

National:

Councils across the country are considering plans to reduce their spending including by cutting up to 170,000 public sector jobs in anticipation of a dramatic downturn in their budgets.

Polly Curtis, guardian.co.uk (1.3.10), *Councils consider plans to shed 170,000 public sector jobs*, www.guardian.co.uk/society/2010/mar/01/councils-budget-cuts, Guardian News and Media Limited 2010.

At least 25,000 council jobs in England will be under threat in the next three to five years, a BBC survey suggests. The forecast is based on answers from 49 councils with a combined workforce of 256,000, suggesting cuts of 10%.

Paul Deal, BBC News (1.3.10), *Threat to 25,000 council jobs*, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/8528836.stm>, BBC @ MMX

Almost a third of public sector employers are planning to cut jobs during the first quarter of this year, amid warnings that the "starting gun for a public sector recession has been fired". In a survey of 700 employers, the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) said today that redundancies in both the public and private sectors are set to accelerate during the first three months of 2010.

Kathryn Hopkins, guardian.co.uk (15.2.10), *Job cuts signal start of public sector recession*, www.guardian.co.uk/business/2010/feb/15/public-sector-job-cuts-cipd, Guardian News and Media Limited 2010.

The latest quarterly survey undertaken by the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development (CIPD) of more than 700 employers, has found that the jobs outlook has worsened despite the UK emerging from recession. Firms in all sectors plan to cut 6.2% of their workforce in the first three months of 2010, compared with 3.8% in the previous quarter. One in 10 companies is looking to outsource jobs in 2010, with almost half of IT companies saying they would be moving jobs abroad. India remains the most popular outsourcing destination, followed by countries in Eastern Europe. Almost one in three public sector employers plan to shed jobs this quarter, with defence and public administration set to be hit particularly hard.

BBC News (15.2.10), *'UK jobs market still on the ropes'*, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/business/8515257.stm>, © BBC MMX.

Universities across the country are preparing to axe thousands of teaching jobs, close campuses and ditch courses to cope with government funding cuts.

Jessica Shepherd and Owen Bowcott, guardian.co.uk (7.2.10), *Thousands to lose jobs as universities prepare to cope with cuts*, www.guardian.co.uk/education/2010/feb/07/job-losses-universities-cuts, Guardian News and Media Limited 2010.

The Work and Pensions secretary, Yvette Cooper, has told the Guardian that her office is working with employers and organisations such as the Federation of Small Businesses to draw up new ways of supporting men as well as women and non-parents as well as parents working more flexible hours.

Allegra Stratton, guardian.co.uk (29.1.10), *Minister calls for wider flexible working rights*, www.guardian.co.uk/money/2010/jan/28/flexible-working-extension-labour-plans, Guardian News and Media Limited 2010.

Regional:

Leicestershire has suffered its single biggest redundancy blow for 20 years with the loss of 1,200 jobs. AstraZeneca has announced it is to close its Loughborough pharmaceutical plant next year as part of a worldwide shake-up of the business.

thisisleicestershire.co.uk, Leicester Mercury (3.3.10), *AstraZeneca job losses to have a ripple effect on all of Leicestershire*, www.thisisleicestershire.co.uk/news/AstraZeneca-job-losses-ripple-effect-Leicestershire/article-1880825-detail/article.html, Leicester Mercury Media Group Ltd, DMGT Group of Companies.

Loughborough is close to the south-west border of Nottinghamshire and adjacent to the Nottingham travel-to-work area. It is therefore very likely that this closure will impact further than just the Loughborough economy.

Related article: Around 1,200 jobs are to be lost with the closure of one of Loughborough's biggest employers. AstraZeneca announced it is to shut its pharmaceutical plant in the town next year.

thisisbusiness.co.uk (2.3.10), *1,200 jobs go with AstraZeneca closure*, www.thisisbusiness-eastmidlands.co.uk/news/1-200-jobs-Astra-Zeneca-closure/article-1879357-detail/article.html, Nottingham Post Media Group Ltd.

