

of these actions and to request that they reconsider the 2015 decision to no longer fund TV licences for over 75's.

This council further resolves to write to the BBC to request that they too reconsider their recent decision.

Councillor Alan Rhodes

Councillor Kate Foale

Motion Four from 11th July 2019 Meeting

This Council notes the crisis in Social Care and further notes the multiple delays to the green paper on Adult Social Care. The green paper was first promised in the March 2017 budget as a route to a more secure and sustainable system – it has now been delayed numerous times – Ministers citing 'Brexit' as the main reason.

The green paper aimed to confront two issues: chronic underfunding of the existing means-tested care system caused by the huge cuts in government funding to councils since 2010 and the urgent need to protect self-funding people outside the current system from catastrophic care costs.

This Council further notes:

(1) The proportion of the council's budget spent on Adult Social Care in 2019/20 is 35p in every £1 of Council expenditure. This amounts to £356 million pounds this financial year. This is £11.9 million more than this County Council expected to raise in Council Tax this year. This is unsustainable.

(2) The Association of Directors of Adult Social Services recent statement that social care in England was adrift in a "sea of inertia" caused by years of budget cuts and that "The system is not only failing financially, it is failing people."

(3) That this is causing significant pressure on the finances of Nottinghamshire County Council - becoming this Council's single biggest expenditure.

(4) The importance of a reformed funding system to give Councils like Nottinghamshire the financial certainty to address the underlying problems.

(5) That delays to the green paper make it impossible for Councils like Nottinghamshire to plan ahead and deal with the biggest crisis we face.

(6) That the funding crisis, in particular the failure to publish the green paper caused by Brexit-related policy paralysis is putting

untold Nottinghamshire residents at risk with un-met care needs.

This Council therefore resolves to instruct the Leaders of the Ashfield Independents, the Conservatives and Labour Parties on Nottinghamshire County Council to write to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care setting out the consequences of the Government's failure to get to grip with funding social care, calls for emergency parachute payments to Councils, calls for a timetable for the publication of the green paper and to reiterate our call for this to be published as soon as possible so we can deal with the biggest catastrophe facing Nottinghamshire County Council.

Councillor Jason Zadrozny

Councillor David Martin

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Motion One

This Council recognises the threat posed by Child Criminal

Exploitation, in particular 'County Lines' drug dealing, where gangs from city areas have expanded their operations into towns and villages by using violence, coercion or manipulation to recruit vulnerable children and young people to carry and sell drugs.

This Council supports the excellent work being undertaken by our officers in partnership with other organisations, including the Police, to raise awareness of and combat Child Criminal Exploitation so that young people at risk are identified, supported and protected. These measures include:-

- support to, and information sharing with, schools;
- multi-agency training and awareness raising;
- targeted youth work and youth crime prevention;
- monthly Serious Youth Violence & Criminal Exploitation Panels;
- place-based safeguarding;
- a Criminal Exploitation Steering Group; and
- a Home Office-funded Violence Reduction Unit for Nottinghamshire
- Such work already falls within the purview of many of our committees including Children and Young People, Adult Social Care and Public Health and Communities and Place, and this should continue.

This Council further resolves that reports will be brought to Policy Committee at appropriate intervals to provide an overview of these various elements of work and recommend, as required, any further strategic actions that may be necessary to tackle this issue, especially with regard to our youth services.

Councillor Tracey Taylor

Councillor Tony Harper

Motion Two

This Council welcomes the recommendations agreed at Communities and Place Committee on 5 September 2019, approving further work to develop Electric Vehicle (EV) technology and encourage its use. This reflects the national drive to increase the use of EVs and recognises their role in achieving our local, regional, and national objectives for transport and the environment – particularly our statutory duty to improve air quality.

However, this Council also recognises the challenges that are present when rolling out new technology to countryside areas, and the additional work that is required to ensure that urban and rural communities' have comparable access to such utilities.

This Council therefore instructs officers to undertake further work to examine the EV infrastructure currently available to rural communities, and how this could be enhanced to ensure that these communities are not left behind as this technology continues to advance.

This work will be fed back to Communities & Place Committee as part of its wider remit for the development of EV infrastructure.

Councillor Bruce Laughton

Councillor John Cottee

13 ADJOURNMENT DEBATE

(if any)

Notes:-

(A) For Councillors

(1) Members will be informed of the date and time of their Group meeting for Council by their Group Researcher.

(2) The Chairman has agreed that the Council will adjourn for lunch at their discretion.

(3) (a) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Procedure Rules for Meetings of the Full Council. Those declaring must indicate whether their interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest or a private interest and the reasons for the declaration.

(b) Any member or officer who declares a disclosable pecuniary interest in an item must withdraw from the meeting during discussion and voting upon it, unless a dispensation has been granted. Members or officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

(c) Declarations of interest will be recorded and included in the minutes of this meeting and it is therefore important that clear details are given by members and others in turn, to enable Democratic Services to record accurate information.

(4) At any Full Council meeting except the annual meeting, a special meeting and the budget meeting, Members are given an opportunity to speak for up to three minutes on any issue which specifically relates to their division and is relevant to the services provided by the County Council. These speeches must relate specifically to the area the Member represents and should

not be of a general nature. They are constituency speeches and therefore must relate to constituency issues only. This is an opportunity simply to air these issues in a Council meeting. It will not give rise to a debate on the issues or a question or answer session. There is a maximum time limit of 30 minutes for this item.

