Nottinghamshire County Council

Communities Committee

Wednesday, 20 April 2022 at 10:30

County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

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minutes

Meeting	Communities Committee
Date	9 March 2022 (commencing at 10:30 am)

Membership
Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Cottee (Chairman) **Apologies**
Tom Smith (Vice-Chairman)

Mike Adams
Pauline Allan
Sinead Anderson
Debbie Darby
Glynn Gilfoyle
Sue Saddington
Jonathan Wheeler **Apologies**
Daniel Williamson
Elizabeth Williamson

MEMBERSHIP

Debbie Darby replaced Stephen Garner on a permanent basis.

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Chris Barnfather for John Cottee.
Neil Clarke MBE for Jonathan Wheeler.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ian Bond	-	Inspire Ltd
Peter Gaw	-	Inspire Ltd
Derek Higton	-	Place Department
John Hughes	-	Place Department
Laurence Jones	-	Children and Family Services Department (via Teams)
Fiona Needham	-	Place Department
Adrian Smith	-	Place Department
Mark Walker	-	Place Department
Pete Barker	-	Chief Executive's Department

1. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 26 JANUARY 2022

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 January 2022, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman of the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

John Cottee – Medical/illness

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle declared an interest in published item 6: 'Inspire Learning Annual Plan and Fees 2022-2023' as a member of the Inspire Ltd Board, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting.

4 COMMUNITIES PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR QUARTER 3 PLACE CORE DATA SET

RESOLVED 2021/038

That the performance and financial outcomes in respect of the council's services for Communities Committee for the period 1 October to 31 December 2021, be endorsed.

5. UPDATE ON KEY TRADING STANDARDS AND COMMUNITIES MATTERS

RESOLVED 2021/039

That:

1) the contents of the report be noted.

2) the proposed Food and Feed Plan be approved.

3) the pricing structure for services for the coming financial year be approved.

6. INSPIRE LEARNING ANNUAL PLAN AND FEES 2022-2023

RESOLVED 2021/040

That:

1) the performance and outcomes during the 2020/21 academic year be noted.

2) the service's plan for the 2022/23 academic year be approved.

3) the service's plan for use of the Education and Skills Funding Agency in the 2022/23 academic year be approved.

4) the schedule of fees as outlined in Appendix 1 be approved.

5) the supply chain arrangements for the 2022/23 academic year as outlined in Appendix 2 be approved.

7. STATUTORY PREVENT DUTY

During the debate it was agreed to arrange some member training on this topic.

RESOLVED 2021/041

That a further update on the Prevent Duty be included on the Communities Committee work programme.

8. FUTURE OPTIONS FOR CATERING, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND COUNTY ENTERPRISE FOODS UPDATE

RESOLVED 2021/042

That the continuation of work to develop preferred options for the future delivery of Catering and Facilities Management services be approved.

9. PRICING STRATEGY FOR CATERING, FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND LANDSCAPE SERVICES

RESOLVED 2021/043

That the price increases detailed in paragraphs 4-7 of the report be approved to support the delivery of full cost recovery for the commercial services operated by the service.

10. ESTABLISHING THE COMMUNITY EARLY HELP AND SUPPORT TEAM

RESOLVED 2021/044

That:

1) the creation of a Community Early Help and Support Team within the Trading Standards and Communities Service be approved.

2) the establishment a Band D Team Manager post for the team to lead and drive Community Early and Help and Support work for the Authority be approved.

3) moving existing relevant posts in the Council's establishment to sit within the new team to maximise benefits of close collaboration be approved.

11. LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUND (LCF) – RECOMMENDATIONS

During debate it was agreed to send members the details of unsuccessful bids.

RESOLVED 2021/045

That £1,280,563 of applications for funding be approved as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report.

12. APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS TO THE COVID PARTNERSHIP SOCIAL RECOVERY FUND AND COMMUNITY HUB FOOD PLAN FUND

RESOLVED 2021/046

That:

1) those applications for funding recommended in Appendix 1 be approved.

2) those applications that have received partnership approval set out in Appendix 2 be approved.

13. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND PROGRESS

RESOLVED 2021/047

That a further update report be brought to the next Committee and the finishing position of the scheme be ratified.

14. WORK PROGRAMME

The issue of talented artists will be included in the Inspire Annual Report due to be presented to Committee in April.

RESOLVED 2021/048

That the work programme be updated to reflect members' requests.

The meeting concluded at 12.24pm

Chairman

Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to Communities Committee

20 April 2022

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

SHERWOOD FOREST – RSPB ANNUAL REVIEW AND COVID RECOVERY

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Committee on the activities undertaken at Sherwood Forest by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) during the Covid 19 pandemic and appraise members of the plans for activities during 2022/23.

Information

Context

2. The RSPB manage the Sherwood Forest nature reserve and the Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre (SFVC) under a contract with the County Council signed in 2016.

3. The new SFVC funded by a range of partners including the County Council was opened in autumn 2018 and replaced the ageing facility previously located close to the Major Oak in the heart of the forest. The old visitor centre has now been demolished and the site returned to nature.

4. A successful first full season of operation in 2019/20 saw a programme of events held on the site including the traditional short week long but intense Robin Hood Festival in August, and also saw the RSPB continue to build the wider tourism offer on site including strengthening the Robin Hood theme and improving the overall forest facilities. This work continued throughout 2020/21 and 2021/22.

5. The end of March 2020 saw the Country entering it's first lockdown as the Covid 19 pandemic took hold, and much of the following two years have been impacted by the recurring waves of infection and restrictions on public activities, and particularly the ability to hold events and mass gatherings.

6. Other than in the late weeks of spring and early days of summer 2020 the car parks have been open to allow access to the wider forest, and subsequently the visitor centre has open to the public with varying states of access during 2020/21 and the early part of 2022.

7. Most events and planned activities were cancelled during 2020, but 2021 saw an alternative to the Robin Hood Festival, Go Wild in the Green Wood, held through most of August, bringing in many of the previous smaller festival activities spread over a

longer period and without the mass participation elements, to ensure the protection of public health.

8. Heading into 2022/23, and with all Covid restrictions finally withdrawn, the RSPB are planning a series of activities for the coming months.

9. Colleagues from the RSPB will present at the meeting, sharing their experiences of the last two years and plans for the future.

Finance

10. The County Council made a substantial capital payment towards the construction of the new visitor centre of over £4m but does not provide any ongoing revenue funding for the operation of the site.

Other Options Considered

11. No other options were considered.

Reason for Recommendation

12. To inform Committee of the latest developments in the history of Sherwood Forest.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, 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, sustainability and the environment and ways of working 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

14. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

1) That Committee recognise the activities undertaken at Sherwood Forest by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) during the Covid 19 pandemic and support the plans for activities during 2022/23.

Derek Higton
Service Director, Place and Communities

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Constitutional Comments (ELP06/04/2022)

15. The recommendations fall within the delegation to Communities Committee by virtue of its frame of reference.

Financial Comments (SES 15/03/2022)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All.

Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to Communities Committee

20 April 2022

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

CULTURE, LEARNING AND LIBRARIES – INSPIRE: DEVELOPMENT UPDATE AND SIXTH YEAR REVIEW

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Committee on the development of Inspire in the delivery of cultural, learning and library services across Nottinghamshire and its achievements in the sixth year of operation.

Information

Context

2. Inspire – Culture, Learning and Libraries (Midlands) was established as an independent Community Benefit Society with charitable status in June 2015 and commenced the delivery a range of cultural and learning services on behalf of the County Council from 1st April 2016. The change in operating model was part of the Council's 'Redefining Your Council' strategic vision and identified as part of the 'Strategy for Nottinghamshire's Libraries' approved by full council in December 2011.

3. Inspire has a contractual arrangement with the Council which outlines the scope and range of services to be delivered on the council's behalf. A detailed services specification and performance mechanism has been established and is reviewed and reported on between the Council and Inspire on a regular basis. This initial five year agreement was renewed by the County Council for a further five years in April 2021.

4. Inspire acts as the council's agent in the delivery of its contract with the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) to provide adult community learning and 16-18 college programmes.

5. Inspire is also contracted by Arts Council England (ACE) as a National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) and to host the Nottinghamshire Music Education Hub (NMEH).

6. A high level of service delivery has been maintained and further developed since April 2016.

7. Staff transferred to Inspire on 1st April 2016 and are employed by the Society as well as being members and have an elected staff member on the Inspire board.

8. In addition to the smooth transfer of staff, senior staff of Inspire have established systems and policies to enable the organisation to be financially robust, be compliant with legislation, maintain its charitable status, ensure it can meet its contractual agreements and agreed levels of performance.

9. This report and an accompanying presentation by the Chief Executive Officer of Inspire will inform the Committee of progress since April 2021.

Review of Year Six

Performance and Quality Assurance

10. Inspire has met most performance requirements as laid out within the service specification and reported quarterly to the council. Some targets have not been achieved due to covid restrictions on the provision of Inspire services and the overall restrictions customers and leaners have experienced in the last year. However due to expansion of the online and remote range of services provided since April 2020, overall annual engagement with library services is projected to be over 3.2 million.

