

	Localism Policy Commitment	Implementation Options	Activity	Issues, approach and resources	Responsible	Completion
Open, responsive and accountable public services - sharing information and data so that the public can understand the services that they receive and influence decisions about them, so that they better reflect communities' needs.						
a	Share data on the commissioning of our public services, including transparency about our spending, contracts and tenders where appropriate.	This information should be obtainable through a single point of access on the County Council website – a transparency hub – and work should be undertaken to deliver this. The provision of this information will be checked to ensure that the Council is as open as possible (within any necessary restrictions) and that opportunities for greater use of maps will be explored.	Develop single point of access web page as part of "the Council" section of the website	Work to undertaken alongside refresh of the County Council website.	Digital Group	Sep-12
			Make copies of FOI releases available	Officer time required to publish information may be offset by decrease in repeat requests for information	Corporate Strategy Group	Sep-12
b	Share information on the delivery of our public services including policies and procedures for the operation of services, performance reporting, satisfaction and customer feedback.		Develop a Policy Library	Progressing as part of Strategic Plan commitment	Corporate Strategy Group	Sep-12
c	Shape our services to meet the needs of our customers through community participation in the planning and delivery of our public services	The Public Engagement Policy adopted in December 2005 be reviewed to ensure that this commitment is met consistently across the authority. A report will be provided to Members to inform the review setting out relevant information including national policy implications such as open commissioning, changes service needs such as the addition of public health, the engagement requirements placed on our partners in particular the NHS and engagement with local councils and groups.	Research best practice in local government and other public sector bodies such as NHS	Can be prioritised as part of ongoing programme of policy review	Corporate Strategy Group	Aug-12
			Identify any changed service needs eg public health, joint consultation	Consultation will be required with County Council Managers to gather this data	Communications	Aug-12
			Analyse any future needs based on national policy such as open commissioning	Implications of national policy are regularly monitored and can be fed into this policy review	Corporate Strategy Group	Aug-12
			Review existing policy with regard to these needs and propose appropriate options	Can be prioritised as part of ongoing programme of policy review	Communications	Nov-12
d	Ensure that key service commissioning decisions are taken by Elected Members who can hold public service providers to account for delivering on their obligations to service users.	The necessary action to achieve this commitment will be delivered through the changes to governance arrangements .				

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Enabling and empowering individuals - making it easier for individuals to contribute to services and to get things done in their community.						
e	Champion the contribution that local people make through volunteering and ensure that individuals are able to volunteer to support the delivery of appropriate public services	Develop a council-wide volunteering strategy to pull together best practice from across the authority, develop a consistent one council approach to volunteering in Council services and bring co-ordination to the way that the Council celebrates and encourages volunteering by employees and residents.	Specific Plan for developing and implementing strategy to be prepared and carried out	Can be prioritised as part of ongoing programme of policy review/ development and contained within existing resources. Specific issues to be considered as part of development/approval process for the Strategy	Safer and Engaged Communities Group	Oct-12
		Explore possible Right to Use County Council assets for volunteering	Identify possible assets	Resource, risk and insurance issues to be considered as part of exploration of possible policy area	Corporate Strategy Group	Nov-12
			Consider service, risk, insurance and contracting issues			Jan-13
f	Help local people to become more active in their communities by removing unnecessary barriers and rules to allow individuals to take action where they live	Identify policies, procedures and guidance that inadvertently restrict or are perceived to restrict the ability of individuals to take action in their community (eg street parties, snow clearance etc), consider possible revisions and publicise changes.	Develop a consistent style for publicising changes, linked to the Council's policy commitments to remove barriers	Work to be contained within existing resources	Communications	Sep-12
			Identify possible areas for revision	Work to be contained within existing resources	Corporate Strategy Group	Feb-13
		Introduce a "report bureaucracy" facility on the County Council website	Add to website and determine process to manage requests	Work to be contained within existing resources	Digital Group	Sep-12
g	Support the development of a sustainable voluntary and community sector in Nottinghamshire that can help local people to volunteer in the community	Implementation of the Grant Aid Strategy and Volunteering Strategy	Business plan development and activity required by relevant strategies	Work to be contained within existing resources	Safer and Engaged Communities Group	Dec-12
		Consider as part of the restructure of Policy, Planning and Corporate Services - Safer and Engaged Communities Group				
h	Encourage past and present County Council employees to volunteer in the community and provide support to those that choose to	see e - council-wide volunteering strategy to pull together best practice from across the authority, develop a consistent one council approach to volunteering in Council services and bring co-ordination to the way that the Council celebrates and encourages volunteering by employees and residents.				

