

Place Select Committee

Wednesday, 20 September 2023 at 10:30

County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

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COUNCILLORS

Nigel Moxon (Chairman)
Tom Hollis (Vice-Chairman) - **Apologies**

Richard Butler	John Ogle - Apologies
Anne Callaghan BEM	Roger Upton
Penny Gowland - Apologies	Jonathan Wheeler
Mike Introna - Apologies	Elizabeth Williamson
Kane Oliver	

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillor Pauline Allen for Councillor Penny Gowland
Councillor Eric Kerry for Councillor John Ogle
Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan for Councillor Tom Hollis
Councillor Nigel Turner for Councillor Mike Introna

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Mike Adams
Councillor John Cottee
Councillor Tom Smith

OFFICERS

Mick Allen	- Group Manager, Environment and Resources
Vicky Cropley	- Programme Manager – Safer Nottinghamshire Board
Noel McMenamin	- Democratic Services Officer
Kate Morris	- Democratic Services Officer
Mark Walker	- Interim Service Director, Place and Communities
Gary Wood	- Head of Highways and Transport

1. TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT BY FULL COUNCIL ON 11 MAY 2023 OF COUNCILLOR NIGEL MOXON AS CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLOR TOM HOLLIS AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 2023-24 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Committee noted Council's appointment of Councillor Nigel Moxon as its Chairman and Councillor Tom Hollis as its Vice-Chairman for the 2023/24 municipal year.

2. TO NOTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 2023-24 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Committee noted its membership for the 2023/24 municipal year as:

Councillors Richard Butler, Anne Callaghan BEM, Penny Gowland, Mike Introna, John Ogle, Kane Oliver, Roger Upton, Jonathon Wheeler, Elizabeth Williamson

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15 March 2023, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Penny Gowland (Other Reasons)
Councillor Tom Hollis (Other Reasons)
Councillor Mike Introna (Other County Council Business)
Councillor John Ogle (Other County Council Business)

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

6. **CRIME AND DISORDER STRATEGY**

For this item the Place Select Committee sat in its role as the Council's Statutory Crime and Disorder Committee, as defined by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.

Councillor John Cottee, Cabinet Member for Communities, and the Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities, Councillor Tom Smith attended the meeting to introduce the report updating the committee on the delivery of the Crime and Disorder Strategy (The Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement 2023-2025.) Vicky Cropley, the Programme Manager for the Safer Nottinghamshire Board gave a presentation and provided additional information. A **summary** of the presentation is detailed below:

- In the County there were 5 statutory Community Safety Partnerships at the District and Borough level, however, Gedling, Rushcliffe and Broxtowe having merged into one, Mansfield and Ashfield, and Newark and Bassetlaw had joint arrangement.
- Two Tier areas were required to have county wide strategic group, the Safer Nottinghamshire Board. The Board had responsibility for the production of the Community Safety Agreement, that identified county wide priorities and ways of coordination activity to address them.
- The current priorities identified in the 2023-25 community safety agreement included:
 - Domestic Abuse
 - Serious violence
 - Prevention
 - High Harm Offences
 - Fraud and Cyber crime

- These priorities had established programmes of work that ensured they were identified across the County and that activities to tackle them, and support their victims were in place.
- Local level Community Safety Partnerships were able to feed into the Safer Nottinghamshire Group and escalate local issues where it was apparent they had county wide significance, such as car cruising.
- Partnership development work was underway, that would develop a new operating model and identify the contributions the Board could make to the priorities. This work was due to be completed later in the year and would highlight where the Board was able to add value to partnership work.

In the discussion that followed, members raised the following points and questions:

- Members noted that the report did not reflect commitments provided as part of a Motion passed at Full Council in March 2023, and asked that an updated report be brought to the next committee meeting, to include information on performance against current strategic priorities and to review whether those currently assigned as priority leads remained suitable.
- Members highlighted the importance of reporting antisocial behaviour to ensure that resources were allocated appropriately to tackle the behaviours. Members asked if there were plans to increase or improve communication with the public to highlight this message and how partner agencies communicate across the Boroughs and Districts in order to ensure strategic and joined up work.
- Members commented that visible rural policing had not seen an increase despite the number of front-line Police staff returning to that of 2010. Members also asked whether there would be a continued increase in police numbers as seen in recent years.
- Members questioned whether the identified priorities within the strategy had an order of priority and how the work by the Board was measured in terms of efficacy.

In response to the points raised the Cabinet Member for Communities, the Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities, and officers present provided the following responses:

- The Communication Strategy, currently under development, was due to publicly report on performance against the current strategic priorities of the Board later in the year. Whilst undertaking the annual review of priorities, the Safer Nottinghamshire Board took into account self-assessment, as well as the Motion and other partnership feedback, which should have been reflected in the report. The priority leads were assigned to specific roles from across the partnership, including Chairs of other boards such as the Reducing Reoffending Board. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board was not in a position to reassign leads.

- The Communication Strategy had been looking at how best to ensure that the public were aware of the various ways to report anti-social behaviour, both to the Police and to the Local Authority, and would also look at how to feed back the impact of reporting. Anti-Social behaviour was dealt with as a cross cutting and county wide issue with both the Police and Districts and Boroughs to ensure a coordinated response as different partner organisations had different powers and resources available to tackle the issue. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board drew together the different elements to bring a uniformity of response.
- Funding for Policing came from central government, which had indicated support for increasing investment in police numbers nationally.. The Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities, who also sat on the Safer Nottinghamshire Board, confirmed that the desire to see more funding for frontline staff was echoed through partners and within the Police.
- The five priorities identified by the Safer Nottinghamshire Board did not have an order of priority. Each of them had equal weighting in respect of improving lives of Nottinghamshire residents. . The Safer Nottinghamshire Board sat within a complex landscape of partners, and monitoring performance could be complicated. Performance of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board was measured against a delivery plan, currently in development for each priority which set out the specific tasks the Board was responsible for. These were due for ratification in September 2023 which would lead to better transparency and reporting around performance of the Board.

The Chairman thanked the Cabinet Member for Communities, the Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities, and the Programme Manager for the Safer Nottinghamshire Board for the attending the meeting and answering members' questions.

RESOLVED 2023/010

1. That the report be noted.
2. That a further progress report on the delivery of the crime and disorder strategy be received at the July 2024 meeting of the Place Select Committee in its role as the as the Council's Statutory Crime and Disorder Committee, as defined by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.
3. That the following issues raised by the Committee in its consideration of the report on the delivery the crime and disorder strategy (The Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement 2023-2025) be progressed:
 - a) That the Safer Nottingham Board's Communications Strategy should have a focus on activities to make it clearer and easier for residents to report crime and anti-social behaviour incidents to both local authorities and the Police (as appropriate), in order to help provide assurance that residents' concerns are being addressed and to ensure that resources are being allocated effectively.
 - b) That a further report be submitted to the September 2023 meeting of the Place Select Committee that:

- i. acknowledges the commitments of the Motion of Full Council in March 2023.
- ii. includes information around performance issues under the current strategic priorities of the Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement.
- iii. provides information on the suitability of those assigned to lead on priorities.

7. PROGRESS REPORT ON THE HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE STRATEGIC REVIEW

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment attended the meeting to introduce the report describing the progress of the Household Waste and Recycling Centre Strategic Review. The Group Manager Place Commissioning presented the report, a summary of which is detailed below.

- Work had been commissioned through AECOM to review the existing network of recycling centres in light of proposed changes to the Environment Act and the National Resources and Waste Strategy 2018 and in terms of the changing to housing and growth across the County.
- There had been no final steer from central government around a new policy or when it would be implemented, however it was likely that areas affected would be recycling centres, kerb side collection and more responsibility for sustainability put on manufacturers. Any changes were likely to see an impact on the type and amount of waste taken by recycling centres, and impact on the responsibilities of both Borough and District Councils as well as the County Council and the service offered by recycling centres.
- The Government had recently released the outcome from one consultation around DIY waste and were looking to change the legislation to compel recycling centres to take DIY waste free of charge.
- Work had taken place to look at access to sites and showed that 98% of the population of Nottinghamshire lived within a 20 minute drive of at least one of the 12 recycling centre sites across the County. The existing sites were old and were located where it was appropriate at the time they were established, but not necessarily in line with housing development currently underway
- Any changes to the network would need to be subject to contract negotiation with the long-term contractor Veolia and would need approval from DEFRA and the Treasury.

In the discussion that followed, members raised the following points and questions:

- Members felt that a Task and Finish review to look more closely at the emerging issues would be the best way to progress scrutiny work on this issue.
- The view was expressed that pausing work on the issue until the new legislation had been published would be more beneficial as it would be clear

what the requirements set out in law would be and would mean that officers have a clear direction of travel.

