

## **Environment and Sustainability Committee**

**Thursday, 10 March 2016 at 10:30**

**County Hall, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP**

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Meeting Environment and Sustainability Committee

Date Monday 4 January 2016 (commencing at 10:30 am)

**Membership**

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

**COUNCILLORS**

Jim Creamer (Chairman)  
Pamela Skelding (Vice-Chairman)

Richard Butler  
Steve Calvert  
Stan Heptinstall MBE  
Roger Jackson

Bruce Laughton  
Parry Tsimbiridis  
John Wilkinson

**Ex-Officio (non-voting)**

A Alan Rhodes

**OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mrs Kay Cutts MBE  
Mrs Maureen Dobson  
Mrs Sue Saddington

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Sue Bearman	-	Resources Department
Lisa Bell	-	Place Department
Rachel Clack	-	Resources Department
Sally Gill	-	Place Department
Neil Hodgson	-	Place Department
Steve Osborne-James	-	Place Department
David Pearson	-	ASCH&PP
David Pick	-	Place Department
Jan Witko	-	Place Department
Martin Gately	-	Resources Department

**MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 November 2015, 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.

### **PETITION RECEIVED OBJECTING TO THE INCLUSION OF FLASH FARM AVERHAM IN THE NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN**

A recommendation in terms of Resolution 2016/001 below was moved and seconded, and was carried after a show of hands.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following six Members voted for the motion:-

Steve Calvert	Pamela Skelding
Jim Creamer	Parry Tsimbirdis
Stan Heptinstall	John Wilkinson

The following three Members voted against the motion:-

Richard Butler  
Roger Jackson  
Bruce Laughton

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

### **RESOLVED 2016/001**

That the proposed response (detailed at paragraph 12) be sent to the petition organiser.

### **MINERALS LOCAL PLAN**

A recommendations in terms of Resolution 2016/002 (a) and (b) below was moved by Councillor Creamer and seconded by Councillor Skelding.

The following amendment to the recommendations was proposed by Councillor Laughton and seconded by Councillor Jackson:

- a) Committee notes the summary of the main issues raised during the three Preferred Approach consultation stages and how these have been addressed;

- b) Committee removes the proposed new greenfield quarry sites MP2p Flash Farm and MP2r Shelford from the Minerals Local Plan Submission Draft document;
- c) Instructs officers to amend the document to show forecasts of the level of aggregate demand using the latest available figures, to ensure that the calculations are robust and not at risk of being found to be unsound by the Planning Inspector;
- d) Instructs officers to conduct a new traffic count on the A617 and A6097 during normal working days (i.e. outside Bank Holidays, school holidays and weekends);
- e) With these amendments, Committee endorses the Minerals Local Plan Submission Draft document and recommends that Full Council resolve to publish it for formal consultation.

The meeting then adjourned for the Chair to receive legal advice.

When the meeting reconvened, Ms Bearman indicated that the amendment was invalid because it represented a fundamental change to the original proposal.

The following amendment was proposed by Councillor Calvert and seconded by Councillor Skelding:

At paragraph 4.115 of the Minerals Local Plan (page 74) insert “in planning policy terms” after “no justifiable reason” so that the first sentence will read:

It is considered that there is no justifiable reason in planning policy terms to separate shale gas from other hydrocarbon development.

The amendment was agreed.

The committee heard from the following local Members regarding the Minerals Local Plan: Councillor Mrs Sue Saddington, Councillor Mrs Maureen Dobson and Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE.

Councillor Mrs Saddington decided to speak because she was advised that she was able to, and to speak again at Planning & Licensing Committee when there is a planning application relating to Averham. Councillor Saddington indicated that she was speaking on behalf of residents who do not want a quarry in Averham and oppose additional HGVs going through Kelham and over Kelham Bridge.

The amended motion was put to the meeting and carried with a show of hands.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following five Members voted for the motion:-

Steve Calvert

Pamela Skelding

Jim Creamer  
John Wilkinson

Parry Tsimbirdis

The following three Members voted against the motion:-

Richard Butler  
Bruce Laughton

Roger Jackson

Abstained:

Stan Heptinstall

## **RESOLVED 2016/002**

- a) That the summary of the main issues raised during the three Preferred Approach consultation stages and how these have been addressed be noted.
- b) That the Minerals Local Plan Submission Draft document be endorsed with the recommendation that Full Council resolve to publish it for formal consultation.

## **WORK PROGRAMME**

## **RESOLVED 2016/003**

That the work programme be noted.

The meeting concluded at 2:45 pm

**Chairman**

## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR TRANSPORT, PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT**

### **2016/17 WASTE REDUCTION, RE-USE, RECYCLING AND COMPOSTING PLAN**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

To seek approval to the County Council's Waste Reduction, Re-use, Recycling and Composting Plan for 2016/17.

#### **Information and Advice**

##### Background

1. Members will recall approving the 2015/16 Waste Reduction, Re-use, Recycling and Composting Plan in September 2015. The County Council is required to draft an annual recycling and composting plan, a condition introduced by Defra as part of the Revised Project Plan (RPP) approval process, to detail how year on year progress will be made to achieve the 52% recycling/composting rate by 2020 in the PFI Contract. This target is also aligned with the EU Waste Framework Directive target of 50% by 2020.
2. Figure 1 below shows how recycling rates have plateaued in recent years across the districts and highlights why it is essential that recycling rates across the districts are equalised if we are to achieve the targets noted above. Whilst Ashfield and Newark and Sherwood are both expanding their green waste collection services in 2016/17, significant improvements are also needed elsewhere across the County, and particularly in Bassetlaw.

Figure 1.

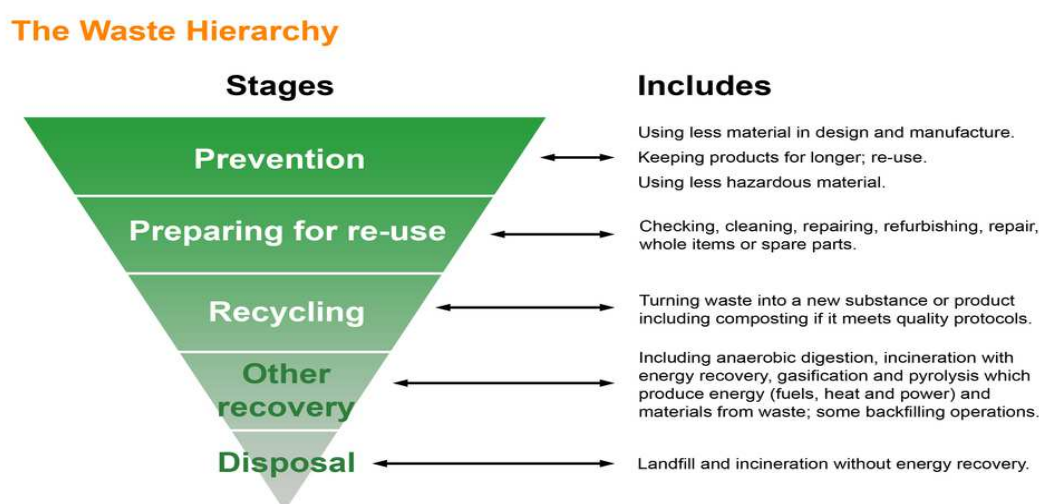
	Ashfield DC	Bassetlaw DC	Broxtowe BC	Gedling BC	Mansfield DC	Newark & Sherwood DC	Rushcliffe BC
2010/11	34%	23%	43%	37%	41%	26%	54%
2011/12	34%	23%	42%	37%	39%	26%	51%
2012/13	34%	22%	41%	36%	36%	24%	51%
2013/14	33%	21%	40%	37%	38%	26%	51%
2014/15	33%	19%	39%	36%	36%	27%	49%

3. The 2015/16 plan was structured around the waste hierarchy and focussed on individual actions and campaigns within each stage. As the plan was published in autumn 2015 it allowed for analysis of the final 2014/15 tonnages and recycling rates.
4. The 2016/17 Waste Reduction, Re-use, Recycling and Composting Plan (Appendix 1) will not have access to the previous year's data as the final performance figures will not be available until autumn 2016. The 2016/17 plan has therefore taken a slightly different format and has focused on major actions and investments alongside close partnership working with district partners and Veolia.
5. The major actions and investments in the 2016/17 plan are formed around the following:
  - The Ashfield Green Waste Incentive Scheme;
  - The expansion of the Newark and Sherwood garden waste collection service;
  - Recycling Centre service changes including access and changes to the acceptance and charging for inert materials;
  - A focus on contamination as well as the future potential of expanding and introducing new services.
6. The Ashfield Green Waste Incentive, approved by Finance and Property Committee in November 2015, will be implemented from April 2016 across the district. This will involve giving all Ashfield households a free garden waste collection for 2 years combined with households receiving a new, smaller residual bin with the old residual bins being repurposed for garden waste collections. This free service, combined with reduced residual capacity is expected to achieve a shift of green waste and dry recyclables out of the residual stream which will increase recycling rates and make significant financial savings through disposal.
7. The Newark and Sherwood district garden waste collection service will be expanded from April 2016 to cover the whole of the district. This will increase the capture rate of garden waste and move some of this out of the residual stream aiding the recycling rate for Newark and Sherwood and saving the County Council money on disposal costs.
8. Discussions continue with Bassetlaw District Council to identify affordable and deliverable improvements to recycling performance in future years, and the outcome of the two initiatives noted above will help inform that dialogue going forward.



9. A number of Recycling Centre changes are being implemented during 2016/17 including a simple registration process for residents, which was approved as part of the 2014 budget savings, to use our Recycling Centres which will restrict use by out of county residents, deliver significant disposal savings and help to reduce the overall waste arisings for the county.
10. Updated acceptance criteria for certain other non-household wastes are also being implemented, as agreed in the 2015 budget, in order to allow the County Council to continue to offer an effective service, whilst mitigating against rising waste disposal costs.
11. Focusing on reducing contamination in the dry recycling stream will be a big priority for 2016/17. This will be done through a variety of communications channels and public engagement to help ensure the correct materials are being collected within the right waste stream, this will in turn aid recycling rates and reduce disposal costs.
12. There are a number of other ongoing, regular actions and investments that form the basis for the 2016/17 Waste Reduction, Re-use, Recycling and Composting Plan. These are laid out against the waste hierarchy which can be seen in figure 2 below.

Figure 2.



13. Actions in relation to preventing waste in the first instance are an important part of the plan and help to bring down overall waste arisings and reduce disposal costs. Actions included within the plan include home composting schemes and Love Food Hate Waste engagement through events and communications.

14. Preparing for re-use stops waste from being sent for disposal and a great example of this comes in the form of the Community RePaint scheme which redistributes unwanted reusable paint that has been deposited at the County Council's Recycling Centres to community groups, charities and individuals that would have otherwise been sent for treatment.
15. A variety of actions revolve around recycling initiatives, particularly ensuring the input of materials at the Materials Recovery Facility is maximised and meets the specification. This will be achieved through ongoing communications campaigns such as 'Are you Bin Smart' as well as education through the Recycle for Nottinghamshire Education work. Business cases and feasibility studies around new and improved services will also continue to be undertaken to establish the next steps towards the 50% target by 2020.
16. It is also important to highlight how waste that can't be re-used or recycled is dealt with. The 2016/17 plan highlights the residual waste that goes to the Eastcroft and Sheffield energy from waste facilities as well as the new agreement for residual waste from Mansfield and Ashfield that is currently going to the Alfreton waste transfer station where it is turned into Refuse Derived Fuel rather than being sent to landfill. Beyond March 2017 a longer term solution is being sought.
17. All districts, Veolia and Defra have been consulted through Joint Officer Board members and where appropriate, their comments and suggestions have been incorporated into the plan.
18. The final 2015/16 tonnage and recycling performance figures will form the basis of a subsidiary document in autumn 2016 when the final performance data is available. Within this document the previous year's plan will be analysed and used to inform future plans.
19. The 2015/16 plan is available on the County Council's website and once approved the 2016/17 will also be published.

## **Other Options Considered**

20. As part of Defra's approval for the RPP Contract amendments, Defra introduced a condition for the Council to develop an annual recycling and composting plan. There are other options which could have been included in the plan which would improve recycling performance however these initiatives are currently not being considered as they are not deemed economically viable at this time (e.g. food waste).

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

21. Defra require the County Council to develop an annual recycling and composting plan, which details how the Council will make year on year progress to achieve the 52% recycling/composting target by 2020.
22. The Waste Reduction, Re-use, Recycling and Composting Plan fulfils this requirement and sets out actions to help achieve the United Kingdom target of recycling/composting at least 50% of household waste by 2020, and the PFI contract target of recycling/composting 52% of household waste in Nottinghamshire by 2020.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

23. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, 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.

## **Financial Implications**

24. None

## **Legal Implications**

25. The actions contained within the Waste Reduction, Re-use, Recycling and Composting Plan 2016/17 will contribute to the EU Waste Framework Directive target of recycling/composting 50% of household waste in Nottinghamshire by 2020.

## **Implications for Service Users**

26. Whilst there are no implications for service users as a direct result of the Waste Reduction, Re-use, Recycling and Composting Plan 2016/17, the actions within the plan should contribute to improved waste and recycling services.

## **Recommendation**

27. That Committee:
  - I. Approve the County Council's Waste Reduction, Re-use, Recycling and Composting Plan for 2016/17.

**Jas Hundal**  
**Service Director, Transport, Property and Environment**

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### **Constitutional Comments (SLB 03/02/2016)**

Environment and Sustainability Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report

### **Financial Comments (SES 02/02/16)**

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

### **Background Papers**

None.

### **Electoral Divisions**

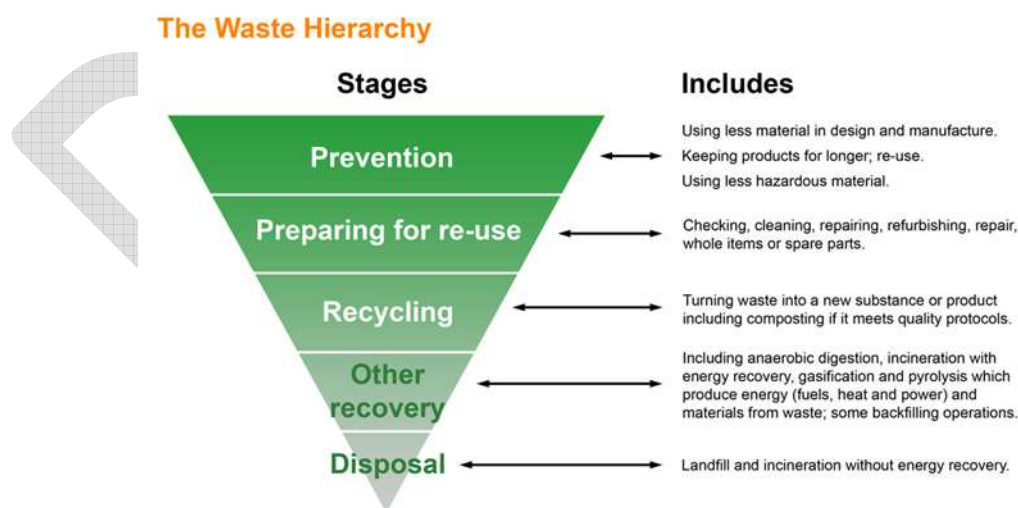
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**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL  
WASTE REDUCTION, RE-USE, RECYCLING  
AND COMPOSTING PLAN  
2016/17**

## 1. Introduction

- 1.1. The 2016/17 Nottinghamshire County Council Waste Reduction, Re-use, Recycling and Composting Plan is the second annual plan following the 2015/16 version, which was published in September 2015. The plan continues to set out the Council's approach to achieving the PFI contract target of recycling and composting 52% of household waste by 2020 alongside achieving an overall tonnage reduction. This target aligns with the EU Waste Framework Directive target of 50% by 2020 and the proposed target of recycling 65% of municipal waste by 2030.
- 1.2. A subsidiary document will be published during the autumn of 2016 when the performance data is available which will analyse the success and impact of the 2015/16 plan. This plan will primarily focus on the major actions and investments that are likely to take place during 2016/17 and their expected impact alongside a summary of other smaller scale, regular actions.
- 1.3. Emphasis will be placed on close partnership working with the district and borough councils who make up the Waste Collection Authorities (WCA) with the County who represent the Waste Disposal Authority (WDA). By focussing on major actions that provide a benefit to both the WCA and WDA there should be significant buy in and a greater chance of success.
- 1.4. The Waste Reduction, Re-use, Recycling and Composting Plan for 2015/16 will have actions grouped in accordance with the Waste Hierarchy as shown below.

