



meeting	COUNTY COUNCIL	
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REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Purpose of the Report

This report covers some of my key activities as Leader since the last County Council meeting during March, April and May.

Meetings attended with the Chief Executive

- Continue to hold regular routine meetings with Deputy Leader and Chief Executive.

Meetings between Leaders and Chief Executives of Nottinghamshire County Council and Districts

The Chief Executive and I met with the Leader and Chief Executive of Newark and Sherwood District Council.

Meetings with District Councils are ongoing, so would be happy to hear from other Members about major items that might be raised in these meetings.

Routine meetings with the Nottingham Evening Post and Corporate Communications

The Deputy Leader and I continue to hold fortnightly meetings with a representative from the Nottingham Evening Post and Corporate Communications, where current and forthcoming areas of interest are discussed.

- Also, continue to hold fortnightly Communication Portfolio update meetings with the Deputy Leader and officers.
- Meet regularly with a representative from the CHAD, where current and forthcoming areas of interest are discussed.
- Lunches with the media – Nottingham Evening Post.

Visit of the Wenzhou Chinese international office delegation

A delegation of twenty-five senior local government managers from Wenzhou in China visited Nottingham through a link with Nottingham Trent University.

The County Council was asked to take part in the teaching of the group and officers held three days of presentations from 14 – 16 May.

Subjects covered included performance assessment, regeneration, direct payments, sustainable transport and organisational development.

The Council has also organised a coach tour of the County which will take delegates to the Mansfield/Ashfield Regeneration Route (MARR), the Mansfield i-Centre and the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre.

Update meeting with EMDA

Met with leaders of EMDA and officers of this Authority to discuss current issues, including Regional Spatial Strategy and the Alliance SSP and the GNP.

Regional Leadership Group meeting

Regular meeting with leaders to discuss regional issues and joint working relationships.

Neighbourhood Governance Working Group

I attended the Neighbourhood Governance Working Group, held in Ashfield, to discuss the proposals for an Ashfield pilot based on safer policing areas.

Workshop LIFT meeting

This was the first of a series of meetings – the purpose of this first meeting was to assess the current position, but no decisions were made at this time.

My door is always open. So please feel free to contact me with ideas/proposals/issues at any time.

COUNCILLOR DAVID KIRKHAM
Leader of the County Council