the funding environment have influenced the development of the Stage 2 application. These include the implementation of the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre project, uncertainty over future funding streams for environmental management and Inspire joining the M2M Board as a partner.
- 6. The development work undertaken has been built in to the Stage 2 application. A 5 year programme of strategic projects has been put together under 4 key themes, with a strong emphasis on learning, skills and people:
 - Understanding Sherwood opportunites to find out more about the hidden heritage and forgotten stories of Sherwood through its archaeology, buildings and people.
 - Connecting Sherwood bigger, better and more connected habitats; protecting Sherwood's special species; improving access for all.
 - Skilful Sherwood from qualifications and work experience to support heritage and jobs to opportunites for everyone to try something new, including volunteering.

• Celebrate Sherwood – new events for locals and visitors to celebrate what makes Sherwood special.

A Scheme Office would manage the programme and the overarching strands of Communication, Interpretation and Evaluation, with the County Council acting as lead partner and Accountable Body.

- 7. It is envisaged that the M2M Landscape Partnership Scheme would prioritise working with a number of audiences that do not traditionally engage in heritage projects within Sherwood, including the residents of former mining communities and surrounding urban areas; young people (16 25); families with young children; and, visitors.
- 8. If successful, M2M will attract c. £3.5m of investment to the wider Sherwood area over 5 years. The HLF grant would provide just under 70% of the total, with the remainder as match funding in the form of both cash and in-kind contributions. It is proposed that, as the lead partner, the County Council contributes a total of £150,000 cash match funding over the 5 years of the Scheme.

Other Options Considered

- 9. The County Council could choose not to submit the Stage 2 application to HLF but this would mean that £3.5m of investment would be lost from the wider Sherwood area. There is also a risk that HLF could seek to claw back some or all of their £119,000 funding for the Development Stage.
- 10. The County Council could choose not to provide any cash match funding for the M2M Landscape Partnership Scheme. If sufficient cash match cannot be secured prior to submission of the Stage 2 application, however, it is unlikely that the bid will succeed.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 11. The County Council is the lead partner and accountable body for the Miner to Major: the real Sherwood Forest Landscape Partnership Scheme and, as such, will need to submit the Stage 2 application on behalf of the partners.
- 12. The Stage 2 application will need to demonstrate that at least the first year's match funding has been secured. As part of the work on risk management, however, the County Council is seeking to ensure that the majority of the cash match funding is secured before the application is submitted.

Statutory and Policy Implications

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Financial Implications

14. The cost of the proposal is £150,000 and would be funded from within the Place Department budget.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That Committee approves the submission of the Stage 2 Application to the Heritage Lottery Fund by the published deadline in February 2018.
- 2) That Committee approves the County Council contribution of cash match funding for the Miner to Major Landscape Partnership Scheme as set out in paragraph 8 of the report.

Adrian Smith Corporate Director, Place

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Heather Stokes, Team Manager Conservation

Constitutional Comments [SLB 07/.12.2017]

15. Communities and Place Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments [RWK 11/12/2017]

16. The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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• None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

• All



11th January 2017

Agenda Item: 10

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

OBJECTIONS TO PERMANENT TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS AND BUS STOP CLEARWAYS – UPDATE ON GROUP MANAGER APPROVALS

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Communities and Place Committee with an update on operational decisions made when considering objections received through the consultation and advertisement of Permanent Traffic Regulation Orders and Bus Stop Clearways.

Information and Advice

- 2. A Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is a legal order, which allows the County Council to regulate the speed, movement and parking of vehicles. Nottinghamshire County Council as Local Highway Authority has a responsibility to consider all objections received before making a TRO permanent. The introduction of a Bus Stop Clearway does not require a TRO; however the County Council has chosen to adopt a similar process to that used for TROs to consider objections made to the introduction of Bus Stop Clearways.
- 3. Under the current committee system officers have delegated authority to take day to day operational decisions and it is considered that many decisions on TRO's where objections are received fall within this definition. On 12th July 2012, Transport and Highways Committee approved an approach that permitted officers to deal with these matters for 3 objections or less with the following exceptions that are referred to the Committee for consideration, these exceptions include:
 - those which have received significant objections from consultees more than 3 objections from separate properties that cannot be resolved by amendments to the scheme;
 - those which have received objections from the local County Councillor/s, formal decisions of District or Parish Council/s or another local authority;
 - those which have received objections from Public Transport Operators or Associations, Road Haulage Association, Freight Transport Association, Highways Agency, Traffic Commissioner or emergency service;
 - those which have received objections by petition;
 - those which have been the subject of a public inquiry.
- 4. The process for officers to consider objections defined as operational decisions is by way of a report from Team Manager, Major Projects and Improvements (Via East Midlands) to the previous post of Group Manager, Environment and Highways (Nottinghamshire County Council). The reports are presented in a similar format to committee reports. This approach

was agreed at the Transport and Highways Committee on 21st September 2016 following the establishment of Via East Midlands Limited.

5. Following the reorganisation of County Council departments, which took effect on 1st October 2017, the post Group Manager (Environment and Highways) no longer exists within the structure. Committee members are advised that reports will continue to be produced by Via with the consideration of objections being undertaken by the new position of Group Manager (Highways & Transport) within the Place department. This is the lead officer on the NCC retained client for highways.