Figure 1 – Waste Hierarchy



- 1.5. Whilst this plan is primarily concerned with recycling and composting it is important to consider all stages of the waste hierarchy in order to look at how the recycling and composting elements fit within the whole of waste management. Each stage will be looked at in detail and will highlight what plans Nottinghamshire County Council have for each element.

## **2. Current Status of Recycling in Nottinghamshire**

- 2.1. All 7 WCA currently collect mixed dry recyclables including paper, card, tins, cans, plastic bottles as well as yoghurt pots and margarine tubs. These materials are taken directly to the PFI Contract Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at Mansfield where they are sorted and separated through a variety of methods and processes then baled and sent for recycling.
- 2.2. Within the PFI contract there are a number of targets and Key Performance Indicators (KPI) which includes a progressive increase in recycling and composting rates across the life of the contract. An ambitious target of achieving 52% of Household Waste being recycled by 2020 was set to align with the European Commission's Waste Framework Directive target of 50% by 2020.
- 2.3. Recycling rates in Nottinghamshire have plateaued in recent years, as they have nationally, further emphasising the need for a well formulated strategy. The recycling rate for Nottinghamshire in 2015/16 will be published in the subsidiary document during autumn 2016 when tonnage figures for all elements of household waste have been finalised.
- 2.4. Each WCA has its own distinct demographic make-up and challenges with regards to achieving increased recycling rates. As with the County and national picture, recycling rates in all the districts have remained pretty constant over the last 5 years and in several cases have even seen a slight fall.
- 2.5. Alongside the collection of recyclable materials highlighted above, several WCA offer additional kerbside collection services including garden waste and glass collections. Whilst only 3 districts undertake kerbside collections of glass it should be noted that several others collect significant tonnages through their network of 'Bring Banks.' Garden waste collections are undertaken by 6 of the 7 WCA with Bassetlaw in discussions with the County Council over how to implement a scheme of their own.
- 2.6. Within the County there are currently 12 recycling centres that accept household waste from Nottinghamshire residents. In 2014/15 approximately 86,000 tonnes of waste (including inert materials) was collected at the County's recycling centres, and of this around 80% was recycled. The recycling centres consistently send high levels of household waste for recycling and it is expected that these high levels will be maintained on the release of the 2015/16 figures in autumn 2016.
- 2.7. The recycling centres accept a wide range of materials including standard dry recyclables collected at the kerbside such as paper, card, tins etc. but also other materials and items such as metals, electrical goods, garden waste, wood, engine oil and car batteries. 4 of the sites (Beeston, Calverton, Newark and Warsop) also accept paint which, where it is suitable for re-use, is made available free of charge to members of the public at designated paint nights and to charities, community groups and other organisations by appointment.

throughout the year. In 2014/15 15,315 litres of paint were redistributed to members of the public and various groups and organisations.

### **3. Key Actions and Investments for 2016/17**

- 3.1. A number of key actions and investments will form the basis to the 2016/17 plan. These will be defined as those that are likely to have the biggest impact be this on the recycling rate, reductions in overall tonnage or significant waste disposal cost reductions.

#### Ashfield Green Waste Incentive

- 3.2. Ashfield District Council will be implementing a green waste incentive scheme from April 2016 across the district. This will involve giving all Ashfield households a free garden waste collection for 2 years with a view to diverting garden waste out of the residual waste stream in order to increase recycling rates and decrease waste disposal costs for the County Council. To complement this and maximise the effectiveness of the scheme residents will receive a new, smaller residual bin with the old larger ones being repurposed and utilised for garden waste. The added restriction of less residual capacity should help residents consider carefully what waste goes into what bin and is expected to have the added benefit of diverting dry recyclables out of the residual stream as well as garden waste.
- 3.3. The invest to save project is being funded in the first 2 years by the County Council who will cover the purchase of the new residual bins alongside covering the revenue costs associated with starting up and running the project during 2016/17 and 2017/18.
- 3.4. Ashfield District Council will reintroduce the garden waste collection charge from April 2018 where it is hoped that a significant number of new households will retain the service leading to a sustainable increase in recycling rates and ongoing savings through disposal.
- 3.5. The project is expected to have significant impacts upon the recycling rate of Ashfield and the County as a whole. Based on the modelling of diverted green waste and dry recyclables, additional green waste and reductions in residual waste it is predicted that the long-term Ashfield recycling rate would increase by around 11% with a potential further 3% during the free garden waste collection period. The expected impact upon the overall recycling rate for the County is an increase of 1.8% during the free collection period and 1.4% beyond that. Whilst various assumptions have been made these are considered to be conservative.
- 3.6. The project is fully supported by the leaders, executive members and chief executives of both the County Council and Ashfield District Council and represents close partnership working that offers significant benefits for both parties.
- 3.7. The project also offers the opportunity to implement a similar model to other district councils that might be interested and discussions will continue with those parties that wish to further consider a similar project.



**Expected impact of action on recycling rate for 2016/17 – Increase by 1.8%**

Newark and Sherwood Garden Waste Scheme Expansion

- 3.8. Several areas of the Newark and Sherwood district already have a paid for garden waste collection. These collections are undertaken by Newark and Sherwood District Council, Mansfield District Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council who also administer the scheme. Many areas of the district, particularly the more rural parts, don't currently have a garden waste collection service.
- 3.9. From April 2016 Newark and Sherwood District Council will be expanding the service to be made available to those parts of the district not previously covered. Letters have been sent out by the District Council informing residents of this expansion and how to join the scheme. This expansion will continue to be administered by Rushcliffe Borough Council.
- 3.10. Nottinghamshire County Council is supporting the expansion and will benefit from savings via disposal costs. It is important that this expansion works for both the District and County Council's in order to help drive up the recycling rate for the District and County alike.

**Expected impact of action on recycling rate for 2016/17 – Increase by <0.5%**

Restricting Recycling Access to Nottinghamshire Residents Only

- 3.11. Due to the proximity of many of the County's Recycling Centres to the borders of neighbouring authorities, a significant number of users of the County Council's RC's are out of county users. This additional waste drives up the figures of waste per head for the County as well as a big increase in disposal costs. In 2014/15 around 85,000 tonnes of waste was deposited at the County's Recycling Centres so cutting out of county users should have a significant impact on overall tonnages and therefore associated disposal costs as well as improving waiting times for Nottinghamshire residents.
- 3.12. The County's Full Council approved the implementation of a scheme to restrict access to non-Nottinghamshire residents back in 2014 as part of the budget savings. A number of solutions were considered including the expansion of the existing permit scheme that exists for vans, pick-ups and cars with trailers which was implemented in 2009. It was decided however that a digital solution that doesn't require the production of a physical permit would be preferable.
- 3.13. The solution settled on will involve Nottinghamshire residents who wish to use any of the County's 12 Recycling Centres to register on the new County Council's 'Self Portal' from which they will be able to access a number of services. In order to access the sites an address validation check will be run to return a confidence rating of how likely it is that an individual lives at the address they register with. The process is instant and once passed allows the resident to register their vehicles using their registration number. Site staff with

the help of the County Council's Environmental Officers will then be able to check vehicles against the database by inputting registration numbers into handheld devices. In the initial stages of the scheme individuals will not be turned away but will be provided with information about how to register.

- 3.14. After an initial grace period, any vehicle that is checked and found not to be registered despite having previously been given information on how to do so, will be notified to the County Council, or in the case of out of county users, advised to use their own local authorities sites.

**Expected impact of action on recycling rate for 2016/17 – Negligible but with significant financial savings and reductions in overall tonnage.**

Changes to the Disposal of Inert Materials

- 3.15. Inert materials and plasterboard are not considered household waste and there is no legal obligation for the County Council to accept these materials. Despite this the County is working on a solution to ensure these materials can still be deposited through a combination of the Recycling Centre network and a number of the Waste Transfer Stations within the County. A modest charging structure is likely to be implemented that will be based on vehicle types, this will ensure that a proportion of the disposal cost of these materials are covered allowing for their continued collection.

**Expected impact of action on recycling rate for 2016/17 – Negligible but with significant financial savings and reductions in overall tonnage.**

- 3.16. A summary of the major actions and investments can be found in figure 2. on page 14 of this plan.

#### 4. Prevention

- 4.1. These measures are taken before substance, material or product becomes waste ensuring there is less waste in the first instance. A number of actions and investments aimed at waste prevention that covered in the 2015/16 plan will continue through 2016/17.

##### Home Composting

- 4.2. Home Composting continues to be encouraged through the sale of discounted home composting bins as part of the National Framework Agreement with Straight Ltd. In addition to this home composting continues to be promoted through local media such as parish council newsletters and where possible, taking opportunities to promote through district councils. Home composting advice is also provided at public events including the County Show in Newark which is attended by around 50,000 people.

##### Love Food Hate Waste (LFHW)

- 4.3. Love Food Hate Waste forms a key element of waste prevention and is promoted at various events, particularly the Robin Hood Festival where it is hoped a stand will once again be secured in partnership with Veolia. The previous year proved to be successful and the display and activities will be honed for 2016 to ensure even more people are effectively engaged. The LFHW cook book and recipe cards will continue to be handed out at events, and alongside this, signposting to the LFHW website from the Council waste and recycling webpages will continue.
- 4.4. 2015 saw a successful trial of the 'Cookery Club' which engaged with 6 families at Oaktree Primary School in Mansfield. The families took part in food waste reduction workshops over a 4 week period. Various recipes and techniques were explored that would help them reduce their food waste. This successful trial will be expanded in 2016 and will engage with more families in schools across Nottinghamshire.

##### Communications and Signposting

- 4.5. Nottinghamshire County Council will continue to promote a variety of campaigns and services that aim to reduce waste including the Real Nappies Campaign and the Mailing Preference Service. 'Email me' is the County Council's email service that can be tailored by individuals to provide the information they're interested in. The Waste and Recycling service has continued to grow its numbers since it started in April 2014 with current subscribers numbers standing at 6,918 (January 2016). 'emailme' continues to be promoted through a variety of ways including signs at RC, bus shelter adverts and lamp post banners as well as promotional campaign materials.

<b>Estimated Impact of actions on recycling rate for 2016/17 – Increase by &lt;0.1%</b>
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4.6. A summary of the actions and investments in relation to prevention of waste can be found in figure 2. on page 14 of this plan.

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## 5. Preparing for Reuse

- 5.1. These measures involve checking, cleaning or repairing components or products that have become waste so that they can be used without any other type of processing. Products and/or components salvaged in this way are thus removed from entering landfill or being disposed of in other ways.
- 5.2. There are 4 recycling centres in Nottinghamshire (Beeston, Calverton, Newark and Warsop) that offer a Community RePaint, paint reuse scheme whereby Nottinghamshire residents can deposit unused paint. The paint is then assessed for usability and sorted by type and colour with the paint being unsuitable for reuse being sent for treatment in the appropriate manner. The reusable paint is then made available to members of the public at specific public open days and to community groups and charities by appointment, free of charge.
- 5.3. Follow up will be done with community groups who have accessed the service to highlight how the free paint has made a difference and allow for case studies to be developed.
- 5.4. The Furniture Reuse Network indicates that each year around 10 million items of furniture are thrown away and that 3 million of these could easily be reused. There are a number of furniture reuse schemes within the county and these will be promoted via the Council website as well as signposting to any relevant district council sites.

<b>Estimated Impact of actions on recycling rate for 2016/17 – Increase by &lt;0.1%</b>
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- 5.5. A summary of the actions and investments in relation to re-use of waste can be found in figure 2. on page 14 of this plan.

## **6. Recycling**

- 6.1. This represents any recovery operation by which waste materials are reprocessed into products, materials or substances whether for the original or other purposes. Recycling and composting activities will compile the majority of this action plan in order to move towards the 52% target by 2020.

### Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) and Communications Campaigns

- 6.2. The MRF in Mansfield processes around 52,000 tonnes of recyclable waste a year as part of the PFI contract and ensures good quality materials are sorted, baled and sent for recycling. In order to ensure that high quality recyclables are produced as part of the process it is not only necessary to collect as much dry recycling as possible but to also ensure that the correct materials are being input in the first place. Loads that enter the MRF that contain materials that shouldn't be included are considered to be contaminated, a certain level of contamination is to be expected but in recent months there has been a rise in the levels of contamination.
- 6.3. In order to ensure higher capture rates of dry recyclables and ensure as low a level of contamination as possible the County Council and Veolia will continue to undertake communications campaigns and sampling. The 'Are you Bin Smart' campaign will continue to run and associated materials will be disseminated through a variety of channels including Recycle for Nottinghamshire Education, events, through district councils and targeted mailing.
- 6.4. To further support the drive towards increasing the amount of dry recyclables collected and to reduce the levels of contamination Veolia are running a sampling project in the Mansfield District. Sampling commenced on both recycling and residual loads from the Forest Town and Bull Farm areas in October 2015. This will continue throughout 2016/17 alongside specific and targeted marketing materials in order to get the message across to residents of these areas. Each marketing technique will be done in isolation to see what, if any, impact it has on the levels of contamination in the dry recycling and the amounts of dry recyclables found in the residual loads that could have otherwise been recycled.

### Business Cases and Feasibility Studies

- 6.5. The County Council will continue to look at how capture rates can be maximised through new initiatives and partnership working with the district councils. Glass remains a material that is found in relatively large amounts in the residual waste stream and a feasibility study will be done to see what could help improve the capture rates of this.
- 6.6. Consideration will continue to be given to other schemes and collections should there be a feasible business case in particular for the garden waste collection schemes. Food waste collections will not be ruled out but there is currently no compelling business case due to

the costs surrounding collection and disposal along with the lack of suitable sites for disposal.