11. Inspire has also achieved several external accreditations and awards to validate its performance. These include:

    - **Customer Service Excellence** (CSE) – Inspire wide accreditation with 8 compliance plus areas identified (March 2022)
    - **MATRIX** – Inspire wide accreditation to the national Information, Advice and Guidance (IAG) standard (March 2022)

    Inspire is also working towards the Investors in Diversity (IID) standard, being Alzheimer friendly, the Sunflower scheme and breast-feeding friendly schemes.

    Reaccreditation for the Archives service is due later in 2022, with libraries due to undertake the new national libraries accreditation assessment in 2023.

Finance

12. Inspire achieved £1m savings as it went live in April 2016 including £500,000 from the change to charitable status of the new organisation.

13. The initial 5-year contract period (2016 – 2021) delivered a further total of £1.2M of savings for the council.

13. Inspire as an independent organisation and employer has been able to drive through greater efficiencies and has been flexible enough within the first contract period to manage financial pressures without reduction of service provision.

14. Inspire continues as a financial going concern and continues to deliver value for money across its range of services

Entrepreneurial Dividend/Grants/Continuous Improvement

15. Inspire applied to the Arts Council England (ACE) to become a National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) to deliver cultural programmes through the library network aimed at children and young people. Inspire was award £1M between 2018 – 2022. Inspire is one of only 6 library-based organisations to be awarded NPO status. Due to Covid 19 this award has been extended by a further year. An application to remain an NPO 2023-2026 will be undertaken during 2022.

16. Bidding for further grants will be pursued within the framework of the strategic aims of the organisation and where greatest impact can be made.

17. Since 2016 the amount of additional grant funding brought into Nottinghamshire by Inspire has amounted to £4.4M, with an additional £890K through partnership bids.

Governance

18. The independent Inspire board has been operating since April 2016 and is now fully established. The board has established committees to scrutinise and support the development of the organisation. These include: Music; Culture and Heritage; Learning and Skills; Finance and Audit; Staffing and Standards and Development.

19. Inspire continues to gain from the wide-ranging skills and experience of board members.

20. Inspire membership is drawn from staff and members of the public over the age of 16. A review of the membership roll is currently underway.

Achievements / Highlights

21. During a second year dominated by the Covid emergency, Inspire has maintained a range of services whilst adhering to the changing covid guidance and restrictions.

22. All services have provided a level of service during the whole of the year with a mixture of face to face, home delivery and virtual services.

23. Since restrictions ended in July 2021, a planned approach to service recovery has been undertaken. A particular focus has been on regaining library footfall and enrolment of adult learners as core users of Inspire services.

24. Inspire has also focussed on supporting communities to reconnect, business growth, employment and specific support for children and those young people we work with through the Inspire Learning College and Inspire Youth Arts.

25. Recovery was progressing well during the autumn of 2021, until the Omicron variant became dominant, which had a negative impact on people's confidence and willingness to visit public places. However, since the start of 2022 there are positive indications that the recovery is progressing well, and audiences returning.

26. Busines Innovation and Patent Centres (BIPC) is a national network of business support centres provided in partnership between local library services and the British Library (BL). Through a new partnership with Nottingham City Libraries and the BL, Inspire has established 3 satellite centres in Beeston, Mansfield and Sutton Libraries. This initiative provides support to new and growing small businesses and gives access to a range of busines support, market and patent information sources held by the BL.

27. Light Night 2022 showcased Inspires creative and artistic work with young people to create and produce a digital light installation at St Mary's church, which received 4,500 visitors. In addition, a dance performance by Nottinghamshire young people alongside the Tom Dale dance company was performed at the Nottingham Contemporary with all 4 performances being sold out.

28. The Able Orchestra is a project to ensure talented disabled and able young people, and professional musicians are brought together to create and perform music. A recent immersive performance at Portland Colleges new theatre was performed with the Chairman of the County Council in attendance. This original piece, titled Immersion used traditional instruments, electronic sounds (some taken from Papplewick pumping station) and live digital light projections. This formed part of the Minor 2 Major project.

29. Inspire Music are actively supporting the development of talented young people to excel in music. Working in partnership with Orchestra's Live a project titled 'Tributaries' supported gifted young musicians to compose and perform remotely and live at the Royal Concert Hall in Nottingham. This is in addition to the ongoing partnership Inspire has developed with the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain to develop, support and give Nottinghamshire young people access to choral teaching of the highest quality.

30. Inspire Learning College is the new name for the study programme for 16–18-year-olds. Over the last two year this programme has continued through a mixture of face to face and online teaching. Face to face vocational training in hospitality and construction continued through restrictions.

31. Library services for children are as popular as ever and as restrictions lifted demand for Bookstart, rattle rhyme roll sessions, children's theatre and summer reading scheme has been very high. Over 8,000 children participated in the summer reading challenge 2021.

32. Libraries are well placed in local communities to host a range of community activities. Following the lifting of restrictions in July 2021 regular meetings and activities have returned. Through the community makers volunteering programme launched in September 2021 the range of new opportunities for people to connect has increased. The development of 'Places of Welcome' is offering a weekly opportunity for people to meet for tea/coffee, chat and connect.

33. Community and family learning provided a range of online courses and returned to face-to-face courses in August. Now offering a mixture of online, face to face and blended courses access has improved.

Investment

34. The County Council approved funding to upgrade the public computer and network facilities which will be completed during 2022. The importance of providing digital access has been highlighted during the pandemic.

35. During 2022/23 the council will undertake refurbishment of 6 small libraries part funded through a grant award from the DCMS Libraries Investment Fund. This will focus on improving establishing these small libraries as village hubs. Libraries included are Bircotes, Blidworth, Bilsthorpe, Burton Joyce, Langold and Woodthorpe.

36. Through towns fund investment at Stapleford, Sutton and Kirkby Libraries will be made to develop additional learning facilities.

Customer and Learner Satisfaction

37. Across all services areas there is a regular process of gaining satisfaction levels and feedback. Complaints are very low and outnumbered by compliments, both are reported to the Council monthly. Customer and learner satisfaction levels (good or very good) target of 90% is set within the performance specification.

Covid 19 – Recovery

38. Inspire will focus its service offer on economic and community recovery.

39. Inspire as an employer is participated in the governments kick start employment support scheme which offered 6 months of paid work experience for 18-25-year olds. Inspire hosted 20 places.

40. Inspire will launched its membership volunteering and engagement programme 'Community Makers' in September 2021 to enable greater use of local skills and support to help communities to re connect and recover. A focus on well-being activity, reaching those who are isolated at home and promoting libraries as places of welcome and connection has been prioritised across Inspire. The learning programme will continue to offer a range of wellbeing courses and Inspire will work with ABL Health to support healthy lifestyles.

Relationship with the Council and Stakeholders

41. The Council has a good working relationship with the organisation and maintains two nominated places on its main board. The Council also has board observer status for senior officers.

42. The Local Government Association and Arts Council England peer review of Library services undertaken in February 2021 highlighted the good relationship with the council and opportunities to ensure the service and wider Inspire services can further deliver council priorities and objectives.

43. An agreed communications protocol between the Council and Inspire was approved by the former Culture Committee and is working well.

44. Other funders, Arts Council England, Education Funding Agency and Skills Funding Agency, continue to engage in a positive way with Inspire.

45. Good working relationships have been developed with a range of organisations, including – Nottingham Playhouse, Lakeside Arts University of Nottingham, Nottingham Trent University, First Arts Creative People and Places, The Royal Concert Hall Nottingham, NYCGB, The Harley Foundation, UNESCO City of Literature, BFI / Broadway Cinema, Orchestras Live, Fun Palaces, York Explore, LibrariesUnlimited and Suffolk Libraries, Nottingham City libraires, ABL Health, REACH, West Notts College, Portland College, District Councils and DWP.

Other Options Considered

46. No other options were considered.

Reason for Recommendation

47. To enable the Committee to exercise its delegated responsibility.

Statutory and Policy Implications

48. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, 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, sustainability and the environment and ways of working 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

49. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

1) To endorse the development of Inspire in the delivery of cultural, learning and library services across Nottinghamshire and its achievements in the sixth year of operations.

Derek Higton
Service Director, Place and Communities

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Constitutional Comments (EP 11/03/2022)

50. The Communities Committee is the appropriate body to consider the contents of this report.

Financial Comments (RWK 10/03/2022)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Launch of Inspire – report to Culture Committee 19 April 2016
- Inspire communications and marketing activity protocol – report to Culture Committee 1 November 2016
- Inspire review and Forward Plan 2020 - October 2017 www.inspireculture.org.uk/uploads/documents/IAR_for_web.pdf
- Inspire Annual Review 2020/21 – October 2021 (digital only) www.inspireculture.org.uk/about-us/annual-review-2020-21/

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All.

Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to Communities Committee

20 April 2022

Agenda Item:6

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

MODERN SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Purpose of the report

1. For Members to consider and approve the content of the Council's Modern Slavery Transparency statement 2022-23. The statement is an updated version of that considered and agreed by Members on 3rd November 2021.

2. To update Members on what is happening across the County in relation to Modern Slavery and to understand the nature, scale and impact of modern slavery and modern trafficking at the local level comparative to the national picture.

