

# THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE

**Friday, 17 December 2021 at 09:00**

**Gedling Borough Council, Civic Centre, Arnot Hill Park,  
Arnold, Nottingham, NG5 6LU**

## **AGENDA**

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| <b>1</b> | <b>Apologies for Absence</b>  |                |
| <b>2</b> | <b>Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers:- (see note below)</b><br>(a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests<br>(b) Private Interests (pecuniary and non-pecuniary) |                |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Minutes of the Economic Prosperity Committee meeting held on 29 October 2021</b>   | <b>3 - 8</b>   |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Joint Working and Devolution Programme Update</b>  | <b>9 - 14</b>  |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution - Development of Priority Themes</b>  | <b>15 - 24</b> |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Spending Review and other specific Government funding allocations to Local Government (including Integrated Rail Plan)</b>   | <b>25 - 34</b> |

## **Notes**

- (a) Members of the public are welcome to attend to observe meetings of the Economic Prosperity. Please note that there is no opportunity for the public to speak at these meetings.
- (b) Declarations of Interests – Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to their own Council's Code of Conduct and the Committee's Procedural Rules.

Members or Officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact Sara Allmond (Tel. 0115 9773794) or a colleague in Democratic Services at Nottinghamshire County Council prior to the meeting.

- (c) 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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# **THE CITY OF NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER 2021 AT 9.00 AM AT NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

(A denotes absent)

Chairman – Councillor Ben Bradley MP – Nottinghamshire County Council

Mayor Andy Abrahams – Mansfield District Council

Councillor John Clarke – Gedling Borough Council - A

Councillor Simon Greaves – Bassetlaw District Council

Councillor David Lloyd – Newark and Sherwood District Council - A

Councillor David Mellen – Nottingham City Council

Councillor Matthew Relf – Ashfield District Council

Councillor Richard Robinson – Broxtowe Borough Council - A

Councillor Simon Robinson – Rushcliffe Borough Council

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

David Armiger – Chief Executive, Bassetlaw District Council

Hannah Barrett – Economic Development Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council

Luke Barrett – Head of Communications and Marketing, Nottinghamshire County Council

Mel Barrett – Chief Executive, Nottingham City Council - A

Hayley Barsby – Chief Executive, Mansfield District Council - A

Mike Hill – Chief Executive, Gedling Borough Council

Teresa Hodgkinson – Chief Executive, Ashfield District Council

Ruth Hyde – Chief Executive, Broxtowe Borough Council

Kath Marriott – Rushcliffe Borough Council - A

Anthony May – Chief Executive, Nottinghamshire County Council

John Robinson – Chief Executive, Newark & Sherwood District Council

Jo Toomey – Advanced Democratic Services Officer, Nottinghamshire County Council

### **SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

Councillor Milan Radulovic for Councillor Richard Robinson

Michael Robinson – Strategic Director, Mansfield District Council for Hayley Barsby

Sajeeda Rose – Corporate Director for Growth and City Development for Mel Barrett

Peter Linfield – Director of Finance and Corporate Services, Rushcliffe Borough Council for Kath Marriott

## **1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2021, having been previously circulated, were agreed as a true and correct record and were confirmed for signing by the Chair of the meeting.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor John Clarke, Councillor David Lloyd and Councillor Richard Robinson.

Apologies were also received from Mel Barrett (Nottingham City Council), Hayley Barsby (Mansfield District Council) and Kath Marriott (Rushcliffe Borough Council).

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

## **4. NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE – CASE FOR DEVOLUTION**

Nottinghamshire County Council Chief Executive, Anthony May, introduced the report which sought approval of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution, which was attached as Appendix 1 to the report, and to progress further work required on the identified themes. In doing so, he highlighted:

- The document set out the context and ambition for joint working, both from the Government's perspective in terms of its levelling up agenda, and from a local level with a view to reforming services and improving the lives of people who live and work in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.
- Within the document, five priorities were listed. These had been shortlisted by the Committee. Each priority was supported by several bullet points that would be further developed. The priorities were:
  - Education and skills
  - Transport
  - Environment
  - Economy and infrastructure
  - Land and housing
- Scoping documents were being prepared for each theme and would be developed into business cases for the Committee to consider.
- Also included within the document were five long listed priorities about which discussions had begun, or was planned, with relevant partners.
- Meetings with Ministers and senior civil servants were taking place to gain an understanding of the anticipated timing of the Levelling Up White Paper

and the government's intentions around pathfinder authorities and devolution deals.

Committee members made comments on the report, including the following:

- It was suggested that the skills section should be expanded to capture early years and literacy as it was felt the current focus was older young people.
- A suggestion was also made that the skills section should be expanded to provide an opportunity for linking in the universities as well as further education colleges.
- The environment section did not refer to clean air in the towns and cities and the health impacts of poor-quality air; it was noted reference to air quality was currently included within the transport section of the document.
- The commonality between Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire was highlighted and where possible that link should be maintained.
- Early feedback from the Minister and Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities was that they were supportive of devolving powers to local leaders.
- Lobbying for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire needed to continue; of the funding for transport projects that the Government had recently announced, none were in Nottinghamshire, with funding instead going to devolved authorities, some of which had smaller populations than Nottinghamshire.
- The role of the planning function in supporting quality of life ambitions and the need for appropriate infrastructure to support sustainable development
- An announcement on the Integrated Rail Plan (IRP), including HS2, was expected within the next few weeks, the outcome of which would affect the scoping and delivery of the priorities.
- That an update on transport, including the implications of any announcement on the IRP, and those areas that sit around the Development Corporation be brought to a future meeting of the Committee.
- A report on budget requirements for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire could provide evidence and leverage with which to go to Ministers.
- The suggestion was made that productivity could be given greater emphasis in the Case for Devolution document.

#### **RESOLVED 2021/004**

- 1) That the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution, attached as Appendix 1 to the report be approved.

