

COVID 19 Resilience, Recovery and Renewal Committee

Tuesday, 03 November 2020 at 10:30

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- (2) Members of the public wishing to inspect "Background Papers" referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:-

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- (3) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Council's Procedure Rules. Those declaring must indicate the nature of their interest and the reasons for the declaration.

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Meeting COVID 19 RESILIENCE, RECOVERY AND RENEWAL COMMITTEE

Date 15 September 2020 (commencing at 10.30 am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

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

Joyce Bosnjak
Ben Bradley
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE
Stephen Garner

Michael Payne
Alan Rhodes
Jason Zadrozny **A**

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Rachel Madden for Jason Zadrozny

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May, Chief Executive
Keith Ford, Team Manager, Democratic Services
Jonathan Gribbin, Director of Public Health
Derek Higton, Service Director, Place
Robert Fisher, Group Manager, Emergency Planning Management and Registration
Nicola McCoy-Brown, Group Manager, Place
Matthew Neal, Service Director, Place
Adrian Smith, Corporate Director, Place

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 16 JULY 2020

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 16 July 2020, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

4. COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATE

Jonathan Gribbin introduced the report, which provided Members with further contextual information in relation to the Council's recovery, renewal and resilience, in response to the pandemic.

RESOLVED 2020/006

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

5. UPDATE REPORT ON NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Derek Higton introduced the report, which updated Members on the impact of the pandemic on the work of the Council.

In response to requests from Members during the debate, officers agreed to circulate further information to Members on:

- the allocation of the Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies;
- the utilisation of the school catch-up funding.

RESOLVED 2020/007

- 1) That the further information requested by Members during the debate be circulated by officers.
- 2) That further update reports be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

6. UPDATE ON COVID-19 RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE

Derek Higton introduced the report which provided an update on recovery and resilience activities within the Council and in partnership with the Local Resilience Forum.

During discussions, Members thanked Robert Fisher and the other County Council officers involved in the Local Resilience forum for their efforts in response to the pandemic.

RESOLVED 2020/008

- 1) That no further actions were required in relation to the issues contained within the report.
- 2) That further update reports be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

7. ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACTION PLAN 2020-22

Adrian Smith introduced the report which sought approval for the Council's economic recovery plan in response to the pandemic.

During the debate and in response to Members requests, officers agreed to:-

- publish the key performance indicators and relevant data online and share the link with Members;
- share the Action Plan with local MPs and partner organisations such as Midlands Engine and Midlands Connect;
- produce some 'talking head' promotional videos, involving local staff and service users, to help promote key aspects of the Action Plan in a more accessible and engaging manner.

RESOLVED 2020/009

- 1) That the Economic Recovery Action Plan, which would be subject to ongoing review in the light of changing circumstances, be approved.
- 2) That supporting delivery plans, aligned with the Council's policy response to COVID-19 and its impacts, be developed, with progress updates submitted to this Committee on a regular basis.

8. WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2020/010

That the work programme be agreed.

The meeting closed at 12.22 pm.

CHAIRMAN

3 November 2020

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH

COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide a situational update on COVID-19 cases in Nottinghamshire and request that members identify any possible measures to recommend to the Nottinghamshire County COVID-19 Engagement Board.

Information

2. The national COVID-19 alert is currently set at Level 4 which means that transmission of COVID-19 is high or rising exponentially. The situation in Nottinghamshire reflects this national context.
3. Nottinghamshire County has seen increasing incidence of COVID-19 in the second half of September and into October. In most districts and boroughs, the rate is higher now than a week ago. At the time of writing, the 7-day rate of cases per 100,000 population ranges from 166 for Newark and Sherwood to 407 for Gedling.

Table 1: Weekly rate of confirmed COVID-19 cases across Nottinghamshire, by district, as at 23/10/20.

Upper Tier Local Authority	Lower Tier Local Authority	Percentage individuals test positive (weekly)¹²³		Case rate per 100.000 population (weekly)¹⁴		Confirmed cases (highest recent 7 days)
Nottingham	Nottingham	19.1	Decreasing	610.4	Lower	2032
	Ashfield	8.1	Increasing	271.3	Higher	347
Nottinghamshire	Bassetlaw	8.3	Increasing	246.0	Higher	289
	Broxtowe	12.3	Similar	339.4	Similar	387
	Gedling	13.8	Similar	407.1	Higher	480
	Mansfield	9.7	Increasing	258.9	Higher	283
	Newark and Sherwood	7.7	Similar	166.4	Similar	216
	Rushcliffe	13.2	Increasing	384.3	Higher	458

4. This increase is driven by cases and outbreaks ranging in size from as few as two cases to several dozen linked cases. In some instances, cases can be tracked to an institutional setting such as a care home or workplace. Most notably, there has been a large outbreak at HMP Lowdham Grange involving more than 200 prisoners and staff in total. More commonly, cases cannot be linked to a particular setting which reflects the fact that there are now high levels of transmission throughout our communities.
5. The highest rates remain in young people and young adults, however, rates in these age groups have been decreasing. Incidence rates in all other age groups continue to increase. In combination, these two trends can give the appearance of stable or decreasing rates when considering all age groups together. Therefore, it is important to consider the dynamics in individual age groups to fully understand the local epidemic.

Table 2: Daily cases across Nottinghamshire by age group. Values of case counts below 3 in a particular age group on a given day have been suppressed.

Trends within age bands - scaled to greatest value						
<i>Note: shading saturates within each age-specific range</i>						
<i>Rates with counts below 3 suppressed for stability</i>						
Nottinghamshire						
Date	age 0 to 17	age 18 to 22	age 23 to 39	age 40 to 59	age 60 and over	Total
2020-09-26	23	222	56	51	8	48
2020-09-27	18	264	54	55	8	48
2020-09-28	19	341	76	64	8	60
2020-09-29	23	448	86	67	8	70
2020-09-30	29	585	104	72	10	84
2020-10-01	32	674	115	78	10	93
2020-10-02	41	819	129	83	13	109
2020-10-03	42	941	150	91	18	123
2020-10-04	44	1,093	166	97	19	137
2020-10-05	51	1,234	182	110	25	155
2020-10-06	53	1,356	205	124	28	171
2020-10-07	56	1,426	219	139	32	183
2020-10-08	61	1,560	248	158	39	205
2020-10-09	58	1,563	257	173	38	210
2020-10-10	63	1,496	266	179	40	213
2020-10-11	70	1,371	282	187	44	216
2020-10-12	77	1,317	311	210	44	228
2020-10-13	85	1,215	328	225	53	237
2020-10-14	90	1,098	370	236	62	247
2020-10-15	100	923	366	250	72	248
2020-10-16	105	819	372	261	79	251
2020-10-17	104	767	385	283	86	259
2020-10-18	101	739	393	293	92	263

6. NHS activity has also increased. As of the 23rd October, the number of beds occupied by COVID-19 patients in Nottinghamshire is 296. Of these, 25 beds are ITU patients, double the total in the previous week.
7. The information presented in this report is current at the time of publication. The Director of Public Health will provide a verbal update at committee based on the information and data that is newly available.

Other Options Considered

8. None.

Reason for Recommendation

9. The Nottinghamshire County COVID-19 Outbreak Control Engagement Board provides oversight of local outbreak control arrangements.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. 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

11. There are no financial implications contained within this report.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That members consider the contents of the report and identify any possible measures to recommend to the Nottinghamshire County COVID-19 Engagement Board.

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Constitutional Comments (LW 13.10.2020)

12. COVID-19 Recovery, Renewal & Resilience Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (DG 13.10.20)

13. There are no direct financial implications arising 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.

[Local Authority Test & Trace Grant Resource Plan](#)

Adult Social Care & Public Health Committee (14 September 2020)

[Implementation of the Health Protection \(Coronavirus Restrictions \(England\) \(No 3\) Regulations 2020](#)

Adult Social Care & Public Health Committee (14 September 2020)

[COVID-19 local outbreak control: learning and next steps](#)

Health & Wellbeing Board (2 September 2020)

[COVID-19 contain framework: a guide for local decision-makers](#)

Department of Health & Social Care (28 August 2020)

[COVID-19 local outbreak control plan](#)

Health & Wellbeing Board (24 July 2020)

[Nottinghamshire County COVID-19 Weekly Surveillance Reports](#)

Nottinghamshire County Council (July – October 2020)

[Nottinghamshire County Local Outbreak Control Plan](#)

Nottinghamshire County Council (June 2020)

Press releases:

- [Nottinghamshire Councils urge people to follow stricter guidelines on COVID-19](#) (7 October 2020)
- [Protect yourself, your community and the NHS by getting the flu vaccine](#) (30 September 2020)
- [Closure notice issued to Pub in Kimberley, Nottinghamshire](#) (25 September 2020)
- [Notts residents urged to download NHS Covid-19 app from Thursday](#) (22 September 2020)
- [County Council funding praised for helping Notts communities through COVID-19](#) (21 September 2020)
- [Businesses and venues urged to create QR posters for 'Test and Trace'](#) (18 September 2020)

- [Workplace testing deployed at Summit Park construction site](#) (8 September 2020)
- [Helping Nottinghamshire get back to school and back on the move](#) (7 September 2020)
- [Lowest COVID-19 rate in Newark and Sherwood for over a month](#) (2 September 2020)
- [Newark and Sherwood to remain on government watchlist](#) (28 August 2020)
- [Nottinghamshire aims for children to go back to school with confidence](#) (24 August 2020)
- [Director of Public Health issues reminder that everyone has part to play in stopping the spread of Coronavirus](#) (20 August 2020)
- [Bakkavor employees undergo COVID-19 testing](#) (17 August 2020)
- [People urged not to visit care homes in Newark](#) (14 August 2020)
- [Newark Residents Urged to Follow Strict COVID Advice Following Government Announcement](#) (13 August 2020)
- [Events cancelled at Newark Showground](#) (12 August 2020)
- [Statement from the Director of Public Health for Nottinghamshire regarding the current COVID-19 outbreak in Newark](#) (12 August 2020)
- [Routine mobile COVID-19 testing in Retford](#) (11 August 2020)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- 'All'

3 November 2020

Agenda Item:

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

COVID-19: UPDATE REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Members on the impact of the Coronavirus crisis on the work of Nottinghamshire County Council, and the Council's response and recovery planning.