Information

Duty

3. Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 requires organisations within the UK, with an annual turnover of £36 million and over, to produce an annual Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking transparency statement.

4. Nottinghamshire County Council Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2022-2023, Appendix A to this, is part of its commitment to being a good employer and as an exemplar to other employers. The statement can be found on the intranet and internet and sets out Nottinghamshire County Council's actions to understand all potential modern slavery risks related to our services and businesses and to put in place steps that are aimed at ensuring that there is no slavery or human trafficking in our own services and businesses and our supply chains.

5. Section 54(5) of the Act sets out the types of information that may be included in such a statement; namely:

- the organisation's structure, its business and its supply chains
- its policies in relation to modern slavery and human trafficking
- its due diligence processes in relation to modern slavery and human trafficking in its business and supply chains
- the parts of its business and supply chains where there is a risk of modern slavery and human trafficking taking place, and the steps it has taken to assess and manage that risk

- its effectiveness in ensuring that modern slavery and human trafficking is not taking place in its business or supply chains, measured against such performance indicators as it considers appropriate
- training regarding modern slavery and human trafficking available to its staff.

6. In addition to the Council's own statement, it will need to retain copies of the statements of other suppliers who are required to publish their own statement, for example, commercial organisations with a total turnover of £36 million per annum. Tender documentation has been amended in order to ask potential suppliers particular questions in tender exercises to ensure that suppliers are meeting this duty before awarding contracts.

7. To further increase awareness of modern slavery and provide clarity for councils on their role in tackling it the Local Government Association, in December 2017, published - "Modern Slavery – A council guide". A copy of this document can be downloaded at 22.12_Modern_slavery_WEB 2.pdf (local.gov.uk)

8. Nottinghamshire County Council is committed to understanding the risks presented by slavery. The Communities Team is coordinating the council's response to Modern Slavery which includes:

- Working with partners to establish referral pathways for victims
- Contributing to a multi-agency strategy which incorporates early intervention and prevention support for victims of Modern Slavery, training, and awareness for practitioners and first line responders
- Promoting Anti- Slavery Day, which is every year on October 18th, to raise awareness amongst colleagues, stakeholders, and partner organisations on the impact of Modern Slavery

9. This Council abhors modern slavery and human trafficking and welcomes measures undertaken by our Trading Standards, Contracts Management and Procurement departments to prevent Modern Slavery, but acknowledges the importance of remaining vigilant against such appalling crimes.

10. The UK Government's Modern Slavery Act (2015) is the first of its kind in Europe, and, also in the world, to specifically address modern slavery and human trafficking in the 21st century.

11. Modern slavery is a complex, harmful, and largely hidden crime. In England and Wales, modern slavery covers several different forms of exploitation including human trafficking, labour exploitation, criminal exploitation, sexual exploitation, domestic servitude.

12. As the nature of the threat has changed, there is a commitment to review the 2014 Modern Slavery Strategy in order to develop a revised strategic approach. This is expected for Spring 2022.

13. The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is a framework for identifying victims of human trafficking or modern slavery and ensuring they receive the appropriate support.

National Picture

14. The 2021 UK Annual Report on Modern Slavery, Published 25 November 2021 reported that:

    > "2020 was the first time that a year-on-year increase in the number of potential victims referred to the NRM for modern slavery was not seen, thought to be a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated restrictions".

15. Nationally, in total there were 10,613 potential victims were referred to the National Referral Mechanism. 48% of those were adults representing a decrease compared to 2020. However, 47% were children which represented an increase on 2020 figures.

16. The figures for the most common nationality of potential victims in 2020 was UK nationals, accounting for 34% (3,560) of all referrals. The most common forms of exploitation reported were labour exploitation for adults and criminal exploitation for minors.

17. Appendix B to this report shows two graphs. The first graph shows the number of referrals into the National Referral Mechanism from 2014 to 2021 rising to reaching a peak number during quarter 4 of 2019. The number reduced significantly during quarter 1 and 2 for 2020 before rising again to levels close to the 2019 peak. This trend coincides with the Covid 19 pandemic lockdown.

18. The trend lines in the second graph follow the same pattern linked to the timeline for the Covid 19 pandemic for both adults (over 18) referrals and children (17 or under).

Nottinghamshire Picture

19. Across Nottinghamshire there is a significant amount of work being delivered, in partnership to tackle modern slavery. There are strong links between partner agencies and community organisations to raise awareness of modern slavery, how to identify and how to refer cases and where required, provide advice and support to victims.

20. The Slavery Exploitation Team are a Nottingham City Council team. As part of their work, a pilot project covering the South Nottinghamshire area, funded through a Police & Crime Commissioner grant to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board has been operating.

21. Data provided for the period January 2021 to December 2021 records there having been 25 cases referred from the County South pilot area. The number of referrals per borough were 13 in Broxtowe, 9 in Gedling, and 3 in Rushcliffe. The primary type of exploitation recorded were 5 financial, 2 criminal, 1 domestic servitude, 3 sexual, 9 cuckooing, and 5 labour. Of the 25 cases, 6 are recorded as being victims of more than 1 type of exploitation.

22. Most referrals in the County came from the Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire County Council Adult Social Care.

Data Provision

23. Work is currently being undertaken to drill down into data in order that it be provided at district/borough level in addition to the County and City split.

24. The data will reflect that provided as above in relation to the type(s) of exploitation as well as district/borough location and referring organisation and when provided at this level will better inform local partnership working thereby facilitating the targeting of interventions to meet the local need.

Under-reporting

25. The hidden nature of Modern Slavery leaves significant data and information gaps in order to produce an accurate measure of prevalence. Under reporting of concerns, and therefore under-referring of cases into the NRM, is acknowledged as an issue across Nottinghamshire which is replicated across the UK.

26. The Delivery Action Plan of the Modern Slavery Partnership themed subgroup of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board makes significant reference to raising awareness within agencies, organisations and the community regarding on signs to look out for and how to report concerns and support services available.

Training and Awareness

27. There is an identified need for increased awareness and training pertaining to modern slavery. Working with partners, including Nottingham City, briefing sessions to officers in key positions within different organisations is ongoing in seeking to increase the number of referrals of vulnerable victims.

28. The Council requires all staff working in supply chain management, Procurement and Human Resources professionals to have completed training on modern slavery awareness. The Modern-Day Slavery online training module is available to all staff within the authority through the 'My Learning, My Career' link. Relevant staff within Adult Social Care and Children's Social Care have also received awareness raising sessions seeking to increase identification and referral of cases.

29. In the past year, Modern Day Slavery and Human Trafficking training was commissioned through the County Council with funding from the Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (OPCC), for both internal staff and external partners. These were delivered by the SnowDrop Project in Spring 2021 in nine virtual sessions. Further half day sessions delivered by Hope for Justice were delivered during Autumn 2021 with more being planned for 2022.

30. Referral data currently being provided is assisting in identifying organisations where further work on awareness raising may need to be undertaken. The Modern Slavery Partnership Group have identified this and included it within their delivery action plan for 2022-2023.

Other Options Considered

31. The Council is required to publish a Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement and would wish to do so as part of its commitment to being a good employer and as an exemplar to other employers (as noted: see Appendix A).

Reasons for Recommendations

32. It is a legal requirement for the Council to comply with section 54 of The Modern Slavery Act 2015, and the recommendations help the Council to discharge that duty.

Statutory and Policy Implications

33. 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.

Crime and Disorder Implications

34. Modern Slavery is a priority of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB). The Nottinghamshire Modern Slavery Steering Group oversees this work. Modern Slavery has strong links with the Serious Organised Crime (SOC) Board. With improved awareness and training across the partnership, we are likely to see an increase in reported offences, identified offenders and referrals.

Human Resources Implications

35. The last review of all the Council's employment policies and procedures included consideration to how we can further develop our prevention strategies to ensure modern slavery and human trafficking form no part of our workforce. This work is being mirrored by the Council's Procurement Team to apply the same standards to our supply chain and those who deliver services on the Council's behalf.

Human Rights Implications

36. These have been considered in developing the statement which is designed to protect individual and collective rights.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

37. Equality implications have been considered during the development of the Council's Modern Slavery Statement.

Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

38. The implications for the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults have been considered in developing the statement which will add an additional layer of prevention for people for whom there may be a risk of modern slavery or human trafficking.

39. The National Referral Mechanism (NRM) is available and is a framework for identifying victims of human trafficking and ensuring they receive appropriate care. A range of agencies may be involved in a trafficking case including the Police, the UK Boarder Agency (UKBA), local authorities and non-government organisations such as charities.

40. The Office of the Nottinghamshire Police & Crime Commissioner has funded a county caseworker until March 2022, taking referrals for South Nottinghamshire, Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe where there are concerns about exploitation. They work with partners to support victims and reduce harm. The Caseworker is hosted by the Slavery Exploitation Team (SET) based at Nottingham City Council

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

1) Consider and agree the updated attached statement in Appendix A which demonstrates the Council's commitment to ensuring that there are no victims of slavery or human trafficking employed directly by the Council, in its commissioned services or supply chains.

2) Approve the publication of the updated statement on the public website.

3) Endorse and recognise the ongoing partnership work to tackle modern slavery and trafficking across Nottinghamshire.