- 2) That authority is approved to carry out further work on the themes listed under paragraphs 6 and 7 of the report.

## **5. NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CASE FOR DEVOLUTION – RESOURCING REQUIREMENTS**

The Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire County Council introduced the report. He acknowledged pressures in capacity that Councils were experiencing and highlighted an opportunity to fund additional capacity to support the project through the rates pool surplus. It was expected that Nottingham City Council would provide support in kind since it was not a member of the rates pool.

The funding would be used to employ officers to deliver the work, with additional resource available to support commissioning of external advice, travel, subsistence, communications and marketing. Two further recommendations were put forward for the Committee's consideration; these were in addition to the three recommendations included in the report. These suggested oversight arrangements for the use of the funding.

During discussion of the report and the two additional recommendations, comments included:

- A recruitment strategy would be agreed at a forthcoming meeting of Chief Executives; the initial suggestion was that recruitment would include an internal and external strand.
- Job descriptions had been prepared and these would be circulated to members of the Committee for information.
- If required a briefing note could be produced that set out the arrangements for the non-domestic rates pool and how it could be used to support economic development.
- In considering communications arrangements, a view was expressed that a standardised approach with opportunities to adapt messages to make them more locally relevant.

### **RESOLVED 2021/005**

- 1) That proposals to establish a cross-council team to support partnership working and the development of devolution proposals in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire be approved.
- 2) That the proposed structure for the team enclosed in the report and associated spend of £450,000 on an annual basis, funded through the NNDR Pool Reserve be approved subject to Nottinghamshire County Council's relevant service committee's approval to establish the posts and the staffing structure changes set out in this report.

- 3) That proposals for Nottinghamshire County Council to act as the host organisation and employing body for the new team be endorsed and agrees that these proposals to Nottinghamshire County Council's relevant service committee for approval.
- 4) That authority is delegated to the Chief Executives group to oversee expenditure of the programme budget, the equipment, travel and subsistence budget and the communications budget.
- 5) That the Committee will receive quarterly reports on expenditure.

## **6. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

Friday 17 December 2021	9.00am	Gedling Borough Council
Friday 25 February 2022	9.00am	Rushcliffe Borough Council
Friday 29 April 2022	9.00am	Broxtowe Borough Council
Friday 17 June 2022	9.00am	Nottinghamshire County Council

The meeting closed at 10.12am

**CHAIRMAN**





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Agenda Item: 4

## **REPORT OF THE LEADER OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **JOINT WORKING AND DEVOLUTION PROGRAMME UPDATE**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To update Committee on the progress of the Joint Working and Devolution programme.

#### **Information**

2. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's 'Case for Devolution' was approved at the 29 October 2021 City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee (EPC) meeting. This report provides a summary of progress on this fast moving programme since the last meeting of this committee.

#### **Discussions with Government**

3. A successful meeting was held with Minister Neil O'Brien MP on 10 November 2021. Key discussion points included:
  - Devolved powers would be held by upper tier leaders. It is critical however that through the EPC, districts and boroughs are part of the conversation and decisions are made by consensus where possible. The expertise and resource of district and borough councils is crucial to the delivery of the best deal for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire communities.
  - Regardless of whether a devolution deal happens, all Nottingham and Nottinghamshire councils have a strong commitment to continue to work on service transformation, through the EPC structure.
  - Government was interested in the proposals around early intervention and preventative services to support young people and how this would form a "unique selling point" (USP) of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire case for devolution. It was agreed that work to support young people would become the sixth priority theme.
  - A key theme running throughout the case put forward for devolution is offering scale and resilience. The transformational impact of pooling our resources and expertise was emphasised.

- In the Levelling Up White Paper, the Government will set out the wider framework for devolution, the type of powers available through a devolution deal and the geographies covered.
4. It is expected that further discussions will take place with Government following the publication of the Levelling Up White Paper, now anticipated to be in January 2022.

### **Development of the priority themes**

5. Scopes are being developed for the first six priority themes:
- Education and skills
  - Transport
  - Environment
  - Economy and Infrastructure
  - Land and Housing
  - Enabling and supporting young people through their journey to adulthood
6. Discussions have started with partners to agree their contributions including:
- The case for devolution and draft priority theme scopes were revised to address the feedback received at the 29 October 2021 EPC meeting
  - A session was held with the Chief Officers Forum on 1 November 2021, with very positive feedback and engagement from partners
  - A meeting is scheduled with Nottingham Trent University Vice-Chancellor Professor Edward Peck and all Further Education Principals. This will build on earlier conversations held with universities and further education colleges
  - The young people theme is gathering momentum. A meeting with the National Youth Agency (NYA) on 29 November 2021 led to an agreement to work together on an outline business case.
  - A meeting is scheduled to discuss the involvement of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
  - A meeting is scheduled between Anthony May, in his role as Chair of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board, and Lord Coaker of Gedling, Independent Chair of the Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership Board, to discuss cooperation in the context of devolution.
  - Nottingham Trent University have also offered to play a supportive role in reviewing the scopes.
7. Lead Members for each priority theme will be engaged as the scopes are progressed into outline business cases.
8. A “critical friend” group of young people is being convened. This group will help to shape the content of all the priority themes. Listening to young people’s voices and including their ideas from an early stage will strengthen our devolution proposals immensely. The intention is to build on this first step, with the strong participation of young people forming a unique and innovative element of the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire case for devolution.
9. A long list of other areas of focus has been prepared and will continue to be developed. These include:
- Health and social care

- Visitor economy, heritage and culture
- Community safety, cohesion and reducing reoffending
- Public sector reform

## **Governance**

10. A working group has been convened to review the governance of the Joint Working and Devolution programme. Work is at an early stage and will be reported to an EPC meeting in the New Year.