- Members enquired about the nature of commercial issues described within the report that needed to be resolved with the commercial PFI partner.
- Members noted the importance of upgrading certain sites that currently suffered from long queues and bringing extra capacity into the network and acknowledged that placement of the current sites was based on historical population spread.
- Disabled access at sites and assistance for disabled users was highlighted as an issue, and members asked that this be considered as part of any review.
- Members expressed frustration at the apparent lack of progress on the review, despite the lack of steer from central government and wanted to know what communication had been taking place with central government.
- Members asked whether conversations were taking place with neighbouring authorities regarding forming a partnership around the use of recycling centres within adjoining authorities..

In response to the points raised the Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and the Group Manager Place Commissioning provided the following responses:

- A task and finish review was welcomed as it would provide an opportunity to consider a wide range of information, working through the complex relationships within the system, and discussing different options for a sustainable and cost effective systems moving forward to ensure a future proofed network
- The commercial issues mentioned in the report related to the type of materials accepted at each site and the subsequent disposal or sale. Changing the way materials were dealt with on site, or which materials were accepted would impact provider contracts within the complex network of sites..
- Any new sites would be designed to be fully accessible. Existing sites had been assessed by the Disability Access Officer and staff were on hand to offer assistance if needed. A consistent programme of staff training had been implemented across the sites.
- Work had been carried out around the West Bridgford site, including traffic analysis. The site had a history of traffic queuing, and this had been a source of frustration for residents, partners, officers and members. There had been a number of attempts over the years to find and establish a new site in the Rushcliffe area. A number of limiting factors had made the task more difficult, including planning law, land availability and cost. Work was ongoing continued to find a solution to the issues at the West Bridgford site.

Conversations had taken place with both Derbyshire and Leicestershire Councils around the use of sites by residents but in the context of residents from those authorities using Nottinghamshire sites. Derbyshire County had a smaller number of

sites for residents to access. Although some sites in neighbouring authorities were geographically closer for Nottinghamshire residents, those often operated with more restricted opening times. The Chairman thanked the Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and the Group Manager Place Commissioning for the attending the meeting and answering members' questions and encouraged members from all groups to be involved with the Task and Finish group and reiterated that if members of the committee were unable to participate, they could nominate a member of their group to attend in their place.

RESOLVED 2023/011

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the following issues raised by the Committee in its consideration of the progress report on the Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategic Review be progressed:
 - a) That a scrutiny task and finish working group be established to carry out further scrutiny on, and to feed into the work being carried out on the review of Household Waste Recycling Centre provision.
 - b) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, in consultation with officers create a scope that will determine the work of the task and finish working group.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SCRUTINY REVIEW OF CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment attended the meeting to present the Cabinet Member's response to the Committee on the recommendations that had arisen from the review of Concessionary Travel. The Group Manager Highways and Transport also attended.

In the discussion that followed, members raised the following points:

- The Chair thanked officers and members who were involved in the review group.
- Members raised concerns about the access to bus routes for residents across the County.
- Members asked what communication had taken place with the Department of Transport regarding concessionary travel for veterans.

In response to the points raised the Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment provided the following responses:

- The Chair reminded members of the committee that the purpose of the item was to consider the recommendations made by the review group.
- Details and feedback of concessionary fares were included in the formal response to the Concessionary Fares review that the government was currently undertaking.

The Chairman thanked the Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and the Group Manager Highways and Transport for attending the meeting and answering members' questions.

RESOLVED 2023/012

1. That the response of the Cabinet member be noted.
2. That the Place committee continues to monitor the implementation of the recommendations arising from the review of Concessionary Travel.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered its Work Programme. Items on EV charging points and quality of free school meals were suggested by members for consideration.

RESOLVED 2023/013

1. That the Work Programme be noted.
2. That committee members make any further suggestions of items for inclusion on the work programme to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman (subject to consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s) and senior officers and the required approval by the Chairman of the Overview Committee).

The meeting closed at 12:09pm

CHAIRMAN

REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITIES**PLACE SELECT COMMITTEE JULY 2023 – RESPONSE TO RESOLUTIONS****Purpose of the Report**

1. In March 2023 Full Council agreed a crime and disorder related Motion put forward by Councillor Henshaw and Councillor Pringle. The resolved Motion is attached at Appendix One.
2. At the meeting of the Place Select Committee held on the 5 July 2023 where the Safer Nottinghamshire Board's Crime and Disorder Strategy (The Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement 2023-2025) was scrutinised, it was resolved:

“That a further report be submitted to the September 2023 meeting of the Place Select Committee that:

- I. acknowledges the commitments of the Motion of Full Council in March 2023.***
 - II. includes information around performance issues under the current strategic priorities of the Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement.***
 - III. provides information on the suitability of those assigned to lead on priorities.”***
3. This report acknowledges the commitments of the resolved Motion of Full Council in March 2023 and provides the further information requested by the Place Select Committee at its meeting on the 5 July 2023.

Information

4. There is a statutory requirement within the Crime and Disorder (Formation and Implementation of strategy) Regulations 2007 for a county-level group in two-tier areas that has responsibility for preparing and implementing a Community Safety Agreement (CSA). In Nottinghamshire, the county-level group is the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB).
5. The commitments of the resolved motion:
 - Ensure rising crime rates are acknowledged in the annual CSA Review.
 - Consider the identified specific types of rising crime within a future CSA beyond 2023, to ensure there are targeted responses to these crimes across Nottinghamshire.
6. In identifying the priorities for the CSA 2023-2025 the Police and Crime Needs Assessment was used as the evidence base. This draws on a range of local and national information sources to highlight the key issues, risks and threats that are likely to impact upon crime and

community safety. This includes any rising crime rates. The SNB priority setting for the latest CSA was subject to scrutiny by the Place Select Committee at its meeting in July 2023.

7. A revised performance management framework for the current CSA has been developed, this will be considered for approval by the SNB at its meeting in September 2023. This includes the following features:
 - The **SNB Overarching Delivery Plan 2023-2025**. Each of the SNB priorities and cross-cutting themes has its own outcome focussed plans and delivery mechanisms. The purpose of this overarching delivery plan is to read across these individual plans to identify the salient matters where the Board can add value to ensure the delivery of the CSA. This delivery plan includes the (a) overarching objectives, (2) performance and insight measures, (3) initial focus activity for the SNB.
 - A standing SNB agenda item for '**New and Emerging Issues**' that enables crime performance risks outside of the agreed priorities to be considered.
 - A standing SNB agenda item for '**Community Safety Partnership Matters – issues escalated by local areas**'. This enables the Community Safety Partnership Chairs to raise local issues for consideration at a countywide strategic level.
 - An **annual review of the CSA** informed by a refreshed needs assessment.
8. The commitments of the resolved motion:
 - Report on performance under current strategic priorities outlined in the SNB CSA and review whether those currently assigned to lead on these priorities remain suitable.

Performance of Current Priorities

9. The proposed SNB performance management approach, referenced at paragraph 5, aligns with that used for the Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Plan 2021-2025. This is to ensure that there is consistency of reporting across scrutiny bodies and partnerships including the Place Select Committee and the Police and Crime Panel. Whilst the PCC is not a statutory member of the SNB there is a duty to mutually cooperate. To meet this duty the CSA and Police and Crime Plan use a shared evidence base and have aligned priorities. The Police and Crime Panel is responsible for scrutinising the Police and Crime Plan.
10. The aligned approach means the performance reporting for all the current CSA priorities and cross-cutting themes, except for Prevent, are in the public domain. This is through the Police and Crime Panel papers for the 'Police and Crime Plan Performance Update' standing agenda item. The Police and Crime Panel next meets on the 25 September 2023.
11. Local performance on delivering against the requirements of the Prevent Duty is measured using the Annual Prevent Duty Assurance benchmarking exercise that is undertaken by the Home Office East Midlands Prevent Regional Advisor. In the County for 2022-2023, the Duty is either met or exceeded in eight of the ten criteria and plans are in place for the remaining two. The criteria where development work is continuing cover (1) training for relevant personnel and (2) engagement with a range of communities. In April 2023, a Prevent Board was established covering Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire to ensure that all the criteria are met across both areas.

SNB Priority Leads

12. The table below sets out each current priority and cross-cutting theme, the lead, and the rationale. All leads are non-political roles.

Priority / Cross-cutting Theme	SNB Lead	Rationale
Domestic Abuse	Director of Public Health, Nottinghamshire County Council	Reflects role in the commissioning of Domestic Abuse services and Chairing of the Local Domestic Abuse Partnership Board.
Serious Violence	Head of the Violence Reduction Partnership for Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire (VRP)	Reflects role in the countywide work of the VRP to tackle violent crime and the underlying causes of crime.
Prevent	Service Director, Children and Families, Nottinghamshire County Council	Chair of the Channel Panel. The Channel Panel is a multi-agency programme which identifies and supports at risk individuals, delivering key aims of the Prevent Duty.
High Harm Offences – slavery and exploitation	Chief Executive, Gedling Borough Council	Reflects the role of Local Authorities in tackling modern slavery.
Fraud (including cyber-enabled fraud)	Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Neighbourhoods, Rushcliffe Borough Council	Previously joint lead for the SNB Fraud and Cybercrime work programme and retained lead as this issue has been escalated to a priority in the current CSA.
Reducing Reoffending	Chief Executive, Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Nottinghamshire	Chair of the Reducing Reoffending Board which covers both the City and County. The RRB reports into the Local Criminal Justice Board which is chaired by the PCC.
Substance Use	Director of Public Health, Nottinghamshire County Council	Reflects role in commissioning of Substance Use services and Chairing of the Nottinghamshire Combatting Substance Use Partnership.
Feelings of Safety	Chief Executive, Ashfield District Council	Lead for the SNB partnership development work which includes the communication strategy.