Group Manager Reports

6. The last update report to Committee with operational decisions was on 19th March 2017 with details of reports approved in quarters 2 and 3 of 2016-17. All operational decisions made for quarter 4 2016-17 and quarters 1 and 2 of 2017-18 are as follows:

Title	Number of Objections	Year (Quarter)	Sign-off Date
Proposed Bus Stop Clearway (Nottingham Road, Hucknall – Stop Reference AS0212) - Consideration of Objections	1	2016/17 (Q4)	3/1/17
B600 Church Road, Greasley (50mph Speed Limit) Order 2017 (5222) - Consideration of Objections	2	2016/17 (Q4)	30/1/17
Hucknall Road, Annesley and Newstead (50mph Speed Limit) Order 2017 (7184) - Consideration of Objections	3	2016/17 (Q4)	14/2/17
Proposed Bus Stop Clearway (Leeming Street, Mansfield – Stop References MA0553 and MA0554) - Consideration of Objections	1	2016/17 (Q4)	14/2/17
Proposed Bus Stop Clearway (Rosemary Street, Mansfield – Stop Reference MA0697) - Consideration of Objections	1	2016/17 (Q4)	14/2/17
Proposed Bus Stop Clearway (Wolfit Avenue, Newark – Stop Ref NS0704) - Consideration of Objections	1	2016/17 (Q4)	16/2/17
B6464 High Road and Meadow Lane, Chilwell (Prohibition Of Waiting And Parking Places) Traffic Regulation Order 2017 (5223) - Consideration of Objections	2	2016/17 (Q4)	16/2/17
A57 Worksop Road, Manton, Worksop (50mph Speed Limit) Order 2017 (1193) - Consideration of Objections	1	2017/18 (Q1)	4/4/17
B600 Alfreton Road and Sandhill Road, Underwood (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2017 (4192) - Consideration of Objections	1	2017/18 (Q1)	8/5/17
King Street, Lindley's Lane and Queen Street, Kirkby- In-Ashfield (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2017 (4196) - Consideration of Objections	2	2017/18 (Q1)	30/5/17

Forest Road and Sherwood Drive, Ollerton (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2017 (3241) - Consideration of Objections	3	2017/18 (Q1)	30/5/17
Greythorn Drive, Loughborough Road and Walcote Drive, West Bridgford (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2017 (8261) - Consideration of Objections	2	2017/18 (Q1)	12/6/17
Blidworth Road (B6020), Derby Road (A611) And Diamond Avenue (B6020), Kirkby In Ashfield (40mph Speed Limit) Order 2017 (4194) - Consideration of Objections	1	2017/18 (Q1)	14/6/17
Proposed Bus Stand 9am To 6pm (Appleton Gate, Newark) - Consideration of Objections	1	2017/18 (Q1)	15/6/17
Palmerston Street, Underwood (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2017 (4193) - Consideration of Objections	1	2017/18 (Q1)	22/6/17
Proposed Bus Stop Clearways (Surgeys Lane, Arnold - GE0356 and Westdale Lane West, Mapperley - GE0525) - Consideration of Objections	3	2017/18 (Q2)	15/8/17

7. For further information the table below summarises the approximate numbers of TROs and bus stop clearways that were processed in the last three years together with the number of objection reports considered by either Communities and Place Committee or the Group Manager for Environment and Highways.

Year	Number of TROs and Bus Stop Clearways	Reports Considered by Delegated Officer	Reports Considered by Transport and Highways (pre- June 17) or Communities and Place (from June 17)
2017/18 (Q1 & Q2)	54	9	2
2016/17	143	17	18
2015/16	135	27	28
2014/15	165	18	19

Other Options Considered

8. No other options were considered; the process was agreed at Transport and Highways Committee on 12th July 2012 and 21st September 2016.

Reasons for Recommendations

9. To ensure that objections to permanent TRO's are appropriately and efficiently considered.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

11. The majority of TRO's are funded by the Local Transport Plan capital programme with a small number funded through revenue budgets or charged to third parties if development related. There are no direct financial implications for this report.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is **recommended** that:

1) Committee endorse the decisions made by officers in quarter 4 of 2016-17 and quarters 1 and 2 of 2017-18.

Adrian Smith Corporate Director Place

Name and Title of Report Author

Mike Barnett (Team Manager, Major Projects and Improvements) – Via East Midlands Limited

Constitutional Comments (SJE – 31/10/2017)

12. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Communities & Place Committee to whom responsibility for the exercise of the Authority's functions relating to the management of highways (including traffic management and residents' parking schemes) has been delegated.

Financial Comments (GB 26/10/2017)

13. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Background Papers

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

All relevant documents for the proposed scheme are contained within the scheme file which can be found in the Major Projects and Improvements Team at Trent Bridge House, West Bridgford.

Specific reports include:

- Proposed Bus Stop Clearway (Nottingham Road, Hucknall Stop Reference AS0212) -Consideration of Objections
- B600 Church Road, Greasley (50mph Speed Limit) Order 2017 (5222) Consideration of Objections
- Hucknall Road, Annesley and Newstead (50mph Speed Limit) Order 2017 (7184) Consideration of Objections
- Proposed Bus Stop Clearway (Leeming Street, Mansfield Stop References MA0553 and MA0554) - Consideration of Objections
- Proposed Bus Stop Clearway (Rosemary Street, Mansfield Stop Reference MA0697) -Consideration of Objections
- Proposed Bus Stop Clearway (Wolfit Avenue, Newark Stop Ref NS0704) Consideration of Objections
- B6464 High Road and Meadow Lane, Chilwell) (Prohibition Of Waiting And Parking Places) Traffic Regulation Order 2017 (5223) Consideration of Objections
- A57 Worksop Road, Manton, Worksop (50mph Speed Limit) Order 2017 (1193) -Consideration of Objections
- B600 Alfreton Road and Sandhill Road, Underwood (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2017 (4196) Consideration of Objections
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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

County Councillors - Countywide



Report to Communities and Place Committee

11 January 2018

Agenda Item: 11

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (CENTURY ROAD, GRACE ROAD, ORDSALL ROAD, NEWLANDS, OLLERTON ROAD, WEST HILL ROAD, ORDSALL, RETFORD) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2017 (1200)

CONSIDERATION OF OBJECTIONS

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the objections received in respect of the above proposed Traffic Regulation Order and whether it should be made, as advertised with amendments as detailed in the recommendation and shown on drawing H/04078/2482/4.