## **Resources**

11. On 29 October 2021, the EPC approved the establishment of a dedicated programme team to drive forward the work as well as an annual budget of £450,000, funded through the shared business rates pool. Nottinghamshire County Council's Policy Committee on 2 December 2021 approved the establishment of the programme team, with the County Council acting as the host organisation and employing body.
12. The team is a resource which will be deployed under the strategic direction of the EPC to drive collaborative working and devolution. Due to the need to progress the programme at pace, the jobs have been advertised as expressions of interest across Nottinghamshire public service agencies. Interviews are planned for December 2021 and January 2022 to enable appointments to be made as soon as possible.

## **Mapping**

13. A mapping exercise is underway to analyse our collective strengths, challenges, and existing partnerships. The results will inform the devolution proposals and ensure existing resources and forums are used wherever possible to progress the work, avoiding duplication. An update will be provided to the EPC in the New Year.

## **Communications**

14. Joint communications took place around the publication of the "Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution" as part of the 29 October 2021 EPC papers. A revised communications strategy is being prepared following initial feedback from the EPC. Ongoing communications activity is taking place to maintain momentum on the programme.

## **Next Steps**

15. The short term priorities for the programme are to:
  - Develop scopes for the six priority themes into outline business cases, including the engagement of lead members, by the end of January 2022.<sup>1</sup>
  - Recruit a team to drive forward the work by the end of January 2022
  - Agree a revised communications strategy for the programme at the next EPC meeting
  - Work on the long list areas of focus
  - Present the results of the mapping exercise at the next EPC meeting
  - Keep Government updated on progress.

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<sup>1</sup> Please note this date is provisional and subject to further discussion with chief executives and lead members.

## **Other Options Considered**

16. Do Nothing - Nottingham and Nottinghamshire councils could choose not to respond to the devolution agenda and continue with existing arrangements. This option was rejected as all councils have agreed to explore joint working as a priority and to take no action would prevent the benefits and opportunities outlined in the report 'Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution', taken to the 29 October 2021 meeting of this Committee, from being achieved and utilised.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

17. The right devolution deal would enable all Nottingham and Nottinghamshire councils to deliver economic and social prosperity across the city and county. It is therefore important that councils continue to work together to develop the case for change.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

18. 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**

19. The financial implications of producing a devolution proposal for government were considered at the 29 October 2021 meeting of this Committee. This report contains no further financial implications.

## **Implications for Service Users**

20. The Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution is ultimately about changing things for the better for local people and giving all our residents and businesses the best possible opportunities and experiences. The programme continues to be developed with this primary objective in mind.

## **Implications for Sustainability and the Environment**

21. Enhancing and protecting the local environment and addressing climate change is a Priority Theme under this programme of work. The intention is to support delivery of existing strategies and cooperation on policy development ahead of the Environment Bill. An ambition is included to accelerate net zero targets for some Councils and assist all to achieve the existing targets set.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

It is recommended that Committee:

- 1) Notes progress to date on the devolution and joint working programme.
- 2) Approves the next steps listed under paragraph 15.

**Councillor Ben Bradley MP**  
**Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council**

**For any enquiries about this report please contact:**  
**Anthony May, Chief Executive Nottinghamshire County Council, Tel: 0115 9773582**

### **Constitutional Comments (LW 07/12/2021)**

22. The recommendations set out in this report are matters which may be determined by The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee under the terms of reference for the Committee set out in the Committee's constitution

### **Financial Comments (SES 07/12/2021)**

23. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 19 of the report.

24. The financial implications of producing a devolution proposal for government were considered at the 29 October 2021 meeting of this Committee. This report contains no further financial implications.

### **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.

- [Policy Committee 2 December 2021 – Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution Resourcing Requirements](#)
- [Policy Committee 2 December 2021 – Appendix 1 Case for Devolution](#)
- [The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire EPC 29 October 2021 – Case for Devolution](#)
- [The City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire EPC 29 October 2021 – Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution Resourcing Requirements](#)

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All



17 December 2021

Agenda Item: 5

## **REPORT OF THE LEADER OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **NOTTINGHAM AND NOTTINGHAMSHIRE CASE FOR DEVOLUTION: DEVELOPMENT OF PRIORITY THEMES**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. Partner local authorities have been working to develop the scope of a potential Nottingham and Nottinghamshire County Deal. This paper reports on progress against this workstream in the context of six Priority Themes. The report also proposes how the present thematic scopes can be developed into formal business cases.

#### **Information**

2. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's 'Case for Devolution' submission to government was approved at the 29 October 2021 meeting of this Committee. It included five 'Priority Themes' and a list of other areas to be further developed. Following a meeting on 10 November 2021 with Minister Neil O'Brien MP, a decision was taken to elevate one of these 'other areas', 'Support for Young People through early intervention', to become the sixth Priority Theme.
3. In programme management terms, each Priority Theme is led by one or more local authority Chief Executives/ Strategic Director and elected Leader/ Mayor, as follows:

<b>Priority Theme</b>	<b>Chief Officer/ Strat Director</b>	<b>Lead Member</b>
Enabling and supporting young people through their journey to adulthood	Ruth Hyde Anthony May	Cllr Ben Bradley
Economy and Infrastructure	Sajeeda Rose	Cllr John Clarke Cllr David Mellen Cllr Matthew Relf
Education and Skills	Hayley Barsby John Robinson	Cllr David Lloyd Mayor Andy Abrahams
Environment	Mike Hill Katherine Marriott	Cllr Simon Robinson Mayor Andy Abrahams

Priority Theme	Chief Officer/ Strat Director	Lead Member
		Cllr Steve Carr / Milan Radulovic Cllr John Clarke
Land and Housing	Theresa Hodgkinson Dave Armiger	Cllr Matthew Relf Cllr Simon Robinson Cllr Simon Greaves
Transport	Anthony May	Cllr Ben Bradley Cllr Matthew Relf Cllr Steve Carr / Milan Radulovic