#### Recycle for Nottinghamshire Education

6.7. Recycle for Nottinghamshire Education was launched in autumn 2015 aiming to continue engagement with groups, both children and adults throughout 2016/17. Schools that have not previously been engaged will be targeted and where possible will be encouraged to visit the MRF and have direct involvement with the Schools Waste Action Club Officer.

6.8. A new lesson plan is being developed to focus more on the recycling message with a view of encouraging children and their families to make sure they're recycling everything they can at home and to help focus on reducing the levels of contamination within the recycling waste stream. This helps tie in the Recycle for Nottinghamshire Education aims with the overall business objectives of the County Council's Waste Management Team.

6.9. The Konflux Theatre Company will again be employed to deliver a recycling message to schools through an education through drama workshop on recycling. The children will learn a play that will then be delivered to the rest of the school to spread the recycling message.

6.10. The County will continue to look for ways to work in partnership with the districts around education, promoting MRF visits, school engagement and work with local groups for various ages.

<b>Estimated Impact of actions on recycling rate for 2016/17 – Increase by &lt;0.5%</b>
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6.11. A summary of the actions and investments in relation to recycling of waste can be found in figure 2. on page 14 of this plan.

## **7. Other Recovery**

- 7.1. Whilst the main focus of this strategy document is to increase the recycling rate, it is still important to consider how waste that isn't being reused or recycled can still be moved up the waste hierarchy.
- 7.2. The Waste Transfer Stations (WTS) at Newark and Worksop are now fully operational allowing the residual waste for Newark and Sherwood and Bassetlaw to be deposited close to the point of collection before being moved on for further treatment at the Sheffield Energy Recovery Facility (ERF). This ensures that around 60,000 tonnes of residual waste per annum is diverted away from landfill.
- 7.3. Residual waste from the boroughs of Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe will continue, subject to availability, to be sent to the Eastcroft Energy from Waste facility in Nottingham. This agreement allows the facility to accept up to 68,000 tonnes of residual waste. Both the Eastcroft and Sheffield facilities provide heat as part of district heating schemes directly to homes and businesses within the vicinity.
- 7.4. The residual waste from the Mansfield and Ashfield districts currently goes to the Alfreton WTS where it is used to produce Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF) through a shredding and sorting process. This agreement is a temporary measure until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. Beyond this a longer term solution is being sought with a soft market test exercise being undertaken to consider the available options.



## **8. Disposal**

8.1. Whilst every effort is being made to ensure as much waste as possible is reused, recycled and recovered it is currently inevitable that a certain proportion will still be disposed of without any recovery. Despite this the amount of waste being sent to landfill in Nottinghamshire has fallen dramatically due to the various energy recovery agreements and it is estimated that in 2015/16, less than 10% of household waste will have been sent to landfill, a fall from 29% in 2014/15. The sole remaining active landfill site in Nottinghamshire, Staples landfill, is predominantly used for the residual waste during periods of unavailability at the Eastcroft EfW facility. Veolia will also use their own out of county landfill sites for the small amounts of residual waste from the recycling centres.

## **9. Delivery**

- 9.1. In order to deliver an increase in recycling towards 52% by 2020 and at the same time make significant financial savings against a backdrop of tighter public sector budgets it is essential that innovative collaboration with district partners is undertaken. The Green Waste Incentive project with Ashfield District Council is a great example of this and promises to offer an improved service for residents whilst generating increased recycling alongside medium to long-term financial benefits.
- 9.2. The County Council will continue to look to work collaboratively with the district councils and Veolia to secure this improved performance and continues to engage with them through regular meetings through the Joint Waste Management Committee (JWMC) and Joint Officer Board (JOB) meetings. In addition to this Recycling Officer meetings remain another collaborative forum that can be utilised on an ad hoc basis to ensure better sharing of ideas and resources at an officer level and delivery of communications campaigns.

## 10. Impact on Performance

10.1. Figure 2 summarises the new and ongoing actions and investments and their expected impact on the County's recycling rate alongside any additional benefits. The success of these will be reviewed in autumn 2017 when the full figures for 2016/17 are finalised.

Figure 2 – Impact on Performance Summary

	Action/Investment	Expected Increase in Recycling Rate	Other Impacts
<b>Major Actions and Investments</b>	Ashfield Green Waste Initiative	1.8%	Significant financial savings over the life of the scheme.
	Expansion of Newark & Sherwood Garden Waste Scheme	<0.5%	Increased financial savings
	Restricting Recycling Centre Access to Nottinghamshire Residents Only	Negligible	Significant financial savings and improved access to recycling centres for Nottinghamshire residents
	Implementation of Charging Structure for Inert Materials	Negligible	Significant financial savings and cutting down of trade waste.
<b>Prevention</b>	Home Composting	<0.1%	Reduction in overall waste arisings. Financial savings through waste not collected.
	Love Food Hate Waste Actions		
	Communications and Signposting including emailme, Real Nappies Campaign and Mailing Preference Service.		
<b>Reuse</b>	Community Paint Reuse Scheme	<0.1%	Financial savings through waste not being sent for disposal.
	Furniture Reuse Scheme		
	Good Wood Programme		
<b>Recycle</b>	MRF and Communications Campaigns	<0.5%	Financial savings from waste diverted from residual to dry recycling and green waste.
	Business Cases and Feasibility Studies		
	Recycle for Nottinghamshire Education		
<b>Other</b>	Waste to District Heating Schemes	None	Reduction in waste going to landfill.
	Mansfield & Ashfield Waste to RDF		

## **11. Challenges and Pressures**

- 11.1. The aim of achieving the ambitious recycling target of 52% by 2020 comes against a backdrop of various pressures and challenges on both a local and national level.
- 11.2. There are currently no statutory targets set by the central UK government for recycling rates and whilst there is the overarching EU Waste Framework Directive target, this lack of direct targets could be contributing to the slowing down or plateauing of recycling rates. It is therefore imperative that a suitable strategy and approach is determined in order to best encourage both individuals and district and borough councils as a whole to work towards encouraging an increase in recycling. At this stage central government is considering how to address this challenge. The County Council has expressed a preference to statutory targets for all local authorities and not just WDA because in a two-tier area such as Nottinghamshire, engagement with WCA is critical to success.
- 11.3. The economic downturn in recent years has meant that there has been a lack of financial help in order to help achieve an increase in recycling. This has meant that it has been difficult to implement schemes that require significant infrastructure or revenue streams. Whilst the economic picture has improved in the last couple of years it is unlikely that major new funding streams will be made available. Once again this means that innovative approaches need to be implemented alongside positive partnership working within the WCA.
- 11.4. National and local political changes have the potential to impact on the success of any reduce, re-use, recycle and composting plan through the setting or removal of statutory targets or increases and decreases in national and local budgets. National changes could also lead to landfill bans on certain waste types and/or an increase in Landfill Tax.
- 11.5. Population increases and movements will also impact on the success of this plan. Sizeable population increases will likely lead to an increase in overall tonnage and significant population movement into an area could lead to a fall in recycling rates as new residents in the area may not be familiar with the recycling services on offer.

## **12. Summary of Key Actions and Priority Areas**

- 12.1. As discussed above, the approach to increasing the overall recycling rate for the County will focus around several key actions and investments whilst still maintaining ongoing initiatives and building on previous hard work. The changes to the green waste collections in Ashfield and Newark and Sherwood offer the biggest potential for increases in recycling rates as these services will now reach greater numbers allowing for greater capture of green waste whilst simultaneously achieving a reduction in residual waste through diverted compostable and recyclable waste and making residents think about what they put in their residual waste through reduced capacity.
- 12.2. Changes to the recycling centre services should provide significant financial savings which in turn protects other waste services and projects. This will be done whilst maintaining a high level of service for Nottinghamshire residents, and in the case of restricting access to the sites, may mean slightly improved waiting times and availability of site staff.
- 12.3. Driving home the Bin Smart message through various avenues will also be key to encouraging higher rates of recycling and reducing contamination. This message will be delivered through the Recycle for Nottinghamshire Education umbrella as well as at events and through targeted engagement such as the trials in Mansfield.



**10 March 2016****Agenda Item: 5**

## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR TRANSPORT, PROPERTY AND ENVIRONMENT**

### **EU Waste Framework Directive - TEEP Assessment Annual Review**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. Members are asked to note the outcome the annual review of the TEEP assessment for the County Council as required under the revised EU Waste Framework Directive.

#### **Information and Advice**

##### Background

2. The revised EU Waste Framework Directive requires the UK to take measures to promote high quality recycling. This included a specific requirement by January 2015, to set up separate waste collections of paper, plastic, metal and glass as a minimum. The aim of this is to increase the quality of recycled material by reducing contamination.
3. After January 2015, co-mingled collections could only continue where they provide high quality recyclables or where separate collection is not technically, economically or environmentally practicable (TEEP). The waste collector has to be able to prove that it has assessed whether the recyclates it is producing are of the necessary quality for reprocessing (the "Necessity Test"), or that it is not TEEP for it to collect paper, glass, plastics and metals separately.
4. The requirement applies to any organisation collecting waste - whether local authority or commercial collector, and includes commercial waste as well as household waste. It covers kerbside collections, bring sites and recycling centres.
5. Members will recall that an assessment was completed last year and approved at the Environment and Sustainability Committee of 12 February 2015.
6. As part of that approval it was agreed that the assessment would be reviewed annually. A copy of the review is attached as Appendix 1. Members will note that the review now only covers the Recycling Centres and not borough and district kerbside collections as those organisations have now all completed their own individual TEEP assessments.

## Summary

7. The TEEP assessment was reviewed and over the last year, the separate collection of the 4 waste streams; paper, metal cans, plastic bottles and glass bottles continued at the Recycling Centres.
8. Therefore the outcome of the Necessity Test still indicates that a TEEP assessment is not required as the current collection system is compliant with the regulations, however a review was still carried out for completeness and information.
9. The review has concluded that the collection system at the Recycling Centres continues to meet the requirement of the regulations.

## **Other Options Considered**

10. None. It is a legislative requirement for the County Council to undertake and review its collection systems and carry out a necessity test and TEEP assessment where required.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

11. The report is for noting only.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, 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.

## **Financial Implications**

13. Based on the outcome of the necessity test and TEEP assessment concluding that the existing collection systems are compliant with the regulations, there are no financial implications because the intention is that there will be no change to current collection methods.

## **Implications for Service Users**

14. Based on the outcome of the necessity test and TEEP assessment concluding that the existing collection systems are compliant with the regulations, there are no implications for service users because the intention is that there will be no change to current collection methods.

## **Recommendation**

15. Members note the outcome of the review.

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## **Constitutional Comments**

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## **Financial Comments**

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## **Background Papers**

Report to Environment & Sustainability Committee dated 12 February 2015

## **Electoral Divisions**

All





## **Introduction**

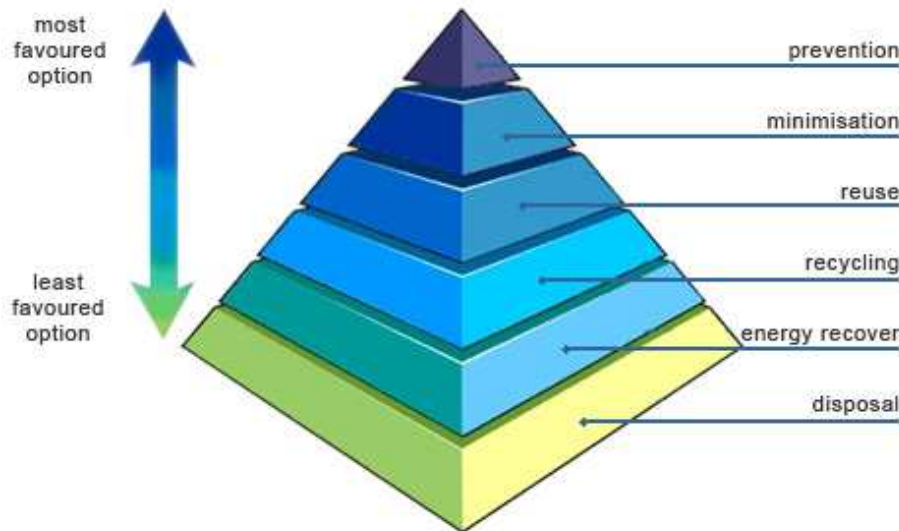
1. The Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2011 requires all waste collectors including local authorities to apply the waste hierarchy (Regulation 12), and to assess if they are able to implement separate collections of glass, metal, paper and plastics, where this is “Technically, environmentally and economically practicable” (Regulation 13). This has become known as a ‘TEEP’ assessment.
2. The County Council as Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) undertook a TEEP assessment in December 2014 in respect of the materials collected at Recycling Centres which was approved at Environment and Sustainability Committee on 12 February 2015. This document forms an annual review of that document.
3. The seven Waste Collection Authorities (WCA) in the County have now each carried out a TEEP assessment on their collection methodologies. As the WCA have undertaken their own TEEP assessments, this review now only focusses on the County Council Recycling Centre collections.

## **PFI Waste Contract**

4. The Nottinghamshire Waste Management PFI Contract was awarded to a Veolia Special Purpose vehicle: Veolia Environmental Services Nottinghamshire, on 26th June 2006. It is a 26 year contract, which was procured to deliver the outputs identified in the Nottinghamshire Municipal Waste Management Strategy.
5. The overarching objectives of the Nottinghamshire Waste Management PFI Contract are to:
  - Focus on positive action to protect and improve the environment;
  - Have regard to Best Value and affordability;
  - Reduce the proportion of waste going to landfill;
  - Conserve energy and raw materials;
  - Support waste minimisation, re-use and recycling initiatives;
  - Secure the optimum return on any assets used;
  - Ensure that waste is treated / disposed of using one of the nearest facilities and the most appropriate methods and technologies;
  - Meet the Government’s performance standards for waste management;
  - Be sufficiently flexible to allow for future changes in waste legislation and practice;
  - Use and promote the principles of the waste hierarchy.
6. And to achieve targets to:
  - Increase recycling incrementally throughout the life of the Contract to 52% by 2020;
  - Ensure waste and recycling management would meet and exceed where appropriate the requirements of the Landfill Directive to incrementally reduce biodegradable waste to landfill to 35% of 1995 levels by 2020;
  - Increase recycling at the Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) from 57% in 2006 to 60% by 2020;

- Endeavour to minimise the distance travelled by WCA's to delivery points to no more than 5 miles and/or a 15 minute drive-time from their boundaries.

## Applying the Waste Hierarchy



7. The waste hierarchy is divided into six primary headings as follows:

- **Prevention** - means measures taken before a substance, material or product has become waste that reduces:
  - the quantity of waste, including through the re-use of products or the extension of the life span of products;
  - the adverse impacts of the generated waste on the environment and human health; or the content of harmful substances in materials and products.
- **Re-use** - which means any operation by which products or components that are not waste are used again for the same purpose for which they were conceived.
- **Preparing for re-use** - means checking, cleaning or repairing recovery operations, by which products or components of products that have become waste are prepared so that they can be re-used without any other pre-processing.
- **Recycling** - means any recovery operation by which waste materials are reprocessed into products, materials or substances whether for the original or other purposes. Includes the reprocessing of organic material but not energy recovery or the reprocessing into materials that are to be used as fuels or for backfilling operations.
- **Energy Recovery** - means any operation the principal result of which is waste serving a useful purpose by replacing other materials which would

otherwise have been used to fulfil a particular function, or waste being prepared to fulfil that function, in the plant or in the wider economy.