Derek Higton
Service Director, Place and Communities

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Mark Walker, Group Manager, Trading Standards and Communities Service, mark.walker@nottscc.gov.uk or on Tel: 0115 9772173

Constitutional Comments (LW 08/02/2022)

41. Communities Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (SES 08/02/2022)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Modern Slavery Act 2015 (legislation.gov.uk)
2021 UK Annual Report on Modern Slavery (publishing.service.gov.uk)
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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

Nottinghamshire County Council

Appendix A

Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement

Introduction

Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) is committed to preventing slavery and human trafficking in our corporate activities and to ensuring that our supply chains are free from slavery and human trafficking.

This statement sets out Nottinghamshire County Council's actions to understand all potential modern slavery risks related to our services and businesses, and to put in place steps that are aimed at ensuring that there is no slavery or human trafficking in our own services, businesses, and our supply chains. This statement covers the activities of Nottinghamshire County Council, which includes direct employees of the Council, agency workers engaged through the Council's managed service and services delivered on behalf of the Council by third party organisations and in the council's supply chains.

Organisational structure and supply chains

Nottinghamshire County Council is part of a two-tier authority based in the East Midlands region of England in the UK, encompassing seven district and borough councils with 800,000+ citizens. The Council provides many local government services including public health, social services, schools, trading standards and licensing, highways, refuse etc. Human resources, procurement and contract management play a key role in our work to ensure our corporate activities and supply chains are free from modern slavery and human trafficking.

Human Resources

As part of Local Government, we pay our own employees the Living Wage Foundation living wage as part of our ongoing commitment to treating people fairly and to raise workers out of poverty. Whilst we do not require our suppliers to match this commitment, we do ask them to consider its adoption for their workforces.

NCC has also implemented a consistent and inclusive system for conducting the prescribed Right to Work document checks, in order to fulfil the legal requirement of all UK employers.

REED who provides us a recruitment support service have their own annual Modern Slavery Statement; https://www.reed.com/slavery-statement

Procurement & Contract Management

NCC would expect all suppliers of goods or services to have their own policy relating to working practices or modern slavery, or for evidence to be available to ensure their standards are in accordance with the Council's expectations. We would request that our suppliers ensure the same of their own supply chains.

NCC undertakes due diligence when considering taking on new suppliers. In addition, the Council has been doing considerable work to develop a corporate approach to contract management. A Contract Management Toolkit was launched in October 2020 which offers guidance and tools to contract managers on each stage of a contract's lifecycle. Modern Slavery due diligence is clearly identified in the Pre-Procurement checklist. Furthermore, dedicated HR and Procurement support is available to 2 contract managers in areas where a service is deemed to be at a higher risk of Modern Slavery or Human Trafficking.

Children & Young people

Young people at risk of modern slavery and trafficking are supported through the safeguarding children's partnership Criminal Exploitation pathway. For those at low risk there are methods to identify and intervene early to divert into positive activities and disrupt the exploitation. When young people have become entrenched in exploitation, they will be supported on child protection plans with multi-agency meetings held on a regular basis to focus on plans to support the child and disrupt the exploitation. Those at highest risk are discussed at a monthly senior management panel to ensure partnership risk management plans are robust.

Partnership

The Council is a partner at the Safer Nottinghamshire Board (SNB), Modern Slavery Steering Group and the Serious Organised Crime (SOC) Board. The Modern Slavery Steering Group sets the countywide action plan for this area of work, informed, and is led by the University of Nottingham who completed a problem profile in 2019.

Relevant Policies

Nottinghamshire County Council reviews its policies and procedures on an ongoing basis to ensure they remain compliant and fit for purpose. The following policies and procedures are key in meeting the requirements of the Modern Slavery Act.

▪ **Safeguarding policies** – adults, children and young people have policies in place to address their safety from many aspects. The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) deals with cases of vulnerable adults that may need to be referred into the Slavery & Exploitation Risk Assessment Conferencing (SERAC).

▪ **Whistleblowing policy** - The organisation encourages all its workers, customers, and other business partners to report any concerns related to the direct activities, or the supply chains of, the organisation. This includes any circumstances that may give rise to an enhanced risk of slavery or human trafficking. The organisation's whistleblowing procedure is designed to make it easy for workers to make disclosures, without fear of retaliation.

▪ **Employee code of conduct** - Nottinghamshire County Council's code makes it clear to employees the actions and behaviour expected of them when representing the organisation. The organisation strives to maintain the highest standards of employee conduct and ethical behaviour in all its operations and when managing our supply chain.

▪ **Expectations of Suppliers** - Nottinghamshire County Council is committed to ensuring that its suppliers adhere to the highest standards of ethics. Suppliers are required to demonstrate that they provide safe working conditions where necessary, treat workers with dignity and respect, and act ethically and within the law in their use of labour. We work with suppliers to ensure that they meet the required standards. However, serious violations of the Council's supplier expectations will lead to the termination of the business relationship.

▪ **Agency workers managed service** - The Council uses only specified, reputable employment agencies to source labour and always through its managed service provider, verifies the practices of any new agency it is using before accepting workers from that agency. The contractual audit process with the managed service provider supplies the required evidence of panel supplier abilities to comply. There has been no requirement to act because of the risk of slavery and human trafficking in the period covered by this statement.

Due diligence

Nottinghamshire County Council undertakes due diligence when considering taking on new suppliers and regularly reviews its existing suppliers.

Responsibility

Responsibility for the Council's anti-slavery initiatives is as follows:

• **Policies:** Service Director, Customers, Governance and Employees in the Chief Executives Department will be responsible for ensuring appropriate recruitment and employment policies are in place and reviewed on an annual basis to ensure they remain current and relevant.

• **Risk assessments:** To be undertaken by the relevant service area where there is deemed to be a risk of modern slavery or human trafficking, with the support of colleagues within HR and procurement. The risk assessment will be signed off by the appropriate service director and held centrally and demonstrate the corporate responsibility for human rights and modern slavery risk analysis.

• **Investigations / due diligence:** Any concerns regarding modern slavery or human trafficking should be raised with the Service Director, Customers, Governance and Employees in the first instance.

Performance indicators

Nottinghamshire County Council has reviewed its key performance indicators (KPIs) in light of the introduction of the Modern Slavery Act 2015. As a result, we have:

✓ required all new staff working in supply chain management, Procurement and HR professionals to have completed training on modern slavery as part of their induction;

✓ reviewed the system for supply chain verification currently in place, whereby we evaluate potential suppliers before they enter the supply chain; and

✓ continue to review our existing supply chains by contract managers, whereby we evaluate all existing suppliers.

Training

The organisation requires all staff responsible for supply chain managers, those working in HR or Procurement within the Council to complete training on modern slavery.

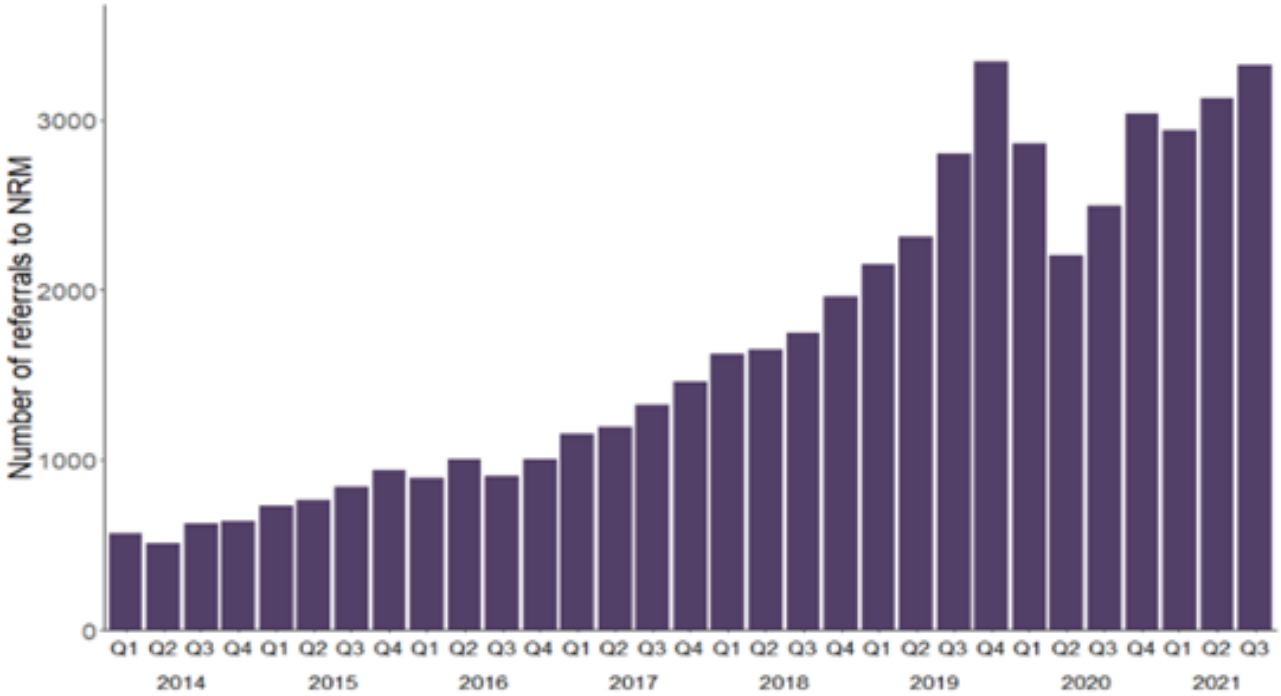
Declaration

This statement is made pursuant to section 54(1) of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and constitutes Nottinghamshire County Council's modern slavery and human trafficking statement for the financial year ending 31 March 2023.

