

Meeting COVID 19 RESILIENCE, RECOVERY AND RENEWAL COMMITTEE

Date 14 December 2020 (commencing at 10.30 am)

**Membership**

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

**COUNCILLORS**

John Knight (Chairman)  
Reg Adair (Vice-Chairman) **A**

Joyce Bosnjak  
Ben Bradley  
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE **A**  
Stephen Garner

Michael Payne  
Alan Rhodes  
Jason Zadrozny

**SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

Richard Butler for Reg Adair  
Richard Jackson for Mrs Kay Cutts MBE

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Anthony May, Chief Executive  
Jonathan Gribbin, Director of Public Health  
Derek Higon, Service Director, Place and Communities  
Matthew Neal, Service Director, Investment and Growth, Place  
Rob Fisher, Group Manager, Emergency Planning Management and Registration, Place  
Jo Toomey, Advanced Democratic Services Officer, Chief Executive's

**1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2020**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 3 November 2020, having been previously circulated, were confirmed for signing by the Chairman.

**2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- Councillor Mrs. Kay Cutts MBE (other County Council business)
- Councillor Reg Adair (other reasons)

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

None.

#### **4. COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATE**

Jonathan Gribbin introduced the report and gave a presentation, which provided a situational update of COVID-19 cases in Nottinghamshire.

During discussion, Members:

- Asked questions about community testing in Nottinghamshire and the availability of Lateral Flow Tests and how the county position correlated with the messages being delivered from Government.
- Requested that the Director of Public Health set out the position regarding the deployment of Lateral Flow Tests and community testing in Nottinghamshire in a briefing note for Members and as part of his weekly press briefing for dissemination of messages to the public.

#### **RESOLVED 2020/016**

That, following consideration of the committee report and presentation, there were no further possible measures to be recommended to the Nottinghamshire County COVID-19 Engagement Board.

#### **5. COVID-19: UPDATE REPORT**

Derek Highton introduced the report, which updated Members on the impact of the Coronavirus crisis on the work of Nottinghamshire County Council and the Council's response and recovery planning.

During discussion, Members:

- Expressed their gratitude, acknowledging the work of Council staff during the COVID-19 response period. The efforts of elected Members were also recognised.

#### **RESOLVED 2020/017**

- 1) That Members approved and endorsed the continuing efforts of services to ensure effective service provision during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2) That the following further actions be implemented:
  - a. The Chief Executive to pass on the thanks of the Committee to officers of the Council for their work throughout the year as part of the response to the pandemic.
- 3) That further update reports be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

## **6. ROLE OF THE LOCAL RESILIENCE FORUM IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

Rob Fisher introduced the report which provided information to Committee about the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Resilience Forum and its role in the local response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **RESOLVED 2020/018**

- 1) That no further actions were required in relation to the issues contained within the report.
- 2) That Members agreed to receive further updates at subsequent meetings.

## **7. FOOD AND DRINK SECTOR BUSINESS SUPPORT TOOLKIT**

Matthew Neal introduced the report, which updated Members on Government help for small and medium sized businesses in the food and drink industry and informed the Committee about the Business Toolkit that had been created to support Nottinghamshire's food and drink sector.

### **RESOLVED 2020/019**

- 1) To approve the launch of the Business Support Toolkit to enable commencement of support to Nottinghamshire's food and drinks sector at the earliest opportunity.
- 2) That an extensive public relations campaign is mobilised to launch the Business Support Toolkit, involving some of Nottinghamshire's prominent growers and producers to help with the promotion.

## **8. UPDATE ON YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SUPPORT IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE**

Matthew Neal introduced the report, which provided contextual information relating to youth unemployment across Nottinghamshire. It also gave Members an overview of the Government's Kickstarter Scheme and other national, regional and local programmes aimed at supporting young people, and sought approval to undertake procurement of an online platform for career management and transition.

During discussion, Members:

- Asked about the cost of procurement of the online platform for career management and transition and how the success of the platform would be measured, requesting that a report be brought to the next meeting of the Committee.

### **RESOLVED 2020/020**

- 1) To approve the procurement of an online platform for career management and transition.
- 2) To confirm agreement to the continued involvement of the Council in providing an 'Introduction to Kickstart' programme for eligible young people in

Nottinghamshire, in partnership with the Department of Work and Pensions and the Council's jointly owned Futures Company.

## **9. WORK PROGRAMME**

### **RESOLVED 2020/021**

That the following item be added to the work programme for consideration at the next meeting of the Committee:

- The indicative cost of procurement and success measures for the online platform for career management and transition.

The meeting closed at 12.06 pm.

**CHAIRMAN**