*Table 1: The six Priority Themes: Leadership*

4. Progress has been made to scope each Priority Theme. This is summarised in [Appendix 1](#).
5. Following completion of the scoping exercise, it will be necessary to create a clear Business Case for each Priority Theme. Each Business Case will be a logical framework, building a rational set of propositions for inclusion in an eventual proposal for government. The Business Cases will be created through a series of rational iterative steps, *viz*:
  - a) The strategic case (this will be a development of the scoping document)
  - b) The overall objective, specific goals and proposed activities
  - c) Evidence (what we understand about the issue)
  - d) Financial data and risk
  - e) What is the 'Ask' of Government?
  - f) What are the outcomes for the UK's economy as a whole (what is our 'Offer'?)
6. A detailed logical framework template has been produced to support the Priority Theme Leads. This is included as [Appendix 2](#) to this report.
7. Presently, the Government's timescale for devolution is unclear. However, if Nottingham & Nottinghamshire is selected as a 'pathfinder' County Deal, it is prudent to assume that civil servants will require early clarity about the partnership's 'Ask' and 'Offer'. The Business Case template is complex and will require considerable time and technical input. Technical expertise is held by a variety of different officers and members and the eventual 'Ask' and 'Offer' will benefit from these varied inputs. For this reason, formal expert project teams will be created to support Officer Leads. Project team membership will be developed with reference to a mapping exercise of existing thematic networks (completed). The central Programme Team will support Lead Officers in creating their project teams and in managing the process. If time demands a further expedition of the development of business cases, it may be necessary to engage specialised consultancy support.

## Other Options Considered

8. Do Nothing - Nottingham and Nottinghamshire councils could choose not to respond to the devolution agenda and continue with existing arrangements. This option was rejected as all councils have agreed to explore joint working as a priority and to take no action would prevent the benefits and opportunities outlined in the report 'Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution', taken to the 29 October 2021 meeting of this Committee, from being achieved



and utilised. Not preparing businesses cases would considerably weaken the partnership's devolution proposal to government.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

9. The right devolution deal would enable all Nottingham and Nottinghamshire councils to deliver economic and social prosperity across the city and county. It is therefore important that councils continue to work together to develop the case for change.

## **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. The financial implications of producing a devolution proposal for government were considered at the 29 October 2021 meeting of this Committee. This report contains no further financial implications.

## **Implications for Service Users**

12. The Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution is ultimately about changing things for the better for local people and giving all our residents and businesses the best possible opportunities and experiences. Business cases for Priority Themes will be developed with this primary objective in mind.

## **Implications for Sustainability and the Environment**

13. Enhancing and protecting the local environment and addressing climate change is a Priority Theme under this programme of work. The intention is to support delivery of existing strategies and cooperation on policy development ahead of the Environment Bill. An ambition is included to accelerate net zero targets for some Councils and assist all to achieve the existing targets set.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that members note progress to develop Priority Theme Scopes and the proposed process for developing detailed business cases.

**Councillor Ben Bradley MP**  
**Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council**

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### **Financial Comments (SES 07/12/2021)**

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

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee 29 October 2021, 'Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution'.

City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee 29 October 2021, 'Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Case for Devolution Resourcing Requirements'.

### **Electoral Divisions and Members affected**

- All

## Progress on Project Scopes against each of the six Priority Themes

### 1. Enabling and supporting young people through their journey to adulthood

<b>Context</b>
Building on a strong youth services offer across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, there is a need to bring provision across the area together, to better support young people, address gaps in local provision and build capacity in the voluntary sector.
<b>Programme scope to include</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bringing together open access youth services in the city and county, including statutory, voluntary and community sector, districts and boroughs, plus other local partners together to develop our collective offer to young people. Complement existing preventative programmes such as Family Hubs</li> <li>• Strong participation and input from young people, recognising the strengths and invaluable insights they can bring across the joint working and devolution programme</li> <li>• Seek the expertise of the National Youth Agency to support us in this, advising on areas such as capacity building, maximising assets, funding streams and the potential powers we could draw down from central government to support our efforts.</li> <li>• Improved strategic coordination and partnership working, understanding the roles the statutory and voluntary sector will play in this in offering different types and levels of engagement/intervention.</li> <li>• Delivering an enhanced robust and consistent offer and ultimately delivering better outcomes for young people, addressing:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Capacity building including high quality training and skills development – improving the effectiveness of interventions and reducing safeguarding risks</li> <li>○ Maximising our Youth Services offer and existing pathway of support</li> <li>○ Providing more safe spaces for young people and trusted and highly trained youth workers to deliver a wide range of activities</li> <li>○ Incentivising youth work</li> <li>○ Supporting the VCS sector</li> <li>○ Maximising assets</li> <li>○ Devolution of relevant powers/funding currently held by government to support our work</li> <li>○ Creating opportunities at an early stage for young people to have meaningful conversations about their future aspirations, skills and employment</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

## 2. Economy & Infrastructure

<b>Context</b>
The East Midlands region (of which Nottingham and Nottinghamshire is such a significant part), is hugely and structurally underfunded relative to our UK comparators.
<b>Programme scope to include</b>
To create a strategic shift in our economy, this programme will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Set out a new shared understanding of the economic and infrastructure strengths (that we will build upon) and weaknesses (that we will mitigate).</li><li>• Seek out the best examples from around the world of areas with our scale that have transformed their economy and infrastructure for the better.</li><li>• Understand the investment that our economy needs now, to make sure it is able to compete in a generation's time</li><li>• Agree and prioritise the best interventions for making a step change in our economy – while never forgetting the requirement for a full understanding of the spatial element of public investment.</li></ul>
<b>Workstreams may include</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physical infrastructure</li><li>• Digital infrastructure</li><li>• Skills and employment</li><li>• Our spatial economy - the regeneration of our city and market towns; suburbs; and rural areas.</li><li>• Development Corporation</li><li>• Our economic future - embedding robotics, AI &amp; machine learning, green energy and fusion power</li></ul>