13. The commitments of the resolved motion:

- Ensure that all past and future SNB CSA annual reports are published online and easily accessible to Nottinghamshire residents via the Nottinghamshire County Council website.

Annual Reviews

14. It is not the current practice of the SNB to publish an annual review. The SNB undertakes annual reviews of progress with delivering the CSA and current crime performance at its January/December meeting. These are conducted by way of workshop style partner events where feedback is captured and reflected on as opposed to a formal report format being produced.
15. It will, however, be recommended to the SNB that a summary of feedback is captured and shared in an annual report. This would be included in the SNB communication strategy that is currently being developed. This will involve each partner agency keeping its own organisational identity rather than giving a public identity to the SNB. There will also be a recommendation to the SNB that the community strategy acknowledges the resolution from the Place Select Committee in July 2023 to have a focus on activities to make it clearer and easier for residents to report crime and antisocial behaviour.

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny

16. A further progress report on the delivery of the crime and disorder strategy, the CSA, will be received at the July 2024 meeting of the Place Select Committee in its role as the Council's statutory Crime and Disorder Committee, as defined by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.

Other Options Considered

17. The contents of this report reflect the requirements of the resolution of the Place Select Committee in July 2023 therefore other options are not available.

Reason for Recommendation

18. To meet the requirements of the resolution of the Place Select Committee in July 2023.

Statutory and Policy Implications

19. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment 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

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

Crime and Disorder Implications

21. This report is driven by crime and disorder related legislation that seeks to improve community safety across the county.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the committee considers and comments on the report.

Councillor John Cottee
Cabinet Member - Communities

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Vicky Cropley, Programme Manager Safer Nottinghamshire Board, 0115 9772040, vicky.cropley@nottscc.gov.uk

Constitutional Comments (CEH 30/08/2023)

22. The report falls within the remit of the Place Select Committee.

Financial Comments (PAA29 24/08/2023)

23. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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.

- Minutes of the meeting of Full Council held on the 30 March 2023.
[Document.ashx \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)
- Place Select Committee, 5 July 2023, Crime and Disorder Scrutiny report.
[Democratic Management System > Meetings \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)
- Police and Crime Panel, 25 September 2023, Police and Crime Plan Performance Update.
[Democratic Management System > Meetings \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](#)
- Home Office Prevent Duty Guidance for specified authorities in England and Wales
[Prevent duty guidance: Guidance for specified authorities in England and Wales \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

APPENDIX ONE

RESOLVED CRIME AND DISORDER MOTION TO FULL COUNCIL, 30 MARCH 2023

On 27 February 2023, it was reported that Nottinghamshire was named the 18th 'most dangerous area out of 42 to live in the UK for crime'.

An Office for National Statistics (ONS) report published in January confirmed that in the annual period between September 2021 and 2022, every area of Nottinghamshire had experienced rising crime in particular categories, although the overall picture across different categories was varied.

This Council's Plan, The Nottinghamshire Plan, states:

"Helping our communities to stay safe is one of our top priorities as a Council. Over 1 in 3 people hoped to see lower crime in their local area over the next 10 years. So, we'll lead the Safer Nottinghamshire Board, working closely with Nottinghamshire Police, to reduce crime and make people feel safer and more protected."

The Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB) developed a 3-year Community Safety Agreement, to be reviewed annually from 2020-2023. This agreement outlines the strategic priorities of the SNB and assigns strategic leads to each priority.

This Council therefore resolves to recommend to the SNB that they:

- Ensure that rising crime rates in particular categories across Nottinghamshire are acknowledged in the upcoming annual SNB CSA review.
- Consider the identified specific types of rising crime within a future CSA beyond 2023, to ensure there are targeted responses to these crimes across Nottinghamshire.
- Report on performance under current strategic priorities outlined in the SNB CSA and review whether those currently assigned to lead on these priorities remain suitable.

Ensure that all past and future SNB CSA annual review reports are published online and easily accessible to Nottinghamshire residents via the Nottinghamshire County Council website."



20 September 2023

Agenda Item: 5

**REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR TRANSPORT AND THE ENVIRONMENT
PROGRESS REPORT ON WORK WITH THE JOINT WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD TO INCREASE RECYCLING RATES**

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide a progress report as required by the Place Select Committee resolution of 15 March 2023, *“That the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, in consultation with officers, gives further consideration to what further activities could be carried out through the Joint Waste Management Board to increase recycling rates across Nottinghamshire.”*

Information

Background and context

2. The statutory two-tier structure for management of municipal waste in Nottinghamshire is governed by the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act (EPA) 1990. Under the EPA the Waste Collection Authority (WCA) are responsible for collecting waste at the kerbside from households and businesses who request the service, and the delivering that waste to the County Council as Waste Disposal Authority (WDA) for Nottinghamshire for recycling, composting, treatment, and disposal as appropriate.
3. The WDA delivers its statutory obligations through contractual arrangements with various waste companies, but mainly the long-term Private Finance Initiative (PFI) arrangements with Veolia and the historical contract with FCC for the Eastcroft Energy from Waste plant.
4. The Statutory responsibility between the WDA and WCA is supplemented by a Waste Partnership Agreement which acts as a framework for joint working and is managed through a Joint Waste Management Board (JWMB) comprising the responsible Members and lead officers from the 7 WCA, the WDA, Nottingham City Council, and senior management from Veolia.
5. The JWMB is currently chaired by the member representative from Mansfield District Council and is supported by meetings of the Joint Officer Board (JOB), and individual task and finish groups comprising technical experts to deal with specific initiatives as required.

Role of JWMB in improving recycling rates across Nottinghamshire

6. To improve recycling rates across the county all the JWMB partners need to work together to provide a consistent and cohesive service offer to the public and address any current operational concerns, whilst planning how to adapt to the requirements proposed under the Resources and Waste Strategy (RWS) and the Environment Act.
7. The JWMB meets on a quarterly basis with the last meeting having been held on 12 July 2023.
8. To allow for appropriate discussions and partnership input into a response to the Place Select Committee, an item was tabled for that meeting asking, *“What further activities could be carried out through the Joint Waste Management Board to increase recycling rates across Nottinghamshire.”*
9. Discussions at the meeting have been captured in detail at Appendix A, and Members were also asked to provide any additional written representations back to the County Council by the end of August so that a full response could be brought back to the Place Select Committee at this meeting.
10. No Further Representations yet have been received in response to that request.

Summary of Issues and Opportunities Identified by JWMB

11. The discussions at JWMB on 12th July 2023 centred on 4 key areas:
 - a) Consistency – primarily regarding the range of material collected.
 - b) Communications with residents with a particular focus on joint messaging.
 - c) Funding – through the RWS/EA and through project specific business cases.
 - d) Evidence – what best practice looks like elsewhere, and why performance varies so significantly across the country and within the county.
12. The consistency issue will be best resolved by the RWS/EA as it progresses, and this will also require a refresh of communications to advise residents of what any changed services look like and how to maximise the benefits of the new collection regimes.
13. Communications are already managed in a joined-up way with a range of resources available to the WCA’s through the Veolia website, most of which are coordinated through the national Waste Resource Action Programme (WRAP), and a joint communications plan which is prepared every year to link activity into key national campaigns such as Recycle week, Compost week and Net Zero week. It is true to say that local political priorities do not always make a consistent approach easy to achieve.
14. Funding will flow from central government to support new statutory collection requirements however the County Council representatives reiterated that if a standalone business case exists for the introduction of new services which provide either betterment at no cost, or with a financial saving, then the County Council would consider provision of some funding support. The Council has previously provided financial support for the introduction of kerbside green waste collection services in Ashfield and Newark and Sherwood, and kerbside glass collections in Mansfield.

15. Much work has previously been done to assess the performance and cost of waste services in Nottinghamshire against both statistical and geographic neighbours, and several former BVPI's and NI covering waste are still routinely monitored by most WCA and WDA.
16. Nottinghamshire overall is slightly below average on recycling performance but has very high levels of landfill diversion performance, with over 95% of waste diverted from landfill in recent years. We also spend significantly less on waste treatment and disposal than most of our neighbouring WDA.
17. The 19% variance in recycling and composting performance between the lowest (Bassetlaw 26.5%) and highest (Rushcliffe 45.5%) across the county in 2022/23 is harder to understand despite wider demographic differences since all the WCA have the same mix of dry recycling through the Veolia contract. They all offer chargeable kerbside green waste collections with limited cost differences, and the majority of WCA offer kerbside glass and those that don't achieve high capture rates through good bring site coverage, as shown in Table 1.