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Enabling and empowering communities - working with parish/town councils and other representative groups to improve the quality and responsiveness of local services, which are accessible, accountable, sustainable, provide value for money and benefit the community.						
i	Engage with parish/town councils about changes to local services received by their community	Develop systems for facilitating the Council's engagement with parish and town councils across all services	Develop and operate a single database of parish contact details available from the Intranet	Database should be deliverable within existing resources	Safer and Engaged Communities Group	Sep-12
			Develop a page of information for town and parish councils on the website	Work to undertaken alongside refresh of the County Council website.	Digital Group	Sep-12
		Engagement with parish/town councils to inform future delivery of this commitment, in particular, feedback on the communication and involvement that they currently have with the County Council. Issues arising be addressed through the review of the Public Engagement Policy or other means as appropriate.	Consider software or electronic options for sharing information about Nottinghamshire communities across the Council. To include any	Evaluation of appropriate software may generate future resource requirements which will need to be considered	Safer and Engaged Communities Group	Dec-12
			Work with the Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils on the most appropriate method of engaging with parish/town councils	Work to be contained within existing resources	Safer and Engaged Communities Group	Sep-12
j	Support communities to set up parish and town councils where the appropriate level of community interest has been reached	Resources be added to the County Council website to provide guidance.	Identify appropriate resources and responsible officers	Resources to published as part of refresh of the County Council website.	Safer and Engaged Communities Group	Sep-12
k	Engage with Community and Neighbourhood Forums or a County Council committee of local Members where there is no parish/town council and insufficient support for establishing one	Consider options with the County Council's Member Forums for engaging with communities where there is no parish/town council	Dialogue with local Members and Member Forums to ascertain appropriate bodies	Work to be contained within existing resources	Safer and Engaged Communities Group	Oct-12
			Develop proposals and report to appropriate body	Work to be contained within existing resources	Safer and Engaged Communities Group	Dec-12

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i	Have regard to the views of parish/town councils and appropriate community forums when setting the priorities for local services delivered by the county council	as i - Engagement with parish/town councils to inform future delivery of this commitment, in particular, feedback on the communication and involvement that they currently have with the County Council. Issues arising be addressed through the review of the Public Engagement Policy or other means as appropriate.				
m	Provide options for parish/town councils, community forums and voluntary organisations seeking to deliver local services, through a framework for devolved services	Key Action agreed by County Council on 26 January 2012 - develop a framework for local services, that brings together options available to parish/town councils, community forums and voluntary organisations to provide local services. The Framework is to provide a single consistent approach to make it easier for parish/town councils to work with the County Council.	Develop proposals with Members and report to appropriate body	Work to be contained within existing resources. Development of the Framework will need to consider issues of risk. Decision making process for the framework will need to have regard to possible implications for services	Corporate Strategy Group	Oct-12
		Key Action agreed by County Council on 26 January 2012 to pilot and evaluate a lengthsman scheme	Pilot a lengthsman scheme	Risk and resource considerations set out in decision ER/2012/00078. Consideration will need to be given to preparations for a possible county wide roll out of the scheme.	Transport Policy and Programmes Group	Jul-12
			Evaluate the pilot	Data to inform the evaluation will need to be collected by local councils participating in the pilot, highways and customer services centre.	Transport Policy and Programmes Group and Corporate Strategy Group	Dec-12
n	Provide for parish/town councils to take over small areas of land owned by the County Council where it is surplus to requirements and can be put to community use	Key Action agreed by County Council on 26 January 2012 to prepare a statement on surplus land to include possible initiatives that could be "community use"	Prepare Statement and appropriate processes to meet policy commitment and statutory requirements	Work to be contained within existing resources. Statement will lead to the release of some County Council assets and possible savings in maintenance	Corporate Strategy Group	Sep-12
			Work with Nottinghamshire communities and businesses to develop initiatives	Work to be contained within existing resources	Safer and Engaged Communities Group	Oct-12