- **Disposal** - means any operation which is not recovery even where the operation has a secondary consequence, the reclamation of substances or energy.

### **Recycling Centre collections**

8. The WDA provides 12 Recycling Centres operated by Veolia across the county. All 12 provide separate recycling containers for paper, card, plastic bottles, metal cans and glass. Recycling Centres offer separate collections of the following materials:

- Glass bottles
- Paper and cardboard
- Plastic bottles
- Textiles
- Metals (including steel and aluminium cans)
- WEEE
- Engine oil
- Car batteries
- Cooking oil
- Green waste
- Wood
- Domestic batteries
- Chipboard
- Rubble & soil
- Plasterboard (11 sites at present)
- Paint (4 sites at present)

### **The Necessity Test**

9. The Recycling Centres continue to collect the 4 waste streams separately, we therefore believe that the necessity test is met. We have still carried out the Practicability (TEEP) test for completeness and information.

### **The TEEP test**

#### Technical

10. Recycling Centres continue to collect the 4 material types separately therefore it is Technically Practical to collect the 4 streams separately.

11. ***Therefore we have concluded that separate collection at Recycling Centres is Technically Practicable at the present time.***

## Environmental

12. Recycling Centres continue to collect the 4 material types separately therefore we believe it is Environmentally Practical to collect the 4 streams separately.

13. ***Therefore we have concluded that separate collection at Recycling Centres is Environmentally Practicable at the present time.***

## Economic

14. Recycling Centres continue to collect the 4 material types separately therefore we believe it is Economically Practical to collect the 4 streams separately.

15. ***Therefore we have concluded that separate collection at Recycling Centres is Economically Practicable at the present time.***

## Conclusion for Recycling Centres

16. On this basis our assessment has identified that;

- Technically separate Recycling Centre collection IS practicable
- Environmentally separate Recycling Centre collection IS practicable
- Economically separate Recycling Centre collection IS practicable

17. The intention of the WDA will be to continue to offer separate bring banks for the material streams at Recycling Centres.

## **Review Process**

18. Should there be any substantial changes to the following factors, it may be necessary to review this assessment:

- Availability of accessible facilities;
- Changes in technology;
- Changes to vehicle/staff costs;
- Fundamental changes to WDA contracts;
- Legislative changes.

19. It is the intention of the County Council that this assessment will be reviewed annually to assess if any factors change any of the assumptions made, and that the Environment and Sustainability Committee formally agree its validity each year.







**10 March 2016**

**Agenda Item: 6**

## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORT AND PROPERTY**

### **ENERGY OPPORTUNITIES UPDATE AND STRATEGY**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides a further update on energy opportunities subsequent to the report to this committee on 3 September 2015 and outlines a draft energy strategy to drive forward performance in addressing the costs, impacts and opportunities across the Council's non-school buildings and land.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. The energy opportunities update reported to this committee in September 2015 noted the establishment and membership of a new cross-party energy group and that the initial focus of this group has been on renewable heat and solar energy. The report also noted that this cross-party energy group would act as a reference group for the development of a County Council energy strategy.
3. Whilst the report brought to this committee in September covered a broad range of energy opportunities previously agreed as worth pursuing by this Committee, here updates on progress are limited to a few key areas.

#### **A. Energy efficiency**

4. Investment in energy efficiency measures, such as boiler controls, low energy lighting, and insulation continues to be supported by the Council's £1.3m revolving Local Authority Energy Finance (LAEF) fund. Since the allocation within the Council's capital programme of additional funding of £3million over the next 3 years for energy efficiency schemes (Additional Capital for Energy, ACE), it has been possible to use this to complement LAEF funds and enable projects to proceed that would otherwise have failed to meet the strict and demanding criteria placed on LAEF loans by the funds partner, Salix Finance. In many cases this support is also complementing and enhancing the Council's property maintenance programme.
5. Projects on Council non-school properties that are being supported through LAEF, ACE or a combination of both, include:
  - Replacing inefficient electric storage heaters with efficient air source heat pumps at the Mill Adventure Base
  - Upgrading lighting to highly efficient LEDs at offices at Sherwood Energy Village

- Major improvements to lighting and heating systems at Sir John Robinson House.
6. The Council's good relationship with Salix Finance has been instrumental in securing further interest-free loans for energy efficiency measures in street lighting. This on-going project has so far seen around 18,000 LED street lights installed county-wide, with plans approved for a further 8,000-10,000 a year for the next 3 years. Interest-free funding has been secured from Salix Finance totalling over £6 million with a further bid pending. This is a spend-to-save scheme, with the expenditure saved in the energy budget paying for the new infrastructure, therefore not costing the authority any additional money. To date the project is on target to reach its £1.5 million savings commitment, with additional savings being realised as the project progresses. Once the loans have been repaid, the street lighting energy budget should be reduced by between £800k - £1m per year, with the added benefit of improved street lighting and more easily maintained stock throughout the County.

### **B. Small scale renewable electricity**

7. The SunVolt programme of photovoltaic (PV) panel installations on non-school buildings continues to progress through a Property-managed contract, with the total installed capacity spread across 32 sites (up from 16 in January 2015) now just over 0.75MW. These arrays are estimated to generate about 750,000 kWh p.a., and yield about £175,000 in annual savings resulting from index-linked Feed in Tariff (FiT) payments (of about £110,000 p.a.) combined with the value of consumed 'free' electricity. This annual generation is approximately equal to the average annual electricity consumption of Sir John Robinson House and Lawn View House combined.
8. In spite of significant reductions in FiT rates introduced in January of this year, falling technology costs may still mean that further investment in solar arrays on Council properties remains viable, particular where high amounts of the generated electricity will be consumed on site. In the future, it may be that battery storage will present a viable technology to complement solar PV at Council sites.
9. Further to this, over 60 Nottinghamshire schools and Academies have had PV panels installed on their roofs, predominantly under a scheme offered by British Gas, which enables the schools to benefit from free electricity generated by the panels. This represents a total of about 1MW of installed capacity (roughly equivalent to a couple of 75m high wind turbines). A further scheme, which would have seen free PV arrays installed at an additional twenty or so schools, with the schools set to benefit from free consumption of their generated electricity, was withdrawn by the provider at the end of December 2015 due to the earlier than expected significant reductions in FiT rates.

### **C. Large scale renewable electricity**

10. Members may recall that September's energy update reported that proposed changes to the incentive regime for encouraging renewable electricity generation were likely to have a significantly detrimental impact on the business case for large scale ground-mounted solar arrays.
11. Following these expected significant changes to incentive payments for renewable electricity generation, advice is now awaited from APSE Energy and others, along with evidence to support the view that in the near future such projects will be financially viable without subsidy. This would be at a point when declining installation costs combine with favourable

long term Power Purchase Agreements or on/near site use to create a more compelling case for investment.

#### **D. Renewable heat**

12. The Council's biomass boiler programme completed its most recent phase in April 2015, and this utilises the Government's Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) to generate an income for the Council to cover boiler maintenance costs and fuel purchase. The annual income from the RHI, which is index-linked over 20 years, is estimated to be around £110,000. To date about £140,000 in total has been received after about 18 months. This programme follows on from previous activity over many years, which has resulted in over 60 Council sites heated by modern biomass boilers, saving each year over 6,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide, and brings the Council's installed renewable heat capacity to an impressive figure of over 10MW.
13. There are now relatively few sites within the Council's property portfolio that remain heated by oil, coal or LPG, most of which are schools. Feasibility work is planned for these sites in order that options for replacing their boilers with cleaner, more energy efficient heat systems can be considered as the boilers approach their end of life.
14. In addition to biomass, other forms of renewable heat also qualify for RHI payments, including ground source heat pumps, water source heat pumps, geothermal energy, solar thermal and bio-methane. The Council has been active in exploring opportunities presented by these technologies and, in general, the tariff rates still provide a strong incentive, particularly for water source heat pumps.
15. This exploration includes commissioning feasibility work for utilising water source heat from the lake at Rufford Country Park and from the River Trent at County Hall. An initial feasibility report for such a scheme at County Hall identified a number of possible options with encouraging indicative business cases. Thus this work has now moved to a Property-led options appraisal stage, under which the relative merits of a high temperature system, retaining the existing pipework and radiators, will be compared to a low temperature system, involving replacement of the ageing pipework and radiators. Similarly, at Rufford, an initial feasibility study was positive enough to warrant some further, more detailed work led by Property, with a view to replacing the existing oil-fired heating system at the Mill end with heat pump technology.

#### **E. Supporting community action**

16. Following the award to the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Local Authorities Energy Partnership (LAEP) of £163,900 from DECC's Fuel Poverty and Health Booster Fund in March 2015, mentioned in the September update report, the LAEP has recently secured £325,000 from National Energy Action's Warm and Healthy Homes Fund. This is being used in Nottinghamshire to support a Warm Homes on Prescription pilot project, by funding heating and other measures for households in fuel poverty, where one or more occupants has a cold-sensitive health condition. Such households are being identified through careful targeting in association with health sector partners.

## **F. Energy Strategy**

17. In order to cement long term commitment, engender cross-council and cross-party support, and make further progress in delivering financial and carbon savings, and community benefits, it has been agreed that an energy strategy be developed.
18. The proposed energy strategy 2016-20 will outline high level ambition, principles and targets in regard to energy use and opportunities. The strategy should embed energy and carbon saving into service plans within departments and allow specific targets to be set. A first draft, building on the 'energy smart Council' principles previously approved by this Committee, is attached as Appendix 1 for observations. Subject to comments from this Committee the intention is to develop this into a draft for consultation with internal stakeholders, prior to taking to Policy Committee for approval.

## **Other Options Considered**

19. None. This report builds on and updates the principles agreed at Environment and Sustainability Committee in June 2014.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

20. As set out in para 17, the energy strategy is intended to cement long term commitment to securing the benefits of good energy management and to engender cross-council and cross-party support, and make further progress in delivering financial and carbon savings, and community benefits.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

21. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, 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.

## **Implications for Service Users**

22. Energy is a significant area of spend for the Council, and as such effective energy and carbon management can protect or enhance budgets available for service delivery, by limiting, or reducing energy spend, generating income, and reducing maintenance costs, as well as contributing to the comfort and well-being of building users.

## **Recommendations**

23. That Committee:

1. Notes the contents of the report and the progress which has been made in the development and implementation of suitable energy projects.
2. Notes the role of the cross-party energy group in the development of an energy strategy for the Council, and

3. Agrees to the draft energy strategy attached as forming the basis of a consultation with internal stakeholders, and to comments arising being considered by the cross-party energy sub-group.

### **Constitutional Comments (SLB 16/02/2016)**

24. Environment and Sustainability Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report

### **Financial Comments**

25. [To be completed].

### **Background Papers**

Environment and Sustainability Committee report, "Energy Opportunities Update", 3 September 2015.

Environment and Sustainability Committee report, "Energy Management Principles and Opportunities", 5 June 2014.

### **Electoral Divisions**

All

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## Nottinghamshire County Council Energy Strategy 2016-2020

### CONSULTATION DRAFT

#### 1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 With increasing pressures on local government budgets, the need for councils to be efficient and innovative whilst still delivering essential services and fulfilling a community leadership role has arguably never been greater. As part of this requirement councils are inevitably exploring opportunities to reduce costs and generate income through effective management of their property assets.
- 1.2 Action to address the cost, impacts and opportunities presented by energy use and generation not only offers the potential for forward thinking Councils to meet this need for efficiency and innovation, but also to play a positive part in contributing to the international imperative to tackle the causes of climate change, enshrined in the UK's 2008 Climate Change Act.
- 1.3 Nottinghamshire County Council has a long history of investing in energy with the combined objectives of managing its energy costs, limiting its impact on the environment and contributing to the development of the local low carbon economy as recognised, for example, by the award of Beacon Status for Sustainable Energy in 2005. These objectives are consistent with the Council's current Strategic Plan and complement the aims of the Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership, D2N2 and the ambitions of the combined authority for the North Midlands.
- 1.4. This energy strategy focuses on energy use and opportunities across the Council's non-school buildings and land building on existing activities and programmes, and forms part of a wider commitment to broader environmental goals.

**Q1. Should the scope of the strategy be limited to energy management and opportunities connected to the Council's non-school buildings and land, or should it be extended to look at energy and carbon emissions within schools and across other areas of the Council's operations, and/or across the community of Nottinghamshire?**

**"Looking after the environment is the responsibility of us all.**

We can influence some key aspects of this environmental protection through determining major planning permissions for new developments such as schools, libraries, elderly person's homes and roads. We will also seek to deliver our services in new ways that limit the environmental impact of our properties, vehicles and resources. We will continue to invest in sustainable technology that helps to reduce our carbon footprint. We aim to minimise the impacts of transport on people's lives, maximise opportunities to improve the environment and help tackle carbon emissions."

Nottinghamshire County Council Strategic Plan 2014-2018.