Information and Advice

- 2. Ordsall Primary School in located in the village of Ordsall next to Retford. The school is bounded by three roads including Ordsall Road a local residential road to the north and two local distributor roads Ollerton Road and West Hill Road to the east and west respectively. In January 2017 the Children, Families and Cultural Services within the County Council submitted a planning application for an extension to the school consisting of the erection of a six-classroom block along with other site improvements. The extension would enable the school to expand from its current capacity of 530 pupils to a three-form entry school with 630 places.
- 3. As part of the planning process, a consultation on the application took place from 2 February to 28 February 2017 it is noted that during the period of consultation; former County Councillor Pamela Skelding was the elected Member for the area. During the advertisement of the planning application (reference: 1/17/00209/CDM) statutory consultees, neighbours and other stakeholders informed of the proposal. Two objections to the application were received, submitted by local residents and a number of comments were received from other stakeholders. These responses were compiled into a report and considered as a delegated decision by Nottinghamshire County Council Planning Officers on 28 March 2017 who approved the application, subject to a number of conditions.
- 4. Condition 16 of the Decision Notice required, in the interests of highway safety, the introduction of a scheme to restrict parking at local junctions and on footways. This was to be implemented generally in accordance with details submitted on the drawing 'Draft Traffic Regulation Order' included as part planning application documentation. As a result, it is proposed to introduce 'No Waiting at Any Time' (double yellow lines) around the following junctions:

- Newlands / West Hill Road
- Ordsall Road / West Hill Road
- Ordsall Road / Ollerton Road

- Ollerton Road / Century Road
- Ollerton Road / Grace Road

The wider scheme proposals include the installation of six pairs of bollards to protect pedestrian crossing points and two bus stop clearways on West Hill Drive to ensure access to the public transport network is not obstructed by vehicle parking.

- 5. The statutory consultation and public advertisement of the proposals, detailed on the attached drawing H/04078/2482/1 was undertaken between 29 June and 27 July 2017.
- 6. Nine responses were received to the consultation; five of which made the following comments:
 - That parking for parents should be provided on the school site;
 - That the school expansion should not be permitted;
 - Concerns regarding traffic speeds on the roads surrounding the school;
 - Concerns regarding obstructive parking by parents and the habitual parking by an ice cream van opposite the school entrance;
 - Loss of on-street parking for residents.
- 7. County Councillor Vickers expressed concern that the school expansion would result in additional parking demand near the school and that the proposals would exacerbate the parking pressures already experienced in the area at peak times. He was also suggested that a more holistic approach was required in future between [Nottinghamshire County Council] Departments and that solutions should be worked on together. He additionally commented that residents had suggested that the school playing field should be converted to provide parking and asked if that option had been considered.
- 8. Councillor Vickers requested that the length of the proposed waiting restriction on the southern side of Ordsall Road (near its junction with West Hill Road) be reduced from 65m to 30m to reduce parking migration in front of residential properties. It is proposed that the scheme be amended to reflect this request, as detailed on the attached drawing H/04078/2482/4.
- 9. Three responses to the consultation are considered to be outstanding objections to the scheme.

Objections received

10. Objection - impact of additional traffic

One objection was received from a resident who stated that the impact of the increase in traffic had not been adequately considered at the planning stage. They stated that both current and projected traffic volumes relating to the operation of the school had a negative impact on residents and on road safety. The respondent stated that the County Council had sufficient land available to provide a dropping off/picking up area for parents and pupils and the school should utilise this rather than the proposed restrictions, to improve the situation for residents.

11. Response - impact of additional traffic

The planning process considers the requirements of both local and national policies and during the planning consultation a wide range of statutory consultees, residents and local stakeholders were contacted. This included 49 residents and a range of Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) Officers with responsibility for areas such as Highways, Flood Risk, Nature Conservation and Road Safety who considered documents submitted as part of the application. One of these documents, is a Transport Assessment which considered both current transport patterns and the projected impact of the school expansion on movements to and from site. A further document, a Travel Plan, laid out how the school was going to promote sustainable transport choices for staff and pupils accessing the school.

The NCC Highways Development Control Team made a detailed response to the consultation; citing no objection to the proposal subject to the inclusion of conditions to require:

- the widening of the school drive with a pedestrian footway;
- restriction of parking at local junctions and footways within an agreed programme; and
- the school appointment of a Travel Plan co-ordinator responsible for the implementation, delivery, monitoring and promotion of sustainable transport.

The Transport Assessment predicts that levels of on-street parking will increase and that this will inevitably lead to further disruption and potentially a higher number of occurrences of inappropriate parking to the detriment to road safety, particularly the safety of young children. The recommendation to introduce a permanent traffic order to prevent parking immediately adjacent to local junctions and accompanied by bollards to restrict vehicle access to footways where this is a likelihood to obstruct pedestrian crossing points and visibility splays was considered suitable mitigation.

