

Priority one

Supporting safe and thriving communities

Having strong communities that are safe and thriving is one of the County Council's top priorities. We can only achieve this by working in partnership with local communities, the police and voluntary sector. We recognise the important contribution made by the voluntary and community sector in Nottinghamshire, both in providing valuable services and ensuring that local communities have a voice. We will continue to provide grant aid to voluntary groups to support the provision of non statutory services which complement our strategic priorities.

Protecting vulnerable children, young people and adults accounts for a large proportion of our budget and is one of our most important areas of work. We will change the ways in which we operate to improve the coordination and effectiveness of our Safeguarding arrangements. Protecting the health of all local people is also a priority, making sure our communities are resilient and any emergency response is coordinated to help keep people safe.

As demands on the road network continue to grow, it is increasingly important to manage the network effectively to enable improved connectivity and ensure the efficient movement of people and goods. We will undertake a thorough review of the condition of our roads and pavements. We will assist more children to be able to walk and cycle to and from school in a safer environment, by reducing the speed limit outside schools to 20 mph.

The safety of wider communities is also a priority and we will ensure that we work closely with the Police & Crime Commissioner to introduce measures that will help reduce crime and the fear of crime.

Finally a safer trading environment and the protection of rights of the consumer and legitimate businesses will continue to be championed. We will innovate and adopt new ways of working, which promote working in partnership with businesses to make Nottinghamshire a fair and safe place to do business.



What we will deliver

outcome

how we will measure progress

role of the Council

The most vulnerable children and adults will be effectively protected and supported

Improve the quality and robustness of our Safeguarding Plans

We will work with our partners from the Police, Health, Education and other agencies to ensure our Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub is a success

The public are confident that Nottinghamshire is a safe and secure place to live and work

Improve the perception of how safe people feel in their local area

Work with the Police and Crime Commissioner to reduce crime and the fear of crime

Casualties on Nottinghamshire's roads continue to reduce

Reduce the number killed or seriously injured on Nottinghamshire's roads

We will maintain roads in a serviceable condition and seek to change behaviour through engineering measures, awareness raising and enforcement.

Nottinghamshire is a fair and safe place to do business

Increase the number of partnerships with businesses to support the local economy and help them to trade lawfully

We will champion the rights of the consumer and target our support to protect the vulnerable

The health and safety of local people are protected by organisations working together

A multi-agency plan is agreed to lead a response across partners to health emergencies from infectious diseases, environmental, and chemical hazards.

Through the Director of Public Health, we will provide leadership across partner organisations to protect the health and safety of local people.