Local:

Castle College has begun consultation for the potential loss of up to 200 jobs. Some of its sites could also close. Like all colleges nationally, Castle College faces government-imposed cuts because of a change in the way courses are funded. The college is already thought to be in millions of pounds of debt.

thisisnottingham.co.uk, Evening Post (26.2.10), *College job cuts follow year-on-year losses*, www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/College-job-cuts-follow-year-year-losses/article-1870611-detail/article.html, Nottingham Post Media Group Ltd.

Hundreds of Nottingham City Council staff have been told that their jobs are at risk. The authority is seeking to save about £18m in the next financial year to fund additional costs such as the increase in child protection cases, extra expenditure on adult social care, the council's move to a new office and paying money back to reserves which have fallen too low. There will be a 90-day consultation period with employees and their unions.

thisisnottingham.co.uk, Evening Post (25.2.10), *Jobs set for axe at City Council*, www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/Hundreds-council-staff-told-jobs-risk/article-1863469-detail/article.html, Nottingham Post Media Group Ltd.

Lingerie and swimwear company, Stirling Group, has closed its factory at the Blenheim Industrial Estate in Bulwell. The company went into administration last month, and despite attempts to find a buyer, production has now ceased with 48 people having been made redundant.

hucknalldispatch.co.uk (19.2.10), *Factory closes its doors in job cull*, www.hucknalldispatch.co.uk/news/Factory-closes-its-doors-in.6085952.jp, ©2010 Johnston Press Digital Publishing.

The chief executive of Nottinghamshire County Council has said the authority is facing financial pressures "unprecedented in its history". Under an 'improvement plan' launched by the authority, 1,000 jobs will go in addition to 468 posts which are going in the next year. The council has unveiled a plan to save £200m over the next five years.

thisisnottingham.co.uk, Evening Post (1.3.10), *Nottinghamshire county boss describes money pressures*, <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/england/nottinghamshire/8531081.stm>, Nottingham Post Media Group Ltd.

Concerns have been raised about more jobs cuts at Nottinghamshire County Council in addition to 1,500 already expected. The council expects its £21m cost-cutting plans – named "The Change Programme" – to save £57.5m in revenue a year, which includes the expected 1,500 job cuts. But new figures show that the council is looking to save £81m per year from 2013/14.

thisisnottingham.co.uk, Evening Post (18.2.10), *More job cut fears at county council*, www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/job-cut-fears-county-council/article-1842257-detail/article.html, Nottingham Post Media Group Ltd.

One of Nottingham's oldest businesses, F.G. Skerritt, has called in receivers. The building services company, owned by Nottingham businessman Nat Puri, has ceased trading. Dilip Dattani and Patrick Ellward of RSM Tenon have been appointed administrative receivers. All the staff of about 131 have been made redundant.

thisisnottingham.co.uk, Evening Post (17.2.10), *131 jobs go as Nat Puri's Skerritts calls in receivers*, www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/Undefined-Headline/article-1838618-detail/article.html, Nottingham Post Media Group Ltd.

Up to 300 jobs could be created if a development goes ahead at the site of the former Sunlight laundry on Daleside Road, Colwick. A planning application for a supermarket, leisure facilities and offices has been submitted by Cedar Holdings.

thisisnottingham.co.uk, Evening Post (16.2.10), *300 jobs at £25m site*,
www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/300-jobs-163-25m-site/article-1835717-detail/article.html,
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Avery Healthcare has opened the new Hall Park Care Home in Bulwell. The facility will offer residential care and dementia care, which will be provided by 60 new posts.

thisisnottingham.co.uk, Evening Post (8.2.10), *New Care Home to Open in Bulwell*,
www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/New-care-home-open-Bulwell/article-1813641-detail/article.html,
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Work on Beeston's new Tesco superstore is to begin later this month, six years after Tesco was first granted planning permission by Broxtowe Borough Council to develop the site. The prospect of a new Tesco superstore in Beeston is expected to create up to 420 jobs.

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Cuts of £449m nationally have been announced by the Higher Education Funding Council for England. University places are expected to be reduced and cuts in staff and services are being widely predicted at universities across the country. Nottingham Trent University and the University of Nottingham will learn the exact amount they are out of pocket in March.

thisisnottingham.co.uk, Evening Post (3.2.10), *Mandy in city to talk university cuts*,
www.thisisnottingham.co.uk/news/Mandy-city-talk-university-cuts/article-1798550-detail/article.html,
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