## 3. Education & Skills

<b>Context</b>
Skills excellence and high employment are mixed with low productivity and pockets of severe deprivation. Significant proportion of workforce is more concentrated in lower skilled occupations, in low growth sectors. Earnings are also below the national average. Strong School, Higher Education and Further Education provision.
<b>Programme scope to include</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore Devolution of powers e.g. apprenticeship levy and powers, adult education budget and DFE funds</li><li>• Work with our Higher Education and Further Education partners on a single plan, designed to address skills gaps</li><li>• Support young people and those at risk of redundancy to develop the skills wanted/needed by business</li><li>• Improve the uptake and supply of digital skills for people and business</li><li>• Develop the long-term skills needs associated with those sectors that have the most growth potential</li><li>• A renewed focus on early years literacy where this is a specific challenge</li><li>• Addressing the disruptive impact of the pandemic on young people's access to education, training and support</li><li>• Consideration of how to build on Nottingham Trent University's successful partnership with West Notts College, including pathways into social care and the NHS</li></ul>

#### 4. Environment

<b>Context</b>
All Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Councils have declared or acknowledged a Climate Emergency and have targets to become Carbon Neutral or Net Zero by dates between 2028-2030.
<b>Programme scope to include</b>
<b>(a) Service Delivery</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Waste management improvements – e.g. food waste and recycling</li><li>• Provision of charging infrastructure</li><li>• Future fleet – joint procurement and innovation</li><li>• Future energy consumption and creation – potential for collective council investment in e.g. solar or other renewables</li><li>• Retrofitting housing stock and estate rationalisation</li><li>• Land use – rewilding and carbon sequestration</li><li>• Planning – improved minimum standards adopted in new builds</li><li>• Improved flood alleviation schemes, building on innovative work taking place in partnership with Severn Trent</li><li>• Focus on improving air and water quality</li></ul>
<b>Programme scope to include</b>
<b>(b) Residents</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Promotion of Green Rewards and other behaviour change projects</li><li>• Access to improved waste collection and recycling</li><li>• Access to retrofitting advice and grants to reduce carbon emissions from homes</li><li>• Promotion of biodiversity projects with Notts Wildlife Trust</li><li>• Improving access to green spaces and a wide range of biodiversity</li><li>• Access to charging infrastructure</li><li>• Improved community resilience plans</li></ul>
<b>Programme scope to include</b>
<b>(c) Businesses</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Big Business carbon clubs to act as community leaders</li><li>• Support for SMEs to decarbonise</li><li>• Shop local campaigns to support sustainable living</li><li>• Ambitious and sustainable procurement practices across the city and county</li></ul>

#### 5. Land and Housing

<b>Context</b>
Need for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More affordable housing,</li><li>• More development sites to be brought forward</li><li>• More supported housing</li><li>• Better use of public estate.</li></ul>
<b>Programme scope to include</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Statutory strategic planning and Homes England powers</li><li>• Full control of right to buy receipts</li><li>• Unblocking challenging sites through partnership working</li><li>• Shared approach to net zero retrofit programmes and new housing standards</li><li>• Improved health outcomes and reduced social isolation through enabling people to stay in their communities</li><li>• Reduced health and social care costs</li></ul>

- Accelerated work on One Public Estate
- Delivery of Strategic Housing functions including homelessness
- Strategic Planning
- Development Management

## 6. Transport

### **Context**

Need for more secure and multi year funding allocation to enhance long term strategic transport planning.

Transport improvements would respond to climate emergency and better connect people and businesses to improving productivity.

### **Programme scope to include**

- Accelerated delivery and stewardship of small transport schemes
- Provisions to take on functions related to passenger transport, potentially through franchising
- The early rollout of our Smart Ticketing, as referenced in the Integrated Rail Plan, across all modes of public transport in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.
- A bid to incorporate concessionary fares for use on the Tram into the national concessionary fares system (linked to the above)
- Approval of the 2 Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Bus Service Improvement Plans (BSIPs) with a 10 year investment plan deal in bus services.
- Introduction of future mobility zones around the City and principal urban areas across Nottinghamshire and around transport hubs.
- 5 year programme of Active Travel investments driven by the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIPs).
- Highways capital allocations move to a 5 year programme
- Moving towards secured allocations rather than bidding rounds for funding streams such as ZEBRA for emissions and Incentive Fund for Highway Maintenance
- Devolved powers under the Traffic Management Act for enhanced traffic enforcement to create a more free flowing highway network
- Greater influence in prioritising and programming improvements to the Strategic Road Network (SRN) and Major Road Network (MRN)

## Priority Themes Business Case Template

<p><b>Priority theme / Lead Chief Executive(s):</b></p>
<p><b>1. Strategic Case:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>What areas of activity does this theme encompass? What does it include and (if appropriate), what does it not include?</i></li> <li>• <i>Why is this theme important – why is it in the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire devolution prospectus?</i></li> <li>• <i>What is the problem or opportunity the theme will address?</i></li> <li>• <i>What existing programmes/ projects at an Nottingham and Nottinghamshire/ regional/ national level address this problem or opportunity? ('Interdependencies' from the Theme Scoping Document)</i></li> <li>• <i>Identify the Stakeholders, Final beneficiaries and Partners.</i></li> <li>• <i>What are the opportunities to collaborate and why will collaboration be beneficial to achieving Specific Goals (2, below)?</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>2. Overall objective, Specific goals and Proposed activities</b></p> <p><i>What is the objective and goals of the theme (what are we trying to achieve)? These should be expressed in broad terms (say 1 objective and 3-5 goals). They will be honed through the answer to question 5. At least one of these should reference 'Levelling Up' or 'spatial inequalities', both within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire and between our area and better performing/ benchmark places.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Overall objective</u>: <i>This is the Overall Objective that the Project will contribute to. So, under the Land &amp; Housing theme, for example: 'To contribute to meeting demand for housing and employment-related investment in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire'.</i></li> <li>• <u>Specific Goals</u>: <i>Under the 'Land &amp; Housing' theme, for example, these might be to do with enabling infrastructure, housing for specific needs groups, the development of serviced sites designed to attract employment-related investment, etc.</i></li> <li>• <u>Activities</u>: <i>These create a logical flow to the Asks and Offers (5 and 6, below). Activities are <u>what</u> we propose to do.</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>3. Evidence (what do we understand about the issue):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Data to illustrate scale (why these are important issues to tackle?)</i></li> <li>• <i>Data to illustrate lost opportunity or market failure or harm or similar.</i></li> </ul>