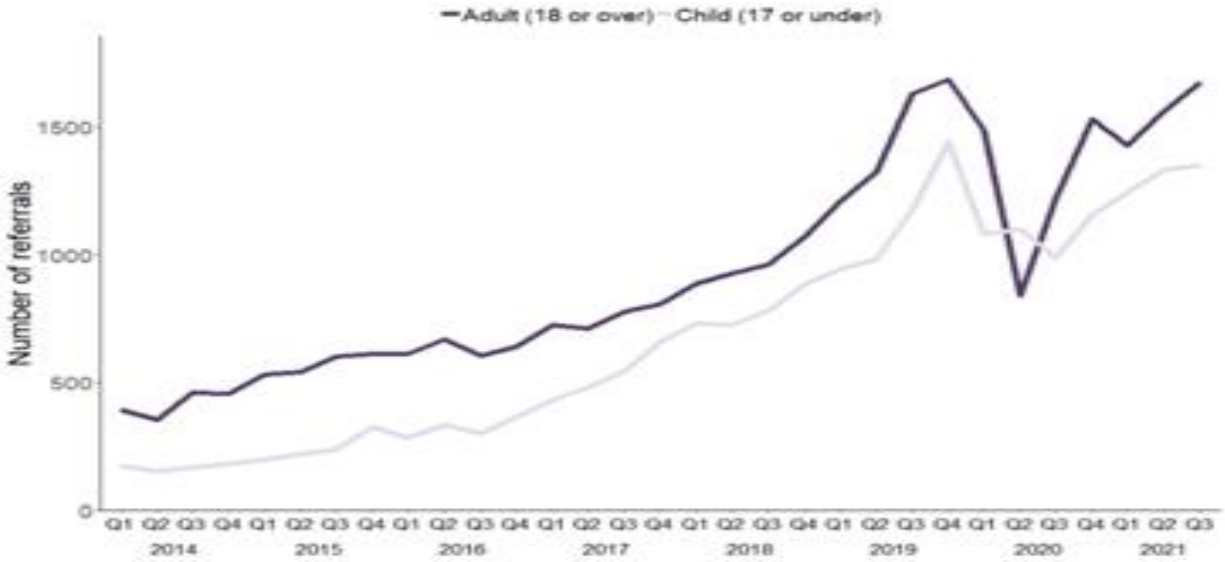
Appendix B

Modern Slavery National Data 2014 - 2021

National Referral Mechanism referrals quarterly in the UK 2014.



Number of quarterly NRM referrals by age group of exploitation



Source: Modern Slavery: National Referral Mechanism and Duty to Notify statistics UK, Quarter 3 2021 – July to September

Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to the Communities Committee

20th April 2022

Agenda Item:7

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

EMERGENCY PLANNING TEAM STAFFING ESTABLISHMENT

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval in principle to add 1.5 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) Emergency Planning Officer posts to the establishment of the emergency planning team to create capacity to fulfil three new requests from Borough and District Councils for extended Service Level Agreements for emergency planning services.

Information

2. Nottinghamshire County Council's preparedness for emergencies is facilitated by a small well established and well regarded Emergency Planning Team. As part of its role, the team has maintained Service Level Agreements for emergency planning with all seven Borough and District Councils since the inception of the Civil Contingencies Act, 2004 (CCA). The prime purpose of these is to eliminate duplication of effort in addressing CCA duties across the two-tier area. Since 2008 the team has also provided an extended level of service to Rushcliffe Borough Council.

3. This year, three other Councils (Bassetlaw District Council, Gedling Borough Council and Mansfield District Council) have expressed an interest in having the extended level of service too. In order to meet these requests, it is proposed (subject to confirmation of their own approvals) to increase the establishment of Emergency Planning Officers from 6.0 FTE posts to 7.5 FTE posts. The cost of doing this is to be met from SLA fees to be paid by the Councils concerned.

<u>The Civil Contingencies Act, 2004 (CCA)</u>

4. The Civil Contingencies Act, 2004, provides the United Kingdom framework for multi-agency preparations and preparedness for major emergencies. The Act places duties on 'Category 1' organisations, including local authorities, emergency and health services, and others. In summary, these are to:

    - Assess major risks affecting the local area.
    - Develop and maintain appropriate Emergency Plans.
    - Put in place Business Continuity arrangements.
    - Warn and Inform the public.
    - Share information with other local responders.
    - Cooperate with other local responders.

5. In addition, local authorities have a duty to provide advice and assistance to businesses and voluntary organisations about business continuity management.

Service Level Agreements

6. Since the CCA came into effect, the Emergency Planning Team has provided a 'Standard' level of service to six Borough and District Councils and an 'Extended' level of service to Rushcliffe Borough Council. This has been paid for by fees based on full cost recovery. The Borough and District Councils remain responsible for ensuring that they fulfil the duties and responsibilities imposed upon them by the Act and any future additional or amending legislation or regulations.

7. Under the SLAs the County Council provides the lead role and assists the Borough/District Councils, on joint activities in key areas including:

    - Providing advice, guidance and information on emergency planning and business continuity matters.
    - Carrying out risk assessments as part of the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Risk Advisory Group.
    - Facilitating, producing and maintaining multi-agency, generic emergency response plans and other emergency schemes and arrangements.
    - Arranging multi-agency training events.
    - Testing emergency plans by exercise and review.
    - Providing emergency response capability, including that the County will provide a 24 hour, county-wide, Duty Emergency Planning Officer emergency response system.
    - Project managing multi-agency events and initiatives determined by the LRF.
    - Providing an annual work, training and exercise programme.

8. An emergency planning officer from the County Council is assigned as a nominated as first point of contact for each District/Borough Council.

9. Under the 'Extended' SLA (with Rushcliffe Borough Council only at present) the County Council provides a part-time officer (0.5 FTE) who will act as the Borough/District's lead officer for emergency planning and business continuity. This officer facilitates and supports the Council's internal work on the creation, maintenance and testing of the relevant plans. Also, the officer provides bespoke training events for staff identified in having an operational role in emergency and business continuity plans. The Borough/District Council provides a work-base at the Council's offices for the officer provided by the County, and a senior manager for the officer to report to.

Requests from Borough and District Councils

10. Recent dialogue with the Borough and Districts Councils has revealed the following interests:

    - Ashfield, Broxtowe and Newark & Sherwood Council all wish to continue with the standard SLAs with the County Council.
    - Rushcliffe Borough Council wishes to continue with the extended SLA.
    - Bassetlaw District Council, Gedling Borough Council and Mansfield District Council are interested in moving from the standard to the extended SLA (subject to their own internal approvals).

11. In order to satisfy the interests detailed above, the County Council emergency planning team will need to expand by 1.5 FTE Emergency Planning Officer posts.

Financial Information

12. Ashfield District Council, Broxtowe Borough Council and Newark & Sherwood District Council have agreed to the 'Standard' SLA have each agree to transfer £6,000 per annum to the County in return for the activities detailed in paragraph 7 above. In addition, Ashfield and Broxtowe Councils have opted for additional activities for a further £600.

13. Subject to their own internal approvals, Bassetlaw District Council, Gedling Borough Council, Mansfield District Council and Rushcliffe Borough Council would transfer £27,800 per annum to the County in return for the 'Extended' SLA services. This equates to the standard SLA services plus a dedicated Emergency Planning Officer (Hay Band A) working 2 ½ days per week for the Borough/District Council.

14. The figures identified in paragraphs 12 and 13 will be reviewed and revised on an annual basis and agreed between the County Council and the Borough/District Councils .

15. The Borough/District agree to pay fees associated with events and courses necessarily attended by the County's officer in carrying out work on behalf of the Borough/District, and reimburse the officer for travel and other expenses incurred during work for the Borough/District. Also, the Borough/District will cover the cost of any equipment or materials arising from work by the officer on behalf of the Council.

16. The current establishment of the County Council Emergency Planning Team is sufficient to provide for the existing SLA. The cost of extending the team to meet the request from the three Council that wish to extend the SLA is detailed below.

Current establishment	**Proposed addition**	**Nature of the proposed change**
0.5 FTE Group Manager	No change	No change.
2.0 FTE Team Managers	No change	No change.
6.0 FTE EP Officers	1.5 FTE EP Officers	Bringing the establishment to 7.5 FTE posts in total. One 0.5 FTE Emergency Planning Officer post will be assigned to fulfil the Service Level Agreement with each of four Borough and District Councils.

17. The provision of extended SLA to three additional Councils will raise £65k additional income per annum, for the emergency planning team, which is sufficient to employ an additional 1.5 FTE emergency planning officers (Hay Band A) .