The provision of parking for parents on site is not supported by the Bassetlaw District Council's Core Strategy and Development Management Policies. The Development Plan Document was adopted in 2011 and section DM13 relates to sustainable development and states that development proposals will be expected to:

- Minimise the need to travel by private car;
- Provide linkages, or develop new, footways, cycle paths and bridleways giving access, to key local facilities (especially town centres); and
- Provide appropriate facilities to support access to high-quality public transport.

The role of "Sport England" is to protect existing sports provision and this national organisation must be consulted on any planning applications that affect playing fields in England. Sport England made no objection to the proposal, specifically referencing that the proposal "does not result in the loss of or an inability to make use of any playing pitch; a reduction in the size of the playing field area of any playing pitch; to the loss of any other sporting/ancillary facility on the site." The conversion of the school playing field to parking would not have met their Exception policy E3 and is likely to have resulted in an objection from this consultee.

National and local policy requires the promotion of sustainable transport options; the provision of on-site parking or drop-off area would be contrary to these policies. It would also result in a loss of school sport / amenity area for pupils. In line with these policies and after consideration of the Transport Assessment the proposed waiting restrictions have been determined as the most appropriate mitigation for changes in traffic patterns as a result of the school expansion.

12. Objection - loss of on-street parking availability

Two respondents objected to the loss of on-street parking in the vicinity of the Century Road / Ollerton Road junction, which they felt would result from implementation of the proposals. One respondent questioned whether a single yellow line had been considered as an alternative to the proposed double yellow lines (No Waiting at Any Time).

13. Response - loss of on-street parking availability

The proposed waiting restrictions are designed to facilitate the safe operation of junctions and wider highway network for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians. Obstructive parking in close proximity to junctions invariably impedes visibility for pedestrians when crossing and for vehicle movements into and out of the junction and, where this causes an obstruction or danger to other highway users, is already an offence.

One of the objectors has access to off-street parking provision and all objectors have access to unrestricted on-street parking which is available elsewhere on both Ollerton Road and Century Road; offering alternative on-street parking locations for additional vehicles and visitors without obstructing the junction. Furthermore, while the desire for on-street parking is noted, the purpose of the highway is to facilitate the movement of vehicles and people and there is no legal right for a householder to park on the highway near their home. It is recognised however, that demand for parking exists, particularly in residential areas with limited off-street parking. As such, the proposed scheme is considered to strike a balance between the competing demands for a finite resource by offering a balanced solution to enhance the safe operation of the junction with minimal loss of parking.

As parking is retained elsewhere on the network it is expected that parking patterns will relocate around the new restrictions rather than be removed from the area completely.

The detrimental effect of obstructive parking in close proximity to highway junctions would be present at all periods of the day as pedestrian and vehicle movements are made at these locations outside of school arrival and dispersal times. As such it is not considered appropriate to limit the duration of the waiting restrictions around the junctions from double yellow lines (in operation at all times) to single yellow lines (in operation at peak periods Monday to Friday).

Other Options Considered

14. Other options considered relate to the length of the waiting restrictions proposed, which could have been either lesser or greater. The restrictions are considered to strike a reasonable balance between the need to maintain the safe operation of the highway and recognition of the demand for on-street parking.

Comments from Local Members

15. County Councillor Vickers expressed concern regarding increased pressure on parking in the area as a result of the school expansion. He requested that the length of the proposed waiting restriction on the southern side of Ordsall Road (near its junction with West Hill Road) be reduced from 65m to 30m to reduce parking migration in front of residential properties. There is no outstanding objection from Councillor Vickers.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

16. The proposed scheme offers a balanced solution to mitigate road safety concerns and facilitate the safe operation of the junction with minimum loss of parking availability. The measures contained in the proposals meet the requirements of the Ordsall Primary School planning conditions and are considered appropriate taking into account a balanced view of the needs of all sectors of the community, including non-drivers.

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 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.

Crime and Disorder Implications

18. Nottinghamshire Police made no comments on the proposal. No additional crime or disorder implications are envisaged.

Data Protection and Information Governance

19. There are no data protection and information governance implications arising from this proposal going forward.

Financial Implications

20. The scheme is being funded by the developer, the cost of implementing the traffic order and associated works is estimated at £10,000.

Human Rights Implications

21. 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 considered to be within the scope of such legitimate aims.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

22. 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 don't;
- Foster good relations between people who share protected characteristics and those who don't.
- 23. 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. Equality Impact Assessments (EIAs) are a means by which a public authority can assess the potential impact that proposed decisions / changes to policy could have on the community and those with protected characteristics as a means of ensuring this. An EIA may also identify potential ways to reduce any impact that a decision / policy change could have, and if it is not possible to reduce the impact, the EIA can explain why. Decision makers must understand the potential implications of their decisions on people with protected characteristics.
- 24. An EIA has been undertaken to assess the potential impact of the proposal, the results of the consultation and any appropriate mitigation. This EIA is included as a background paper to this committee report. Decision makers must give due regard to the implications for protected groups the potential implications of their decisions on people with protected characteristics.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

25. The proposals are intended to have a positive impact on all highway users but being in close proximity to the primary school, they should also help to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

26. The proposals may, in conjunction with the implementation of the school Travel Plan, help to promote sustainable transport choices for staff and pupils accessing the school, and may thereby reduce travelling by private transport.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

- 1) The Nottinghamshire County Council (Century Road, Grace Road, Ordsall Road, Newlands, Ollerton Road, West Hill Road, Ordsall, Retford) (Prohibition Of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2017 (1200) is made as advertised with the following amendment and the objectors informed accordingly:
 - Implement 'No Waiting At Any Time' restrictions on Ordsall Road, Ordsall, south-east side, from its junction with West Hill Road in a north-easterly direction, for a distance of 30 metres rather that 65 metres as advertised.