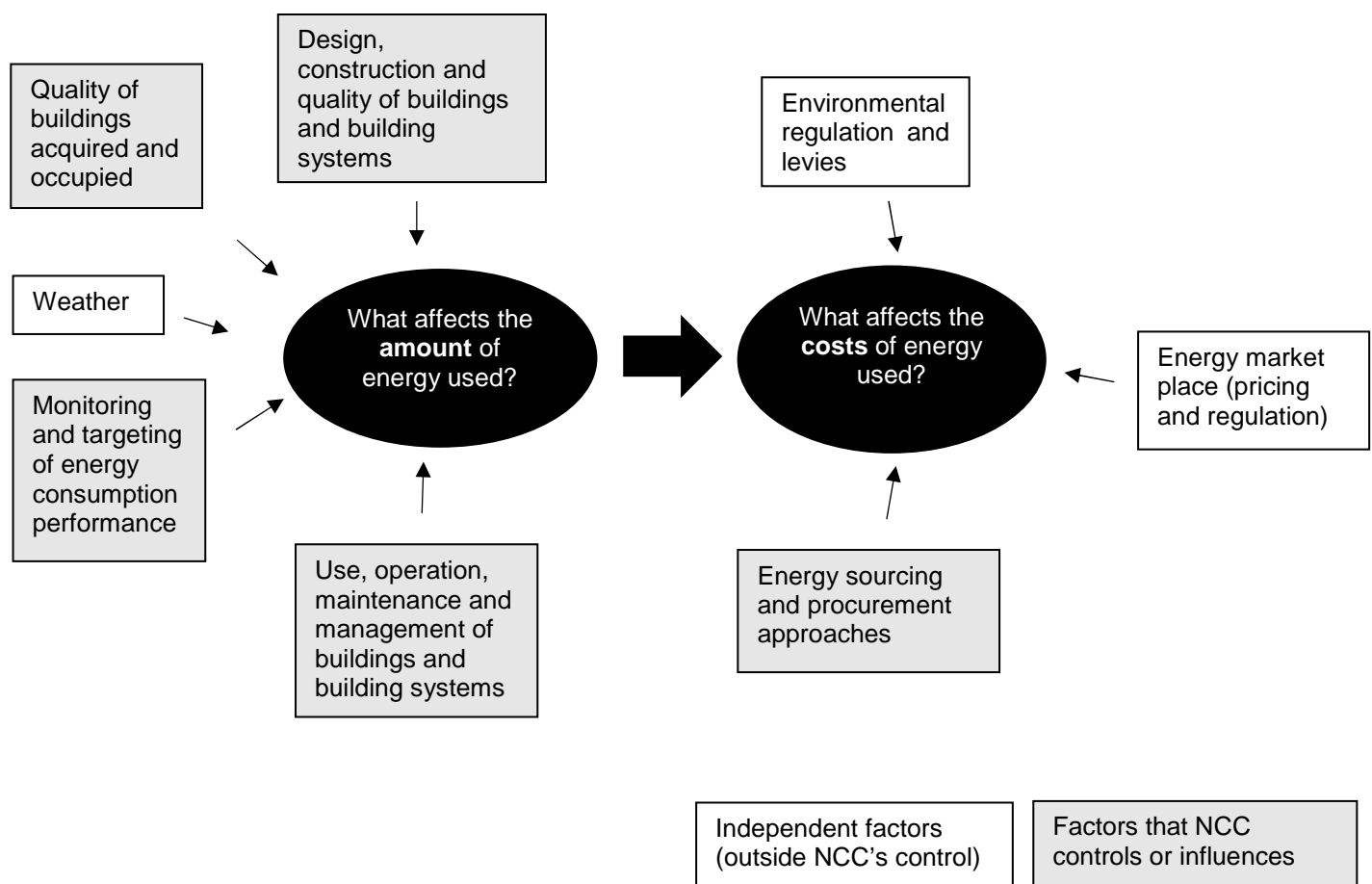
1.5 Key national and local policy drivers other than the aforementioned Climate Change Act, include:

- the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme
- the requirement to produce an annual local greenhouse gas emissions report
- the EU Energy performance in Buildings Directive, requiring Display Energy Certificates and Energy Performance certificates
- National policy and strategy aimed at delivering more decentralised, decarbonised and secure energy supply
- The low carbon strategy of the Local Enterprise Partnership, D2N2.

These in turn influence County Council plans and strategies, such as those relating to finance, asset management, procurement, economic development and the environment.

1.6 A range of factors affect energy consumption and costs, some of which are within the Council's sphere of control and influence, and some of which are not. These are summarised in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1. Factors affecting energy consumption and costs within Nottinghamshire County Council buildings





## 2. Vision

2.1 Nottinghamshire County Council as an 'energy smart council' embraces both the aim to drive down energy costs and the desire to make the most of energy opportunities for the benefit of the Council, its communities and the environment. In support of this the Council has adopted the following energy management principles:

- **Avoid needless costs** - by ensuring best value from energy procurement, compliance with energy-related legislation and the inclusion of energy cost considerations in procurement and major decision making.
- **Reduce energy demand** - through engagement with staff to promulgate energy saving behaviours, and through the management, refurbishment and design of Council buildings.
- **Use energy more efficiently** - through continued investment in quick payback energy efficiency measures in Council buildings.
- **Increase the use of renewable energy** - where appropriate opportunities exist for energy cost savings and income generation.

2.2 The vision is for the Council to:

**Reduce the amount of energy consumed by its buildings and operations**

**Reduce carbon emissions arising from energy use in its buildings and operations**

**Increase the energy efficiency of its buildings**

**Contribute to the generation of local, clean energy and use of renewable heat, where it is financially prudent to do so.**

As part of this vision, the Council will also look to secure additional benefits, including increased occupancy comfort, reduced maintenance costs, and increased asset values. Action towards the above vision will help to limit any impact of energy price increases and contribute to maximising the resources available for front line services.

### **Q2. Is this vision ambitious enough and wide enough in scope?**

2.3 In pursuit of the above the Council will:

- Monitor the performance and value for money of its energy supply arrangements
- Comply with relevant energy-related legislation.
- Include energy considerations in decisions that will affect energy use in buildings and operations.
- Target energy audits and efficiency measures in buildings to maximise savings.
- Monitor, record and communicate energy costs and consumption data to appropriate managers and budget holders.
- Encourage and support managers and budget holders to pursue improvements in energy performance.
- Encourage and support all staff to contribute to saving energy in its buildings and operations.
- Continue to support investment in energy efficiency measures in its buildings and operations.
- Continue to explore investment in renewable energy generation and use.



- Consider the energy and carbon implications of its decisions as part of the Committee reporting process.
- Work in partnership to secure benefits to Nottinghamshire residents, businesses and communities from energy efficiency and renewable energy..

### 3. Targets

#### 3.1 The Council aims to:

- Reduce weather corrected emissions of carbon dioxide from energy use in its non-school buildings by 5% p.a.(tonnes)
- Reduce energy consumption in its street lighting, signs and signals by 5% p.a.(kWh)
- Reduce weather-corrected energy consumption in its non-school buildings by 4% p.a. (kWh)
- Improve the efficiency of weather-corrected energy use in its buildings by 3% p.a. (kWh per m<sup>2</sup>)
- Improve the average Display Energy Certificate score of its non-school buildings of over 1000m<sup>2</sup> floor area (i.e. those that have an annually renewed certificate) by 5% p.a.

#### **Q3. Are these targets realistic?**

#### **Q4. Should they be expressed as a medium term goal against a benchmark year – e.g. X% by 2020 compared to 2014-15?**

#### **Q5. Are there other targets that should be adopted, such as around renewable energy generation/consumption – e.g. increase amount of installed capacity from X to Y by ZZZZ?**

3.2. All Departments will be expected to contribute to meeting these targets and those with responsibilities for energy budgets and site management will be charged with reporting progress against these targets on an annual basis.

### 4. Approach to investment

4.1 The Council will continue to invest in energy saving and income generating measures where it makes sense to do so, taking into account:

- our asset management strategy – as a general rule only investing in measures that payback prior to any planned disposal of the property affected or add sufficient value to the asset
- the estimated return (saving or income) on investment – with a guide threshold of achieving a simple payback period of 10 years or better
- the availability of human and financial resources
- political support
- a broad view of the benefits likely to be realised.



**10 March 2016****Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF INTERIM SERVICE DIRECTOR, HIGHWAYS****2016/17 SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES CAPITAL PROGRAMME****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval for the proposed 2016/17 Supporting Local Communities capital programme.

**Information and Advice**

2. The Supporting Local Communities (SLC) fund is a capital fund which is used to help various groups, organisations and volunteers deliver community-based improvement schemes. The SLC fund can only help support capital projects that deliver a new asset or improve an existing asset, such as land, buildings, play equipment etc. The SLC fund is not able to support schemes that are classed as revenue funding, such as training schemes, paying people's wages to deliver training or a service, or paying utility bills.
3. The SLC fund continues to successfully help deliver a significant number of community-based improvement schemes. For example, in 2015/16 the funding is planned to help deliver 29 improvements such as:
  - Play parks and recreational equipment, including a new skate park in Eastwood as well as new/upgraded equipment at a number of play parks across the county
  - Refurbishment to buildings and public spaces, including the creation of an education and arts facility at Beauvale Priory and Beeston Hope Centre
  - Environmental improvements, such as at Sutton in Ashfield outdoor market and shop front improvements on Broomhill Road
  - Restoration of the Southwell War Memorial Arch
  - Tourism schemes in Sherwood Forest and on the Teversal Trail.
4. The 2016/17 SLC capital programme budget allocation of £500,000 was approved at the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 County Council meeting. Environment & Sustainability Committee has already determined that some of this funding would be allocated to the following types of schemes:
  - Up to £10,000 of the funding will be allocated to the refurbishment of war memorials during the period 2014/15 to 2017/18 – approved at 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014 Committee meeting
  - Up to £20,000 of the funding will be allocated to gateway signs, such as village entry signs – approved at 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 Committee meeting.

## **Funding limits**

5. To maximise the number of schemes that can be supported, Environment & Sustainability Committee has previously determined that there will be a maximum limit on the amount of SLC funding any individual scheme can receive. These limits are:
  - £10,000 towards the cost of the restoration of war memorials
  - £2,000 per parish towards the cost of gateway signs
  - £50,000 towards the cost of any other type of scheme.
6. It should also be noted that the number of scheme receiving the higher funding limit may also be limited to ensure as many schemes as possible receive funding. Similarly, to help ensure that the funding is distributed fairly, whilst groups are not discouraged from applying or making multiple bids, priority may be given to groups or organisations that have not previously received SLC funding.

## **Applications for SLC funding**

7. To be eligible to receive SLC funding, all schemes (including those for war memorial restorations and gateway entry signs) must make an application giving all the necessary details of the proposed scheme. To be considered for funding, all scheme suggestions must:
  - include an element of match funding and/or volunteer hours
  - be deliverable in the 2016/17 financial year
  - have no outstanding land/ownership issues to be resolved
  - have local community support
  - have mechanisms in place to fund and deliver the future maintenance of the scheme (this is not funded by the County Council)
  - have the support of the local County Council member.
8. Invitations to apply for 2016/17 SLC funding were issued in September 2015 and applications closed on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2015. 72 applications were received, requesting total funding of £1.44m. A summary of the types of bids is listed below:
  - 20 requests for building improvements (e.g. village hall, meeting rooms, etc.)
  - 12 requests for environmental improvements
  - 6 requests for gateway signs (including one scheme which is also included in the environmental improvements above as it had two elements to it)
  - 5 requests for highway improvements (including requests for car parks)
  - 4 requests for information boards/signposts
  - 3 requests for community facilities (e.g. a boathouse to support ferry link and performance area)
  - 17 requests for recreation equipment/facilities (e.g. play park equipment or sports/recreational improvements)
  - 2 requests for tourist information improvements
  - 3 requests for war memorial refurbishments.

## Appendix 1 – Supporting Local Communities Scheme evaluation criteria

### 1. Is the application for a capital project?

If not, and the project would be classed as a revenue project, it is not eligible for funding from the Supporting Local Communities Fund

### 2. Has the form been counter-signed by the local County Council member?

If not, send the form back to the applicant and advise that it must be signed by the County Council member or it cannot be considered

### 3. Delivery – Maintenance of the scheme

- Scheme rejected if there are no firm plans and/or funds in place to maintain the scheme

### 4. Delivery – Other delivery issues

- Scheme rejected if the land has not been secured by the scheme promoter or there are significant risks to the delivery of the scheme – defer to a later year once the land ownership/risks have been overcome (note that if the scheme is deferred to a later year it will be reassessed alongside all the scheme bids in the following year and may not be selected for delivery)

So that each focus (deprivation, economic benefits, community benefits and funding) receives equal weighting, each of the elements 5, 6, 7 and 8 will each only be able to score a maximum of 5 points. Therefore elements 7A, 7B and 7C will be added together and divided by two; and elements 8A and 8B will be added together and divided by two.

### 5. Deprivation indices in the ward where the scheme is to be delivered

- 5 points – deprivation indices score is 45 or higher
- 4 points – deprivation indices score is between 34 and 44.9
- 3 points – deprivation indices score is between 26 and 33.9
- 2 points – deprivation indices score is between 21 and 25.9
- 1 point – deprivation indices score is between 17 and 20.9
- 0 points – deprivation indices score is below 17

### 6. Economic benefits – Job and training opportunities (where the scheme will deliver several of the benefits it will receive the highest of the scores it will deliver)

- 5 points – Scheme will create sustained job opportunities
- 4 points – Scheme will deliver regeneration
- 3 points – Scheme will deliver tourism benefits
- 2 points – Scheme will provide opportunities for delivery by local businesses/workers
- 1 point – Scheme will deliver training opportunities for the local community

### 7A. Community benefits – Support for the scheme

- 2 points – Evidence of significant support and should benefit more than half of the community
- 1 point – Evidence of significant support but will benefit less than half the community

### 7B. Community benefits – Community cohesion

- 3 points – Scheme delivers 4 or 5 of the bullets below
  - 2 points – Scheme delivers 3 of the bullets below
  - 1 point – Scheme delivers 1 or 2 of the bullets below
- Scheme is a key neighbourhood priority or supports neighbourhood priorities
  - Scheme facilitates a place where people from different backgrounds can get on well together
  - Scheme promotes a vision and sense of belonging – local area, neighbourhood, county, national
  - The diversity of people's background and circumstances are appreciated and positively valued
  - Scheme helps raise community confidence, aspiration and improves security

**7C. Community benefits – Other quality of life**

- 5 points – Scheme delivers 5 of the bullets below
  - 4 points – Scheme delivers 4 of the bullets below
  - 3 points – Scheme delivers 3 of the bullets below
  - 2 points – Scheme delivers 2 of the bullets below
  - 1 point – Scheme delivers 1 of the bullets below
- Crime reduction
  - Health
  - Heritage and/or archaeological conservation
  - Bio-diversity conservation
  - Working with schools and/or local organisations

**8A. Funding – Amount of funding requested**

- 5 points – Up to £10,000
- 4 points – £10,001 to £15,000
- 3 points – £15,001 to £20,000
- 2 points – £20,001 to £30,000
- 1 point – £30,001 to £40,000
- 0 points – £40,001 to £50,000

**8B. Funding – Percentage of the scheme cost being met externally****When some external funding secured**

- 5 points – 50% or more of the total capital scheme cost secured
- 4 points – Between 30-49.9% of the total capital scheme cost secured
- 3 points – Between 20-29.9% of the total capital scheme cost secured
- 2 points – Less than 20% of the total capital scheme cost secured

**When no external funding secured but bids outstanding**

- 2 points – External funding bid (other than SLC) submitted for at least 30% of the total capital scheme cost
- 1 point – External funding bid (other than SLC) submitted for less than 30% of the total capital scheme cost; or community voluntary hours offered in delivery of the scheme

**Gateway signs assessment criteria****A. Gateway signs will be prioritised based on the following factors to make sure that they have the greatest impact for the benefit of the largest number of people:**

- Population of the village/local area
- The speed of traffic on the road on which the sign will be located
- The traffic flow on the road on which the sign will be located
- The deprivation indices in the ward where the sign will be located.

**B. County Council member priorities**

To help ensure that signs are delivered across the county funding may be limited to a maximum of £2,000 in any electoral division. In such instances, if more than one sign in an electoral division has a similar score the County Councillor will be asked to determine which of the signs in their division should be prioritised.