District/Borough	Recycling	Composting	Combined
Ashfield	21.3%	12.5%	33.8%
Bassetlaw	15.4%	11.1%	26.5%
Broxtowe	18.4%	14.0%	32.4%
Gedling	19.5%	13.2%	32.7%
Mansfield	19.5%	10.8%	30.3%
Newark and Sherwood	18.9%	15.4%	34.3%
Rushcliffe	20.8%	24.7%	45.5%

Table 1: Recycling and composting rates across the County

18. Newark and Sherwood members have also independently approached Veolia asking for further research on this issue to be considered, and it is proposed therefore that subject to this work being jointly funded by the JWMB partners, independent research is commissioned to look at these performance inconsistencies and identify best practice in waste collection and recycling across England and how that could be applied to the current contractual framework.

Other ongoing actions

19. The Council will continue to explore ongoing further opportunities and work closely through appropriate regional and national bodies and networks to identify cost effective enhancements to services provided directly by the Council, or by partners, where a suitably robust and viable business case for investment exists.
20. The Devolution programme should also offer significant opportunities for funding and resources post 2024, given that all partners will be experiencing the same legislative drivers and change at a similar time.
21. An analysis of waste composition has recently been commissioned to identify the range and quantity of recyclable materials currently being placed in the residual bin by residents. This work will help inform both communications activities and support the research project noted above should it proceed.

Reason for Recommendation

22. To ensure Place Select Committee receives a comprehensive partnership response to the resolution of 15 March 2023.

Other Options Considered

23. Regarding providing an update on the resolution of Select Committee of 15th March, none.

24. Consideration was given to County Council officers and the Cabinet Member Transport and Environment providing their perspective for the Place Select Committee Meeting on 5th July 2023, but given the importance of and the multi-agency dynamic to the matter it was felt taking the request to the JWMB on 12th July would provide the most meaningful feedback.

Financial Implications

25. Whilst there are no direct financial implications from this report the County Council currently spends circa £35m per annum on waste recycling, treatment, and disposal, and is always seeking opportunities to 'invest to save' projects which deliver improved and enhanced public services whilst also reducing operational costs.

Implications for Service Users

26. None at this point although implementation of the RWS will lead to changes in kerbside services provided by the WCA in due course.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

27. The current contractual arrangements for waste management in the County provide a sustainable and affordable service with high levels of landfill diversion performance, average recycling performance and localised provision of facilities.

28. These factors combine to minimise the environmental impact of the service and provide a robust contractual and commercial basis for delivery of the requirements of the RWS and Environment Act to enhance recycling performance in the future.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Place Select Committee:

- 1) Accepts the progress report from Joint Waste Management Board and the Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment on "*what further activities could be carried out through the Joint Waste Management Board to increase recycling rates across Nottinghamshire*".

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE

Cabinet Member for Transport and the Environment

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Constitutional Comments (SSR 12.09.2023)

29. The report falls within the remit of the Place Select Committee.

Finance Comments (PAA29 12/09/2023)

30. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 25 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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.

- None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All.

Appendix A

Verbal Feedback from Joint Waste Management Board - 12 July 2023

Discussion summary:

The key topics of discussion are split into the following four categories:

- a) **Consistency** – a focus on the range of materials collected.
- b) **Communications** – the importance of communications with residents; with a particular focus on joint messaging.
- c) **Funding** – availability of funding from government through the Resource and Waste Strategy (RWS) and/or the Environment Act, as well as project specific business cases.
- d) **Evidence** – what best practice looks like elsewhere, and why performance varies so significantly across the country, and within the county.

a) Consistency

Board members discussed the importance of looking to expand the range of materials that are requested for recycling, whilst minimising confusion for residents. Members recognised that for materials to be accepted for recycling they require long-term sustainable markets, meaning all parties can be confident that the materials do get recycled.

The following points were discussed:

- 1) RWS – the strategy puts forwards the need to ensure a consistent set of dry recyclable materials is collected from all households and businesses. JWMB members noted that this change would support the ambition of increasing recycling rates but recognised that there is a need to act now in advance of any change in legislation.
- 2) Tetra-pak – Elected Members noted that residents regularly question why they cannot recycle tetra-pak products. It was noted by WCA officers and Veolia that there are significant challenges and costs associated with the recycling of these materials, as well as noting that research suggests the projected tonnages of these materials captured would be minimal; therefore, limiting the impact on recycling rate.
- 3) Regional differences – understanding the different acceptance criteria of Nottinghamshire's regional neighbours and reviewing the possibilities to align materials accepted, subject to sustainable and affordable markets being sourced.

b) Communications

Board members were notified that despite minimal changes being made to the materials being requested in the dry recycling mix over time, residents still do not get it right; meaning high levels of contamination, and a significant portion of recyclable material being uncaptured and remaining in the residual waste stream. Members agreed that a strong multichannel communication approach is required to educate and inform residents of what they can and cannot do.

The following points were discussed:

- 1) Joint communications – it was agreed that a joint approach to communications is required to ensure that messaging is reaching residents from all areas of the county. All parties need to work together in order to act as a single voice.
- 2) Clear messaging – communications need to be unambiguous and instructive. Messages should outline what residents can and cannot do with their waste in order to avoid confusion. Members also recognised the challenges associated with contradicting messages placed on packaging by retailers.
- 3) Waste composition – understanding the composition of waste is key to ensuring messaging can be targeted and impactful.
- 4) Reward opportunities – are there opportunities to reward residents for getting recycling right. Understanding how to incentivise residents to engage in good waste practices.

c) Funding

The availability of funding to both the WCAs and the WDA dictates what can be achieved, with the options to be reviewed needing to focus on having a maximal impact at a minimal cost.

- 1) RWS proposals – board members recognised that RWS and the Environment Act will force change upon the authorities. Some new burdens associated with changes to the service may be covered by additional funding from government, but not all.
- 2) Financial limitations - members recognised the financial challenges associated with introducing different methods of collection and disposal.
- 3) Business cases - NCC officers acknowledged that they are willing to support WCA's with future developments if a sound business case can be provided (i.e. for the introduction of kerbside glass collections such as in Mansfield).

d) Evidence

The board discussed the importance of understanding how other parts of the country operate in order to understand what best practice could be adopted. Regardless of the RWS proposals and a potential shift to a consistent set of materials, it needs to be understood why different areas perform at different levels.

- 1) Best practice – for members to understand what they should be encouraging within their own organisation, there is a need to understand what best practice looks like and how to get there.
- 2) Regional disparity - within the county itself there is a significant difference in recycling performance despite all WCA's working to the same operating model and input specification. Anecdotally, this could be attributable to socio-economic factors, but there is a need to understand the genuine cause.



REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR (PLACE)

**STATUTORY FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY:
SECTION 19 REPORT RE FLOODING IN RAVENSHEAD APRIL 2023**

Purpose of the Report

1. This report sets out the County Council's duties as the Lead Local Flood Authority to report on flooding incidents under Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act (2010) and to present its Section 19 Report in relation to the flooding in Ravenshead on 29 April 2023.

Information

2. Following the severe flooding in many parts of the country during the summer of 2007, the Government commissioned an independent review (the 'Pitt Review') which in 2008 recommended that local authorities should lead on the management of local flood risk, working in partnership with other organisations. Two key pieces of legislation have brought this forward; the Flood Risk Regulations 2009 which transposed the EU Floods Directive into UK Law and the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 (FWMA).
3. Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) is a Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA) and has powers and statutory duties to manage and co-ordinate local flood risk management activities. NCC does this by working together with other organisations including the Environment Agency (EA), who manage flooding from generally larger rivers known as Main Rivers, such as the River Trent; Internal Drainage Boards (IDB) managing low lying areas; District, Borough, Parish and Town Councils; and infrastructure/ utility providers, such as Severn Trent Water (STW) and National Highways (formerly the Highways Agency). This partnership work is overseen by the Strategic Flood Risk Management Board, jointly chaired by NCC and Nottingham City Council (NCiC) and attended by all Risk Management Authorities (RMAs).
4. The LLFA provides a countywide Flood Risk Management service supported by the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy & Action Plan (LFRMS) and the Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA).
5. Local flood risk means flooding from surface water (overland runoff), groundwater and smaller watercourses (known as Ordinary Watercourses).
6. Section 19 of the FWMA gives NCC, as LLFA, the following duties:
 - A. On becoming aware of a flood in its area, a lead local flood authority must, to the extent that it considers it necessary or appropriate, investigate:

- (a) Which Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) have relevant flood risk management functions.
- (b) Whether each of those risk management authorities has exercised, or is proposing to exercise, those functions in response to the flood.