Adrian Smith Corporate Director (Place)

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Helen North (Improvements Manager) 0115 977 2087

Mike Barnett - Team Manager (Major Projects and Improvements) Constitutional Comments (SJE – 13/09/2017)

27. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Communities & Place Committee to whom responsibility for the exercise of the Authority's functions relating to the planning, management and maintenance of highways (including traffic management) has been delegated.

Financial Comments (RWK - 13/09/17)

28. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 19.

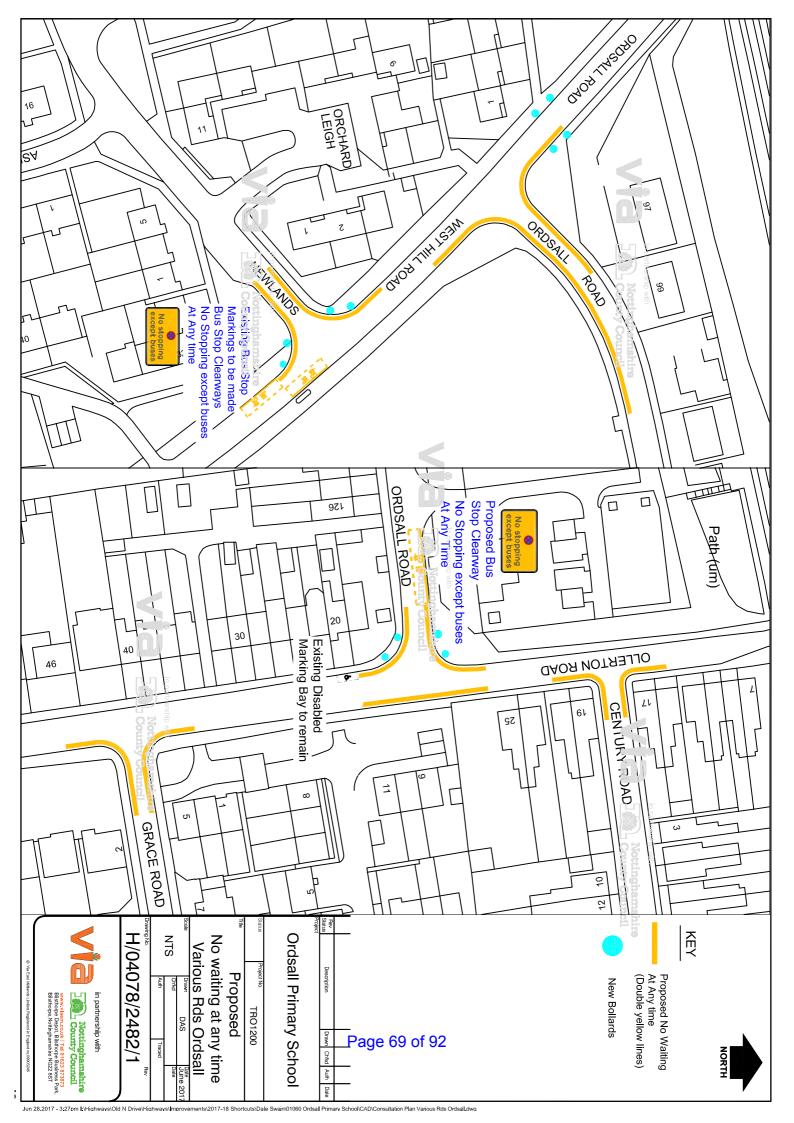
Background Papers and Published Documents

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.

- Equality Impact Assessment: Ordsall Road area, Retford EQIA
- All relevant documents for the proposed scheme are contained within the scheme file which can be found in the Major Projects and Improvements section at Trent Bridge House, Fox Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Retford East ED
 Councillor Steve Vickers





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11 January 2018

Agenda Item: 12

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

CULTURAL SERVICES UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Committee with an update on key cultural services activity, seek approval for the parking charges proposed for Sherwood Forest Country Park for 2018/19, and ratify the contract sum to be paid to Inspire Libraries and Learning for 2018/19.

Information and Advice

2. A range of the Council's cultural services are managed and commissioned through various partnership and contracting arrangements. Holme Pierrepont Country Park and the National Watersports Centre is currently managed on behalf of The Council by Holme Pierrepont Leisure Trust (with operational services provided by Serco Leisure). Rufford Abbey Country Park's commercial services offer is managed by Parkwood Outdoors, with landscape management and rangering provision also due to be managed via Parkwood from January 2018. The operational management of Bestwood Country Park was recently taken on by Gedling Borough Council, and Sherwood Forest Country Park will be managed by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) from summer 2018 once construction of the new visitor centre is completed. The Council's libraries, archives, adult learning, music teaching and arts provision has been managed by Inspire since April 2016.

Sherwood Forest Country Park

- **3.** Culture Committee approved in July 2015 an agreement for the Council to partner with the RSPB to design, build and operate a new visitor centre at Sherwood Forest Country Park, to decommission the existing facilities, and to manage the Country Park thereafter. The new centre is on track to open in summer 2018.
- 4. Fees and charges at Sherwood Forest Country Park are reviewed annually and currently set by the County Council. The site will remain under the direct management of the County Council until summer 2018, when the RSPB will assume management of the Park and new visitor centre. For the period from April August 2018 it is therefore proposed that parking charges remain as currently:
 - £3 charge per car
 - £5 during major special events
 - Motorcycles £1 (or if taking up a full space, charged as cars)
 - Coaches and minibuses free
 - Car park season ticket £25 per year.