Information

2. This report is an update on Nottinghamshire County Council's response to the coronavirus emergency. Five programmes of work are managing the response to the emergency both corporately and with partners county-wide. These are: -
 - Support for Vulnerable Adults
 - Support for Vulnerable Children and Families including Schools
 - Community Support and Resilience
 - Support for Business and the Local Economy
 - Corporate Resilience

This report provides an update on activity within these programmes, excluding 'Support for Business and the Local Economy' which is covered under a separate item on this agenda.

Support for Vulnerable Adults

Support to Social Care Providers

3. The Adult Social Care and Public Health department continues to work closely with social care providers to ensure continuity of service to people who receive care and support in their own homes and in supported living, extra care facilities, residential and nursing home care. The Council has been successful in allocating the Adult Social Care Infection Control Fund to providers across the county in accordance with the national grant conditions; these were focused on measures to effectively reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission within and between care settings, including reducing the need for staff movements between homes/sites. This funding has now been extended until March 2021, with a total allocation of £9.6m for Nottinghamshire, which will be payable in two instalments up to the end of this year and must be used by the end of March 2021.
4. The Council is undertaking a self-assessment process to review and identify the readiness and sustainability of the care market in Nottinghamshire up to the end of March 2021. This is a requirement of the Department of Health and Social Care and is being co-ordinated through the Association of Directors of Adult Social Services (ADASS). The intention is to provide a national and local picture of the state of the care market, and any areas of risk that need

attention and support as the country moves into winter whilst also dealing with an increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. The self-assessment has to be completed by mid-October.

Adult Social Care Winter Plan

5. On 18th September the Government published the [Adult Social Care Winter Plan for 2020-2021](#). This presented the key elements of national support available for the social care sector for winter 2020 to 2021, as well as the main actions required of local authorities, NHS organisations and social care providers, including in the voluntary and community sector. The Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) described three overarching priorities for adult social care in the Plan:
 1. ensuring everyone who needs care or support can get high-quality, timely and safe care throughout the autumn and winter period
 2. protecting people who need care, support or safeguards, the social care workforce, and carers from infections including COVID-19
 3. making sure that people who need care, support or safeguards remain connected to essential services and their loved ones whilst protecting individuals from infections including COVID-19.
6. The document puts into practice the recommendations of the [Social Care Sector COVID-19 Support Taskforce](#) with requirements for the Council to deliver alongside our social care providers and partner organisations.
7. A few examples are:
 - local authorities must put in place their own winter plans, building on existing planning, including local outbreak plans, in the context of planning for the end of the transition period, and write to DHSC to confirm they have done this by 31 October 2020.
 - local authorities must distribute funding made available through the extension of the Infection Control Fund to the sector as quickly as possible, and report on how funding is being used, in line with the grant conditions (as already mentioned above)
 - local authority directors of public health should give a regular assessment of whether visiting care homes is likely to be appropriate within their local authority.
8. The department is currently developing its winter plan in response to the national requirements and this will be presented at a future meeting of the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee.

Reshaping Services

9. The department has been focusing on recovery alongside the ongoing emergency response. The recent increase in cases across the county and the latest national guidance and restrictions have required some reconsideration of future plans. For example, the department has been developing a plan for a new day opportunities strategy, to be co-produced with people, family, carers, staff and partners, with a view to people having a meaningful day, and achieving their aspirations for the future. This work will still take place with the intention of having a strategy in place from March 2021, but alongside this the department will be working to develop a COVID-19 secure interim day service model for the continued period of social distancing guidelines. This will be the case across all of our services and support as we review and respond to the current situation.

Support for Vulnerable Children and Families including Schools

Early Years, School and College Settings

10. Nottinghamshire's publicly funded schools returned to school on the 1 September. Publicly funded schools have been required to make a daily attendance return to the Department for Education (DfE) which the Council is able to interrogate on a lagged basis. Initial attendance has compared positively with the national picture. As of 6th October 2020, 92.2% of children on the roll in the county were attending school compared with a national average of 90.2%.
11. Schools have continued to implement their new arrangements within school. A number of publicly funded schools had bubbles at home in isolation. This has clearly required schools to implement their blended learning strategies to ensure children at home have continued to access their education. A challenge for schools has been in relation to securing tests for members of staff who become symptomatic. Schools in Nottinghamshire have experienced the same challenges to secure tests for their staff. This has been practically addressed by the introduction of a booking process for key workers and their families to ensure they can continue to attend their place of work. Whilst there has been some improved access, securing a timely test and outcome remains a challenge for schools as the winter flu and cold season approaches.
12. Public Health has provided a flow chart of advice to support schools in making decisions as to when a test is required and when symptoms are clearly minor colds. This will be a key document to ensure that as many children as possible can access their education at school.
13. Ofsted is undertaking a series of school-based visits throughout the autumn term to identify emerging good practice during the pandemic. Four maintained schools have participated in pilot visits in September: St Giles Special School, All Saints Infants in Huthwaite, Carnarvon Primary School in Bingham and Brinsley Primary School. Feedback from these visits has been shared with all schools at the senior leaders' briefings led by Education, Learning and Skills. During the remainder of the term, all schools which are in an adverse Ofsted category nationally will be visited along with a sample of all schools including those judged to be outstanding. A letter will be published on the Ofsted web site of all such visits although these will not result in a change of judgment. At this time, Ofsted has indicated that formal inspections will not recommence until at least the spring term 2021 although it is likely that formal inspections could be further delayed.
14. An emerging challenge from schools continues to be in relation to budget. The cost of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) has significantly increased. Increased cleaning hours are also being commissioned by most schools, which is adversely impacting on budgets. On 29 September, the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee formally wrote to all of Nottinghamshire's Conservative MPs raising concern about the additional COVID-19 costs for schools for which additional budget is unavailable. Whilst schools were able to claim back some costs for additional expenditure in the summer term 2020, to date, there appears to be no proposal nationally to repeat this in the autumn term.
15. Communications to parents and carers about children returning to school continues. This includes a back to school web page with frequently asked questions, information about travelling to school, reminders about keeping distances at school drop off and pick up times, advice about how to spot common colds versus COVID symptoms using a multi-channel approach including media, social media, email newsletters, web, and signage.

16. In the coming weeks, there will be further health and safety messages outside school sites, including lamppost wraps, as well as reminders about health and safety on school buses. The County Council team is also working with Nottingham City Council to try and coordinate messaging about safe tram and bus travel, including reminders about face coverings.
17. Education, Learning and Skills is leading and coordinating the roll out of the 'Wellbeing for Education Return', with the first webinars commencing on the 12 October 2020. These webinars will run at district level and will be followed up by further webinars and access to resources.
18. Since the start of school term 1017 (100%) Early Years settings were open for preschool children. We understand that many parents are still anxious about returning so take up of childcare provision remains low in some localities. A local campaign was launched last term to help reassure parents and encourage greater numbers to access their early years entitlements. This campaign is ongoing. 17,560 (95%) of 3- and 4-year olds are accessing their universal entitlements, 4,082 of 3- and 4-year olds from working households are accessing their additional 15 hours of childcare per week, and 1,558 (59%) of 2-year olds are accessing their 15 hours per week entitlement to early education. Increasing the take up of childcare, particularly for 2-year olds from low income households is an absolute priority.
19. Nottinghamshire provided discretionary funding for 2-, 3- and 4-year olds who were defined as 'vulnerable' to enable them to access 15 hours of childcare per week during the summer holidays to ensure that children were safe and were able to catch up on some of the early education they will have missed during lock down. 29 children known to social care accessed childcare during the summer, as well as 7 children with SEND.
20. Whilst we know that 10 Early Years settings have closed since March 2020, there does not appear to be a shortage of places so far. The updated Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2020 due to be presented to the Children and Young People's Committee in November will highlight any such challenges and the impact of COVID-19 on the childcare market.