- *Data to illustrate areas of greatest potential for intervention within the theme*
- *Data to illustrate potential for gain (comparing against similar places/ cohorts; comparing against best performers, etc)*
- *Data to illustrate inequalities within the theme between places ('Levelling Up'), within Nottingham and Nottinghamshire.*

#### **4. Financial data and Risk:**

- *Cost/ lost financial opportunity occasioned by the problem/ failure to optimise the opportunity.*
- *Quantum of financial intervention to achieve these gains.*
- *Financial and other risks.*

#### **5. What is the 'Ask' of government?**

- *What new funding/ powers/ responsibilities do we want from government? Please be as clear and specific as possible – including quantum, if appropriate. Ensure that there is a logical flow from the Strategic Case, Overall Objective/ Goals/ Activities and Evidence, through to the Ask (and Offer, below).*

#### **6. What are the Outcomes for the UK's economy as a whole (What is our Offer)?**

- *What is the promised improvement, efficiency and/ or impact (saving?)*
- *How would this activity be governed? For example, Require reform of existing boards to reflect new arrangements/propose additional boards where there are gaps/ Shadow officer structure.*



17 December 2021

Agenda Item: 6

## **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **SPENDING REVIEW AND OTHER SPECIFIC GOVERNMENT FUNDING ALLOCATIONS TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT (INCLUDING THE INTEGRATED RAIL PLAN)**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an overview of the Government Spending Review (published 27 October 2021).
2. To summarise Government Grant Allocations to Local Government, including funds subject to a competitive bidding process and highlight forthcoming funding opportunities.

#### **Information**

##### **Spending Review 2021 (SR21)**

3. A high-level summary of the impact of the Spending Review 2021 (SR21) on Local Government Budgets, taken from the autumn budget and spending review 2021 (Red Book) can be found below (n.b. the direct impact of SR21 on the budgets of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Councils will be confirmed in the Local Government Settlement, which will be published by 16 December 2021).

£ billion							Average annual real terms growth	
	Outturn 2019-20	Outturn 2020-21	Baseline 2021-22	Plans 2022-23	Plans 2023-24	Plans 2024-25	2021-22 to 2024-25	2019-20 to 2024-25
Resource DEL <sup>1 2</sup>	7.5	8.6	9.1	10.8	12.1	12.7	9.4%	8.4%
<i>of which: Adult Social     Care reform</i>	-	-	-	0.2	1.4	2.0	-	-
Core Spending Power (CSP)	46.2	49.1	50.4	53.7	56.6	58.9	3.0%	2.5%

<sup>1</sup> Excluding ringfenced COVID-19 DEL.

<sup>2</sup> Local Government DEL presented here is not reduced by the switch from DEL to AME for Business Rate Retention Pilots and does not include DEL compensation for new business rates measures announced at Budget 2021. Figures for 2019-20 and 2020-21 also reflect other adjustments for business rates and the New Homes Bonus. Therefore, the figures in this table do not match the outturn figures presented in the total DEL table.

4. Core spending power for Local Authorities is estimated to increase by an average of 3% in real terms each year over the SR21 period. This follows year-on-year real-terms increases since SR19.
5. The Government is providing councils with £4.8 billion of new grant funding over the SR21 period for social care and other services. This represents the largest annual increases in Local Government core funding in over a decade.
6. SR21 confirms that £3.6 billion will be routed through Local Authorities to implement adult social care charging reforms and to support Local Authorities to better sustain their local care market by moving towards a fairer cost for care. Further detail is awaited from Government.
7. There is an additional £200 million for the cross-government Supporting Families programme, around a 40% real-terms uplift in funding for the programme by 2024-25, taking total planned investment across the next three years to nearly £700 million.
8. SR21 also provides funding to strengthen local authority functions vital for the delivery of public services:
  - £37.8 million of additional funding over the SR21 period to tackle cyber security challenges facing councils and invest in local authority cyber resilience, protecting vital services and data. Together with maintaining the funding that was announced at SR20, this will bring the total funding for cyber to £85.8 million over the SR21 period
  - £34.5 million of additional funding over the SR21 period to further strengthen local delivery and transparency. This funding will help strengthen the sector's procurement and commercial capacity, establish the Audit Reporting and Governance Authority as the new local audit systems leader, and help local councils meet new transparency requirements.
9. Additionally, the referendum threshold for increases in council tax is expected to remain at 2% per year. In addition, Local Authorities with social care responsibilities are expected to be able to increase the adult social care precept by up to 1% per year.

## **Housing & Homelessness**

10. SR21 confirmed a settlement of nearly £24 billion for housing, up to 2025-26. The settlement:
  - announces an additional £1.8 billion for housing supply, to deliver £10 billion investment since the start of this Parliament and unlock over 1 million new homes over the SR21 period and beyond. This includes £300 million locally led grant funding that will be distributed to Mayoral Combined Authorities and Local Authorities to unlock smaller brownfield sites for housing and improve communities in line with their priorities, and £1.5 billion to regenerate underused land and deliver transport links and community facilities, unlocking 160,000 homes in total
  - reconfirms £11.5 billion investment through the Affordable Homes Programme (2021-26) of which £7.5 billion is over the SR21 period - the largest cash investment in a decade and delivering up to 180,000 affordable homes. 65% of the funding will be for homes outside London
  - provides an additional £65 million investment to improve the planning regime, through a new digital system which will ensure more certainty and better outcomes for the environment, growth, and quality of design
  - confirms over £5 billion to remove unsafe cladding from the highest-risk buildings, of which £3 billion is over the SR21 period.

