

# COVID-19 RESILIENCE, RENEWAL AND RECOVERY COMMITTEE: ECONOMIC RECOVERY UPDATE

<b>Status:</b>	
Not yet started	
Active	<span style="color: blue;">■</span>
Active but paused	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
Completed	<span style="color: green;">■</span>

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><span style="color: blue;">■</span> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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"> <li>Promote the Kickstart scheme via the county councils e-mail me, social media and other channels</li> <li>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</li> </ul> <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"> <li>Exploring the creation of a network of Nottinghamshire Youth Hubs to deliver youth services targeted to specific areas of greatest need</li> <li>Undertaken consultation with cohort through our Youth Council /Youth service to survey young people to shape the location/provisions for other Youth Hub</li> <li>Support to development of a Mansfield Youth Hub as 'trail blazer' in Nottinghamshire</li> <li>Ashfield and Newark are in discussions about youth hubs in their areas</li> </ul> <p><b>Inspire</b> (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><b>Via</b> 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><b>Arc Partnership</b> 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> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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"> <li>• Total number individual enquiries to date = 411</li> <li>• Numbers referred, given advice or referred = 382</li> </ul> <p>103 employment outcomes, 68 progressed into learning and 11 progressed in current employment</p> <p> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></p>
	Between March 2020 and October 2022	Employment and Skills	Stronger links between schools and employers through work shadowing programmes	<p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>STATUS: NOT YET STARTED</b></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 <a href="#">survey</a> supports the Growth Hub and its partners in understanding changing business needs</p> <p> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></p>

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			Actions coming out of Council commissioned report into sustainable low carbon opportunities	Two commissions are being undertaken, with <a href="#">Localis</a> 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  <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b>
	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  <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b>
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: <a href="https://www.d2n2growthhub.co.uk/grow/scale-up-support/">https://www.d2n2growthhub.co.uk/grow/scale-up-support/</a>  <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b>	
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"> <li>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.</li> <li>People of Sherwood project ready to deliver but currently paused.</li> <li>Pop-up exhibition finalised.</li> </ul> Living Memories project, to encourage visits to heritage sites by older residents, completed <a href="https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/culture-leisure/heritage/living-memories">https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/culture-leisure/heritage/living-memories</a>  <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b>
			Support Visitor Economy hubs with partners to generate additional income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Holme Pierrepont</b> work underway to support the restarting of their 'normal' programme of sport events and camps that happened pre-COVID</li> <li><b>Sherwood</b> have recently been successful in acquiring a license to sell Robin Hood and Maid Marion marketed alcoholic beverages from local producers</li> <li><b>Rufford</b>, 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</li> </ul> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b>
			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"> <li>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.</li> <li>Inspire's Music Hub and Instrumental Music Service to schools is continuing to offer a range of performance</li> </ul>

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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"> <li>• The Archives service has made many its resources available online for the public and for academic researchers.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <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> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE BUT PAUSED</b></p> <p>This work has commenced through the D2N2 Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan</p> <p> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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"/> <b>STATUS: NOT YET STARTED</b></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"/> <b>STATUS: NOT YET STARTED</b></p>	
		Develop and deliver heritage-led regeneration projects and training programmes	<p>Miner2Major <a href="https://miner2major.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/">https://miner2major.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/</a>:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work underway to assess opportunities for delivery of traineeships, apprenticeships and Kickstart through the Scheme and partners</li> <li>• Heritage building surveys were paused but should begin shortly</li> <li>• Discussions started re. offering heritage skills training for Inspire 16 – 19 construction students</li> </ul> <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  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/news/governments-40-million-green-recovery-challenge-fund-opens-for-applications">https://www.gov.uk/government/news/governments-40-million-green-recovery-challenge-fund-opens-for-applications</a></p> <p> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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%)  <a href="https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/newsroom/news/funding-to-boost-rural-connectivity-in-nottinghams">https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/newsroom/news/funding-to-boost-rural-connectivity-in-nottinghams</a></p> <p> <b>STATUS: COMPLETED</b></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"> <li>• The new 5G Enabled Digital Centre</li> <li>• Lindhurst Development</li> </ul>	<p>On 12 October, the D2N2 Investment Board ratified both projects</p> <p> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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> <b>STATUS: NOT YET STARTED</b></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> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b></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"/> <b>STATUS: NOT YET STARTED</b>
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: <a href="https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/travelchoice">https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/travelchoice</a></p> <p>The free online tool to help schools create a clean air action plan was also promoted: <a href="https://www.transform-our-world.org/programmes/clean-air-for-schools">https://www.transform-our-world.org/programmes/clean-air-for-schools</a></p> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>STATUS: ACTIVE</b>
		Complete a connectivity study for the High Speed 2 (HS2) Hub	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>STATUS: NOT YET STARTED</b>