Vulnerable Children, Young People and Families

21. Since schools have gone back, there has as anticipated been a rise in the number of MASH enquiries being received. Due to pressure in the MASH the service is currently operating an "urgents only by phone" service. This is enabling urgent calls to be handled in a timely manner. All non-urgent safeguarding concerns can continue to be referred to the MASH via the online referral form or through email. Feedback from social work teams indicates that cases being referred are more complex than was previously the case which may reflect children experiencing hidden harm during lockdown.
22. All families receiving early help or social work support continue to be risk-assessed to determine the level of support required. In line with government guidance, all families open to children's social care are now receiving some level of face to face contact with appropriate social distancing measures in place and PPE if deemed necessary through risk assessment. An audit of social work practice during the pandemic has been undertaken which has concluded that many families have had a positive experience of the use of technology to engage with them. The intention is to develop a blended approach moving forwards that combines safe, socially distant face to face visits, with additional contacts via Teams, WhatsApp or other methods.

23. The temporary changes to the Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) process, brought in by the Coronavirus Act, have now ceased. Since the beginning of September there has been a marked and unusual increase in requests for EHCPs, requests for elective home education, and contacts regarding placements at risk. This would indicate some concerns on the part of young people and families and educational settings about the ability of educational settings to meet need.
24. The Specialist Support Team (SST) has continued to provide hands on support to vulnerable children and families who were unable to access their usual provision. Although most services have re-opened, capacity remains reduced and SST continue to support those families who would otherwise be in crisis.
25. In respect of support for children with special educational needs and disabilities, for those families that receive a short break via a direct payment or provider service, the temporary offer of a £150 grant that was in lieu of these short break's hours has now come to an end. Short break assessments have continued throughout the period of restrictions. Provider capacity has reduced, which has had an impact on some families.
26. The Physical Disability Specialist Service (PDSS) has continued to ensure that children with physical disabilities have access to mainstream educational settings by providing the appropriate equipment, adaptations and staff training. Moving and Handling Training sessions for education staff have recommenced and now take place in smaller groups, in a COVID secure environment.
27. The Occupational Therapy team continue to use innovative ways to assess children and young people and the environment by using technology where possible. Home visits are taking place where there is no alternative e.g. to adjust equipment.
28. Twice weekly service coordination meetings continue to take place with colleagues from other children's services and education. These meetings provide an opportunity to discuss those children young people and families most at risk and establish a coordinated response.

Community Support and Resilience

Community Support Hub

29. As reported to Policy Committee on 13th May 2020, Nottinghamshire Coronavirus Community Support Hub went live on 23rd March and is accessible over the phone, via the Council website or the My Notts app. The Hub provides a real-time online database, accessible to all partners, which enables residents in need of support to input their postcode and requirements and be 'served up' with a list of local groups and organisations able to meet those needs.
30. The number of hits to the Hub website reduced gradually over the summer from a peak of around 1,000 a day down to as low as about 40 a day by mid-September. However, by week commencing 28th September this had increased to over 60 a day and as of w/c 19th October this had risen to 160 a day – which is the highest amount since June.
31. As at 22nd October, 1,170 requests for support had been received since launching the second phase of the Hub, with the numbers of requests per day slowing as time has progressed. There are currently 277 voluntary groups, 140 individual volunteers, 78 charity

organisations, 20 online community and 240 businesses offering support which represents a reduction in previous numbers mainly driven by a reduction in the number of individuals.

32. As of 22nd October 2020, 36,404 people had been identified from NHS data as being extremely vulnerable and required shielding in the County. 19,451 had been in contact with the Government to indicate whether they required support or not, around a third of whom requested and received assistance from the Hub. For those who hadn't registered with the Shielded programme (16,953 as of 22nd October 2020), a local process was undertaken, complementing the national effort, to contact anyone in this group not known to the Council or its partners.
33. The Customer Services Centre have been a key component of the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) response, and had significant volumes of activity between April and October:
- Handled 23,219 incoming call relating to COVID-19
6,663 of these relating directly to the community hub
 - Made 26,975 outgoing calls relating to emergency food support
from which 2,131 support needs were identified and resolved

Second wave of Infection

34. As the rates of infection have increased and a second wave has become a reality, Central Government has introduced a three-tier system and we are responding accordingly to our current situation and planning for further potential measures being introduced.
35. The first local outbreak was identified during the week commencing 10th August and the Hub worked proactively with colleagues in LRF organisations to ensure that they were supported and also the people affected. The learning from this was fed into the response to subsequent local outbreaks and has informed the review of resource readiness across Councils within the LRF and their ability to meet future support requirements in the community – which was used to provide an assurance to the HAG that the community cell could respond effectively to a second wave of infection.
36. As of October 22nd, Nottingham City and Nottinghamshire are within the second tier of restrictions with an expectation that this will increase to tier-three in some areas over the coming days and weeks. Whilst it is not expected that the move to tier three would dramatically increase the number of requests for support it does make the re-introduction of shielding more likely.
37. The hub has been liaising with Central Government to understand what the expectations would be of LRF organisations in the event of vulnerable people being asked to shield again and guidance on this has now been issued and we are planning for this eventuality with LRF organisations.
38. In the meantime, we have built up a stock of frozen meals at County Enterprise Foods and put in place arrangements for an external supplier of food parcels as a contingency – it is worth noting that this at zero cost to Nottinghamshire County Council until activated. This would be used to provide interim support before people can be supported to find their own solution.
39. At the same time, we have also been considering our response to the wide range of potential presenting needs so that these can be developed to inform the planning of LRF partner

organisations. This work also includes consideration of how support requirements could be impacted by adverse weather through autumn and winter.

40. The hub will continue to monitor the situation and work with LRF partner organisations to plan to meet the support needs of people in their communities.

Nottinghamshire Community Fund

41. Nottinghamshire Community Fund was launched on 31st March 2020. The fund, managed by the Council's Communities Team, is available to local charities and community organisations that are delivering essential services to vulnerable residents impacted by COVID-19, including access to food, medicines and support with well-being. As of 22nd October 2020, 260 awards had been made with a total value of £695,201.

Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies

42. On 10th July the Authority was allocated £858,285 by government, in order to support people struggling to afford food and other essentials due to COVID-19. The funding had been allocated based on population weighted by a proxy measure of need and the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) for the authority area.

43. The system to administer the funding has been established and as at 22nd October 2020 it has received 46 bids, with a value of £ 678k, of which 22 have been approved with a value of £ 246k.

Financial Resilience of the Community and Voluntary Sector

44. A task group with partners around the county was established to undertake an assessment of the financial resilience of the Community and Voluntary Sector in light of the COVID-19 emergency. The sector is a crucial partner in supporting communities through the coronavirus crisis and into the future and it is the intention that this piece of work will inform the support that will be required by the sector going forward.

45. A report providing an update of this work and details of a plan for the coming months was presented at a meeting of the Humanitarian Assistance Group (HAG) on 29th September and partner organisations have been asked to consider how we could collectively meet the financial implications.

Corporate Resilience

Workforce

46. An action plan has been developed by the Workforce Recovery Group to identify specific actions required to ensure the Council continues to be prepared and well placed for a continued effective response to the COVID-19 situation. The group which is chaired by the Service Director Customers, Governance and Employees, draws its membership from across the Council, and is the forum for developing the new Workforce Recovery and Resilience Strategy to replace the existing People Strategy. This will be considered at Personnel Committee in November.

47. We continue to be grateful for the fact that the council has not had any deaths in service due to COVID-19 notwithstanding the impact of bereavement and loss has had on certain colleagues over the last 6 months.
48. We continue to have regular dialogue with the recognised trade unions and the self- managed employee support groups to address specific workforce issues arising from the pandemic.
49. Personnel Committee considered a further report in September which again highlighted the positive impact of flexible working on workforce availability. Committee agreed a revised, refreshed Employee Health and Well Being Action Plan which highlights the range of support available for employees to access including counselling, financial advice and a range of additional measures to assist people maintain their resilience whilst at work.
50. Concerns have been expressed about the increase of COVID-19 cases going into the winter flu season. The current Public Health campaign to encourage employees to get vaccinated is supported by the recognised trade unions and further publicity to encourage people to access a flu injection is planned. The various departmental and corporate Risk Safety Emergency Management Groups and Board continue to meet to ensure the Council is well prepared for whatever the next phase of the COVID-19 outbreak brings.
51. Our existing learning and development package is kept under review and new information is added which provides further support for those continuing to work as they were or at home. Research will be undertaken to further understand what people value from the current situation and what they do not like and would want to change.
52. Advice and information have been continually updated on the Council's intranet to ensure employees and their managers are fully aware of the newly announced restrictions and how these may impact on our working lives. We continue to develop our suite of Frequently Asked Questions to maintain their currency and relevance.