Risks and Opportunities

18. Termination of the SLA agreements may be by mutual consent or, without prejudice, the Borough/District will be entitled to terminate their inclusion in the agreement by giving at least 12 months written notice to the County Council. Similarly, the County Council is entitled to terminate their arrangement with the Borough/District Council under this Agreement by giving at least 12 months written notice.

Other Options Considered

19. The report seeks approval to add 1.5 FTE Emergency Planning Officer posts to the establishment of the emergency planning team in order to create capacity to fulfil three new requests from Borough and District Councils for extended Service Level Agreements for emergency planning services. The County Council could choose to decline these requests, however no benefit has been identified from this option.

Reason for Recommendations

20. To create capacity to fulfil interest (subject to approvals) from Borough and District Councils for extended Service Level Agreements for emergency planning services.

Statutory and Policy Implications

21. 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

22. The financial implications of the proposal are as detailed in the report.

23. The provision of extended SLA to three additional Councils will raise £65k additional income per annum, for the emergency planning team, which is sufficient to employ an additional 1.5 FTE emergency planning officers (Hay Band A).

Personnel Implications

24. Officers fulfilling extended SLAs will work from two bases (varying periodically), County Hall and the base of the Borough/District Council concerned. Officers will also spend a proportion of their time working remotely and from home.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee approves the proposal to add 1.5 FTE Emergency Planning Officer posts to the establishment of the emergency planning team to create capacity to fulfil three new requests from Borough and District Councils (subject to their own internal approvals) for extended Service Level Agreements for emergency planning services.

Derek Higton
Service Director, Place and Communities

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Robert Fisher, Group Manager, Emergency Planning and Registration

Constitutional Comments [KK 08/03/2022]

25. The proposal in this report is within the remit of the Communities Committee.

Financial Comments [SES 09/03/2022]

26. The financial implications are set out in the report.

27. The provision of extended SLA to three additional Councils will raise £65k additional income per annum, for the emergency planning team, which is sufficient to employ an additional 1.5 FTE emergency planning officers (Hay Band A).

HR Comments [MS 31/03/2022]

28. Any HR implications are contained in the body of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- Service Level Agreements for the provision of emergency planning services from the County Council to Borough and District Councils.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to Communities Committee

20 April 2022

Agenda Item: 8

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

LOCAL COMMUNITIES FUND (LCF) CAPITAL - RECOMMENDATIONS

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Members' 'approval in principle' to the award of funding that meet the Local Communities Fund (LCF) 2022 – 26 criteria for Capital funding.

Information

2. On 15 September 2021 the Communities Committee approved the development and launch of a discretionary funding programme which will contribute to the work and ambitions of the Authority to cover the period 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2026.

3. The LCF is a discretionary financial contribution awarded by Nottinghamshire County Council to contribute to and support the delivery of non-statutory activities and that help to achieve to achieve the Council's priorities as set out in the Council Plan 2021-2031.

4. Applications for LCF awards should demonstrate how they contribute to achieving the Council's ambitions for healthy and thriving communities; a greener future and a prosperous and growing economy which creates empowered and self-sufficient local communities and in turn supports the voluntary and community to grow and thrive.

5. The key funding principles of LCF, agreed by this Committee are:

    - Member led – Members take the lead for decision making on design of the scheme, and approval of awards.
    - Takes a corporate and coordinated approach – decisions are aligned to the Council's ambitions, priorities and outcomes sought.
    - Recognises the role of the sector – values the enormous contribution made.
    - Takes account of any Compact's in place that set out the nature of our relationship with VCS.
    - Is proportionate at all stages – including a simple application process, simplified
    - monitoring etc.
    - Makes the best use of digital technologies.

6. Capital awards feature a two-stage process starting with an expression of interest submitted via the relevant County Councillor for endorsement. This is a rolling annual programme of applications, with a match funding requirement, and a maximum £20k award.

Capital Criteria

7. To be eligible to apply for LCF capital support assessment has considered that the programme is aimed at creating opportunities that support local communities and residents to be healthier, greener, and prosperous. Applications were invited which demonstrated that the investment would contribute to:

    - Helping to address local priorities e.g., improving access to new or existing services, such as sports and leisure, protecting the environment, reducing loneliness, improving physical and mental health.
    - Improving local places and spaces that are important to communities.
    - Bringing people together and involve them in the design and implementation.
    - Encouraging the development of assets and projects that help to address climate and environmental change, or at least, to minimise any potential negative impact on the environment.

Applications to be Considered

8. At its March meeting Committee approved 12 Capital awards to the value of £133,048.

9. There has been a further 14 Capital applications totalling £169,395, if approved this would give a total committed spend of £302,443. The annual 2022/23 budget for Capital is £500,000.

10. **Appendix 1** provides a summary of the applications received and ready for consideration and approval by the Committee.

Other Options Considered

11. None

Reasons for Recommendation

12. The applications recommended for funding as listed in Appendix 1 to this report meet the published criteria and priorities for the LCF 2022-26 and therefore these projects contribute to the wider strategic priorities of the County Council. The recommended applications have the support of a Nottinghamshire County Councillor.

Statutory and Policy Implications

13. 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

14. 14 applications have been received for capital funding. It is recommended that these are awarded as set out in **Appendix 1** to this report to the value of £169,395

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee

1) Approves 'in principle' £169,395 of applications for funding as recommended in **Appendix 1** to this report.

Derek Higton
Service Director, Place and Communities

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Mark Walker, Group Manager, Trading Standards and Communities, Tel: (0115) 977 2173

Constitutional Comments (LW 22/03/2022)

15. Communities Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (GB 17/03/2022)

16. It is proposed that the £0.169m capital allocations set out in this report will be funded from the £0.500m 2022/23 Local Communities Fund which is already approved in the Communities Committee capital programme.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All .

Appendix 1. Capital Applications

No.	Organisation	Project Description	Amount Recommended	Supporting Councillor
1.	Musters Sports & Social Club	New fencing, new pathway, and clubhouse improvements	£20,000	Penny Gowland
2.	Barnstone Bowls Club	A new bowling green mower	£2,670	Neil Clarke
3.	Paviors Rugby Club	Single story clubhouse extension	£20,000	Chris Barnfather
4.	Blidworth On the Move	Purchase of a second vehicle for community transport	£9,000	Tom Smith
5.	Clumber Park Cricket Club	New mower for cricket outfield	£5,597	Nigel Turner
6.	Tollerton Methodist Hall	Installing smart controls for heating, lighting, ventilation, and a new online booking system	£1,200	Richard Butler
7.	Calverton Parish Council	To build an extension to the village hall	£20,000	Boyd Elliott
8.	Cotgrave Town Council	Play Park refurbishment	£11,698	Richard Butler
9.	R.E.A.L	A new training kitchen and community café.	£20,000	Sinead Anderson
10.	Ladybrook Enterprises	New perimeter fencing and security improvements	£12,310	Paul Henshaw
11.	Caythorpe Cricket Club	Modification of clubhouse to improve toilet facilities and to include a disabled WC and baby changing facilities	£10,920	Roger Jackson
12.	Eastwood Town Council	Heritage gateway signs	£6,000	Eddie Cubley
13.	Bilsthorpe Parish Council	Multi-purpose play park	£20,000	Bruce Laughton
14.	Portland College	New farm themed therapy centre – providing sensory based activities for disabled students and the wider community.	£10,000	Samantha Deakin
		TOTAL	£169,395	

Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to Communities Committee

20 April 2022

Agenda Item: 9

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME [LIS] EXTENSION OF CAPITAL AWARDS

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Member's approval to extend LIS Capital award agreements with 29 projects, as outlined in **Appendix 1** to this report till March 2023.

Information

2. At its June 2021 meeting Committee approved the extension of Capital awards to March 2022 to reflect the impact that the pandemic had on progressing work to complete projects.

3. Whilst many of these projects have been able to complete those outlined in the appendix below have continued to face challenges in completing due to the impact of Covid-19. These include:

    - 8 projects with a total value of £31,815 from 19/20
    - 21 projects with a total value of £104,292 for 20/21

4. Throughout the pandemic officers from the Communities Team have remained in touch with and supported these groups. A range of challenges have been faced due to the pandemic including:
    - Delays in acquiring planning permissions
    - Not being able to secure contractors to complete
    - Delays in confirmation of secured match funding

5. The Team will work with these groups to support them to complete their projects during 2022/23 and update Members on progress throughout the year.

Other Options Considered

6. Not to extend these Capital award agreements.

Reasons for Recommendation

7. These projects have faced significant challenges in completing work as a result of the impact of Covid. They are now in a position to work towards completion which provide positive benefits for Nottinghamshire residents.

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. 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

9. The financial implications of approving these awards are £136,107, which due to slippage can be carried over from the 21/22 capital budget.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee

1) Approves the extension of these awards to the value of £136,107 as recommended in **Appendix 1** to this report.

Derek Higton
Service Director, Place and Communities

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Mark Walker, Group Manager, Trading Standards and Communities, Tel: (0115) 977 2173

Constitutional Comments (GMG 18/03/2022)

10. The recommendations fall within the delegation to Communities Committee under its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (GB 18/03/2022)

11. It is proposed that the £0.136m capital awards set out in this report will be funded from the 2021/22 Local Improvement Scheme capital budget which is already approved within the Communities Committee capital programme.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All.