- 5. Charges are levied daily from Easter until the end of October and daily through Nottinghamshire schools' half term weeks, weekends and Bank Holidays through the winter.
- 6. The RSPB has agreed to honour season tickets so these will continue until they expire or until the end of March 2019 whichever date is earliest.

Rufford Abbey Country Park

- 7. As part of the Council's aim to achieve a long-term, sustainable future for Rufford Abbey Country Park, to conserve (protect and enhance) the heritage of the historic abbey buildings and the surrounding parkland, and to develop a modern and attractive visitor offer, the Council is completing work to invest £1million at the site in partnership with Parkwood. The final phase of development work is focusing on expanding the current car park capacity and developing a new, high quality children's play area. Plans for the play area can be found at **Appendix 2**, but in brief the redesign and development of the car park will deliver 100+ additional car park spaces, and the new play area will significantly improve visitor dwell time, as well as adding a new, family focused visitor attraction to the Park.
- 8. Integral to the new car parking facilities being provided by Parkwood is the introduction of Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) car park charging arrangements and revised fees and charges that reflect current and anticipated future demand. These charges have been set by Parkwood as follows for 2018:

Rate	Period	Charge 1st February 2018
Peak	Weekends, School Holiday Periods, Public Holiday Periods	£3.50 per vehicle
Off Peak	Weekdays during term time	£1 per vehicle
Special Events	Large Event	£10 per vehicle
Annual Car Parking Pass	Provides all year round access with the exception of during special event periods	£35

9. The above charges reflect the improved visitor offer, and represent excellent value for money when compared with other visitor attractions in the area. A comparison of car parking charges is listed below:

Venue	All Day Charge	Variance to Rufford
Newstead Abbey	£6	+£2.50
Sherwood Pines	£6	+£2.50
Clumber Park	£8.75 (Family Ticket)	+£5.25

10. All changes will be communicated to customers on site in advance.

Inspire – Adult and Community Learning Provision: Ofsted Inspection Outcome

- 11. The Inspire Learning Service was formed in May 2015 following a merger of the Adult and Community Learning Service and the Skills for Employment Service, and is delivered on behalf of the council by Inspire. It is led by the Inspire Learning Manager, who acts as the council's designated nominee for Office for Standards in Education (OfSTED) inspections.
- 12. The Adult and Community Learning Service (along with Skills for Employment) was last inspected in May 2015, and previous to that in November 2012 and was on both occasions judged to be a 'Good' service. Ofsted inspections rate provision as: Grade 1 "Outstanding"; Grade 2 "Good"; Grade 3 "Requires Improvement"; and Grade 4 "Inadequate".
- 13. The most recent Ofsted five day inspection was undertaken between 16 & 19 October 2017 and five inspectors were involved, including two HMIs (Her Majesty's Inspectors). Inspectors focused upon and graded:
 - I. the Study Programme (i.e. the Skills for Employment provision directly delivered for learners aged between 16 and 18 years);
 - II. the Community and Family Learning Programme (i.e. the Personal Community Learning and Development and Family Learning provision commissioned from a variety of local providers for adults aged over 19 years).

In addition, the Inspectors provided grades for:

- I. Outcomes for Learners;
- II. The Quality of Teaching Learning and Assessment;
- III. Leadership and Management;
- IV. Personal Development Behaviour and Welfare;
- V. A grade for the Overall Effectiveness of provision.
- 14. The governance of the service was assessed to have been strengthened following the establishment of the new model of delivery, highlighting that the governance provides a 'high standard of challenge and support for leaders and managers', whilst managers are held 'to account effectively for the performance of programmes.' The Ofsted inspection overall outcome was judged to be '**Good**' for overall effectiveness. A breakdown of the individual strengths and areas for improvement can be found at **Appendix 1**.
- 15. The lead inspector, during the feedback meeting to staff at the end of the inspection, commented that: "Some areas of the provision are outstanding there is really good provision out there and the learners are getting a good deal". Inspire Learning was recognised as providing learning of a consistently good (or better) standard. This is an excellent platform on which to move the Service from Good to Outstanding. The inspection recognised that the quality of provision had been maintained even though the Service has grown and diversified).

16. An improvement plan is in development following the inspection with the aim of moving the service to "Outstanding". A copy of the full report is available at the link below and previous reports are also available on the Ofsted website http://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-report/provider/ELS/53674.

Inspire Contract Sum

- 17. The contract price being paid to Inspire for its services in 2017/18 is £9,419,672.
- 18. The contract price for 2018/19 has been agreed by officers with Inspire as £9,276,672. This is a reduction of £143,000, which reflects savings agreed by the Council through the Options for Change process. The reduction will not impact upon volume or quality of the range of services delivered by Inspire on behalf of the Council.

Other Options Considered

5. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. To ensure Committee is aware of current progress on projects and to enable delivery partners to implement operational plans and activity.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the Committee approve the parking charges proposed for Sherwood Forest, and ratify the contract sum to be paid to Inspire for 2018/19.