Council Premises

53. The Property and Premises Recovery Group continues to meet weekly. The group includes officers from across the Council looking to guide and support the reoccupation of Council properties and their continued safe use during restrictions, both the central office estate and the operational portfolio. The group ensure that buildings are safe to use and compliant with Government guidelines with adaptations, social distancing measures and hygiene policies and regimes in place, and that a corporate approach is taken to ensure consistency.
54. The subgroup worked with Group Managers to identify staff who need to return to the office either for individual welfare reasons, or because they are unable to satisfactorily deliver their services working remotely and those staff were able to return to our COVID prepared offices in early August. A video was provided to help staff understand how the buildings will operate and what is expected of them as occupiers. The impact of social distancing is that only approximately 50% of workstations are available for use and the capacity of meeting spaces is similarly reduced. Reception areas remain closed to the public, who may only visit by appointment. All staff and visitors are required to sign in for test and trace purposes. The Council's nonpriority staff, which is the majority, continue to operate in their existing circumstances, which in most cases means working from home.
55. For the varied operational estate, guidance on reoccupation and continued compliant use continues to be provided to services to ensure consistency across the Council and compliance

with government guidance. Support is being provided from Property, Health and Safety, HR and ICT. Across all the estate as we enter the cooler time of year issues of natural and mechanical ventilation, air circulation and heating are concerns for all building managers and guidance and support is being provided.

Reopening of Services

56. In order to adhere to government guidance on social distancing and release Council resources to support COVID-19 priorities, many public-facing service areas have faced disruption or closure. The current status of these services is outlined in the table below.

Service	Status
Youth Services	<p>Youth work with the most vulnerable young people continues to be prioritised. Where needed the Youth Service will support young people within Children’s Social Care settings, including residential homes and in supporting placement stability.</p> <p>Young People’s Centres reopened universal provision in line with government guidelines during w/c 21st September. A blended approach has been taken in response to local needs which has seen youth workers delivering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two open access Youth Work sessions from their youth centre and two Outreach and Youth Work Intervention sessions in the local community per week. This will be reviewed October half-term, with an aim to return to four open access youth centre sessions as soon as possible. • Initially a maximum number of 15 young people are permitted into the Young People’s Centres. • In addition, we will continue to deliver Focused Youth Work Intervention sessions with small groups of young people who need additional targeted youth work support. <p>The Youth Service will remain responsive to an evolving situation, and as the circumstances and guidance change, we may need to refine our operating plans.</p>
Library Services	<p>All libraries are open providing browsing, borrowing, information and ICT services. Click and collect service is also available. Reduced opening hours are in place. Mobile library services resumed on 14th September 2020.</p>
Outdoor Education Services	<p>Outdoor education residential centres are currently closed for overnight stays. Plans are being developed to reopen these services when possible and in line with government guidelines.</p> <p>During the interim period the service is supporting young people within Children’s Social Care settings by offering young people adventurous activities and outdoor learning experiences.</p> <p>Schools will be able to go on day visits at our Centres from September. The team have also developed a new on-site programme for schools in the autumn term based on the popular Wow Days. These activities include the Wow activities and also Viking, Robin Hood and Stone Age themed days. The autumn</p>

	term will see the opening of the new climbing tower and high ropes elements at the Mill Adventure Base and an immersive Saxon and Viking Settlement at the Perlethorpe Centre.
School Swimming	Services recommenced 7 th September 2020, firstly to primary schools. Bridging Clubs and baby and parent sessions will recommence week commencing 2 nd November 2020 if appropriate.
Day Services	Day Services returned to offering some premises-based services at the end of August. Services are operating within government guidelines which significantly reduces the capacity in buildings. Therefore, our day services continue to offer a transitional service. This consists of a blended offer which can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COVID-19 secure building-based services, presently zoned, for those who can socially distance. • Building based activities for those who are unable to socially distance • Outreach support in someone's home • Community activities • Virtual activities
Country Parks and green spaces	Car parks have reopened at all country parks. Visitor facilities have partially reopened with some restrictions still in place.
Children's Centres	All 17 main Children's Centre sites remained open during lock down with additional satellite buildings reopening following building adaptations and infection control measures being implemented. The centres provide family support on site and continue to host midwifery clinics. Face to face group sessions are currently on hold except for work with very small groups of parents and non-mobile babies. This includes a suspension of volunteer led stay and play sessions which parents are requesting. Other targeted Children's Centre services continue to be provided on the phone, virtually, in family homes or outdoors.
Recycling Centres	All 12 recycling centres in the county have reopened, with social distancing measures in place. A booking system continues to operate at West Bridgford Recycling Centre.
Registration Services	Prior to the beginning of June, all registration services were suspended except for the registration of still births and deaths (which could be completed by telephone). From 1 June, the government permitted the registration of births and appointments for notices of marriage. The resumption of civil marriages at registration offices and Approved Premises was approved from 4 July. Individual Citizenship Ceremonies began again in July and group ceremonies (with no guests) resumed in September.
Music Teaching	Physical services have been resumed in line with government guidance to schools and in liaison with individual schools. Virtual offer still available.

Inspire learning study programmes	Young people continue to be supported to complete vocational courses on site and remotely.
Inspire learning adult education programme	A range of online programmes are currently being provided. Some limited face to face teaching resumed in September following government guidance.
Archives	Appointment for physical visits available. Expanded online services available.

57. Previous reports have included an update on the status of Education Library Service, Bus Services, School Crossing Patrols and Highways Maintenance. These services are now fully operational, albeit with alternative working arrangements in place for the protection of residents and staff.

Other Options Considered

58. The nature of the Coronavirus emergency is such that the Council has reviewed its priorities and use of resources to address the most critical needs of Nottinghamshire’s residents. The Council must also comply with relevant Government guidance and meet its statutory duties as required during the emergency.

Reason for Recommendations

59. To update members on the Council’s ongoing response to the Coronavirus emergency.

Statutory and Policy Implications

60. 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

61. All Local Authorities are required by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government to report their forecast financial impact of the COVID-19 emergency on a monthly basis. The most recent DELTA 6 submission from Nottinghamshire County Council identified a total forecast financial impact of £36.8m (net of additional specific grants) in the current financial year. This is a reduction from earlier submissions due to recent Government announcements that PPE will now be provided centrally for many establishments where NCC was anticipating bearing the costs and additional CCG funding.

62. The additional pressures on the 2020/21 budget are offset by the main £42.1m COVID-19 grant allocation received from Central Government, however it should be noted that there is likely to be ongoing pressure on NCC budgets as a result of COVID-19, including anticipated reductions in Council Tax and Business Rate income in future years. As such any COVID-19 funding not required in 2020/21 will be used to set up a provision for future year costs / lost income directly attributable to the pandemic.

63. In addition to the main COVID-19 grant, the Authority has also been allocated the following COVID-19 related grant funding from Central Government:

- £3.8m Test and Trace Service Support Grant. This grant provides support to Local Authorities in England towards mitigation and management costs against local outbreaks of COVID-19.
- £11.5m Adult Social Care Infection Control Grant. 75% of this grant provides support to adult social care providers to help reduce the rate of COVID-19 transmission in and between care homes and was given directly to care homes. The remaining 25% of grant is being used to support wider workforce resilience to deliver infection control. The grant must be used to cover eligible expenditure incurred between 13 May 2020 and 23 September 2020.
- £9.6m Adult Social Care Infection Control Grant Round 2. 80% of this grant must be passed to care homes within the local authority's geographical area on a 'per beds' basis and CQC-regulated community care providers (domiciliary care, extra care and supported living) within the local authority's geographical area on a 'per user' basis. The other 20% of the funding must be used to support care providers to take additional steps to tackle the risk of COVID-19 infections but can be allocated at the local authority's discretion.
- £0.6m Additional Dedicated Home to School Transport Grant. This grant has been made available to ensure that there is sufficient transport capacity so that children can get to school safely and on time.
- £0.9m Emergency Assistance Grant. This discretionary grant is provided to be used from July onwards to meet immediate need and help those who are struggling to afford food and essentials due to COVID-19.

All of the above will be reflected in the forecast financial position reported to Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee on a monthly basis.

64. The Government have also announced a scheme that will help those Local Authorities that have lost income during the pandemic. The first claim has recently been completed and NCC has identified circa £1.2m which is now subject to confirmation from Government that it is eligible for reimbursement.

65. As noted above, the pro-forma submitted to the Government does not include other potentially significant future costs including falls in collection rates for Council Tax and Business Rates (£10m) as well as impacts upon the realisation of capital receipts (£4m).

66. All of the above additional costs, lost income and grant funding, together with ongoing pressures and savings options, will be incorporated in to an updated Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) which will be presented to a future Policy Committee meeting.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

67. The safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults is at the centre of decision making around operating models and reopening of services in Children's and Adults services and services continue to operate with the same standards of care.

Implications for Service Users

68. While there continue to be some disruptions to services through the Council's response to COVID-19, the aim has been to maintain the welfare and safety of all services users at all times.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That Members consider whether they require any further actions in relation to the issues contained within the report.
- 2) That Members agree to receive further updates at subsequent meetings.