Appendix 1

Summary of cases requesting an extension

LIS Round	Organisation	Amount	Type
2019/20	Newark R&M Cricket Club	£15,000	Sports Pavilion
	East Markham Parish Council	£2,500	Sports Pavilion
	Kneesall, Kersall and Ompton Parish Council	£3,828	Gateway Signs
	Nether Langwith Parish Council	£2,250	Village Green Enhancements
	Newark and Sherwood Community Hub	£1,737	Building Improvements
	Plumtree Cricket Club	£2,250	Expansion of Playing surface
	The Parochial Church Council of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Hucknall Torkard	£2,500	Purchase property for Men in Sheds
	Trowell Parish Council	£1,750	Car Park resurfacing
	Total	**£31,815**	
2020/21	1st Balderton Scout Group	£3,000	Disabled toilet & ramp
	Barnby Moor Parish Council	£2,375	Pentanque Boules Court
	Besthorpe Parish Meeting	£1,200	Tourist signs
	Caunton Parish Council	£2,435	Gateway Sign
	Clipstone Parish Council	£30,000	Roofing & insulation former Welfare
	Everton Parish Council	£3,100	WIFI & CCTV Village Hall
	Huthwaite Hub	£953	Woodworking machinery
	Keyworth Cricket Club	£25,000	New Cricket pitch
	Kingston on Soar Village Hall	£2,380	Disabled toilet
	Newark & District Community First Responders	£2,190	Mobile Defribulators
	Normanton-on-the-Wolds Parish Council	£5,000	Planters
	Norwell Parish Council	£5,745	Gateway Signs
	South Scarle Parish Meeting	£3,285	Gateway Signs
	St Albans Parish Council	£1,554	Notice Boards
	Sutton on Trent Parish Council	£1,935	Playground equipment
	Thurgarton Parish Council	£1,530	Toilet improvements
	Clipstone Miners Welfare Community Trust	£2,072	Accessible toilets
	Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust	£4,000	Visitor accessibility
	Southwell City Football Club	£1,539	Clubhouse improvements

	Worksop Christian Centre LIFE	£5,000	Building improvements
	Total	**£104,292**	

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Report to Communities Committee

Agenda Item: 10

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND PROGRESS

Purpose of the Report

1. This report is to update Committee on progress of the Fund to 31 March 2022, to outline the approach for the continuation of the Fund for the coming 6 months and to seek approval to extend 8FTE temporary posts to provide staff resource to continue to deliver the Fund in Nottinghamshire.

Information

2. Members will recall that in the Autumn the Government allocated £5.6m to the Council to support those in immediate need as a consequence of the Covid pandemic, with funding to be spent by the end of March 2022. The funding provided support with food, energy, and water bills, as well as essential costs related to those items, and (in exceptional cases) to housing costs.

3. Members will further recall that a decision was taken at November's Children and Young People's Committee to spend £2.3m of the Fund to provide food vouchers to children entitled to Free School Meals for each of the five school holiday weeks between October and the end of March.

4. Collaborative working to deliver the remaining £3.3m for other forms of support has continued through the Household Support Fund Partnership Steering Group that includes County, Borough, and District Council colleagues.

Spend

5. As at 31 March, in summary the following has been provided to those in immediate need:

   - £2.48m of food vouchers to those entitled to free school meals for the October, December, and February school holidays
   - £2.8m of Food and Energy Vouchers
   - £71k of Essential Domestic Appliances

6. The paragraphs below provide a further breakdown of this support.

Free School Meals

7. Free School Meal funding was provided to those listed as eligible and monies were provided to schools, academies, and other settings to distribute

8. The table below shows the final reconciled spend for Free Schools Meals paid for from the fund between October 2021 – March 2022

Channel	October £	December £	February £	Total Applied to Date £
Schools and Academies	£713,508	£797,496	£770,549	£2,281,553
Early Years Providers	£42,480	£46,230	£54,060	£142,770
Colleges	£7,395	£16,920	£17,550	£41,865
Inspire	£1,140	£1,320	£1,200	£3,660
RNN Group (Training Provider)	£1,320	£1,350	£1,350	£4,020
Education Other Than at School (EOTAS)	£1,950	£2,160	£2,460	£6,570
Total	**£767,793**	**£865,476**	**£847,169**	**£2,480,438**

Other Support

9. Through a process of individual referrals and requests from partners the following voucher support was issued to assist with food and energy bills.

	Food		Energy		Total	
	Number of awards	Value £	Number of awards	Value £	Number of awards	Value £
Households with Children	13683	£1,399,532	9050	£443,450	22733	£1,842,982
Households without Children	6439	£658,604	6032	£295,568	12471	£954,172
Total	**20122**	**£2,058,136**	**15082**	**£739,018**	**35,204**	**£2,797,154**

10. **Essential Domestic Appliances** - support has been provided outlined in the table below.

Item	Number provided	£
Electric Cooker	49	£12,107
Fridge Freezer	66	£19,799
Gas Cooker	13	£3,539
Tumble Dryer	27	£6,555
Undercounter fridge	9	£1,693

Undercounter Fridge with freezer	4	£571
Undercounter Freezer	10	£1,850
Washing Machine	90	£21,442
Total	268	£67,561

11. **Further domestic appliances –** the fund has also provided a number of additional household items

Item	**Number provided**	**£**
Microwave	5	£274.95
Beds	6	£947.94
Mattresses	10	£1580
Toaster	1	£37.99
Kettle	1	£22.95
Wardrobe	2	£234
Vacuum cleaner	2	£112
Total	27	£3,209

12. The total spend is outlined in the table below:

	Forecast £
Holiday Food Vouchers for those in receipt of Free School Meals	**£2,480,438**
Other Essential Support	£2,867,924
Administration Costs	£275,702
Total Spend	**£5,624,064**
Amount Awarded by Government	**£5,646,450**
Remaining Funds	£22,386

13. The voucher system used to provide energy and food relied on individuals activating their vouchers by the end of the scheme.

14. The underspend is the value of vouchers which were issued but not redeemed by residents in the timeframe provided to them.

Continuation of the Fund

15. An extension to the Fund was announced on 23 March 2022 in the Chancellor's Spring Statement.

16. Further detail of the amount to be provided was not initially provided and due to the pending Easter Holiday, the Chief Executive used his Urgent Decision-Making powers to approve the provision of funding of £15 per week for each eligible child and young person for the Easter Holidays 2022. This report is attached as an appendix to this report.

17. The table below shows amounts provided in order to provide Free Schools Meals for the Easter Holidays

Channel	**Amount (£)**
Schools and Academies	£793,200
Early Years Providers	£79,500
Colleges	£24,150
Inspire	£1,770
RNN Group (Training Provider)	£2,280
Education Other Than at School (EOTAS)	£3,660
Total	**£904,560**

Confirmation of Additional Funding

18. It was confirmed on 1 April 2022 that a further £5,646,450.03 has been allocated to Nottinghamshire County Council

19. The extension to the fund is to cover the period from 01 April 2022 until 30 September 2022

20. Guidance provided outlines that County Councils are to use the fund to provide support to those most in need and that at least one third must be spent on families with children and that at least one third must be spent on pensioners

21. As with the previous funding, County Councils are to design the scheme based around their local knowledge with a greater emphasis on supporting households with energy bills.

22. Due to the changes in the guidance provided the existing scheme must be amended to target the groups specified.

23. The County Council has taken the lead in centrally managing, administering and co-ordinating the delivery of the Fund. To continue to undertake this, approval to extend the temporary contracts of the support team sitting within the Trading Standards and Communities Service is sought.

24. Subject to ratification by this Committee, the posts, and their associated indicative costs for the period 01 April to 30 September are:

Post	**Band**	**FTE**	**Total Cost to 30th Sept £**
Project Manager	Band C	1.0	27,263
Project Officer	Band A	5.0	103,277
Business Support Administrator	NJE Grade 4	2.0	29,113
	Total	8	159,654

Other Options Considered

25. None.

Reasons for Recommendations

26. There is a pressing need for support in Communities that the funding should be used to alleviate as soon as possible.

Statutory and Policy Implications

27. 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

28. Total spend to 31 March 2022 is £5,624,064 which has been provided to those in immediate need in the County. As outlined in paragraphs 13 and 14 to this report there is a small underspend of £22,386 as a result of some vouchers not having been redeemed.

29. A further £5,646,450.03 has been awarded to the Council for the period 01 April to 30 September 2022.

30. £904,560 of this award has been allocated to provision of free school meals over the Easter school holiday.

31. The indicative costs of the Household Support Fund team until 30th September is £159,654 and can be met from the Fund as reasonable administrative costs.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

1) Approves the continuation of the temporary posts until the end of September 2022
2) Approves the use of £159,654 of the Fund to cover the 8FTE posts
3) Notes the use of the Chief Executive's Urgent Decision-Making powers to approve the provision of funding of £15 per week for each eligible child and young person for the Easter Holidays 2022.