Derek Higton

Service Director, Place and Communities

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Constitutional Comments [SMG 12/12/2017]

8. The Communities and Place Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments [RWK 07/12/2017]

9. It is not proposed to change the car parking charges at Sherwood Country Park so there are no financial implications to the County Council arising from the proposal. Car parking charges at Rufford Country Park are retained by Parkwood so there are no financial implications for the County Council. Any contract payments made by the County Council in respect of Bestwood Country Park and to Inspire will be met from within existing revenue budget provisions.

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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Inspire OFSTED Outcome

Strengths were outlined as follows:

- Study Programmes
 - GCSEs English and maths pass rates are improving
 - Learner's understanding of British Values is good
 - Learners achieve well
 - Learners with High Needs are assessed and supported well
 - Learners' supported to stay safe on line
 - Learners' understanding of EDI (Equality, Diversity and Inclusion) is good and examples of volunteering via work experience
 - Learners' understanding of H&S (Health and Safety) is good
 - Majority of tutors use questioning effectively
 - Support for learners is good
 - The majority of learners progress
 - Work placements are relevant to learners' aspirations

• Community and Family Learning:

- Effective integration of maths
- Good individual feed-back and coaching
- Good use of learning resources
- Learners social and communication skills developed well
- Learning effectively targets needs
- Skilled and experienced tutors
- Outcomes for Learners:
 - Community and Family Learning attracts a high percentage of new learners each year
 - Good progression
 - High needs learners are retained and achieve above the main cohort
 - No significant achievement gaps between direct and sub-contracted provision
 - Non-accredited learners complete their main learning aims effectively
 - Study Programme learners have high achievement of their main study aim

• Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

- All learners show pride in their work
- Good embedding of English and maths
- Learners on non-accredited courses have a range of opportunities to make new friends
- Learners on non-accredited programmes develop good social skills
- There is a good range of work experience for learners
- Work produced by learners is of a consistently good standard and can be outstanding!
- Young People on study programmes behave well

• The Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment:

- Adult learners receive clear feedback
- Good maths skills are developed
- Good use is made of work books and other appropriate learning materials
- Learners' additional needs are well supported
- Learners are clear about their H&S (Health and Safety) and Safeguarding responsibilities
- Learners develop their personal and social skills
- Learners enjoy learning and make good progress
- Learners learn a range of relevant work place and sector specific skills
- Study Programme learners receive clear feedback on the quality of their written work
- Tutors are highly qualified and experienced
- Tutors encourage learners to treat each other with respect and behave maturely

• Leadership and Management:

- Approach to the observation of teaching, learning and assessment is systematic
- Courses are planned well
- Detailed processes for selecting sub-contractors are in place
- Equality, diversity and inclusion is promoted very effectively
- The geographical location of provision is good
- The governance of the provision is strong
- The Leadership and Management Team are passionate about improving the quality of provision
- The rationale for moving from 100% subcontracted to direct delivery of 19 + Community and Family Learning is clear
- Safeguarding is effective
- The tendering process for subcontractors is robust and rigorous
- The transition from to Inspire model of delivery and from 100% sub-contracted to direct delivery didn't impact negatively on learning or learners

• Overall Effectiveness:

- The achievement of qualifications generally high
- The behaviour of learners is good
- Constructive and helpful feedback is provided to learners by tutors
- There is a good geographical range of provision
- There is a good quality of teaching
- Good use is made of data
- There are systematic improvements to the learners' motivation, attitude and behaviours
- Learners achieve their learning goals
- Learners make good progress
- The personal social development of learners is well supported
- The skills development of all learners is encouraged well
- The support for learners with High needs is effective
- The breadth of the work produced is effective
- The quality of the work produced is high
- The support for the social cohesion of the County was clearly evidenced

Inspectors judged that the Service is providing consistently well managed provision

Areas for improvement were outlined as follows

Study Programmes

- Attendance
- Information Advice and Guidance (IAG)
- Prevent

Community and Family Learning

• Insufficient use of assessments

Outcome for learners

- Retention on Study Programmes
- GCSEs (although Functional Skills achievements are high)

Personal Development, Behaviour and Welfare

- Attendance
- Need more independent IAG

The Quality of Teaching, Learning and Assessment

- Tutors don't always record initial assessments well enough in a small minority of cases
- Tutors don't consistently correct spellings

Leadership and Management:

• Actions identified in the observations of teaching, learning and assessment process are not followed up with sufficient urgency. This limits the effectiveness of quality improvement and impact on learners' outcomes

Overall Effectiveness:

- Assessment of learning impacting upon effectiveness of quality assurance arrangements to impact effective quality improvement
- Attendance
- Prevent

Please see attached Rufford Abbey Play Area PDF

Appendix 2







Nottinghamshire

7 December 2017

Agenda Item: 13

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2017-18

Information and Advice

- 2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
- 3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.
- 4. As part of the transparency introduced by the new committee arrangements, each committee is expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. The Committee may wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions where relevant.

Other Options Considered

5. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

6. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such

implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the Committee's work programme be agreed, and consideration be given to any changes which the Committee wishes to make.