B. Where an authority carries out an investigation under subsection (1) it must: -

- (a) Publish the results of its investigation.
- (b) Notify any relevant risk management authorities.

7. It should be noted that the purpose of a Section 19 Report is to outline what happened during a flooding incident and whether the relevant RMAs have exercised or will exercise their responsibilities, it does not identify specific measures to prevent future flooding. It is up to the LLFA if it wishes to then carry out further investigation into possible flood prevention and protection measures that could be implemented.
8. At Transport and Highways Committee on 31 October 2013 it was decided that Section 19 Reports should be prepared where NCC is aware that five or more properties in a locality have been affected by internal flooding (over the threshold [doorstep level] of the property). This threshold was triggered in Ravenshead on 29 April 2023; hence the Section 19 Report is included as an appendix, setting out the findings following the Authority's investigation.

Section 19 Summary for Ravenshead

9. As a result of the flooding in Ravenshead on 29 April 2023 the LLFA carried out investigations and is now able to present its Section 19 Report as contained in Appendix A.
10. The report identifies the main sources of flooding as excessive overland flows and surface water run-off, as a result of short duration, intense rainfall. This run-off followed flow paths predicted by surface water flood risk mapping and accumulated in low topographic areas.
11. Consequently, seven residential properties and one business were subject to internal flooding with more suffering flooding to gardens and outbuildings. The main areas affected are set out in detail in Appendix A.
12. Individual RMA response to the flood event are detailed in Appendix A. As indicated, all relevant RMAs carried, and continue to carry out, their respective duties.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

13. The Section 19 report delivers a duty defined within the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and in line with approved County Council Policy.

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. The County Council has a number of statutory duties and powers under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the Flood Risk Regulations 2009 including preparation of Section 19 Reports.
15. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment 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

16. The costs of preparing and publishing the Section 19 Report are contained within existing budgets.

Implications for Residents

17. Since becoming an LLFA, NCC has worked in collaboration with colleagues, risk management authorities, partners and local communities to help reduce the risk of flooding in Nottinghamshire.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

18. It is anticipated that the Section 19 Report may support delivery of sustainable projects that reduce flood risk across the county whilst also reducing the negative impacts the flooding has on the environment.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that:

- 1) The Committee approves the publishing of the Section 19 report in Appendix A in line with Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and our LLFA responsibilities.
- 2) The Committee endorses the work outlined in this report.

DEREK HIGTON, CORPORATE DIRECTOR (PLACE)

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Constitutional Comments (31/07/2023)

The recommendations are within the remit of the Place Select Committee by virtue of its terms of reference and paragraph 13(b) of the Overview and Select Committee Procedure Rules.”

Financial Comments (GB 25/07/2023)

The costs associated with preparing and publishing the Section 19 report are funded from within existing revenue budgets.

Background Papers and Published Documents

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.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Newstead - County Councillor Christopher Barnfather
- Calverton - County Councillor Boyd Elliot



APPENDIX A

SECTION 19 REPORT – RAVENSHEAD – APRIL 2023

Introduction

Section 19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 states:

1. On becoming aware of a flood in its area, a lead local flood authority must, to the extent that it considers it necessary or appropriate, investigate:
 - (a) Which Risk Management Authorities (RMAs) have relevant flood risk management functions.
 - (b) Whether each of those RMAs has exercised, or is proposing to exercise, those functions in response to the flood.
2. Where an authority carries out an investigation under subsection (1) of Section 19 it must:-
 - (a) Publish the results of its investigation.
 - (b) Notify any relevant RMAs.
3. The objective of this report is to investigate which RMAs had relevant flood risk management functions during the flooding in April 2023 and whether the relevant RMAs have exercised, or propose to exercise, their risk management functions (as per section 19(1) of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010).
4. The Risk Management Authorities for this area of Nottinghamshire are the Environment Agency (EA) (Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire), Gedling Borough Council (GBC), The Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) as Lead Local Flood Authority (LLFA), VIA East Midlands Ltd as Highways Authority on behalf of NCC, Severn Trent Water Ltd. (STW) and Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue.
5. It should be noted that this duty to investigate does not guarantee that flooding problems will be resolved and cannot force others into action.

Background

6. Ravenshead is a village within the Borough of Gedling, Nottinghamshire. It has a population of approximately 5,366 people according to the 2021 census.
7. On the evening of 29 April 2023, areas of Ravenshead suffered a flood event caused by short duration, intense rainfall. Over a three-and-a-half-hour period, 29.4mm of rainfall was recorded at the Newstead Abbey rain gauge, which is approximately 3km from Ravenshead (Figure 1). During the event, 24.2mm of rainfall was recorded within a 60-minute period and at its maximum intensity, 14.2mm of rainfall was recorded within 15 minutes. Consequently, seven residential properties and one business were subject to internal flooding with more suffering flooding to gardens and outbuildings.

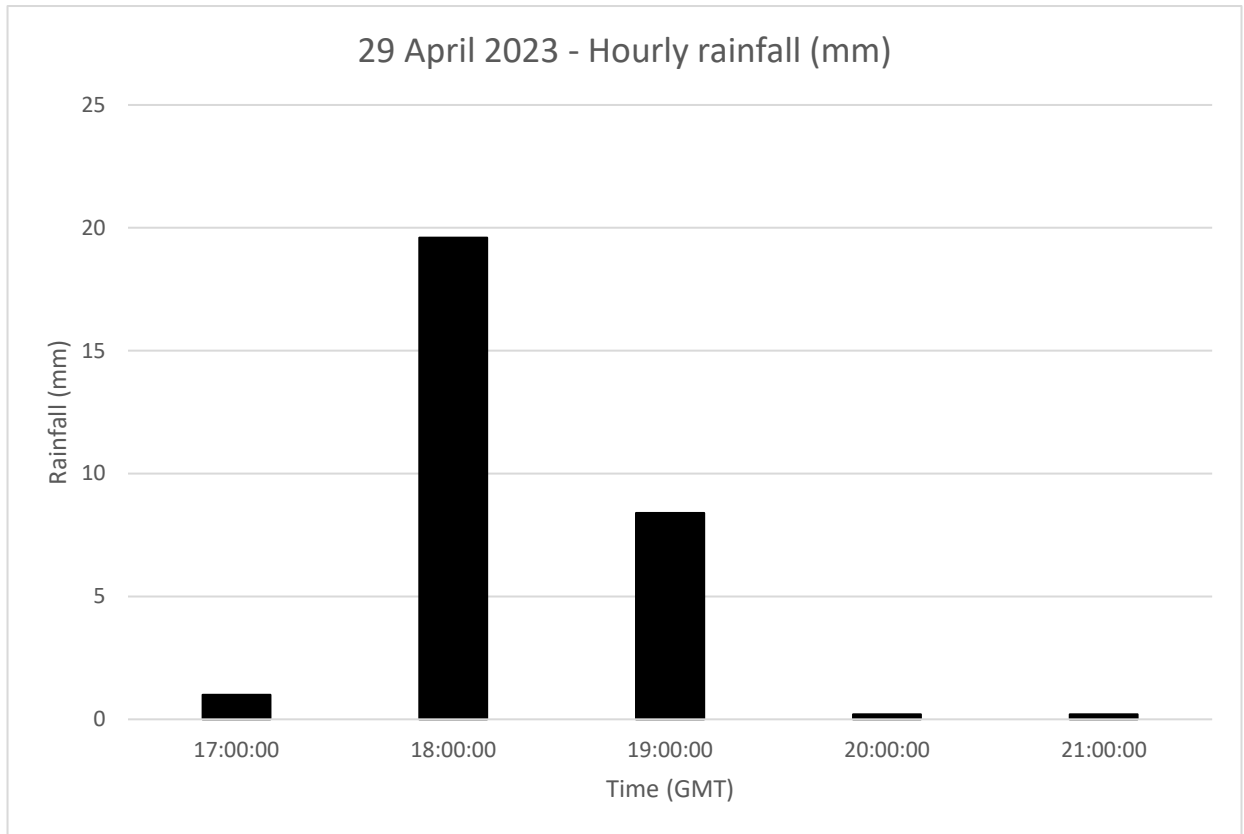


Figure 1. Newstead Abbey Hourly Rainfall 29th April 2023. Data supplied by the Environment Agency.