## Appendix 2 - Supporting Local Communities applications and prioritisation

Schemes to be included in the 2016/17 Supporting Local Communities programme

Ranking	Scheme name	Scheme description	District	Electoral Division	Amount of SLC funding requested	Match funding	Voluntary hours	Element														Cumulative funding total
								1 Is it a capital scheme? (Y/N)	2 Is form signed? (Y/N)	3 Maintenance probs? (Y/N)	4 Delivery probs? (Y/N)	5	6	7A	7B	7C	7	8A	8B	8	TOTAL	
1	Friends of Kings Park performance area	Installation of covered performance area with disability access and electrical supply	Bassetlaw	Retford East	£20,000	£36,000	1,500 hours per year	Y	Y	N	N	3	3	2	2	3	3.5	3	5	4.0	13.5	£20,000
2	Mansfield BID Company Ltd Bentinck Memorial display board	A lectern type display board which shows the history of the Bentinck Memorial	Mansfield	Mansfield South	£2,500	£2,500	None	Y	Y	N	N	5	2	1	1	1	1.5	5	5	5	13.5	£22,500
3	North Notts Artisan & Tourist Information Centre exhibition area	Create a new exhibition area within the hub (The Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Attraction)	Bassetlaw	Retford West	£10,000	£10,000	500 hours	Y	Y	N	Y	3	3	1	1	2	2.0	5	5	5.0	13.0	£32,500
4	Mansfield Woodhouse Millennium Green Trust habitat and improvements	Millennium Green habitats and improvements including orchard, wildflower meadow area and tree sculpture	Mansfield	Mansfield North	£5,000	£10,254	305 hours	Y	Y	N	N	4	2	2	1	1	2.0	5	2	3.5	11.5	£37,500
5	St Saviours Community Centre solar panels	Installation of solar panels and flat roof repair	Bassetlaw	Retford East	£6,000	£6,054	50 hours	Y	N	N	N	3	2	1	1	0	1.0	5	5	5.0	11.0	£43,500
6	Practical Conservation Volunteers CIC access and boundary improvements	Access and boundary improvements on Broxtowe parks and open spaces	Broxtowe	Bramcote and Stapleford	£10,000	£17,500	Maximum of 4,200 hours	Y	Y	N	N	2	1	1	1	3	2.5	5	5	5.0	10.5	£53,500
7	Awsorth Parish Council village hall improvements	Public notice board, wall repairs, new signage, CCTV camera, improved drainage and resurfacing in car park	Broxtowe	Kimberley/Trowell	£4,000	£8,000	Not stated	Y	Y	N	N	1	2	1	2	1	2.0	5	5	5.0	10.0	£57,500
8	Acacia Centre Rec Grounds improvements	New skate park, refurbish existing play area, multi-use games area, youth equipment, entrance improvements, bins, benches/seats, and tree and bulb planting	Ashfield	Kirkby in Ashfield South	£20,000	£106,000	200+ hours	Y	Y	N	N	1	2	2	1	3	3.0	3	5	4.0	10.0	£77,500
9	Harworth Colliery FC with Harworth + Bircotes Sports + Social Club Sports Ground improvements	Facility improvements including fencing, new toilets, stand, security entrance barriers and equipment	Bassetlaw	Blyth and Harworth	£10,000	£10,100	2628	Y/N	N	N	N	0	2	1	2	3	3.0	5	5	5.0	10.0	£87,500
10	Newark and Sherwood District Council Hawtonville open space improvements	Regenerate an insured site in St Mary's Gardens, Hawtonville. Improve the fabric of estate and create shared walkway.	Newark and Sherwood	Newark West	£30,000	£5,000	No. of hours not stated	Y	Y	Y	N	5	1	1	1	2	2.0	2	2	2.0	10.0	£117,500
11	Maun Conservation Group picnic area access	Install path to picnic area	Mansfield	Mansfield South	£25,000	£0	36 hours	Y	Y	N	N	5	2	1	1	1	1.5	2	1	1.5	10.0	£142,500
12	Ashfield District Council and FOSL disabled access play provision and access improvements	Wheelchair accessible swing, access improvements and stone footpath	Ashfield	Sutton in Ashfield	£19,000	£4,000	Not stated	Y	Y	N	N	5	0	1	1	2	2.0	3	2	2.5	9.5	£161,500
13	Mansfield & North Nottinghamshire Society for Deaf People centre renovation	Renovation of Mansfield Deaf Society building	Mansfield	Mansfield North	£23,000	£26,000	60 hours (painting)	Y	Y	N	N	4	2	1	1	1	1.5	2	2	2.0	9.5	£184,500
14	Cotgrave Town Council play equipment	Refurbishment of play park (Ringleas)	Rushcliffe	Cotgrave	£19,950	£40,005	0	Y	Y	N	N	2	2	1	1	1	1.5	3	5	4.0	9.5	£204,450

15	<b>Bilthorpe Parish Council multi-use sports area (MUSA)</b>	Installation of multi-use sports area (MUSA) at Crompton Road Park	Newark and Sherwood	Rufford	£45,000	£20,000	16 hours per month	Y	N	N	N	3	2	1	2	2	2.5	0	4	2.0	9.5	£249,450
16	<b>Calverton Parish Council outdoor gym</b>	Outdoor gym and fitness trail	Gedling	Calverton	£14,900	£15,100	1-2 hours weekly (monitoring and litter picking)	Y	Y	N	N	3	0	1	1	2	2.0	4	5	4.5	9.5	£264,350
17	<b>Netherfield Locality Partnership Group Ley Street Field remedial works &amp; trim trail</b>	Remedial works and establishment of durable eco-friendly trim trail as part of a wider environmental regeneration programme	Gedling	Netherfield	£32,736	£0	Over 3 hours - 2988 hours	Y	Y	N	N	3	2	2	1	3	3.0	1	1	1.0	9.0	£297,086
18	<b>St Augustine's School play area and multi-use games area</b>	Installation of play equipment with associated landscape, bins, seating, fencing and gates	Bassetlaw	Worksop East	£40,000	£60,000	No. of hours not stated	Y	Y	N	Y	4	0	1	1	2	2.0	1	5	3.0	9.0	£337,086
19	<b>Friends of Bestwood Country Park extension to Dynamo House</b>	Extension to the Dynamo House in Bestwood Country Park	Gedling	Newstead	£5,400	£600	4000 hours	Y/N	N	N	N	1	3	1	1	1	1.5	5	2	3.5	9.0	£342,486
20	<b>Thrumpton Village Hall and Social Club</b>	Renewal of village hall's heating and seating	Bassetlaw	Soar Valley	£2,045	£2,045	No. of hours not stated	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	2	1	0	1.5	5	5	5.0	8.5	£344,531
21	<b>Friends of Yeoman Hill Park youth shelter</b>	Installation of youth shelter (which has an electronic system) on the park	Mansfield	Mansfield North	£15,853	£0	49 hours	Y	Y	N	N	4	0	1	1	3	2.5	3	1	2.0	8.5	£360,384
22	<b>Bestwood St Albans Parish Council notice boards</b>	Installation of two new notice boards: Top shop - Bewcastle Road, Muirfield Road Park	Gedling	Arnold North	£1,646	£1,646	0	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	1	1	1	1.5	5	5	5.0	8.5	£362,030
23	<b>Normanton on Soar Parish Council wooden boat house</b>	Construction of wooden boat house for link ferry	Rushcliffe	Soar Valley	£6,000	£1,200	112 hours (labour)	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	1	1	3	2.5	5	2	3.5	8.0	£368,030
24	<b>Langar cum Barnstone Parish Council outdoor gym equipment</b>	Installation of outdoor gym equipment at Barnstone play area	Rushcliffe	Cotgrave	£5,000	£5,000	0	Y	Y	N	N	1	0	2	1	1	2.0	5	5	5.0	8.0	£373,030
25	<b>Our Centre extension to provide reception and entrance/exit</b>	Extension to building to create a reception area with entrance/exit directly onto the footpath	Ashfield	Kirkby in Ashfield North	£48,500	£14,000	900 hours	Y	Y	N	N	4	2	1	1	1	1.5	0	1	0.5	8.0	£421,530
26	<b>Hayton Village Hall Trust refurbishment of village hall</b>	Redevelopment and refurbishment of the village hall	Bassetlaw	Misterton	£12,750	£6,000	0	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	2	2	0	2.0	4	4	4.0	8.0	£434,280
27	<b>Orston Parish Council information panel</b>	Information board 'with a difference'	Rushcliffe	Bingham	£2,000	£500	210 hours	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	1	1	1	1.5	5	3	4.0	7.5	£436,280
28	<b>North and South Wheatley Village Hall lighting improvements</b>	Improve existing poor inefficient lighting both internally and externally village hall	Bassetlaw	Tuxford	£3,000	£795	not stated	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	1	1	1	1.5	5	3	4.0	7.5	£439,280
29	<b>Ashfield District Council / Selston Parish Council landscape improvement work at Greenwell's Park</b>	Improvements to Greenwell's Recreation Ground including footpaths, boundary fencing and new play equipment.	Ashfield	Selston	£6,677	£148,000	250 hours	Y	Y	N	N	0	0	1	1	3	2.5	5	5	5.0	7.5	£445,957
30	<b>Beeston Community Resource CIO</b>	Commercial kitchen and catering equipment to increase the catering range/offer; and gardening equipment	Broxtowe	Beeston South and Attenborough	£15,000	£5,000	195 hours per week (75 gardening and 120 Café)	Y	Y	N	N	1	1	1	1	2	2.0	4	3	3.5	7.5	£460,957

Gateway entry sign schemes to be included in the 2016/17 Supporting Local Communities programme

Scheme name	Scheme description	District	Electoral Division	Amount of SLC funding requested	Match funding	Voluntary hours	Cumulative funding total
<b>Pleasley Vale village sign</b>	Installation of a village sign at the entrance of Pleasley Vale	Mansfield	Mansfield North	£2,000	£2,000 - £3,000 to be sought	168 hours (volunteer hours on the restoration of the gateway)	£462,957
<b>Nether Langwith Parish Council village signs</b>	New village sign at two of the three entrances to the village	Bassetlaw	Tuxford	£2,000	£2,350	0	£464,957



Woodborough Parish Council gateway signs	5 gateway signs to replace existing village name/Gedling signs at all entrances	Gedling	Calverton	£2,000	£9,500	0	£466,957
Thurgarton Parish Council gateways	Gateways at 3 locations at the entrances of the village	Newark and Sherwood	Farnsfield and Lowdham	£2,000	£15,000	0	£468,957
Egmanton village sign	Double sided coloured village sign	Newark and Sherwood	Southwell and Caunton	£2,000	£3,000	Over40 hours	£470,957
Shireoaks Parish Council Village garden improvements including gateway signs	Two new gateway signs	Bassetlaw	Workshop North	£2,000	£2,685	No. of hours not stated	£472,957

War memorial restoration schemes to be included in the 2016/17 Supporting Local Communities programme

Scheme name	Scheme description	District	Electoral Division	Amount of SLC funding requested	Match funding	Voluntary hours	Cumulative funding total
Cropwell Butler Parish Council war memorial improvements	To replace dangerous walking surface through the Lychgate War Memorial up to and around the parish cemetery	Rushcliffe	Cotgrave	£6,250	£6,250	No. of hours not stated	£479,207
Cotgrave Town Council war memorial improvements	Repairs to the bronze swords and improvements to the surrounding area (reinstate disabled access footpath and pruning of 6 yew trees)	Rushcliffe	Cotgrave	£3,000	£700	0	£482,207
Retford war memorial restoration	Re-paving the surround area of the war memorial	Bassetlaw	Retford East	£6,500	£0	0	£488,707

Reserve schemes which may possibly be brought forward for delivery during 2016/17 should other schemes currently included in the 2016/17 SLC programme become undeliverable during 2016/1

Ranking	Scheme name	Scheme description	District	Electoral Division	Amount of SLC funding requested	Match funding	Voluntary hours	Element													
								1 Is it a capital scheme? (Y/N)	2 Is form signed? (Y/N)	3 Maintenance probs? (Y/N)	4 Delivery probs? (Y/N)	5	6	7A	7B	7C	7	8A	8B	8	TOTAL
31	Hope (Homeless Help and Support) Community Services flat renovation	Renovations of empty and derelict 3 floors (above their retail shop) to develop 5 flats	Bassetlaw	Workshop West	£50,000	£300,000	2,500 hours	Y	Y	N	N	3	2	1	1	1	1.5	0	3	1.5	8.0
32	East Bridgford Parish Council Cuttle Hill project	Improve site sympathetically and environmentally in conjunction with the improved safety zone (widening of footpath)	Rushcliffe	Radcliffe on Trent	£27,000	£12,000	136 hours	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	2	2	1	2.5	2	4	3.0	7.5
33	Untapped Resource CIC building improvements	New LED lighting, installation of fire alarms, collection vehicle, fork lift and storage bins	Mansfield	Mansfield West	£50,000	£8,000	600 hours per week	Y	Y	N	Y	0	5	1	1	1	1.5	0	2	1.0	7.5
34	Screveton Parish notice board	Replacement of village notice board	Rushcliffe	Radcliffe on Trent	£1,250	£250	10 hours	Y	Y	Y	N	0	2	1	1	1	1.5	5	2	3.5	7.0
35	Halam Parish Council village hall improvements	Improvements to village hall including insulation of walls and ceiling and double glazing	Newark and Sherwood	Farnsfield and Lowdham	£13,100	£3,500 (1.5k fund raising 2k local trades people)	Not stated in hours, but volunteers will decorate	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	1	1	2	2.0	4	2	3.0	7.0
36	Farnsfield Parish Council allotment	Establish an allotment site for the residents of Farnsfield	Newark and Sherwood	Farnsfield and Lowdham	£8,727	£8,727	50 hours	Y	Y	N	N	0	0	1	1	2	2.0	5	5	5.0	7.0
37	East Leake Parish Council update of sign and finger posts	An update/ maintenance of the sign posts and finger posts in the Parish of East Leake	Rushcliffe	Soar Valley	£5,000	£905	0	Y	Y	Y	N	0	2	1	1	1	1.5	5	2	3.5	7.0