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Constitutional Comments (AK 14/10/2020)

69. The report falls within the remit of Resilience, Recovery and Renewal Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (KRP 9/10/2020)

70. The financial implications are as set out in 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

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

FOOD AND BASIC SUPPORT DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee about initiatives to support Nottinghamshire residents to access food, essential supplies and wider support during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Information

2. Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council has worked in conjunction with Local Resilience Forum (LRF) partners across Nottinghamshire to support vulnerable people to be able to access the food and essential supplies that they need in order to live within the COVID-19 guidelines mandated by central government.
3. For example, approximately 7,000 Nottinghamshire residents who were advised to shield between April and August initially indicated that they required support to access food and essential supplies. The Council's Contact Centre helped people register on the government shielding portal if they were having difficulties and contacted people who had advised that they were unable to access supplies to support them to access food where it was required, from a range of community sources. The Contact Centre made 57,000 outbound calls during this period and opened on Saturdays until the end of May to ensure that residents could access support at the weekend. 24,000 inbound calls relating to COVID-19 were also fielded by the Contact Centre. In addition, during this period approximately 600 food parcels were delivered directly by the Council and its partners to people who were shielding, with the majority of these being delivered during the initial 12 week shielding period.
4. In addition to food support for those advised to shield, the Council and partners also contacted residents who were identified as vulnerable by the NHS. This covered a range of people including those living on their own with dementia or with other health concerns. This cohort was supported to access food, other essential supplies and personal support through the network of agencies, community and voluntary/volunteers organisations established and co-ordinated through the Nottingham Coronavirus Community Support Hub that the Council developed in March/April.

5. The Council's school catering service also worked flexibly alongside schools across the county to support pupils' continuing access to hot and cold meal support through the spring and summer terms. This work, which has seen the Service support school wrap around breakfast and holiday clubs, for example, in addition to the core school meal offer, continues.

Nottinghamshire COVID-19 Community Support Fund

6. The Nottinghamshire COVID-19 Community Support Fund, launched in April 2020, gave local voluntary and community groups the opportunity to apply for funding to support local people throughout the initial stages of the pandemic.
7. The fund closed in September having awarded £695k to 260 successful applicants from across Nottinghamshire.
8. The fund supported groups providing access to food, medicine and basic supplies, and also supported initiatives that helped support the social, physical and mental wellbeing of Nottinghamshire residents. Of particular note is that approximately £350k was awarded to food-related initiatives, with the Fund directly supporting food banks and the delivery of food parcels to vulnerable people, the establishment and operation of temporary food banks in areas where they did not already exist, help with food shopping and the provision of hot meals to local people.

Local Authority Emergency Assistance Grant for Food and Essential Supplies

9. In July the Council was allocated £858,285 by Government to support people struggling to afford food and other essentials due to COVID-19. The funding was allocated based on population, weighted by the Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD).
10. Due to the substantial number of food-related initiatives already funded through the Nottinghamshire Coronavirus Community Fund, the Council has taken a medium-term approach to the distribution of this funding and collaborated with district and borough councils to ensure that funding is directed to those most in need. The continuing allocation of funding is being made on the basis that food banks and other food related initiatives are likely to see increased demand during the winter months as the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic continues to develop and evolve.
11. Applicants have been advised that they are not restricted to one application and can reapply when they have assessed their requirements for the winter period. As of 22 October, this medium-term approach to allocation of funds has resulted in £246,178 being awarded to 22 projects, with a number of further applications under assessment and refinement with bidding organisations. Funded projects to date include food banks (to replenish/augment stocks for winter), local food clubs, district, borough and parish council food initiatives, and other local organisations focussed on directly providing food and essentials to those struggling due to COVID-19.

Broader support for the voluntary and community sector and the financial sustainability of the sector

12. The development of the Community Hub and the collaborative approach taken by the Council and its partners to support vulnerable people during the pandemic has been recognised as a positive outcome of our response to COVID-19 in Nottinghamshire. Within this, the role taken by the voluntary and community sector has been significant, and has been pivotal to Nottinghamshire's ability to meet the needs of vulnerable people within our communities.
13. In recognition of this, work is underway to support the development of a sustainable county-wide volunteer capacity through the Hub. Three main areas of work are being progressed:
- The development and testing of a "One Step at a Time" service to focus on the initial first step of getting people back out of their houses in a way that keeps them safe and ensures that they also feel confident to leave the house after months of staying at home.
 - The development of a longer-term engagement approach for collaborative working across Councils, health partners and the voluntary and community sector with the aim of developing a range of volunteer-led services designed to help tackle loneliness and isolation.
 - Work with partners to identify how development of the community hub could support the work and coordination of the sector
14. Taking this work forward will help strengthen and grow the volunteer capacity to provide services that will be required to support lonely and isolated people in our communities as the pandemic continues through the winter.

Future demands on food in Nottinghamshire – Shielding

15. From 1 August, shielding Nottinghamshire residents were advised that they no longer needed to shield. The national food scheme which provided weekly free food boxes to those residents with no alternative means to access food ended on 31 July.
16. The Government regularly monitors this position, and is keeping under consideration options for shielding to restart either locally or nationally. Government has also produced a framework for local authorities to use to develop their own local food support plan (LFSP). The framework replaces the national scheme that ran from April to July this year.
17. The framework advises that as managing the threat from coronavirus has become part of daily life, the market conditions which led to emergency food boxes being provided at the start of the crisis have also now changed. There is more reliable access to online deliveries from supermarkets and support from volunteers, such as NHS Responders, and further local support networks have been developed.
18. Officers have worked with LRF partners to develop a LFSP to meet the needs of Clinically Extremely Vulnerable people were they to be asked to start shielding again. The Plan addresses how food and essential supplies services would be organised and co-ordinated during the autumn/winter period and how local organisations will be supported to provide food and essentials to people who cannot access it in any other way.

19. In addition to the funds already allocated through the Nottinghamshire Community Fund and the Emergency Assistance Fund, a minimum £300k will be reserved from the Emergency Assistance Fund for local food banks and other food related organisations to support the continuing food needs of the vulnerable through the pandemic.
20. To provide additional food security, the Council's County Enterprise Foods (CEF) service has been engaged to produce and store 20,000 extra frozen meals in anticipation of an increase in demand should shielding be reintroduced. The Council has also engaged a national food distribution partner; this will help secure the necessary supplies and capacity to deliver a large number of food parcels in an emergency situation.
21. As per government guidance, the LFSP has been designed to support food independence, focussing on helping residents to access commercially available food offers where possible and drawing on support from volunteers to help with shopping as needed. Where individuals can afford to pay for their food, they will be encouraged to do so. The Nottinghamshire Coronavirus Community Support Hub will remain key to providing people with commercial and voluntary food options in their local area.

Other Options Considered

22. None

Reason for Recommendation

23. To enable members to consider the issues set out in the report.

Statutory and Policy Implications

24. 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

- 1) That members consider whether there are any actions arising from this report.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 23.10.2020)

25. This report can be considered by the COVID-19 Resilience, Recovery and Renewal Committee under its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (MM 23.10.2020)

26. Paragraphs 9 and 11 state that from the Local Authority Emergency Assistance Fund (LAEAF) of £858,285 allocated to NCC in July 2020, £246,178 has been awarded to food related projects to date, with further applications under assessment. Paragraph 19 refers to reserving a further £300,000 from the LAEAF for local food banks/other food related organisations to support continued needs, which would result in a balance remaining of £312,107

Background Papers and Published Documents

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- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

3 November 2020

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

UPDATE ON THE ECONOMY AND PROGRESS WITH THE ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACTION PLAN 2020-2022

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Members on the post-lockdown national response and the work the Council and its partners are undertaking, especially in relation to the Economic Recovery Action Plan.
2. To seek approval to continue development of a healthy work bid for £643,601.

Information

3. The coronavirus pandemic, changing economy and the pressing need to get Nottinghamshire back on its feet in the wake of COVID-19 is why, on 15 September, this Committee approved the Council's Economic Recovery Action Plan 2020-2022.
4. In the intervening 49 days, an unprecedented package of measures continues to be developed, refined and delivered by the Council and partners (locally and nationally) to get businesses up and trading again; restore business, consumer and community confidence; and support for those who do lose their jobs.
5. For ease of reading, this report begins with an update on the national response and the impact of this support across Nottinghamshire and concludes with highlights of the decisive action the Council and its partners are undertaking to get our economy back on its feet.

Key take outs from the National Response

6. The government announced a new Job Support Scheme (JSS) to replace the furlough scheme and began from the start of November. Having undergone a revision since the announcement of the JSS, its aim is to stop mass job cuts. Instead of a minimum requirement of paying 55% of wages for a third of hours, as announced in September at the launch of the Winter Economic Plan, employers will have to pay for a minimum of 20% of usual hours worked, and 5% of hours not worked.
7. The government will now fund 62% of the wages for hours not worked. This more than doubles the maximum payment to £1,541.75 a month. In the most generous case, the taxpayer will now go from funding 22% of wages to just under half. The scheme will, as before, be open to all small businesses and larger businesses that can show an impact on revenues.
8. It is aimed at addressing the gap in support for businesses in tier two restrictions but is not explicitly tied to that status and is available across the United Kingdom (UK). The tables to follow, illustrate the breakdown of contributions under the various schemes. In all schemes,

employers must pay National Insurance and minimum pension contributions. By September 2020, circa 2.5 million people registered for the scheme, bringing the total claims to 6.3 million – 23% of the employed workforce.