8. A location map of Ravenshead is shown in Figure 2. The areas affected were:

- Main Road
- Southview Gardens
- Rigg Lane
- Haddon Road

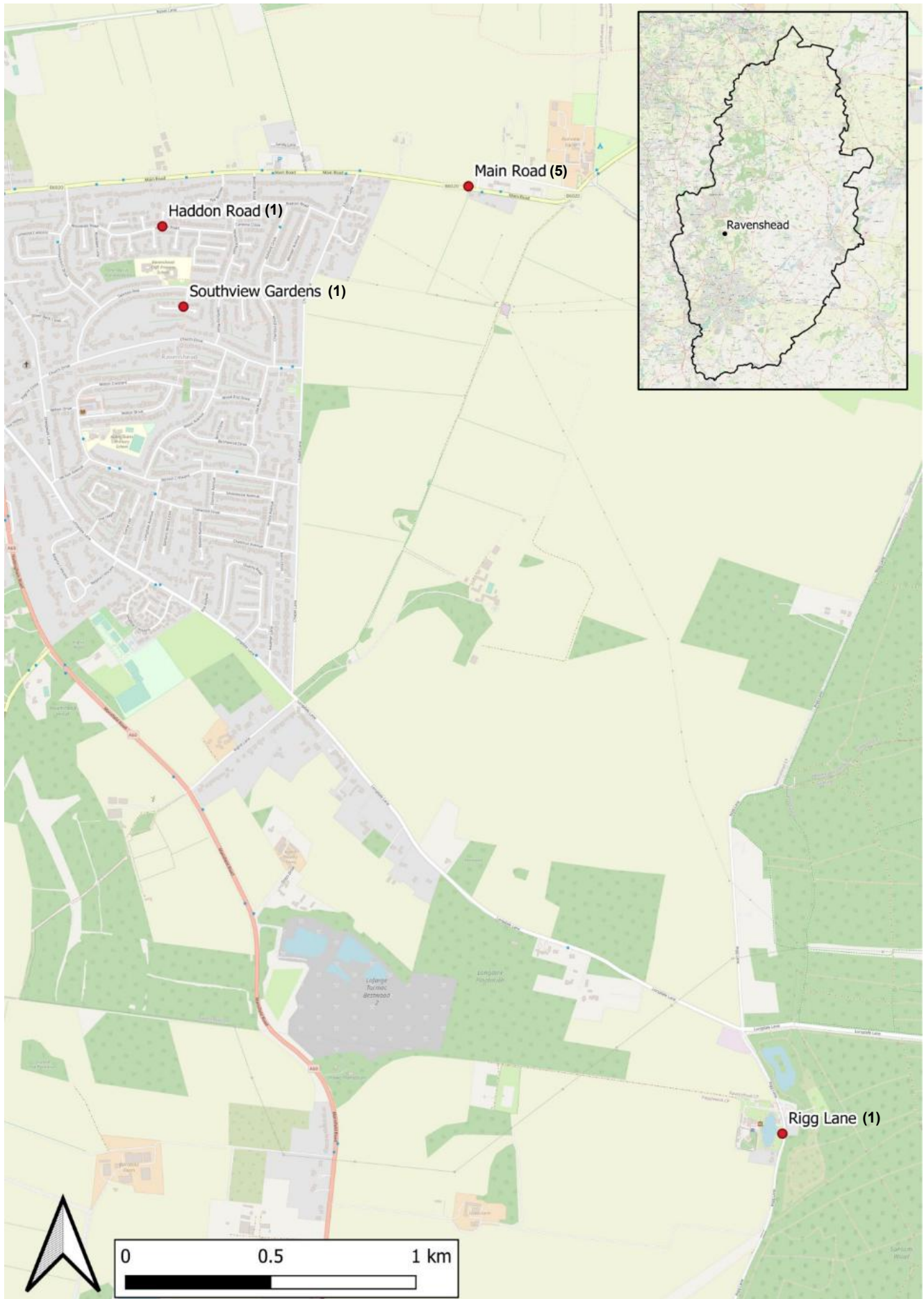


Figure 2. Map of Ravenshead and flood affected areas.

Summary of flooding and its causes

9. Main Road

Four residential properties and one business were internally flooded on Main Road with more properties suffering from external flooding. As shown in Figure 3, a surface water flow path is present to the north of Main Road. Water was observed to flow along this flowpath during the flood event. However, water flowing from agricultural land, as well as along the highway was also observed. Several properties along Main Road are built at a lower elevation than the road itself and as a result, in some locations water flowing along the highway flowed through property boundaries.



Figure 3. Predicted Surface Water Flood Extents – Main Road

10. Southview Gardens

One residential property was internally flooded on Southview Gardens (Figure 4). Water flowed west along Swinton Rise before following the lower elevation of highway into Southview Gardens. Water then pooled at a low spot on Southview Gardens, which when it reached a sufficient depth flowed down a residential driveway and into the property.



Figure 4. Location Plan – Southview Gardens

11. Rigg Lane

At Rigg Lane One residential property was internally flooded. As shown in Figure 5, a surface water flow path is present which flows from northwest to southeast along Longdale Lane. The flow path then flows south along Rigg Lane. Due to the high intensity rainfall experienced, this flow path was observed by residents to overwhelm drainage systems.

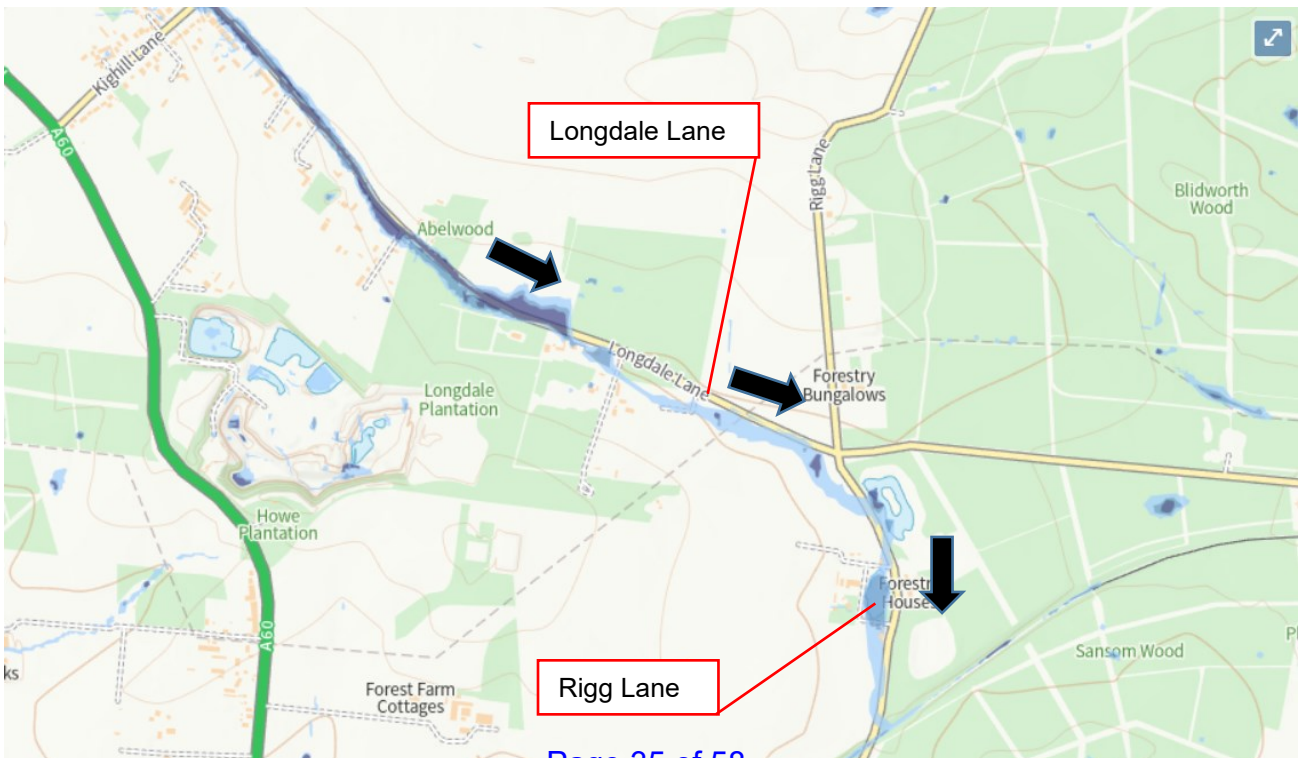


Figure 5. Predicted Surface Water Flood Extents – Rigg Lane

12. Haddon Road

One residential property suffered internal flooding on Haddon Road. As shown in Figure 6, a surface water flowpath flows perpendicular to Haddon Road before flowing downhill along Doveridge Court and reaching Main Road. During the high intensity rainfall experienced, water flowed along this flowpath and into a residential property.