11. As part of the Government's commitment to end rough sleeping, SR21 provides £639 million resource funding by 2024-25, a cash increase of 85% compared to 2019-20. This brings total funding to £1.9 billion resource and £109 million capital investment over SR21.

## Summary of some specific grant funding awarded to Nottingham and Nottinghamshire

### Levelling Up Fund

12. The £4.8 billion Levelling Up Fund, provides investment for local infrastructure. The award of £1.69 billion, through the first bidding round was announced through SR21. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's successful bids were:

Bid	Value awarded
Nottingham: Transport (Renewing Nottingham Local Streets Programme)	£18,000,000
Newark and Sherwood: Southern Link Road	£20,000,000

### UK Community Renewal Fund

13. The £220 million UK Community Renewal Fund, is designed to support local areas to pilot imaginative new approaches and programmes that unleash their potential, instil pride, and prepare them to take full advantage of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) when it launches in spring 2022. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's successful bids were:

Bid	Value awarded
<b>Nottingham:</b>	
East Midlands Accelerator	£1,113,716
Newstart	£1,207,191
Carbon Neutral Housing	£354,589
Volunteer It Yourself	£204,000
<b>Nottinghamshire:</b>	
East Midlands Accelerator	£1,7368,39
Good Work	£542,691
Newstart	£1,207,190
Volunteer It Yourself	£459,000

### Towns Fund

14. The £3.6 billion Towns Fund was established to drive long term economic and productivity growth through investment in connectivity, land use, economic assets including cultural assets, skills, and enterprise infrastructure. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's successful bids are as follows:

Bid	Value awarded
Ashfield - Joint Kirkby & Sutton	£62,600,000
Broxtowe – Stapleford	£21,100,000
Mansfield	£12,300,000
Newark & Sherwood	£25,000,000

## Future High Streets Fund

15. The £675 million Future High Streets Fund, aims to renew and reshape town centres and high streets in a way that drives growth, improves experience and ensures future sustainability. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire's successful bids are as follows:

Bid	Value awarded
Nottingham – West End point	£12,523,981
Ashfield - Refurb Sutton Academy Theatre	£6,279,871

## Integrated Rail Plan

16. The Government published the Integrated Rail Plan in November 2021. The implications for Nottingham and Nottinghamshire are set out, as far as they are known, in the report attached at [Appendix A](#), which was approved by Nottinghamshire County Council's Policy Committee on 2 December 2021.

## Forthcoming Grant Schemes

17. The £150 million Community Ownership Fund will help communities protect and manage their most treasured assets. 21 projects received support totalling £5.3 million through the first bidding round. No funding was allocated to projects in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire through this round; there are at least a further 7 bidding rounds planned.

18. Over £2.6 billion has been set aside for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (referenced in point 13 above) to help people access new opportunities across the UK. This fund is set to be launched in April 2022 and will have the following profile over the next three years, 2022-23: £0.4 billion, 2023-24: £0.7 billion, 2024-25: £1.5 billion.

19. The Levelling Up Parks Fund will make £9 million available in 2022-23 to fund more than 100 green spaces across the UK on unused, undeveloped, or derelict land that will broaden accessibility for all.

20. Bids are being prepared across the County for the next round of the Levelling Up Fund (referenced in point 12 above), which is anticipated to be open in spring 2022.

## Adult Social Care Reforms, Government White Paper: "People at the Heart of Care"

21. On 1 December 2021, the Department for Health and Social Care published the Adult Social Care (ASC) Reform White Paper, "People at the Heart of Care". The document sets out a range of policies including:

- At least £300 million to integrate housing into local health and care strategies; £70m per year capital funding for Care and Support Specialist Housing
- At least £150 million of additional funding to drive greater adoption of technology
- At least £500 million so the social care workforce has the right training and qualifications.
- A new practical support service to make minor repairs and changes in people's homes to help people remain independent and safe in their home, alongside increasing the upper limit of the Disabilities Facilities Grant for home adaptations such as stairlifts, wet rooms and home technologies. Additional DFG funding will total £570 million per year for three years.

- Up to £25 million to work with the sector to kick start a change in the services provided to support unpaid carers.
- £30 million to help local areas innovate around the support and care they provide in new and different ways.
- A new national website to explain the upcoming changes and at least £5 million to pilot new ways to help people understand and access the care and support available.
- More than £70 million to increase the support offer across ASC to improve the delivery of care and support services, including assisting LA to better plan and develop the support and care options available.

## **Freeports**

22. Up to £200 million has been made available by Government to deliver eight Freeports in England, creating regions that will flourish as hubs for global trade and investment. The Full Business Case for the East Midlands Freeport, which includes the Ratcliffe-on-Soar site will be submitted to Government in January 2022.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

23. This report provides contextual information for the committee in support of the councils' collaborative working and a prospective devolution deal.

## **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.

## **Financial Implications**

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

## **Implications for Service Users**

26. There are no specific implications for service users arising directly from this report.

## **Implications for Sustainability and the Environment**

27. There are no specific implications for sustainability and environment arising directly from this report. All Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Councils have declared or acknowledged a Climate Emergency and have targets to become Carbon Neutral or Net Zero by dates between 2028-2030.

## RECOMMENDATION/S

It is recommended that the Committee notes the contents of this report in the context of the Councils' collaborative working and a prospective devolution deal.

**Anthony May**  
**Chief Executive of Nottinghamshire County Council**

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### **Constitutional Comments (SSR 06/12/2021)**

28. The recommendation set out in this report are matters which may be determined by the City of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Economic Prosperity Committee under the terms of reference for the Committee set out in the Committee's constitution.