9. Original Furlough Scheme (ended November 2020)

Employer pays 20%	Government pays 60%	Pay falls by 20%
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10. Job Support Scheme (for Tier Three businesses forced to close)

Government pays 67%	Pay falls by 33%
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11. Part-time Job Support Scheme (for all business affected by restrictions)

Employee must work at least 20%	Employer pays 4%	Government pays 49%	Pay falls by 27%
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*Source HM Treasury

12. Official figure from the Office of National Statistic (ONS) show, the UK unemployment rate has risen to its highest level for two years. The unemployment rate grew to 4.1% in the three months to July, compared with 3.9% previously. Young people were particularly hard hit, with those aged 16 to 24 suffering the biggest drop in employment compared with other age groups. As mentioned in the Poverty report which features on today’s agenda, a time lag in reporting means we are unable to obtain up to date data for Nottinghamshire. What is known, is that young people (particularly school and university leavers) who tend to rely on entry-level jobs to get them started in the world of work, will be particularly hit hard by the economic fall out of the pandemic on the retail and hospitality sectors.

13. The VAT cut was also extended from mid-January to the end of March. VAT rates cut for hospitality and tourism from 20% to 5% will remain in place until 31 March 2021, rather than 13 January 2021. The expectation is that the measure would help protect 2.4 million jobs through the winter.

14. UK debt passed £2 trillion in August, now exceeding the size of the economy, as the government has been forced to cover a wide range of coronavirus-related costs (from the furlough scheme and bailouts for rail firms to business rates holidays and VAT cuts for hospitality and tourism). This is the highest level of debt seen since the 1960s. Some economists expected the economy to stagnate for the rest of the year.

15. The Eat out to Help out scheme (which the Government set aside £500m to cover the cost of) helped drive significant spend (+25% versus previous five weeks) and trips back (+8%) in the Out-of-home (OOH) advertising market and encouraged trips earlier in the week (versus Thursday to Sunday). It has also boosted sales in pubs and bars, full-service restaurants and wholesale. Since then, tighter restrictions were announced across the United Kingdom on 22 September, including a 22:00 closing time for pubs in England. All pubs, bars and restaurants restricted to table service only. Takeaways can continue.

16. Government have confirmed their intention to transform the training and skills system. A major expansion of post-18 education and training to level up and prepare workers for the post-COVID economy was announced by the Prime Minister on 29 September. Measures include:

Lifetime Skills Guarantee to give adults the chance to take free college courses valued by employers and new entitlement to flexible locals to allow courses to be taken in segments, boosting opportunities to retrain and enhancing the nation's technical skills.

17. See **Appendix A** for further details on the National Response and a summary of the Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) Employment Support Programmes.

Action the Council and its partners are undertaking

18. Work has accelerated at pace in terms of the actions outlined in the recently approved Economic Recovery Action Plan. Key highlights of the last month include:

- £1 million funding has been secured from Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) through the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme to retrofit homes
- The continued encouragement of Modern Methods of Construction (MMC) in the County through the sale of Rolleston Drive
- Being accepted to submit a bid for the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund working with partner organisations following an Expression of Interest
- Nine apprenticeships ranging from lead adult care worker to senior leader's master's degree with a levy transfer value of £129,000
- Through the Redeployment Triage service there have been 103 employment outcomes, 68 progressed into learning and 11 progressed into work
- Since the beginning of April our Growth Hub advisors have engaged with almost 550 Nottinghamshire businesses providing direct support and offering access to digital and webinar-based advice (figures correct to end of June)
- Since the September launch of the broadband gigabit voucher scheme, Gigabit coverage in rural areas has already risen to 14.92% (i.e. +1.09%)

19. In line with the Economic Recovery Action Plan and through the commissioned services of partner organisations the Council is delivering the following:

- **Inspire**
Inspire Learning was formed in 2016 and delivers educational services for the whole community, enabling Nottinghamshire residents to develop their skills by following courses tailored to their needs. Inspire is offering 32 places under the Kickstart Scheme. Inspire is actively promoting additional Traineeship and Apprenticeships, taking advantage of the recently announced employer incentive payments to encourage more engagement with these initiatives.
- **Via**
Via East Midlands provides highways and fleet management services in Nottinghamshire. Via is currently supporting 51 active apprenticeships across a wide variety of disciplines including highways maintenance and electrical, fleet mechanics, human resources and business leadership.

- **Arc Partnership**

Arc Property Services Partnership Limited (trading as Arc Partnership) is a joint venture between Nottinghamshire County Council and Scape Group. Arc Partnership has been successful in establishing several local frameworks aimed specifically at SME local companies within both Nottinghamshire and the wider area. This represents 42 suppliers, 32 (i.e. 76% of which are within the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire area, and 36 (i.e. 86%) are classed as SME's.

20. See **Appendix B** for the details around the November update. Going forward, Members can expect to receive regular updates on the Economic Recovery Action Plan which will reflect changing circumstances, the latest business intelligence and how specific sectors (such as tourism, the commercial production of food by farming (i.e. agri food) and health and social care) have been impacted by the pandemic and the skills and employment interventions that are required due to changes in the labour market.

Supporting residents into long term and sustainable employment

21. Launched in November 2017, the Work and Health Programme is the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) contracted employment provision aimed at helping persons who have a disability, the long term unemployed and specified disadvantaged groups to find sustained work.

22. Nottinghamshire County Council works to improve health and well-being and reduce health inequalities in the local population. Our aim is to continue to support workplaces, their individuals and communities in Nottinghamshire to not only live and work well but also to thrive and flourish. Committee's approval is being sought to approve continued development of a European Social Fund (ESF) bid on the basis that pound for pound match funding will be met from existing staff resources whose work is aligned to the activity. If successful, this will provide support that is distinct and additional to that available through Jobcentre Plus.

23. In November 2019, the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (D2N2 LEP) launched a European Social Fund (ESF) call for Active Inclusion – Healthy work. This call sought projects to build a locally integrated employment service that: tackles the deep-seated barriers to work for all who need it; makes best use of available resources; reduces duplication by integrating national and local health, employment and other support services; and enables people to access sustainable work and progress.

24. The ambition is to provide additional and complementary activity to those people who are not able to access the Work and Health Programme, yet still need support to get themselves back into employment. The call had a total ESF available of £4m and a minimum project value £1m of ESF, applicants required eligible match at 50%.

25. Futures Advice, Skills and Employment (Futures), our jointly owned social enterprise is leading a bid working with Nottinghamshire County Council and a wider partnership, that will build a team of specialist advisers, case loaders (to work long term with beneficiaries) and Business Engagement staff (who will work to deliver the model). The project will support and ensure full coordination with our existing services such as i-work. The Council will benefit from four additional posts: One Employment Coordinator and three Employment Inclusion Workers. Subject to due diligence and project approval by DWP, the D2N2 European Social Investment Fund Committee (D2N2 ESIF Committee) will provide £643,601 in match funding for the Healthy Work Project which is expected to run from April 2021.

26. In the event of the project bid being successful, the Council will enter into a formal agreement (for which a further report will be presented to Committee as appropriate).

Other Options Considered

27. The ESF funding opportunity aligns with our Employment and Health Strategy 2020-30 and therefore the 'do nothing' option was discounted.

Reason for Recommendation

28. A healthy workforce is a thriving workforce. This is not just in terms of health but also in terms of efficiency and culture. The ESF funding opportunity, provides the Council and Futures with the opportunity to work with businesses across Nottinghamshire to help influence approaches to workplace health.

Statutory and Policy Implications

29. 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

30. The match funding required for the ESF bid is being matched from existing staff being matched into the programme who work on aligned activity. Therefore, no financial cash match is required from Nottinghamshire County Council.

RECOMMENDATION

1) To approve continued development of the healthy work bid for £643,601.

Adrian Smith
Corporate Director, Place

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 15/10/2020)

31. The recommendation falls within the remit of the COVID-19 Resilience, Recovery and Renewal Committee under its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SES 13/10/2020)

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

33. Paragraph 25 details that the match funding required for the ESF bid, is being matched from existing staff who work on aligned activity. Therefore, no financial cash match is required from Nottinghamshire County Council.

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.

- *Notification of Decisions taken under urgency procedures: Gigabit Broadband Voucher and Green Homes Grant Schemes*, report to Policy Committee, published on 30 September 2020
- *Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Demonstrator*, published on 9 September 2020 by the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy. Available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/social-housing-decarbonisation-fund-demonstrator#history>
- *Economic Recovery Action Plan 2020-2022*, report to COVID 19 Resilience, Recovery and Renewal Committee, published 15 September 2020
- *Employment and Health Strategy 2020-2030*, approved by Policy Committee on 18 March 2020 and available online at: <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/policy-library/72899/employment-and-health-strategy-2020-30>




Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

Appendix A: National Response



What businesses can do now

-  Reopen your business safely during coronavirus (COVID-19):
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19>
-  Find out what financial support scheme you may be eligible for:
<https://www.gov.uk/business-coronavirus-support-finder>
-  Find out how to apply for a grant if you're self-employed:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-a-grant-through-the-coronavirus-covid-19-self-employment-income-support-scheme>



Business can stay up to date with GOV.UK by signing up to get emails when government add new coronavirus business support information:

<https://www.gov.uk/email-signup?topic=/coronavirus-taxon/businesses-and-self-employed-people>



Proposed changes to law

On 9 September, the UK Internal Market Bill aimed at protecting jobs and trade across the whole of the United Kingdom after the Transition Period ends, was introduced to Parliament. This new Bill will guarantee companies can trade unhindered in every part of the UK after the Transition Period ends and EU law falls away.