Ranking	Scheme name	Scheme description	District	Electoral Division	Amount of SLC funding requested	Match funding	Voluntary hours	Element													
								1 Is it a capital scheme? (Y/N)	2 Is form signed? (Y/N)	3 Maintenance probs? (Y/N)	4 Delivery probs? (Y/N)	5	6	7A	7B	7C	7	8A	8B	8	TOTAL
38	Gotham Parish Council Gotham Well House restoration and wheelchair access	Gotham Parish Council Gotham Well House restoration, including wheelchair access and information boards	Rushcliffe	Soar Valley	£22,000	£11,000	1,048 hours	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	1	1	2	2.0	2	3	2.5	6.5
39	Gringley on the Hill Parish Council update and expand park facilities	Update and expand on park facilities	Bassetlaw	Misterton	£15,000	£13,415	50 hours	Y	Y	N	N	0	0	1	1	3	2.5	4	4	4.0	6.5
40	Lowdham Village Hall and Playing Fields Committee refurbishments of toilets	Refurbishment of toilets	Newark and Sherwood	Farnsfield and Lowdham	£10,000	£5,000 (fundraising and donations)	Two weekends - to decorate and new flooring	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	1	1	0	1.0	5	2	3.5	6.5
41	Sutton Bonnington Village Hall refurbishment of entrances, small hall and new chair store	New front and rear entrances and upgrading the minor hall	Rushcliffe	Soar Valley	£40,000	£100,000	No. of hours not stated	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	1	1	1	1.5	1	5	3.0	6.5
42	Metcalfe Charitable Trust working in partnership with Everton Parish Council new village hall	A new village hall	Bassetlaw	Misterton	£19,666	£9,800	2,400 hours	N	Y	N	N	0	2	2	1	2	2.5	3	1	2.0	6.5
43	Shireoaks Parish Council village garden improvements including gateway signs	Village Garden improvements including benches, hard standing refurbishment, maintenance of vegetation and replace stone pillars. Also two new gateway signs.	Bassetlaw	Worksop North	£3,635	£2,685	No. of hours not stated	Y	Y	N	N	0	0	1	1	1	1.5	5	4	4.5	6.0
44	St Barnabas Church community orchard	Land for community orchard	Mansfield	Mansfield West	£30,000	£0	100+ per week	Y	Y	N	N	3	0	1	0	2	1.5	2	1	1.5	6.0
45	Edwinstowe Parish Council fencing and seating for playpark (phase 2)	Fencing, seating, tables and paths	Newark and Sherwood	Rufford	£20,000	£19,000	Not stated	Y	Y	N	N	0	0	1	2	2	2.5	3	4	3.5	6.0
46	Tuxford Mine of Information replacement boiler and decoration of centre	Replace broken boiler and relocate an oil pipe. Centre also needs renovation in the form of decoration.	Bassetlaw	Tuxford	£18,886	£400	Hours not stated	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	1	1	1	1.5	3	2	2.5	6.0
47	Broxtowe BC 'Bringing the Glory Back to Stapleford Group' street furniture improvements	Improvements to street furniture including painting existing and also replacing existing with new.	Broxtowe	Bramcote and Stapleford	£30,000	£19,650	160 hours	Y	Y	?	N	2	0	1	1	0	1.0	2	3	2.5	5.5
48	Warren Action Group (WAG) multi-use games area	To Provide a multi-use games area on the Muirfield Recreation Ground	Gedling	Arnold North	£50,000	£385	not stated	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	2	1	2	2.5	0	2	1.0	5.5
49	Rolleston Parish Council renovation and redevelopment of play area	Renovation and redevelopment of the Rolleston play areas and 2 acre field	Newark and Sherwood	Farndon and Muskham	£2,000	£146	229 hours	Y	Y	N	N	0	0	1	1	2	2.0	5	2	3.5	5.5
50	Ladybrook Lane and Armstrong Road bollards, barrier and speed humps	Installation of bollards, barriers and speed humps	Mansfield	Mansfield West	£25,000	£0		Y	Y	Y	Y	4	0	1	0	0	0.5	2	0	1.0	5.5

51	Ashfield District Council / Selston Parish Council landscape improvement work at Friezeleland Rec Ground	Improvements on Friezeleland Recreation Ground, football pitch, goal wall and older style children's play area	Ashfield	Selston	£18,000	£7,000	100+ hours	Y	Y	N	N	0	0	1	1	3	2.5	3	3	3.0	5.5
52	Cromwell Village Hall Trust village hall refurbishment	Renovation of village hall	Newark and Sherwood	Southwell and Cauntton	£45,336	£34,173	352.5 hours	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	1	2	1	2.0	0	2	1.0	5.0
53	Broxtowe BC and Friends Toton Fields improvements	Installation of RADAR kissing gates, lift levels and resurface path, thin woodland areas, lay hedges, wildflower meadows, notice board and advertising volunteering opportunities	Broxtowe	Chiwel and Toton	£18,300	£3,400	380 hours	Y	N	N	N	0	0	1	1	3	2.5	3	2	2.5	5.0
54	Friends of Gedling Country Park memorial garden with sensory Area	Memorial garden/garden of reflection with sensory area for disabled visitors to enjoy	Gedling	Carlton East	£35,000	£53,400	No of hours not stated	Y	Y	N	N	0	0	1	1	2	2.0	1	5	3.0	5.0
55	Radcliffe on Trent Parish planters	3 planters to be placed under village welcome signs	Rushcliffe	Radcliffe on Trent	£2,000	£0	30 hours per week	Y	Y	N	N	0	0	2	1	1	2.0	5	1	3.0	5.0
56	East Leake Parish Council extension of car park	Extension onto the car park on Gotham Road, East Leake	Rushcliffe	Soar Valley	£50,000	£40,000	0	Y	Y	N	N	0	2	1	0	1	1.0	0	4	2.0	5.0
57	Ranskill Parish Council playground refurbishment	Replacement of out of date play surfaces and upgrade of play equipment on village park	Bassetlaw	Misterton	£15,953	£420	47 hours labour	Y	Y	N	N	0	0	1	1	3	2.5	3	2	2.5	5.0
58	Edingley Village Hall upgrade and extension	Upgrade village hall, complete the building of a facilities extension	Newark and Sherwood	Farnsfield and Lowdham	£45,000	£8,500	20-60 hours	Y	Y	N	Y	0	2	1	1	1	1.5	0	2	1.0	4.5
59	Dunham-on-Trent Parish Cocketts Hill footpath	Installation of new footpath on Cocketts Hill - Low Street to Laneham Road	Bassetlaw	Tuxford	£49,000	£700	none	Y	Y	Y	Y	1	0	2	2	1	2.5	0	2	1.0	4.5
60	Goodhand Crescent Residents parking spaces	Covert green space into 4 additional parking spaces	Mansfield	Mansfield West	£15,000	£0	0	Y	Y	Y	N	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	4	0	2.0	4.0
61	Coddington village hall toilet refurbishment	New build toilet, entrance and refurbishment of reading room	Newark and Sherwood	Collingham	£45,000	£5,000	4,000 hours	Y	N	N	N	0	2	1	1	0	1.0	0	2	1.0	4.0
62	Eakring Parish Council sports area and fence/netting	All weather sports areas with surrounding fencing/netting on Eakring playing field	Newark and Sherwood	Farnsfield and Lowdham	£35,000	£15,000	No. of hours not stated	Y	Y	N	N	0	0	1	2	2	2.5	1	2	1.5	4.0
63	Lambley Parish Council multi-use games area	Convert an existing under used tennis court into a multi-use games area	Gedling	Calverton	£45,000	£0	No. of hours not stated	Y	Y	N	N	0	0	1	1	2	2.0	0	1	0.5	2.5



10 March 2016

Agenda Item: 8

## **REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR FOR POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES**

### **RESPONSES ON PLANNING CONSULTATIONS AND STRATEGIC PLANNING OBSERVATIONS**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide a summary of the current status of planning consultations received, and being dealt with, by the County Council from Nottinghamshire District and Borough Councils, neighbouring authorities and central government.
2. To provide information to Committee on the formal responses which have been agreed by the Chairman of Environment and Sustainability Committee, in consultation with the Group Manager Planning, requests from Nottinghamshire Borough and District Councils, neighbouring authorities and central government

#### **Information and Advice**

##### *Planning Consultations Received*

3. The Planning Policy Team has received 96 planning consultations during the period July 2015 to February 2016, this is set out in Appendix A.
4. In addition to this the Planning Policy Team also received and responded to 38 pre-application enquiries during the same period.

##### *Planning Consultation Responses*

5. All Members are consulted by the planning team on planning applications within their area and that meet the terms of the agreed protocol, any relevant planning comments are then incorporated into the NCC response to the local authority.
6. It should be noted that all comments contained in the sent responses could be subject to change, as a result of on-going negotiations between Nottinghamshire County Council, the Local Authority and the applicants.

## **Other Options Considered**

7. There are no alternative options to consider as the report is for information only.

## **Reason for Recommendation**

8. This report is for information only.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the 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**

1) Environment and Sustainability Committee note the report.

**Tim Gregory**  
**Corporate Director, Place**

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## **Background Papers**

Individual Consultations and their responses.

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.

## **Constitutional Comments**

10. As this report is for noting only constitutional comments are not required.

**Financial Comments**

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

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

## Appendix A – Nottinghamshire County Council: Planning Consultations Received – July 2015/February 2016

Date Received	ID	Address	Details	Officer Dealing	Response Type	Reason	Notes
<b>Ashfield District Council</b>							
27.07.15	Ashfield District Council V/2015/0444	Land at Lingford Street, Hucknall	Residential development of 33 dwellings	NW	C	Meets Protocol	March E & S Committee
28.07.15	Ashfield District Council	32a Eastfield Side, Sutton in Ashfield	Change of Use	NW	O	Does not meet agreed protocol	No comments required
19.08.15	Ashfield District Council V/2014/0658	Land off Ashland Road West, Sutton in Ashfield	Residential development of 201 dwellings, comprising of 2, 3 and 4 bedroom units. Creation of vehicular access, pedestrian links, public	NW	C	Meets agreed protocol	March E & S Committee



			open space, car parking, landscaping and drainage				
25.08.15	Ashfield District Council V/2015/0511	Land off Gilcroft/St Andrew Street and Vere Avenue, Skegby, Sutton in Ashfield	Variation of conditions	NW	C	Meets agreed protocol	March E & S Committee
27.08.15	Ashfield District Council V/2015/0304	Kirkby House Ltd., Kirkby House Drive, Kirkby in Ashfield	Demolition of existing bungalow, sheds and boundary walls. Construction of 16 no. dwellings and conversion of Kirkby House into three no. apartments. Pruning works to ten trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order and felling of four trees within a conservation area	EMc	O	Does not meet agreed protocol	Forwarded to internals – if they have a revised comment they will respond directly to district and cc us in

25.08.15	Ashfield District Council V/2015/0511	Land off Gilcroft/St Andrew Street and Vere Avenue, Skegby, Sutton in Ashfield	Variation of conditions	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
27.08.15	Ashfield District Council V/2015/0304	Kirkby House Ltd., Kirkby House Drive, Kirkby in Ashfield	Demolition of existing bungalow, sheds and boundary walls. Construction of 16 no. dwellings and conversion of Kirkby House into three no. apartments. Pruning works to ten trees protected by a Tree Preservation Order and felling of four trees within a conservation area	EMc	O	Does not meet agreed protocol	Forwarded to internals – if they have a revised comment they will respond directly to district and cc us in
07.09.15	Ashfield District Council V/2015/0518	Whiteborough Farm House, Chesterfield Road, Huthwaite, Sutton in Ashfield	Solar farm with associated infrastructure and landscaping	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee

09.09.15	Ashfield District Council V/2015/0533	Land between Pleasley Road & North of Mansfield Road, Skegby	Application for approval of reserved matters (following grant of outline approval – V/2012/05556) for 36 dwellings with associated access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale	NW	O	Did not meet agreed protocol	No comments required 09 September
09.09.15	Ashfield District Council V/2015/0537	Roundhill Farm, Sotheby Avenue, Sutton in Ashfield	A hybrid planning application seeking full permission for the conversion of Round Hill Farm Barns to create 3 dwellings and access to serve the site, and outline permission for residential development and demolition of existing buildings	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee

11.09.15	Ashfield District Council	Ashfield District Council	Consultation on the Ashfield draft Statement of Community Involvement	NW	O	Does not meet agreed protocol	Comments sent to LPA
01.10.15	Ashfield District Council V/2015/0579	Storage City Export Drive, Huthwaite, Sutton in Ashfield	Portal Frame Garage Building	NW	O	Does not meet agreed protocol	Comments sent to LPA
19.10.15	Ashfield District Council V/2015/0621	Land off Kingfisher Way, Sutton in Ashfield	Erection of Residential Care Home	NW	O	Does not meet protocol	Response sent to Ashfield DC 02 November
20.10.15	Ashfield District Council V/2015/0618	Land adjacent Warren House, Warren Avenue, Annesley	4MW Solar Farm with Ancillary Buildings, Security Fencing, CCTV Access Tracks and Landscaping	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
20.10.15	Ashfield District Council V/2015/0629	Land South of the Former International Clothing Centre, Annesley Road, Hucknall	Outline application for residential development for a maximum of 60 units with all matters reserved	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee

25.11.15	Ashfield District Council V/2014/0664	Land south of the A38, around Mowlands Farm, West of Sutton Road, Kirkby in Ashfield	Application made in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations 2011): Demolition of existing buildings (Mowlands Farm and a residential bungalow) and the demolition of buildings and walls within a Conservation Area (2 car showrooms, Pasture Farm and the Waggon and Horses Public House). The approval in detail of the construction of 15 new dwellings in the Kirkby Cross Area, together with associated public realm enhancements. The approval in outline (including full details of	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
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			access) of up to 1800 dwellings, employment floorspace incorporating a maximum of 27,800m.sq of B1 business (A, B and C) floorspace, retail and commercial development up to a maximum of 2500m.sq (A1-A5), primary school and nursery provision (including community access and use), health centre (D1), infrastructure including site accesses and relief road and green infrastructure works.				
<b>Bassetlaw District Council</b>							
24.07.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/00971/OUT	Land at Sunny Nook Farm, Blyth Road, Harworth	Outline planning application for an employment park comprising of up to	NW	C	Meets Protocol	March E & S Committee

			235,000 sqm of B1©, B2 and B8 uses				
28.07.15	Bassetlaw District Council		Tuxford Town Council Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
05.08.15	Bassetlaw DC 15/00949/RSB	Proposed Cemetery Lane, West of Tinkers Hill, Carlton in Lindrick	Toilet block, car park, footpath and gates/fencing	NW	O	Does not meet protocol	RESUBMISSION  Only Highways comments on last application – sent themselves
06.08.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01037/FUL	Welbeck Colliery, Budby Road, Mansfield	Hybrid Planning Application	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
20.08.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01117/SCR	Icon Polymer Limited, Thrumpton Lane, Retford	Screening opinion for replacement industrial and office building, supermarket,	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee

			restaurant, single storey building for A1/B1/B8 or D2 use and change of use of existing Northern Rubber Building for either class A1/B1/B8 or D2 use				
28.08.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01170/SCR	North & west of Chestnut Road, Langold	Screening Opinion – Proposed Residential Development of approximately 300 dwellings	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
06.08.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01037/FUL	Welbeck Colliery, Budby Road, Mansfield	Hybrid Planning Application	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
20.08.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01117/SCR	Icon Polymer Limited, Thrumpton Lane, Retford	Screening opinion for replacement industrial and office building, supermarket, restaurant, single storey building for A1/B1/B8 or D2 use and change of use of existing Northern Rubber Building for	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee



			either class A1/B1/B8 or D2 use				
28.08.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01170/SCR	North & west of Chestnut Road, Langold	Screening Opinion – Proposed Residential Development of approximately 300 dwellings	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
14.09.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01165/OUT	Land North East of Harwell Lane, Sluice Lane, Everton, South Yorkshire	Outline application to erect ten dwellings and construct new access	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
23.09.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01303/SCR	Land at Bawtry Road, Harworth, South Yorkshire	Screening opinion for a residential development of 650 dwellings	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
28.09.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01263/FUL	Oak Tree Farm, Grassthorne Road, Normanton on Trent	Proposed storage building, new vehicular entrance and accessway and use of land and buildings for marquee and event equipment hire business	NW	O	Does not meet protocol	No comments sent to LPA
05.10.15	Bassetlaw District	Development land at	Erection of 39 dwellings	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S