Derek Higton
Service Director, Place and Communities

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Mark Walker, Group Manager, Trading Standards and Communities, Tel: 0115 977 2173

Constitutional Comments (GMG 06/04/2022)

32. The report and its recommendations fall within the remit of Communities Committee.

Financial Comments (SES 06/04/2022)

33. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 30 to 33 of the report.

34. Total spend to 31 March 2022 is £5,624,064 which has been provided to those in immediate need in the County. As outlined in paragraphs 13 and 14 to this report there is a small underspend of £22,386 as a result of some vouchers not having been redeemed.

35. A further £5,646,450.03 has been awarded to the Council for the period 01 April to 30 September 2022.

36. £904,560 of this award has been allocated to provision of free school meals over the Easter school holiday.

37. The indicative costs of the Household Support Fund team until 30th September is £159,654 and can be met from the Fund as reasonable administrative costs.

HR Comment (JP 05/04/2022)

38. Any HR implications are contained in the body of the report**.**

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

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URGENT DECISION BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

This form **MUST** have an accompanying report attached.

Reference Number:	CEX / URGENT / 2022-001
Title of Report	Provision of funding for free meals during the Easter school Holidays 2022 to families eligible for free school meals (FSM)
Department	Place and Communities
Relevant Committee	Communities and Policy Committee
Date of next Committee Meeting	Communities – 20 April

Summary of Decision Sought (including reason/s)	The decision will enable the provision of meals to families eligible for free school meals during the Easter Holidays 2022. To allow Nottinghamshire County Council to work with schools to provide free meals to eligible families during the forthcoming Easter Holidays. This will offer support to over 30,000 eligible youngsters across the county.

Reason/s for urgency	The Chancellor's spring budget statement, which announced that the Household Support Fund would continue was made on 23 March 2022. Since the Chancellor's announcement, it has not been possible to schedule an item at an appropriate committee to approve the funding of free meals during the Easter Holidays by the County Council. As a result, an urgent decision has been sought from the Chief Executive to ensure that free meals are provided to eligible families in Nottinghamshire.

Date request / report received	31 March 2022		**Date form originated**	31 March 2022

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN:

Councillors	**Date**	**Signed**	**Proposed decision supported? (Yes / No)**
Leader (Councillor Bradley)	31/03/22	Confirmed verbally with Adrian Smith	Yes
Chair / Vice-Chair of relevant Committee (Councillors Bradley & Cottee)	31/03/22	Confirmed verbally with Adrian Smith	Yes
Leader/s of opposition group/s (Councillors Foale & Zadrozny)	31/03/22	Confirmed verbally with Adrian Smith	Yes

If consultation has not been undertaken please give reasons:	

Approval from Chief Executive (or delegated Corporate Director in Chief Executive's absence)

Signed..... Date 31/3/2022

Please return completed form to Keith Ford, Democratic Services, x72590

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Report to Communities Committee

Agenda Item: 11

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES

THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Committee on the plans for celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee across Nottinghamshire, and the associated resources and support required.

Information

2. Throughout 2022, year-long Platinum Jubilee celebrations are taking place throughout the United Kingdom, the Commonwealth and around the world as communities come together to celebrate The Queen's historic reign.

3. Throughout the year, Her Majesty and members of the Royal Family will travel around the country to undertake a variety of engagements to mark this historic occasion with the focal point being the Platinum Jubilee Weekend itself.

4. An extended bank holiday, from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June 2022, will provide an opportunity for all communities and people to come together to celebrate the historic milestone. The four days of celebrations will include public events and community activities, as well as national moments of reflection on The Queen's 70 years of service.

5. Key national events and projects to celebrate the Jubilee year will include the following:

   - The Queen's Birthday Parade (Trooping the Colour)
   - Platinum Jubilee Beacons
   - A Service of Thanksgiving
   - Platinum Party at Buckingham Palace
   - The Big Jubilee Lunch
   - The Platinum Jubilee Pageant
   - The Queen's Green Canopy

6. Partners from across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire including The Lord-Lieutenant, Local Authorities, Universities, Emergency Services and the Voluntary Sector, are working together to help plan and coordinate a programme of local activities and events that will take place throughout 2022 across the City and County.

7. The Group Manager for Trading Standards and Communities is coordinating the County Council contributions to a number of initiatives taking place across Nottinghamshire. These include:

- **Jubilee Website** - The development of a central interactive Jubilee website hosted by the Council that captures local and national events, provides guidance to the public on how to organise their own celebrations, and allows people to send in their own relevant photos and stories.

  www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/get-involved/platinum-jubilee

- **Lamp Column Banners** - Platinum Jubilee banners providing promotion and celebration of the Queen's Jubilee to be displayed on over 190 lamp columns across the County and City from 3 May to 27 June 2022.

- **Exhibition at the County Show** - A dedicated Jubilee exhibition area will be set up as part of the Nottinghamshire County Show taking place at Newark Showground on 14 May 2022. Being led a programme officer in Communities, it will consist of a number of themed interactive displays from the NHS, County Council, Inspire, Lieutenancy, Portland College, and young people from uniformed groups including Scouts and Cadets. These Youth groups will also be performing a series of shows during the day.

- **Exhibition** - Nottingham Trent University have commissioned a large 'timeline' exhibition of key royal visits and events during the last 70 years, whilst the Council has commissioned a mobile display, both which will be showcased at the Nottinghamshire Show. There will also be opportunities to display the timeline and the exhibition at a number of sites during the year including Libraries and at the County Day event.

- **Big Breakfast -** A Veterans Big Breakfast which will include a live screening of Trooping the Colour, will take place on 2 June 2022 at Thoresby Courtyard. This will provide an opportunity for 500 members of our armed forces community to commemorate this national occasion in a relaxed picnic style. Live music will be provided by the Nottinghamshire Pipes and Drums, Band of the South Notts Hussars and Daisy Bells Trio. Armed Forces charities will provide information with regards to support and advice to veterans.

- **Beacons** - Lighting of key buildings will be undertaken as part of the Jubilee Beacons on 2 June 2022.

- **Street Party Road Closures** - Funding has been allocated for Via colleagues to undertake the closures of local roads at no charge to communities who wish to hold Street Parties and take part in The Big Lunch. A number of big lunches will also take place in local parks, led by Parish Councils.

- **Queen's Green Canopy** – this initiative will be promoted and supported in schools and local communities. The Council will also identify a number of acres of new woodlands that it is planting this year as part of its contribution to the Queens Green Canopy initiative.

- **Schools and Youth Groups** – Work will take place with schools and youth groups through the Lieutenancy to promote the Jubilee and engage young people through an Art competition and opportunities for Deputy Lieutenants to visit schools.

- **Civic Reception** - Reception(s) hosted by the Chairman of Nottinghamshire County Council will be held.

- **County Day** - A public event at Sherwood Forest to celebrate County Day on 27 August 2022 will also feature a Platinum Jubilee exhibition using the exhibition materials and resources produced for the event.

- **Promotional Activity** - all key Jubilee related events taking places across the City and County during the Jubilee year will be promoted through the central Jubilee website and the Council's social media platforms.

- **Souvenir brochure** – it is intended that a Nottinghamshire focussed brochure will be produced to commemorate the occasion which will be available digitally as well as in print.

8. Officers will support the delivery of a number of the above activities, working with the Lieutenancy office, Districts, and other key partners. In particular, they will provide a lead for the banners on lamp columns, the Jubilee area at the Nottinghamshire show, organising the Veterans Big Breakfast and organising the Jubilee element of the Nottinghamshire County Day event.

9. The Jubilee webpage hosted by the Council and the Lord-Lieutenant will provide a central point for Districts and communities to list their planned activity, as well as providing general information to members of the public. This will grow in the coming weeks and months as contributions from partners and the public are received.

10. Key plans and events were formally launched by the Lord-Lieutenant at a press call held on 10 February 2022.

Funding

11. A report was taken to Policy Committee on 10 February 2022, setting out the resources required to help Nottinghamshire Celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and Nottinghamshire County Day.

12. Policy Committee approved for up to £75k of support the Council's contributions. Sponsorship to cover some of these costs is also being sought.

Other Options Considered

13. The Council could opt to take a reduced part in the coordination of Jubilee activity. However, it was felt that the Council is best placed to undertake this lead, supporting activity being delivered by District and Borough Councils.

Reasons for Recommendations

14. To ensure that all Members of the committee are aware of the joint partnership approach being led by Nottinghamshire County Council, to celebrating the Jubilee in Nottinghamshire, and that all Members and residents of Nottinghamshire are informed of local activity taking place and have the opportunity to participate in the celebrations.

Statutory and Policy Implications

15. 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

16. £75k has been identified following the report to Policy Committee on 10 February 2022 which will help support the planned and co-ordinated partnership approach being undertaken.

Human Resources Implications

17. The work required will be undertaken within the current staffing establishment of the Department.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee:

1) Notes the plans for celebrating The Queen's Platinum Jubilee across Nottinghamshire.

2) Agree that Councillors be updated on the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations later in 2022.

Derek Higton
Service Director, Place and Communities

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Mark Walker, Group Manager, Trading Standards and Communities, Tel: (0115) 977 2173

Constitutional Comments (LW 22/03/2022)

18. Communities Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (SES 18/03/2022)

19. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 16 of the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All