Post-18 education and training

From April 2021 in England, adults without an A-Level or equivalent qualification will be offered a free, fully-funded college course – providing them with skills valued by employers, and the opportunity to study at a time and location that suits them. This offer will be paid for through the National Skills Fund. A full list of available courses will be set out shortly.

Higher education loans will also be made more flexible, allowing adults and young people to space out their study across their lifetimes, take more high-quality vocational courses in further education colleges and universities, and to support people to retrain for jobs of the future.

These reforms will be backed by continued investment in college buildings and facilities – including over £1.5 billion in capital funding. More details will be set out in a further education white paper later this year.

Department for Work & Pensions (DWP) Employment Support Programmes – October 2020



Provision	Background	Eligibility	Support available
Job Support / Job Search Help	Digital Support due to be launched between October 2020 and January 2021 day 1 support for those who are job ready to help them move into work.	No age restriction – unemployed for less than 3 months	Voluntary, light touch, digital support to move customers into work via online delivery. one-to-one support
JETS: Job Entry Targeted Support	JETS provision is a new offer which is distinct and separate from the core Work and Health Programme (WHP), to provide light-touch employment support due to the increase in unemployment arising from the impact of COVID-19.	Out of work for at least 13-weeks. For all customers without health conditions that do not meet the criteria for Work and Health Programme (WHP) or Intensive Personalised Employment Support (IPES). Intensive Work Search Regime (IWSR) group/ Job Seeker Allowance (JSA) New Style ¹ .	6-months support to help find sustainable employment. Assessment of support needed. IT Skills, CV Writing, Job Search, Interview Support, Confidence, Self-Belief, Motivation, Signposting for other support or provision.


¹ New Style Jobseeker's Allowance: If you're unemployed or work less than 16 hours a week you may be able to get New Style Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA). New Style JSA is a fortnightly payment that can be claimed on its own or at the same time as Universal Credit. New Style JSA is a contribution-based benefit. Normally this means you may be able to get it if you've paid or been credited with enough National Insurance (NI) contributions in the two full tax years before the year you're claiming in. If you qualify, you get New Style JSA for up to 182 days. After this your work coach will talk to you about your options. If you qualify for both New Style JSA and Universal Credit, any New Style JSA you receive will be taken into account as income for Universal Credit.

Provision	Background	Eligibility	Support available
Kickstart	Government initiative to support young people back into work following the COVID-19 pandemic. 100% of wages are subsidised at National Minimum Wage (NMW) for up to 25 hours.	Must be 16-24. Receiving Universal Credit and at risk of Long-Term unemployment	High quality 26 weeks' work placement. Support/Training to develop skills and experience to find long term work after completing the scheme, including career advice and setting goals support with CV and interview preparation.
SWAPS: Sector (Based) Work Academy Programme	Previously known as Sector Based Work Academy – pre employment training programme guided by local labour market.	Open to any benefit claimant who is close to the labour market.	Training/work experience for up to 6 weeks in a particular industry or area of work. A guaranteed job interview or support with an employer's recruitment processes.
NEA: New Enterprise Allowance	The New Enterprise Allowance (NEA) scheme aims to support claimants to start their own business.	Aged 18+ claiming benefits. Not working. In Intensive Work Search Regime (ISWR), Work Prep, Work Focused Interviews (WFI) for Universal Credit (UC ²).	Mentor support to create a business plan. NEA payments of £65 per week for the first 13 weeks of trading and £33 per week for the next 13-weeks. Continued support during trading.
WHP: Work and Health Programme	WHP offers more intensive tailored support than can be provided by the standard Jobcentre Plus offer, or through other available services and provision.	18+ have a health condition or are in a disadvantaged group.	Intensive support for up to 15 months to support them into sustainable employment. 6 months 'in work support'.
IPES: Intensive Personalised Employment Support	This provision is for disabled people who have complex issues and are considered by their work coach to be at least 12 months away from the labour market.	18+ have one or multiple health conditions and agreed suitable by Disability Employment Adviser (DEA).	Intensive support for up to 15 months to support them into sustainable employment. 6 months 'in work support'.









² Universal Credit is a payment to help with your living costs. Its paid monthly.

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Status:	
Not yet started	
Active	■
Active but paused	■
Completed	■

Theme	Timeline	Business Goal	Specific actions	November 2020 Update
People 	Between now and March 2021	Job creation programme	Support the hardest-hit sectors	<p>£1 million funding has been secured from Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) through the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme to retrofit homes including solid wall insulation, air heat pumps, solar thermal heating, windows and doors, loft and cavity wall insulation.</p> <p>We are linking in to E.ON's Healthy Ageing Programme which aims to adapt homes to enable residents to live healthy lives at home longer</p> <p>■ STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
			Job creation and training guarantees to tackle youth unemployment	<p>As part of the Financial Statement on 8 July 2020, the Chancellor announced the creation of the Kickstart jobs creation programme. This is focused on 16-24-year olds who are claiming Universal Credit and at risk of long-term unemployment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote the Kickstart scheme via the county councils e-mail me, social media and other channels Continue to work in partnership with representative organisations to support SMES who have less than 30 placements and signpost to support organisations such as Inspire and Futures who can offer wrap around provision via the employment and skills portal <p>Continued working with Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) involving supporting the delivery of their employment provision and the following projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exploring the creation of a network of Nottinghamshire Youth Hubs to deliver youth services targeted to specific areas of greatest need Undertaken consultation with cohort through our Youth Council /Youth service to survey young people to shape the location/provisions for other Youth Hub Support to development of a Mansfield Youth Hub as 'trail blazer' in Nottinghamshire Ashfield and Newark are in discussions about youth hubs in their areas <p>Inspire (cross reference with Visitor Economy theme) is supporting the Way2Work project providing employability support to unemployed and economically inactive Nottinghamshire residents. Inspire is working with the British Library to provide a range of resources and support to new business start-ups. Inspire is offering 32 places under the Kickstart Scheme. Inspire is actively promoting additional Traineeship and Apprenticeships, taking advantage of the recently announced employer incentive payments to encourage more engagement with these initiatives.</p> <p>Via is actively working with Business in the Community to develop a work introduction placement programme for individuals who have experienced barriers to gaining employment. The scheme will commence in April 2021 and will provide both work experience and employability support to up to 8 individuals across a two-week intensive programme.</p> <p>Arc Partnership has been successful in establishing several local frameworks aimed specifically at small to medium sized enterprises (SME's) local companies within both Nottinghamshire and the wider D2N2 area. This represents</p>




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				<p>42 suppliers, 32 (i.e. 76%) of which are within the D2N2 area, and 36 (i.e. 86%) are classed as SME's.</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
		Nottinghamshire workforce development	Accelerate take-up of Nottinghamshire County Council's Apprenticeship Levy	<p>Active promotion of the apprenticeship levy transfer has led to 21 applications received to date. Due diligence is being undertaken with applications. Approved to date are nine apprenticeships ranging from lead adult care worker to senior leader's master's degree with a levy transfer value of £129,000</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
			Optimise outcomes from the Council's investment in the Festival of Science and Curiosity (FOSAC)	<p>Working with (a) FOSAC colleagues to broker relationships with District and Borough councils to engage with financial support and organisation of events (b) Miner2major and Inspire to link learning opportunities and cross-promotion of activities (c) Captivate and FOSAC to extend the number of schools both programmes are working with and develop a collaborative approach</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
			Bolster the D2N2 LEP Redeployment Triage Service	<p>Working with key partners to raise awareness of the service and signposting businesses. Up to the end of June (more recent figures have been requested)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total number individual enquiries to date = 411 • Numbers referred, given advice or referred = 382 <p>103 employment outcomes, 68 progressed into learning and 11 progressed in current employment</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
	Between March 2020 and October 2022	Employment and Skills	Stronger links between schools and employers through work shadowing programmes	<p><input type="checkbox"/> STATUS: NOT YET STARTED</p>
<p>Business</p> 	Between now and March 2021	Investment programme	Enhanced business support programme tailored to business needs in light of new restrictions announcements	<p>Two new Growth Hub Business Advisers joined at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic in April and have engaged with almost 550 Nottinghamshire businesses providing direct support and offering access to digital and webinar-based advice, being a mix of Covid-19 related support (notably supporting access to the government schemes) and growth advice</p> <p>The Council continues to influence provision through its partnership with the D2N2 Growth Hub and review the emerging and changing needs in the context of evolving Government financial support and any new announcements</p> <p>An ongoing business survey supports the Growth Hub and its partners in understanding changing business needs</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
			Inward Investment Strategy	<p>A review of the options for supporting new investment from local, UK and foreign based investors has commenced, exploring the relationship between established investment agencies and the Development Company</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
			Align support with opportunities available via commercial developers	<p>The work mentioned above, expands on both the already positive relationship with several commercial developers bringing forward employment sites and premises, as well as the recently launched D2N2 LEP strategic key account management (KAM) initiative</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>