	Council 15/01309/FUL	Scrooby Road, Harworth, South Yorkshire	(amended scheme from P/A 61/10/00012				Committee
16.10.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01348/FUL	Robin Hood Inn, High Street, Elkesley, Retford	Demolish existing public house and erect twenty dwellings including four terraced houses, a three storey apartment block with four one bedroomed apartments and eight two bedroomed apartments, erect two detached dwellings and two semi detached dwellings and construct new access	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
16.10.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01324/FUL	Land East of Tiln Farm, Tiln Lane, Retford	Installation of a Peak Power Generation Plan (and associated infrastructure)	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
19.11.15	Mansfield District Council 2015/0712/NT	Former General Hospital site, West Hill Drive, Mansfield	42 no. apartments with communal areas and 12 no. bungalows for occupation by the	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee

			elderly				
10.12.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01605/OUT	Land to North and West of Chestnut Road, Langold	Outline planning permission with some matters reserved for residential development (access to be considered)	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
10.12.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01364/RSB	Land East of Birchcroft Road, Retford	Proposed residential development to form 10 two storey dwellings with parking spaces and garages (Resubmission of P/A 15/00633/FUL)	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
10.12.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01577/FUL	Former Glass Bulbs Ltd, Snape Lane, Harworth, South Yorkshire	Erection of three manufacturing buildings with ancillary storage areas, parking spaces, offices and maintenance area	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
17.12.15	Bassetlaw District Council 15/01304/OUT	Land North East of Dunelm Church Street, Beckingham, South	Outline planning application with some matters reserved for residential development	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee

		Yorkshire	of nineteen dwellings and construct new access				
08.01.16	Bassetlaw District Council 16/00015/FUL	Icon Polymer Limited, Thrumpton Lane, Retford	Hybrid Planning Application, comprising A) full application for new manufacturing building (Class B2) and two storey offices (B1), with associated parking and refurbishment and change of use to Class A1/A3/B1 or D1 use for former Northern Rubber Tower building. B) outline application for the erection of a convenience supermarket (A1), freestanding hot food restaurant or take away (A3/A5) and a single storey building for non food retail and leisure use (A1/D2) with	KH	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee

			associated access, car park and service infrastructure				
<b>Broxtowe Borough Council</b>							
27.07.15	Broxtowe Borough Council 15/00454/FUL	Brookbreasting Farm, Narrow Lane, Watnall	Revised planning application for a Wind Turbine (50m to the hub and 77m to the tip	NW	O	Does not meet agreed protocol	Landscape commenst only
<b>Gedling Borough Council</b>							
25.08.15	Gedling Borough Council 2015/0424	Millfield Close, Burton Joyce	Residential Outline	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
25.08.15	Gedling Borough Council 2015/0424	Millfield Close, Burton Joyce	Residential Outline	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
09.09.15	Gedling Borough Council 2015/1024	Land adjacent Bradstone Drive, Spring Lane	Hybrid planning application comprising: Part A full planning application for creation of temporary access and enabling earth works to create development platform, Part B outline	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee

			application for residential development of up to 150 houses with associated access, landscaping and public open space. Approval sought for access. All other matters reserved				
28.09.15	Gedling Borough Council 2015/1033	A612 Burton Road B684 Mapperley Plains	Variation of Condition 1 2014/0915	NW	O	Does not meet agreed protocol	No Planning comments. Gedling BC informed 25 September
08.10.15	Gedling Borough Council 2015/1094	Land to rear of 194-202 Oakdale Road, Carlton	Construction of nine new 3 bedroom houses and five new 4 bedroom houses	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
<b>Mansfield District Council</b>							
17.08.15	Mansfield District Council 2015/0400/ST	Land off Penniment Lane, Mansfield	Construction of solar photovoltaic farm, associated infrastructure and	NW	C	Meets Protocol	March E & S Committee

			landscaping				
20.08.15	Mansfield District Council 2015/0527/NT	Littlewood Lane, Mansfield Woodhouse	Solar Farm	EMc	C	Meets Protocol	March E & S Committee
25.08.15	Mansfield District Council 2015/0480/NT	Ashland Cottage Farm, Beck Lane, Sutton in Ashfield	Solar Farm	EMc	C	Meets Protocol	March E & S Committee
17.08.15	Mansfield District Council 2015/0400/ST	Land off Penniment Lane, Mansfield	Construction of solar photovoltaic farm, associated infrastructure and landscaping	NW	C	Meets Protocol	March E & S Committee
25.08.15	Mansfield District Council 2015/0480/NT	Ashland Cottage Farm, Beck Lane, Sutton in Ashfield	Solar Farm	EMc	C	Meets Protocol	March E & S Committee
22.09.15	Mansfield District Council 2015/0592/PR	Spot on Snooker, Debdale Lane, Mansfield Woodhouse	To provide 34 No. apartments	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
22.10.15	Mansfield District Council 2015/0480/ST	Ashland Cottage Farm, Beck Lane, Sutton in Ashfield	Construction of a solar photovoltaic (PV) farm, associated infrastructure and	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee

			landscaping				
05.11.15	Mansfield District Council 2015/00669/NT	Warsop Vale, Mansfield	Residential development for 14 dwellings	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
09.11.15	Mansfield District Council 2015/0669/NT	Nottinghamshire County Council, Warsop Vale, JMI School, Carter Lane, Warsop Vale	Outline planning application for the development of 14 no. dwellings (including the reserved matter of access)	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
13.11.15	Mansfield District Council		Local Plan Consultation Draft – Retail and Leisure Technical Paper	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
07.01.16	Mansfield District Council		Mansfield District Local Plan – Consultation Draft – Notification of consultation period	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
13.01.16	Mansfield District Council 2016/0003/NT	Land at 66-70 Clipstone Road West, Forest Town	Residential development of 14 no. bungalows	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee



**Newark and Sherwood District Council**

30.07.15	Newark & Sherwood DC 15/01260/FULM	Former Piano School, Mount Lane, Newark on Trent	Conversion into 10 units of residential accommodation	NW	O	Does not meet protocol	Comments sent to Newark & Sherwood DC 18 August
04.08.15	Newark & Sherwood DC 15/01228/FULM	British Sugar, Great North Road	Wind Turbine	NW	O	Does not meet protocol	Comments sent to Newark & Sherwood DC 18 August
04.08.15	Newark & Sherwood DC 15/01295/FULM	Springfield Bungalow, Nottingham Road, Southwell	38 + 12 dwellings	NW	O	Does not meet protocol	Comments sent to Newark & Sherwood DC 18 August
07.08.15	Newark & Sherwood DC 15/01153/FULM	Former Squinting Cat Pub, Mansfield Road, Clipstone	Change of use to residential	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
25.08.15	Newark & Sherwood DC 15/01206/FULM	Field Ref. 2694, Forest Lane, Bilsthorpe	Installation of a solar farm in the order of approximately 4.88 MWp and associated	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee

			infrastructure				
26.08.15	Newark & Sherwood District Council 15/01516/OUTM	Southwell Road, Farnsfield	48 dwellings	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
15.09.15	Newark & Sherwood District Council 15/01307/FULM	17 North Gate, Newark on Trent	Housing development to consist of 12 no. social housing units	NW	O	Meets protocol	Comments sent to Newark & Sherwood DC 28 September
05.10.15	Newark & Sherwood District Council		Consultation on Newark & Sherwood Local Development Framework plan review issues paper	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
12.10.15	Newark & Sherwood District Council		Newark & Sherwood Local Development Framework Plan Review – Issues Paper Consultation	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
11.11.15	Newark & Sherwood DC		Southwell Neighbourhood Plan Proposal Submission	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee

06.01.16	Newark & Sherwood District Council 15/01295/FULM	Springfield Bungalow, Nottingham Road, Southwell	Proposed residential development of 38 dwellings and conversion and extension of existing residential property to form 12 supported living units	NW	O	Does not meet agreed protocol	No additional comments (NW – 11.01.16)
<b>Rushcliffe Borough Council</b>							
25.08.15	Rushcliffe Borough Council 15/00339/FUL	Land North of Gamston Lings Bar Road and East of Melton Road, Edwalton	Erection of 271 dwellings; construction of a new access, open space, play area, landscaping, surface water attenuation area, internal roads and associated infrastructure	EMc	O	Does not meet agreed protocol	Landscape and T & T only (previously commented). They are to respond directly to RBC if they have any comments. No planning comments
26.08.15	Rushcliffe Borough Council	Land south of Radcliffe Road, Holme Pierrepont	Solar Farm	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee

	15/01971/FUL						
25.08.15	Rushcliffe Borough Council 15/00339/FUL	Land North of Gamston Lings Bar Road and East of Melton Road, Edwalton	Erection of 271 dwellings; construction of a new access, open space, play area, landscaping, surface water attenuation area, internal roads and associated infrastructure	EMc	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
26.08.15	Rushcliffe Borough Council 15/01971/FUL	Land south of Radcliffe Road, Holme Pierrepont	Solar Farm	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
11.09.15	Rushcliffe Borough Council 15/01793/FUL	Land west of Malmic House, Brookside Road, Ruddington	Demolition of factory unit and two dwellings and erection of 28 dwellings with associated infrastructure	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee
28.09.15	Rushcliffe Borough Council 15/01776/FUL	Stragglethorpe Road Farm, Opposite entrance to the Nottinghamshire Golf and Country Club,	Installation and operation of a solar farm (5MW) comprising 19,602 panels,	NW	C	Meets protocol	March E & S Committee

		Main Road, Cotgrave	mounting frames, inverters, transformers, pole mounted CCTV cameras, substations, composting toilet and fence				
28.10.15	Rushcliffe Borough Council 15/02251/FUL	Bridgford Garden Centre, Fosse Way, East Bridgford	Demolition of part of existing buildings and erection of replacement garden centre with new vehicular access, car park and access road for garden centre.	NW	O	Meets protocol	Response sent 23 November
<b>Out of County/Other</b>							
20.07.15	North Kesteven District Council		Welbourn Neighbourhood Plan	NW	O	Did not meet protocol	No Comments Email sent to LPA 20 July
20.07.15	Leicester City Council		Leicester City Council Local Plan Update – Duty to Co-operate	NW	O	Did not meet protocol	No comments
24.07.15	Erewash Borough Council	Former Stanton Ironworks Site, Lows Lane, Stanton	Outline planning application (with all	NW	O	Did not meet protocol	No comments

	ERE/0213/0001	by Dale, Derbyshire	matters reserved except for access) for demolition and site clearance works to allow for the construction of a mixed use neighbourhood development				
24.07.15	North Lincolnshire Council		Lincolnshire Lakes Area Action Plan DPD Examination	NW	O	Did not meet protocol	No Comments. North Lincolnshire Council notified 23 July
04.08.15	Sturton le Steeple Parish Council		Sturton le Steeple Neighbourhood Plan submission	NW	O	Meets protocol	Comment sent 04 September
17.08.15	Charnwood Borough Council		Charnwood Local Plan Core Strategy Updated Sustainability Appraisal Report (August 2015)	NW	O	Only comments were from TTS – emailed directly to Lead Officer 05	No comments

						September	
21.08.15	Lincolnshire County Council	Norton Bottoms Quarry	Quarry EIA Scoping	EMc	O	Response from Planning Policy Team saying No Comment. Highways will be responding directly if they have any comments	No comments
04.08.15	Sturton le Steeple Parish Council		Sturton le Steeple Neighbourhood Plan submission	NW	O	Meets protocol	Comment sent 04 September
17.08.15	Charnwood Borough Council		Charnwood Local Plan Core Strategy Updated Sustainability Appraisal Report (August 2015)	NW	O	Meets protocol	Only comments were from TTS – emailed directly to Lead Officer 05 September
07.09.15	South Kesteven District Council	Former RAF Fulbeck Airfield, Stragglethorpe	Erection, 25 year operation and subsequent de-	NW	O	Does not meet protocol	Comments sent to LPA

	S15/1764/EIAFP	Lane, Fulbeck, Lincs	commissioning of a wind farm consisting of 10 wind turbines (each up to 110m to the blade tip) and associated infrastructure, including underground cable connections				
08.09.15	Kirklees Council		Kirklees Council Local Plan	NW	O	Does not meet protocol	Comments sent to LPA
15.09.15	Derby City Council		Derby City Local Plan Part 1: Core Strategy Pre-Submission Consultation	NW	O	Meets protocol	Comments sent to Derby City Council 29 September
23.09.15	Nottingham Friends of the Earth		Oil and Gas Licences in Notts – Habitats Regulations Assessment consultation	NW	O	Does not meet protocol	No comments sent
29.09.15	North West Leicestershire		Draft Local Plan Consultation	EMc	O	Meets protocol	Response sent 16 November



12.10.15	North Lincolnshire Council		North Lincolnshire Local Development Framework – Planning for Solar Photovoltaic & Planning for Health & Wellbeing Draft Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) - Consultation	NW	O	Meets protocol	Response sent to North Lincolnshire Council 20 October
12.10.15	Central Lincolnshire Council		Central Lincolnshire Consultation Event: Local Plan, CIL and other Documents	NW	O	Meets protocol	Comments sent to Central Lincolnshire 19 November
15.10.15	BPUD Limited		Consultation Draft of Radcliffe-on-Trent Neighbourhood Plan	NW	O	Meets protocol	Response sent 11 November
30.10.15	Bolsover District Council		Preparation of Local Plan for Bolsover District	NW	O	Meets protocol	Response sent to Bolsover DC 23 November
12.11.15	Sheffield City Council		Consultation on Citywide Options for	EMc	O	Meets protocol	Response sent 23

			Growth				December
18.01.16	Dunstan Neighbourhood Panel		Dunstan Neighbourhood Plan Pre Submission Consultation	NW	O	Meets protocol	Comments sent o Dunstan Neighbourhoo d Panel 12 February

Response type

C = Committee

O = Officer





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## **REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES**

### **WORK PROGRAMME**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2015-16

#### **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 noted, 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

## **ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME**

<b><u>Report Title</u></b>	<b><u>Brief summary of agenda item</u></b>	<b><u>For Decision or Information ?</u></b>	<b><u>Lead Officer</u></b>	<b><u>Report Author</u></b>
<b>28 April 2016</b>				
<b>Minerals Monitoring Report and Local Aggregates Assessment</b>	TBC			
<b>Responses on Planning Consultations and Strategic Planning Observations</b>	To provide a summary of the current status of planning consultations received and being dealt with by the County Council.	Information	Lisa Bell	Nina Wilson
<b>Recycling Centre Service Changes</b>	Summary of operational changes implemented in April 2016 including pre-registration process, charging arrangements and new on-line forms.	Information	Mick Allen	
<b>Mansfield and Ashfield Residual Waste Arrangements from April 2017</b>	Consideration of Veolia proposal and alternative options.	Decision	Mick Allen	
<b>16 June 2016</b>				
<b>Update/Approval on Local Aggregates</b>	TBC	Decision	Sally Gill	
<b>Responses on Planning Consultations and Strategic Planning Observations</b>	To provide a summary of the current status of planning consultations received and being dealt with by the County Council.	Information	Lisa Bell	Nina Wilson
<b>21 July 2016</b>				
<b>Waste Local Plan (Part 2) Preferred Approach Consultation</b>	TBC			
<b>Responses on Planning Consultations and Strategic Planning Observations</b>	To provide a summary of the current status of planning consultations received and being dealt with by the County Council.	Information	Lisa Bell	Nina Wilson

### **To be Scheduled**

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Waste Local Plan Part 2 – Preferred Approach	Request approval for consultation	Decision	Sally Gill	Lisa Bell
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