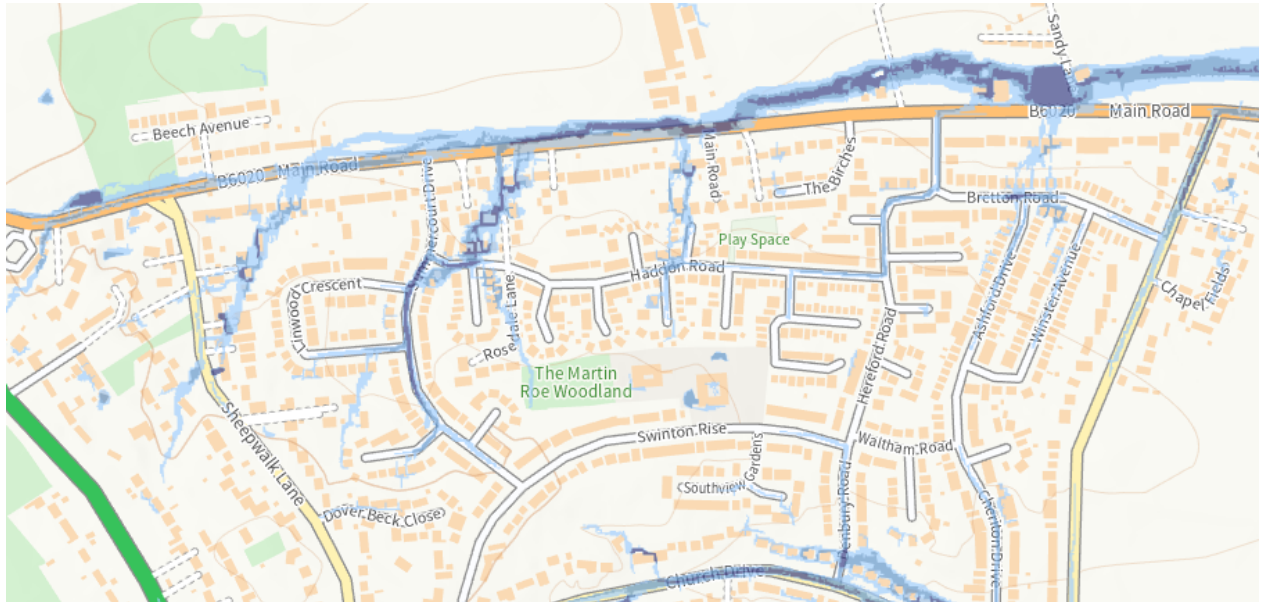


Figure 6. Predicted Surface Water Flood Extents – Rigg Lane

Risk Management Authorities and their responsibilities

13. The Nottinghamshire County Council.

a) Lead Local Flood Authority.

- i. Investigate significant local flooding incidents and publish the results of such investigations.
- ii. Play a lead role in emergency planning and recovery after a flood event.
- iii. As the Lead Local Flood Authority, we have a new duty to determine which risk management authorities have relevant powers to investigate flood incidents to help understand how they happened, and whether those authorities have or intend to exercise their powers.
- iv. By working in partnership with communities, Lead Local Flood Authorities can raise awareness of flood risks.
- v. Lead Local Flood Authorities should encourage local communities to participate in local flood risk management.

b) Emergency Planning.

- i. If a flood happens, all local authorities are 'category one responders' under the Civil Contingencies Act. This means they must have plans in place to respond to emergencies and control or reduce the impact of an emergency.

c) Highway Authority (NCC/VIA East Midlands Ltd).

- i. Maintenance of the public highways including highway drainage assets.
- ii. Provided site-based presence and investigations immediately following the event.

14. Gedling Borough Council.

- a) Category one responder under the Civil Contingencies Act. This means they must have plans in place to respond to emergencies and control or reduce the impact of an emergency.

15. The Environment Agency.

- a) Category one responder under the Civil Contingencies Act. This means they must have plans in place to respond to emergencies and control or reduce the impact of an emergency.

16. Severn Trent Water Ltd. (STW).

- a) Maintenance of the public sewerage system.
- b) As a water and sewerage company, STW manage the risk of flooding from their water supply and sewerage facilities. This includes:
 - Surface water sewers – these carry rainfall and surface water away from properties to watercourses.
 - Foul water sewers – these carry wastewater away from properties to be treated.
 - Combined water sewers – these drain both wastewater and surface water from properties along with run off from highways.
- c) Managing the impact of flooding to their networks by ensuring their systems have the appropriate level of resilience to flooding.
- d) Engage with RMAs on how water and sewerage company assets impact on local flood risk.
- e) STW are Category 2 responders under the Civil Contingencies act, providing emergency response and supporting the management of flooding events.

Risk Management Authority Responses to Flood

17. The following lists the actions taken by each RMA in response to the flooding both in the immediate aftermath as well as in the longer term:

18. The Nottinghamshire County Council.

b) Lead Local Flood Authority

- i. Attended site immediately after flooding occurred, visiting flood affected residents and business, to discuss flood sources and pathways.
- ii. Initiated and led the Section 19 Flood Investigation.
- iii. Liaised with partners to coordinate sandbag delivery, gully cleansing and street cleaning following the flooding.

- iv. Investigated the condition of land drainage measures adjacent to the flood affected areas.
- v. Added internally flooded properties to the Property Flood Resilience Program for feasibility assessment.

c) Highway Authority (NCC/VIA East Midlands Ltd)

- i. Attended Main Road on Wednesday 10 May. All assets were cleared on Main Road from The Little John Inn to Calverton Lane/Fishpool Road. The gullies and offlets were generally found to be full or blocked on arrival. Further work on two ditches in this area has been identified as a requirement and responsibilities are being investigated.
- ii. Attended Southview Gardens on Friday 12 May. All gullies were cleared to help against any further flooding. A further visit on Monday 15 May was also required to clear gullies on Swinton Rise, these run to old non-serviceable soakaways.
- iii. Attended site at Rigg Lane and with ditch and grip works to be arranged at this site.
- iv. Participated in the Section 19 investigation.

19. Gedling Borough Council

- i. Delivered sandbags to affected residents following the event. This was due to gully cleaning activities still being completed and a forecast of heavy rain in the days following the event.
- ii. Participated in the Section 19 reporting process.

Additional Information and Future Actions

- 20. All the Risk Management Authorities involved in this event are committed to continuing the investigations into the causes of this incident. Those investigations may identify further actions not listed below.
- 21. Via East Midlands Ltd, (on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Council) will continue to undertake routine maintenance on the drainage assets in the vicinity to ensure they are working at the intended capacity.
- 22. Further investigation into the local surface water drainage will be undertaken to assess options for managing the Main Street and Rigg Lane flow paths.
- 23. As the Lead Local Flood Authority we have witnessed and have experience of how flooding devastates communities. The most vulnerable in the community will be our priority. Nottinghamshire County Council will continue to work closely with partners and communities to identify ways of proactively reducing the risk, likelihood and consequences of future flooding events.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF PLACE SELECT COMMITTEE

PLACE SELECT REVIEWS - PROPOSED SCOPE

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for the proposed scope document for the Place Select Committee's task and finish review of Household Waste Recycling Centre provision.

Information

2. Scrutiny review task and finish groups are informal and time-limited bodies and are established to undertake a discrete piece of scrutiny work, and report back to that committee with their findings and recommendations.
3. At the July 2023 meeting of the Place Select Committee it was resolved:

“That a scrutiny task and finish working group be established to carry out further scrutiny on, and to feed into the work being carried out on the review of Household Waste Recycling Centre provision.”

4. The Chairman of the Place Select Committee has worked with officers to create a proposed scope that will guide the of the work of the review.

Reasons for Recommendation/s

5. To approve the proposed scoping document for the Place Select Committee's review around Household Waste Recycling Centre provision.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment 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

7. There are no direct financial implications from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

1) That the proposed scope for the Place Select Committee's review around Household Waste Recycling Provision be approved.

**COUNCILLOR NIGEL MOXON
CHAIRMAN OF PLACE SELECT COMMITTEE**

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Constitutional Comments (KK 09/08/2023)

8. The proposal in this report is within the terms of reference of the Place Select Committee

Financial Comments (SES 08/08/2023)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

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.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

Review of the Council's Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Strategic Review: Scope

Purpose of the review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider the work undertaken so far of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Strategic Review. To examine how the Council's approach to the delivery of HWRCs could look in the future in order to deliver a sustainable service that also provides the best possible service to Nottinghamshire residents.
Anticipated outcome(s)	To make recommendations to be considered by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment in the formulation of the final recommendations arising from the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Strategic Review.

Background

At the meeting of the Place Select Committee held on 5 July 2023 members received a report that provided an update on the progress of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Strategic Review.

In January 2022, the Transport and Environment Committee gave approval to undertake a Strategic Review of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) network in Nottinghamshire to ensure that individual facilities and the wider network are fit for the future, in light of the impact of proposed changes to kerbside collections needed to meet the statutory obligations of the Resources and Waste Strategy (RWS) and the impending Environment Act (EA), as well as assessing the impact of housing growth across Nottinghamshire.

The following were agreed as the scope for the review:

- To assess the condition and potential of the current network of 12 HWRCs using appropriate assessment criteria i.e., scope for development, accessibility, suitability of location/surrounding land use, household coverage, travel times/distances, environmental impact, meeting RWS requirements and affordability.
- To recommend a core long-term network of HWRCs for the county, including consideration of the above criteria, the need to replace those sites that have a limited life span, and any opportunities for providing sites in new locations to serve key areas of the county.
- Identify strategic locations of any new HWRCs.
- Consider the issues of cross border usage and trade waste. • Assess the potential to expand the reuse offer.

