

1. Empowering Individuals

- Developing personal budgets through Putting People First for people to tailor care to their own individual needs
- Supporting the development of a voluntary workforce through a programme of qualification based opportunities for volunteers
- Supporting the voluntary and community sector to showcase their work
- Encouraging the take up of training opportunities and best practice for parts of the voluntary sector by promoting them online
- A range of Civic functions held to reward voluntary and community activity and achievements
- Developing a County wide network of Work Clubs

2. Empowering Communities - to Help Themselves

- Members supporting Voluntary and Community groups via Members Divisional Funds
- Voluntary and Community group supported through Grant Aid provision
- Involving Parish Councils in maintaining local Rights of Way network
- Devolving responsibility and budget for Grit Bins to Parish Councils
- Devolved grass cutting to a number of parish councils
- Flexible Indemnity where there are lower risks so that insurance requirements do not become a barrier to community action.
- Open provision of local geographical and statistical data for community use
- Support for Social enterprises (200 supported to date)
- Developing Community Libraries

Support for assets

- Support for community projects through Local Improvement Schemes
- Transferring ownership of vacant land for community use (eg Radcliffe-on –Trent)
- Providing support to establish and run community venues including Community Resource Centres
- Support to sports clubs to attract funding to develop local facilities
- Pocket Park and Ride sites to reduce congestion and support community facilities

3. County Council Services Open and Responsive - to Community Needs

- Inclusive consultation on budget priorities at community level
- Voluntary sector input into the Notts Opportunity Age strategy
- Voluntary sector input into identifying activities for older people
- Community consultation on street lighting service revisions
- Parish Walk-about to inform local highway maintenance priorities

4. **Accountability**

- Members representing community concern and scrutinising public service providers
- Greater transparency with information on spending over £500 and senior salaries available on the Council website
- Improving the standard of reports to provide information to the public when taking decisions
- Enabling public scrutiny for health and social care by commissioning a LINK