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			Actions coming out of Council commissioned report into sustainable low carbon opportunities	Two commissions are being undertaken, with Localis commencing work this month on supporting the Council explore a green recovery and to offer best practice ideas. The other, subject to procurement, is to develop a toolkit to help businesses adopt low carbon / energy efficiency initiatives that help minimise costs and harmful emissions STATUS: ACTIVE
	Between March 2020 and October 2022	Use of digital technologies to improve business productivity	Promote 5G Turbine Digital Hub	A marketing communications plan is almost finalised to promote the availability of serviced accommodation to local small businesses and act as a catalyst for skills and innovation showcasing ground-breaking 5G related technological developments STATUS: ACTIVE
			Promote Growth Hub scale-up and innovation programmes	Several national and local initiatives exist, promoting and financially supporting high growth, scale-up and innovation within businesses. The Business Advisers work closely with them and support local businesses to engage. Many are funded in the short term only, and discussions are on-going to support their continuance via alternative models More information accessible online by visiting: https://www.d2n2growthhub.co.uk/grow/scale-up-support/ STATUS: ACTIVE
Visitor Economy 	Between now and March 2021	Develop and promote a refreshed marketable brand for Nottinghamshire	A high-quality year-round programme that links to the Visitor Economy Strategy	Miner2Major: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working in partnership with Nottingham Trent University to map the stories of Sherwood's heritage and nature through the Sherwood Retold project. Will then work with local organisations and communities to develop a creative content approach. People of Sherwood project ready to deliver but currently paused. Pop-up exhibition finalised. Living Memories project, to encourage visits to heritage sites by older residents, completed https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/culture-leisure/heritage/living-memories STATUS: ACTIVE
			Support Visitor Economy hubs with partners to generate additional income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Holme Pierrepont work underway to support the restarting of their 'normal' programme of sport events and camps that happened pre-COVID Sherwood have recently been successful in acquiring a license to sell Robin Hood and Maid Marion marketed alcoholic beverages from local producers Rufford, we are close to submitting a bid for Rural Development Programme funding to extend the Adventure Play Area and put in some toilet facilities (this would deliver additional income through increased secondary spend). Part of the Undercroft has now reopened to visitors after being closed for several months. The Abbey Top is due to reopen in the new year once some necessary maintenance work has been carried out by English Heritage STATUS: ACTIVE
			Programme of arts and culture in libraries through Inspire	Inspire libraries are offering a service across the County with the 60 libraries open for business. Inspire is a National Portfolio organisation (Arts Council England funded) and will continue to offer a full programme of cultural activities, many of which are accessible virtually. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inspire Youth Arts, who work with young people on a range of performing arts projects have moved their offer online and continue to provide a wonderful programme of dance, theatre and music opportunities. Inspire's Music Hub and Instrumental Music Service to schools is continuing to offer a range of performance

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				<p>opportunities and music tuition for a wide range of instruments. They are continuing to deliver a face-to-face (socially distanced) and virtual offer, including support for several school and community-based choirs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Archives service has made many its resources available online for the public and for academic researchers. • Inspire Learning is offering face-to-face learning for 16 to 18-year-old study programme learners. It is also offering adults access to a wide variety of e learning courses. There are face-to-face learning opportunities for adults too, including the Access to HE courses and other accredited courses. <p>Inspire is committed to ensuring that its library, cultural and learning services are available to the residents of the County at this difficult time to enhance their resilience and ability to deal with the challenges posed by the current Covid-19 crisis.</p>
Between March 2020 and October 2022	Preservation, development and use of our assets	Network of local cycling infrastructure to link visitor attractions, including well signed trails and circular routes	<p>Miner2Major Connecting Trails project – survey methodology created, training and survey work on hold.</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE BUT PAUSED</p> <p>This work has commenced through the D2N2 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>	
		Work with partners to develop tourism cycling opportunities across D2N2 area	<p>In addition to the comment above, as reported to 3 September Communities and Place Committee and aligned to the statutory Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (CWIS), further development work and delivery of the cycling schemes included in the Transforming Cities Fund bid has begun</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>	
		Capital investment in Phase 3 of the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre to create a well-signed visitor entry point and tourism route via the A614 road	<p><input type="checkbox"/> STATUS: NOT YET STARTED</p>	
		Business case for investing in a visitor friendly bus route from Nottingham city to Sherwood Forest using existing services and Sherwood livery buses	<p><input type="checkbox"/> STATUS: NOT YET STARTED</p>	
		Develop and deliver heritage-led regeneration projects and training programmes	<p>Miner2Major https://miner2major.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work underway to assess opportunities for delivery of traineeships, apprenticeships and Kickstart through the Scheme and partners • Heritage building surveys were paused but should begin shortly • Discussions started re. offering heritage skills training for Inspire 16 – 19 construction students <p>On-line training programme developed following stakeholder needs survey of heritage tourism partners</p> <p>Support for the Mansfield District Council-led Townscape Heritage Initiative programme for Mansfield (Market Place and Leeming Street) – after a programme pause, has now resumed</p> <p>Green Recovery Challenge Fund Expression of Interest submitted for works to support nature recovery in Sherwood and Southern Magnesian Limestone character areas,</p>	

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				<p>including work placements. Did not progress beyond Expression of Interest https://www.gov.uk/government/news/governments-40-million-green-recovery-challenge-fund-opens-for-applications</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
			<p>Maximise benefits of the 5G Connected Forest project</p>	<p>Exploratory meetings underway around testing semi-autonomous vehicles to transport visitors, particularly those with mobility issues to Sherwood Forest</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
<p>Infrastructure</p> 	<p>Between now and March 2021</p>	<p>Prioritise investment and the development of post COVID-19 infrastructure in Nottinghamshire</p>	<p>Submit appropriate projects to the D2N2 LEP reserve list of future propositions</p>	<p>The Council submitted three projects to the September 2020 funding call. These were as follows: Zero Carbon Regional Demonstrator: Top Wighay; Bestwood to Calverton Greenway and Toton Link Road. None passed the scoring. However, other Nottinghamshire projects were successful and are in the running of £5.36m of the £14.21m available</p> <p>Work is now underway with the D2N2 LEP to identify and secure funding needed to support County projects for economic growth and recovery</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
			<p>Publish a Nottinghamshire Infrastructure Plan covering: energy efficient and SMART homes; employment and skills; digital, public transport and road connectivity</p>	<p>Work almost complete on a geographic information system (GIS) to gather, manage, and analyse data, as is a Strategic Infrastructure Plan which will set out Nottinghamshire's high-level infrastructure priorities for the next 10 years</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
			<p>Launch a gigabit broadband voucher scheme in early September 2020, running until March 2021 to increase our current county coverage of 13.66%</p>	<p>Communications plan developed and social media campaign launched. Gigabit coverage has already risen to 13.96% (i.e. +0.3%) https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/newsroom/news/funding-to-boost-rural-connectivity-in-nottinghams</p> <p> STATUS: COMPLETED</p>
			<p>Commence delivery of the £3.6m investment as part of the Government's Getting Building Fund on two key projects for the county:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new 5G Enabled Digital Centre • Lindhurst Development 	<p>On 12 October, the D2N2 Investment Board ratified both projects</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
	<p>Between March 2020 and October 2022</p>	<p>Future mobility plans to be better prepared for growth</p>	<p>In close collaboration with stakeholder, develop pathways to foster exchanges of experience, ideas and proposals</p>	<p> STATUS: NOT YET STARTED</p>
<p>Place</p> 	<p>Between now and March 2021</p>	<p>Develop an economic opportunity programme</p>	<p>Develop an approach to town centre identify, branding and a shared vision</p>	<p>The Council is engaging with partners under the Local Resilience Forum Public Realm Group to support co-ordination on safely re-opening the high street and with Town Deal partners in developing the respective strategies and potential project input, focusing on pedestrian / highways access and connectivity. The N2 Town Centre programme continues to bring forward projects for development, influenced and accounting for the impact of COVID-19.</p> <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>

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		Develop a partnership strategy to harness the economic opportunities resulting from the decommissioning of power stations sites at Cottam, Ratcliffe on Soar and West Burton	<input type="checkbox"/> STATUS: NOT YET STARTED
Between March 2020 and October 2022	Innovative active travel solutions for short trips to improve health	Promote and enable increased active travel to out town centres to access employment and services	<p>Undertaken a comms plan around active travel including to work places. 8 October was #CleanAirDay. The Council promoted the travel choice website for those considering more environmentally friendly forms of transport: https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/travelchoice</p> <p>The free online tool to help schools create a clean air action plan was also promoted: https://www.transform-our-world.org/programmes/clean-air-for-schools</p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STATUS: ACTIVE
		Complete a connectivity study for the High Speed 2 (HS2) Hub	<input type="checkbox"/> STATUS: NOT YET STARTED

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**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 County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chairs and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified. The meeting dates and agenda items are subject to review in light of the ongoing COVID-19 period.
4. As part of the transparency introduced by the revised committee arrangements in 2012, committees are expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. It is anticipated that the committee will wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions. The committee is therefore requested to identify activities on which it would like to receive reports for inclusion in the work programme.

Other Options Considered

5. None

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

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

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. 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

That the committee considers whether any amendments are required to the work programme.

Marjorie Toward
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Constitutional Comments (HD)

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

Financial Comments (NS)

9. 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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