At the meeting it was noted that the recommendations that had subsequently been identified still required additional analysis to fully understand the implications of any changes. It was also noted that the Government was also seeking to fundamentally overhaul the waste system through the Resources and Waste Strategy and the impending Environment Act.

The full impacts from these policy changes are not yet known as Government has yet to announce the outcome of the consultations. The delay in setting the national policy framework, had also meant that it had not been possible to finalise the HWRC Strategic Review in the original timescales.

As a result of the discussion that took place it was resolved:

That the following issues raised by the Committee in its consideration of the progress report on the

<i>Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategic Review be progressed:</i>	
<p>a) <i>That a scrutiny task and finish working group be established to carry out further scrutiny on, and to feed into the work being carried out on the review of Household Waste Recycling Centre provision.</i></p> <p>b) <i>The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, in consultation with officers create a scope that will determine the work of the task and finish working group.</i></p>	
Key lines of enquiry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To gain an understanding of the findings of the Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC) Strategic Review to date. To gain an understanding of the potential implications on the delivery of HWRCs due to the changes to the waste system through the Resources and Waste Strategy and the impending Environment Act and associated Government policy. To gain an understanding of the current HWRC network and to consider how the network could look in the future: eg range of materials accepted, opening times, accessibility etc. To review how the HWRC service could be delivered in the future within the current contractual framework to improve the efficiency and performance.
Links to the council's corporate plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Protecting the environment and reducing our carbon footprint"
Methodology	<p>Desktop research</p> <p>Information briefings from the Interim Service Director – Place and Communities, and the Group Manager - Place Commissioning</p> <p>Interviews with the Cabinet Member and the Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment</p> <p>Benchmarking activity with other similar Councils</p>
Key background papers	
Evidence to be provided by	<p>Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment</p> <p>Interim Corporate Director - Place</p> <p>Interim Service Director - Place and Communities</p> <p>Group Manager - Place Commissioning</p>
Timetable	<p>Evidence gathering meetings to be arranged</p> <p>The group's report and recommendations to be considered at the Place Select Committee December 2023</p>
Reporting mechanism	<p>The recommendations from the review will be considered at a meeting of the Place Select Committee in advance of the recommendations being submitted at a meeting of Cabinet for their consideration.</p>

**REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, CUSTOMERS, GOVERNANCE AND
EMPLOYEES**

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme.

Information

2. The attached work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning.
3. The work programme has been developed using suggestions submitted by committee members, the relevant Cabinet Member(s) and senior officers and has been approved by the Overview Committee. The work programme will be reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting, where any member of the committee will be able to suggest items for possible inclusion.

Other Options Considered

4. None

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

5. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That the work programme be noted.
- 2) That committee members make any further suggestions for consideration by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for inclusion on the work programme, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s) and senior officers, and subject to the required approval by the Chairman of Overview Committee.

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Constitutional Comments (HD)

7. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (NS)

8. There are no direct financial implications arising from the contents of this report. Any future reports to Committee on operational activities and officer working groups, will contain relevant financial information and comments.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

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Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose/Outcomes	Resolutions
20 September 2023	Section 19 Report – Ravenshead Flooding	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	Statutory Section 19 report following flooding in Ravenshead	
	Safer Nottinghamshire Board – Progress Report	Cabinet Member – Communities	<p>(As the Council’s statutory Crime and Disorder Committee) Resolved at the July 2023 meeting:</p> <p>a) That a further report be submitted to the September 2023 meeting of the Place Select Committee that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. acknowledges the commitments of the Motion of Full Council in March 2023. ii. includes information around performance issues under the current strategic priorities of the Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement. iii. provides information on the suitability of those assigned to lead on priorities. 	

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Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose/Outcomes	Resolutions
20 September 2023	HWRC Strategic Review – Task and Finish Review Scope		<p>To approve the scope for the task and finish project on the HWRC Review.</p> <p>Resolved at July 2023 meeting.</p> <p>That a scrutiny task and finish working group be established to carry out further scrutiny on, and to feed into the work being carried out on the review of Household Waste Recycling Centre provision.</p>	
	Recycling	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	<p>To receive the response from the resolution made at the March 2023 meeting: <i>“That the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment, in consultation with officers, gives further consideration to what further activities could be carried out through the Joint Waste Management Board to increase recycling rates across Nottinghamshire.”</i></p>	

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20 December 2023	Highways Joint Continuous Improvement Plan – Progress Report	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	Resolved at January 2023 meeting “That a progress report on the delivery of the Highways Joint Continuous Improvement Plan be brought to the December 2023 meeting of the Place Select Committee.”	
	Electrical Vehicle Charging	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	Resolved at the March 2023 meeting: That a further progress report on Electric Vehicle Infrastructure be brought to a future meeting of the Place Select Committee at a date to be agreed by the Chairman of the Committee. To include information on NCC doorstep and community EV charging schemes.	
	Annual Library Plan/Strategy	Cabinet Member - Communities		

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27 March 2024	Climate Change	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	Resolved at the March 2023 meeting: “That a further progress report on the implementation on the Council's activities in response to the challenges of Climate Change be brought to a future meeting of the Place Select Committee at a date to be agreed by the Chairman of the Committee.”	
	Net Zero Framework	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment /Economic Development and Asset Management	To scrutinise the framework that will enable all net zero activities to be coordinated and prioritised.	
	Crime and Disorder	Cabinet Member – Communities	To sit as the Council's statutory Crime and Disorder committee to scrutinise delivery of crime and disorder strategies. To meet the requirements of the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.	
	Bus Network Review	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	Resolved at the March 2023 meeting: That a progress report on the Bus Network Review be brought to a future meeting of the Place Select Committee at a date to be agreed by the Chairman of the Committee.	

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Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose/Outcomes	Resolutions
26 June 2024	Flooding	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	To scrutinise the activity that is being carried out around kerbside drainage and other activities to mitigate flooding.	
	Visitor Economy Framework	Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management	To scrutinise the implementation of the Visitor Economy Framework	
	Access to Digital Services and Digital Inclusion	Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management	To receive a report on, and to scrutinise activity regarding the Council’s activity regarding access to superfast broadband and digital inclusion.	

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Items pending scheduling or removal

Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Details	Status
Waste and Recycling	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	Resolved at the January 2023 meeting: “That once the situation regarding the responsibilities being placed on local councils by Government around the kerbside collection of food waste become clearer, that the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment gives consideration to how the Council could support the District and Borough Council’s in the provision of collection receptacles.”	To be considered for scheduling once situation around the issue is clearer.
Off-peak travel for armed forces veterans	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	Resolved at the March 2023 meeting: That a report on the feasibility of introducing free off-peak travel for armed forces veterans in Nottinghamshire be presented at a future meeting of the Place Select Committee at a date to be agreed by the Chairman of the Committee.	To be scheduled
Lane Rental Scheme	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment		To be scheduled
Review of Active Travel/Staff Travel	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment		To be scheduled
Environmental Impact of hybrid working		To gain an understanding of the environmental impact of the Council’s hybrid working strategy.	To be considered for scheduling

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Reviews

Project Start Date	Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of Review	Current Status and activity
Autumn 2023	HWRC Review	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	Resolved at July 2023 meeting. a) That a scrutiny task and finish working group be established to carry out further scrutiny on, and to feed into the work being carried out on the review of Household Waste Recycling Centre provision.	Scope to be considered at September 2023 meeting.

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Project Start Date	Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of Review	Current Status and activity
TBC	Free School Meals	Cabinet Member - Communities	To gain assurance that the quality of Free School Meals is not being negatively impacted by the increased number of children in receipt of Free School Meals.	

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Project Start Date	Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of Review	Current Status and activity
TBC	Inward investment Framework	Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Asset Management	To feed into the development of the framework that will allow inward investment activities to be coordinated and prioritised.	

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Project Start Date	Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Purpose of Review	Current Status and activity
TBC	20mph Pilot Schemes	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	Resolved at the January 2023 meeting that the Place Select Committee carries out scrutiny in advance of any decisions taken by the Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment on the location of 20mph speed limit pilot schemes.	

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Items to be scheduled for 2024/25

Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Details	Status
Concessionary Travel	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	To receive a progress report on the implementation of the recommendations made by the task and finish review.	To be scheduled
HWRC Strategic Review – Task and Finish Review		To consider the findings of the task and finish review on the HWRC Strategic Review	To be scheduled
FSM – Task and Finish Review		To consider the findings of the task and finish review on FSM.	To be scheduled

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Items for information briefings for committee members

Item	Cabinet Member Responsibility	Details	Status
Subsidised Bus Services	Cabinet Member – Transport and Environment	Briefing note to be circulated to members of the committee.	