### **Financial Comments (NS 7/12/2021)**

29. The provisional local government statement is anticipated to be announced week commencing 13th December 2021.

### **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.

- [Autumn Budget and Spending Review 2021: A Stronger Economy for the British People \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](https://publishing.service.gov.uk)
- [People at the Heart of Care: adult social care reform white paper - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk)

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All

## **REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

### **THE INTEGRATED RAIL PLAN IN THE EAST MIDLANDS**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide Policy Committee with an overview of the recently announced Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) and the opportunities for growth and investment in Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands.

#### **Information and background**

2. In February 2020, Government announced a commitment to providing better rail connectivity between London, the Midlands and the North. As well as committing to deliver HS2, the Government announced a commitment to improving connectivity between northern cities as well as between London, the Midlands and the North.
3. The Government has engaged the National Infrastructure Commission, HS2 Ltd and local leaders to develop the Integrated Rail Plan for the Midlands and the North. Nottinghamshire County Council has engaged with the IRP development throughout and had regular engagement with Government, the NIC, and worked in close partnership with regional partners through Midlands Connect, the East Midlands HS2 Strategic Board, chaired by the Leader, and the HS2 East Campaign, jointly chaired by the Leader and the Leader of Leeds City Council. The IRP was announced in November 2021.

#### **The key proposals for Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands**

4. The IRP provides the basis for major rail investment in the East Midlands over the next 30 years. For Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands, the key proposals are:
  - Investment valued at c£12 billion – connecting Birmingham and the West Midlands to the East Midlands via a High Speed connection to East Midlands Parkway, Nottingham, Derby and Chesterfield directly.
  - A commitment to review options to connect the East Midlands and Leeds in the North – including via Toton, via the Midland Mainline or via connection to the East Coast Mainline.
  - A regional station for Toton to complement the development being brought forward by the East Midlands Development Corporation; Government recognises the significant growth and development opportunities generated for the Toton site.



- A regional package of connectivity for road and rail, including full electrification of the Midland Mainline, exploring the extension of the Robin Hood Line to Ollerton, introduction of services on the Maid Marion Line and extension of the Tram to Toton.
  - HS2 Services to serve Chesterfield in north Derbyshire via the Midland Mainline.
  - Delivery of the Midlands Rail Hub with benefits for interregional connectivity between the East and West Midlands.
  - Commitment to accelerate the East Midlands Development Corporation (EM DevCo) as a key means of delivering the IRP for the region to unlock economic, social and environmental benefits, as well as support the East Midlands Freeport proposition.
5. An initial assessment of the IRP demonstrates that a significant proportion of the benefits set out in the HS2 Growth Strategy, EM DevCo business case and Freeport business case can be unlocked through this investment. Further work is required to recalculate the full benefits and to programme their delivery.
  6. There are additional benefits in the IRP that will need to be more fully analysed and assessed. These include the significant acceleration of delivery – the services and upgrades are expected to be delivered many years sooner than the original estimates for the full delivery of HS2 Phase 2b. The acceleration of benefits and the commitment to Toton, will also help bring forward development on the County Council owned land and related opportunities in the EM DevCo business case.
  7. The Government investment in this regional package would complement proposals currently under discussion with local partners for a County Deal. A strong Nottinghamshire and regional plan for economic growth is moving forward positively. Business cases for schemes that would support the Robin Hood Line extension and the Maid Marion Line, for example, are in development by the County Council with local District and Borough partners.

## **Further considerations**

8. Midlands Connect, the East Midlands HS2 Executive Board and Transport for the East Midlands (TfEM) will meet over the coming weeks to consider the IRP in detail. The County Council will continue to engage constructively in influencing the programming of IRP delivery.
9. Clearly much work will be required to implement these and other proposals in the IRP. Early engagement with the Department for Transport will be sought in order to explore the full detail of the IRP and to develop collaborative approaches with Government to expedite delivery and the development of the additional schemes.
10. Local leaders in the East Midlands will continue to make the case for full delivery of the Eastern Leg of HS2 to connect the towns and cities of the Midlands and the North. Toton remains a key regional growth asset and local partners will continue to advocate for the northern section of HS2 to be built through the Toton route.

## **Other Options Considered**

11. None



## **Reason for Recommendation**

12. To enable the Committee to consider emerging Government investment in rail connectivity and opportunities this brings for Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

14. 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**

15. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report. There is no financial contribution of resources required at this stage. It will be a matter for a future Policy Committee to consider benefits and delivery plans, including any financial implications.

## **Implications for Sustainability and the Environment**

16. Core components of the East Midlands Development Corporation and Freeport bids are focused on enhancing natural capital, environmental sustainability and our journey to a zero carbon future. The proposition at Ratcliffe on Soar includes the 'ZERO' facility, bringing research, innovation and enterprise together with industry and investors on one site to accelerate the design and delivery of new zero carbon technologies and manufacturing. Similarly, the proposals at EM Intermodal Park and the Airport sites in the Freeport bid will include low carbon industries.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

17. Policy Committee is invited to:

1. Welcome the positive Government commitments in the IRP to invest in a significant rail package for the benefit of Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands
2. Agree that the Leader of the Council continue to advocate for Nottinghamshire and the region in engaging with Government and regional partners such as HS2 East and Transport for East Midlands.
3. Seek early engagement with Government to explore the commitment to 'accelerate' the East Midlands Development Corporation.
4. Agree to a further report being brought to Committee to set out the revised benefits, delivery plans and the capacity/support required from the County Council to move forward the next steps.

**Councillor Ben Bradley MP**  
**Leader of the Council**

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#### **Constitutional Comments (CEH 18/11/2021)**

19. The report falls within the remit of Policy Committee

#### **Financial Comments (RWK 18/11/2021)**

20. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

#### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/integrated-rail-plan-for-the-north-and-the-midlands>

#### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All