

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNCIL PLAN AND PARTNER ENGAGEMENT

Purpose of the Report

1. To enable Committee to consider the emerging vision and priorities for the Council Plan and to seek Committee's approval to engage with partners on these priorities in the early autumn.

Information

2. As reported to this Committee in June 2021, the County Council is in the process of developing a new Council Plan. Through the Council Plan, the County Council will set out a long-term strategic vision for Nottinghamshire, and identify priority actions over the next four years, which will support Nottinghamshire's communities to recover from the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and will enable the authority to deliver services in a responsive, efficient, financially sustainable and forward looking way.
3. The County Council's engagement with communities, [The Big Notts Survey](#), is underway and will remain open until 19 September 2021. This survey will enable the County Council to understand from communities what they consider to be the key challenges and opportunities as we recover from the pandemic as well as what changes they would like to see for future generations. Alongside the residents' survey, two other versions of the survey have been developed to specifically target young people and businesses. Feedback from these will help ensure that the actions prioritised in the Council Plan, are those that will work towards delivering the future for Nottinghamshire that residents want.
4. As of 23 August, there have been a total of 6,136 responses to the survey across its varying forms. This represents a strong appetite among residents to share their views on Nottinghamshire's future, with it expected that this strong response will continue in the weeks ahead, prior to the survey's closure.
5. In parallel to this engagement activity the County Council has been working to articulate those broad themes that will build resilience in our communities into the future, as we build back from the impacts of COVID-19. For communities to be strong and sustainable long-term, people must enjoy good health and supportive communities, a prosperous economy that enables a good standard of living, and all this must be achieved in a way that protects our environment and natural resources for future generations. Sustainable communities must also be inclusive and ensure that everyone enjoys the best that Nottinghamshire has to offer, with no-one left behind.
6. This is a broad vision for Nottinghamshire, that cannot be delivered by the County Council alone and will be influenced by the wide range of public, private and voluntary sector organisations working in Nottinghamshire as well as communities themselves. Alongside our

resident engagement, in the early autumn the County Council will seek to engage with partners to consider this vision and the emerging Council Plan priorities and how they reflect the outcomes we want to deliver jointly to the benefit of our residents and communities. It is intended that this engagement be conducted online, as well as through existing partner networks and meetings.

7. The County Council is also continuing to monitor the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on our communities to ensure the Council directs its resources towards those activities that will make the most difference to residents and businesses and secure a strong recovery.
8. The table below outlines those emerging key outcomes that working with our partners the County Council would want to see for Nottinghamshire communities.

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| A healthy, prosperous and greener Nottinghamshire for everyone | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. People are healthier and live independent lives for longer 2. People have the education and skills they need to get good local jobs 3. Communities and families are resilient and well-supported 4. Our children, vulnerable adults and communities are kept safe 5. Nottinghamshire businesses are stronger with more high-quality jobs 6. Nottinghamshire attracts investment in the economy, infrastructure and green growth 7. Nottinghamshire is a vibrant and attractive County 8. Nottinghamshire protects its environment and reduces its carbon footprint 9. Nottinghamshire enjoys improved transport and connectivity |
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9. The vision and outcomes will be tested against the feedback received from communities through The Big Notts Survey, partner engagement and our ongoing monitoring of the socio-economic impact of COVID-19. The County Council's approach will then be refined to target those activities that will bring the most benefit to Nottinghamshire's residents and businesses.

Other Options Considered

10. It is important that the Council engages with all stakeholders on the development of the Council Plan, to ensure the plan addresses key issue for Nottinghamshire. No other options have been considered.

Reason for Recommendations

11. To enable the County Council to consider the emerging Council Plan vision and priorities with partners in the early autumn.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. 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.

RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that Policy Committee:

- 1) Considers the emerging Council Plan vision and outcomes as set out in paragraph 8.
- 2) Agrees that an engagement exercise be undertaken with partners in the early autumn, which alongside The Big Notts Survey will inform the priorities in the Council Plan.

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Leader of the Council

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Constitutional Comments [SG 17/08/2021]

13. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Policy Committee.

Financial Comments [RWK 10/08/2021]

14. 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.

- 'The Council Plan and Resident and Stakeholder Engagement', Policy Committee, June 2021

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

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