Jayne Francis-Ward Corporate Director, Resources

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Martin Gately, Democratic Services Officer on 0115 977 2826

Constitutional Comments (HD)

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

Financial Comments (PS)

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

Background Papers

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

 New Governance Arrangements report to County Council – 29 March 2012 and minutes of that meeting (published)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

COMMUNITIES AND PLACE COMMITTEE

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME

Report Title	Brief summary of agenda item	Lead Officer	Report Author
8 FEBRUARY 2018			
Charging Policy for the Historic Environment Record and proposed future developments	Agree charging policy	Sally Gill	Sally Gill
Cultural Services - service update	Progress report on a range of cultural services initiatives	Derek Higton	Derek Higton
Trading Standards Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act	Oversight of techniques that fall under the framework provided by the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act.	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Community Safety Request for Funding	Approval of expenditure from the Community Safety Initiatives Fund	Mark Walker	Vicky Cropley
Community Safety Update Report	Update on key Community Safety matters, and to give Members an opportunity to consider what actions they require to be taken.	Mark Walker	Vicky Cropley
Statement of Community Involvement	Consideration of revised document prior to approval by Policy Committee	Sally Gill	Sally Gill
Concessionary Fare scheme	To seek Committee approval of the arrangements for the 2018/2019 Nottinghamshire Concessionary Travel Scheme including the additional discretionary entitlements and to implement the Option for Change related to Concessionary Fare eligibility and hotlisting.	Pete Mathieson	Gary Wood
Invest to save options for Holme Pierrepont Country Park	To seek approval for plans	Derek Higton	Mark Croston
The Nottinghamshire County Council (Brookhill Street Area, Stapleford)	Consideration of Objections". The report is linked to a petition that we were expecting to be presented at the last Full Council meeting, but unfortunately it wasn't.	Mike Barnett	Gary Wood

(Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2017 (5238) –				
The Nottinghamshire County Council (Bowbridge Road and Earp Avenue, Newark on Trent) (Prohibition of Waiting, Entrance Clearways and Residents' Controlled Zone) Traffic Regulation Order 2017 (3269) – Consideration of Objections	Consideration of Objections		Mike Barnett	Gary Wood
The Nottinghamshire County Council (Acacia Crescent, Westdale Lane East, Carlton and Chestnut Grove, Gedling)(Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2017 (7188) – Consideration of Objections	Consideration of Objections		Mike Barnett	Gary Wood
The Nottinghamshire County Council (Barnby Gate, William Street and Whitfield Street area, Newark on Trent) (Prohibition of waiting, parking places and residents' controlled zone) Traffic regulations order 2017 (3264)	Consideration of Objections		Mike Barnett	Gary Wood
Consultations on a Major Road Network for england the Seconds Roads Investment Strategy	TBC		Kevin Sharman	Sally Gill
Responses to petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council	ТВС	Page 88 of 92	Sean Parks	Sally Till

8 MARCH 2018			
Nottinghamshire Community Learning & Skills Service Annual Plan and Fees 2018/19	For decision	Derek Higton	Derek Higton
Cultural Services - service update	Progress report on a range of cultural services initiatives	Derek Higton	Derek Higton
Verge Maintenance Review	Consider change of approach to verge maintenance in rural areas including consultation responses	Gary Wood	Gary Wood
Highways Capital and Revenue Programmes 18/19	To confirm and expand the detail contained in the Nov 2017 report following confirmation of budgets by Full Council Feb 18	Sally Gill	Kevin Sharman
Trading Standards Update Report	Update on key Trading Standards matters, and to give Members an opportunity to consider what actions they require to be taken.	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Report on commercial performance of the trading standards and community safety service	Regular report required by Commercial Development Unit process	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Trading Standards – Review of Fees and Charges to be charged in 2018/19	Set fees and charged for coming year for Trading Standards professional services	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Safeguarding Highway Schemes	To seek approval of any updates to the list of safeguarding scheme	Kevin Sharman	Sally Gill
Planning Obligation Strategy	TBC	ТВС	Sally Gill
Gedling Access Report	Update Report	Sally Gill (informed by Neil Hodgson)	Sally Gill
Total Transport Fund pilot projects	Seek approval to proceed with the development of future Total Transport Fund solutions	Gary Wood	Gary Wood
Charging for Highway Services	Approval for proposed charges	Gary Wood	Gary Wood
Review of Highway Maintenance – New Code of	Consider updates to highway policy based on New Code of Practice	Gary Wood	Gary Wood

Practice			
Review of Community Support	TBC	Sally Gill	Sally Gill
19 APRIL 2018			
Annual Waste Reduction Plan 18/19	Seek approval of plan	Mick Allen	Mick Allen
Cultural Services - service update	Progress report on a range of cultural services initiatives	Derek Higton	Derek Higton
Local Transport Plan – Implementation Plan 2018/2019	To update the current implementation plan that expired as at 31/3/18	Sally Gill	Kevin Sharman
Community Safety Update Report	Update on key Community Safety matters, and to give Members an opportunity to consider what actions they require to be taken.	Vicky Cropley	Mark Walker
Trading Standards Food and Feed Plan Approval	Seek approval of the plan	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
17 MAY 2018			
Minerals Local Plan	To agree draft plan prior to consultation	Sally Gill	Sally Gill
Trading Standards Update Report	Update on key Trading Standards matters, and to give Members an opportunity to consider what actions they require to be taken.	Mark Walker	Mark Walker
Cultural Services - service update	Progress report on a range of cultural services initiatives	Derek Higton	Derek Higton
Gedling Access Road – Contractor Appointment	Approve appointment of contractor for works construction	Gary Wood	Gary Wood
14 JUNE 2018			
Performance Report	Performance update for the Place Department	Adrian Smith	David Gilbert
Transport Focus Survey Results 2017	Survey Result	Gary Wood	Gary Wood
Cultural Services - service update	Progress report on a range of cultural services initiatives Page 90 of 92	Derek Higton	Derek Higton
Annual review of the County	Agree Strategy	Derek Higton	Mark Croston

Council Cultural Strategy			
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