(5) Members are reminded that petitions can be presented from their seat with a 1 minute time limit set on introducing the petition.

(6) Members' attention is drawn to the questions put to the Leader of the Council and the Chairmen of the Committees and Place and Children and Young People's Committees under paragraphs 33, 40 and 41 of the Procedure Rules, and the answers to which are included at the back of the Council book.

(7) Members are reminded that these papers may be recycled. Appropriate containers are located in the respective secretariats.

(8) Commonly used points of order

21 – Constituency issues must be about issues which specifically relate to the Member's decision and is relevant to the services provided by the County Council

37 – Supplementary Questions must be on the same matter

49 – The Member has spoken for more than 10 minutes

51 – The Member is not speaking to the subject under discussion

54 – The Member has already spoken on the motion

59 – Points of Order and Personal Explanations

78 – Disorderly conduct

(9) Time limit of speeches

Motions

49 – no longer than 10 minutes (subject to any exceptions set out in the Constitution)

Constituency Issues

21 – up to 3 minutes per speech allowed

25 – up to 30 minutes for this item allowed

Petitions

28 – up to one minute per petition allowed

Questions to Committee Chairmen

33 – up to 60 minutes for this item allowed

Adjournment Debates

73– Mover has up to 5 minutes

74 – any other Councillor has up to 3 minutes

(B) For Members of the Public

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

Customer Services Centre 0300 500 80 80.

(2) The papers enclosed with this agenda are available in large print if required. Copies can be requested by contacting the Customer Services Centre on 0300 500 80 80. Certain documents (for example appendices and plans to reports) may not be available electronically. Hard copies can be requested from the above contact.

(3) This agenda and its associated reports are available to view online via an online calendar –
<http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings.aspx>



Meeting COUNTY COUNCIL

Date Thursday, 11 July 2019 (10.30 am – 5.17 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Mrs Sue Saddington (Chairman)
Kevin Rostance (Vice-Chairman)

	Reg Adair	Eric Kerry
	Pauline Allan	John Knight
	Chris Barnfather	Bruce Laughton
	Joyce Bosnjak	John Longdon
	Ben Bradley	Rachel Madden
	Nicki Brooks	David Martin
	Andrew Brown	Diana Meale
	Richard Butler	John Ogle
	Steve Carr	Philip Owen
	John Clarke	Michael Payne
	Neil Clarke MBE	John Peck JP
	John Cottee	Sheila Place
	Jim Creamer	Liz Plant
	Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Mike Pringle
A	Samantha Deakin	Francis Purdue-Horan
	Maureen Dobson	Mike Quigley MBE
	Dr John Doddy	Alan Rhodes
	Boyd Elliott	Phil Rostance
	Sybil Fielding	Andy Sissons
	Kate Foale	Helen-Ann Smith
	Stephen Garner	Tracey Taylor
	Glynn Gilfoyle	Parry Tsimbirdis
	Keith Girling	Steve Vickers
	Kevin Greaves	Keith Walker
	John Handley	Stuart Wallace
	Tony Harper	Muriel Weisz
	Errol Henry JP	Andy Wetton
	Paul Henshaw	Gordon Wheeler
	Tom Hollis	Jonathan Wheeler
	Vaughan Hopewell	Yvonne Woodhead
	Richard Jackson	Martin Wright
	Roger Jackson	Jason Zadrozny

HONORARY ALDERMEN

Terence Butler
John Carter

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	(Chief Executive)
Melanie Brooks	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Jonathan Gribbin	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Mark McCall	(Adult Social Care and Health)
Sara Allmond	(Chief Executives)
Luke Barratt	(Chief Executives)
Carl Bilbey	(Chief Executives)
Angie Dilley	(Chief Executives)
Martin Gately	(Chief Executives)
David Hennigan	(Chief Executives)
Marjorie Toward	(Chief Executives)
Nigel Stevenson	(Chief Executives)
James Ward	(Chief Executives)
Colin Pettigrew	(Children, Families and Cultural Service)
Derek Higton	(Place)

OPENING PRAYER

Upon the Council convening, prayers were led by the Chairman's Chaplain.

1. MINUTES

RESOLVED: 2019/020

That the minutes of the last meeting of the County Council held on 16 May 2019 be agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The following apology were submitted:-

- Councillor Samantha Deakin – medical/illness

Councillors Maureen Dobson and Parry Tsimbiridis submitted apologies that they would be arriving late to the meeting.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS

PRESENTATION AND AWARDS

ICE Large Project Award 2019

Councillor John Cottee introduced the award which was awarded to the Council for the food prevention scheme undertaken in Newark in partnership with Severn Trent Water. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Cottee and presented it to Sue Jaques, Team Manager Risk Management, Peter Goode, Traffic Manager at Via East Midlands and Clive Houldsworth from Highways and Transport.

Disability Confident Employer Award

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE introduced the award which had been accredited with. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Cutts and presented it to Martyn Harris, Chair of the Disabled Employees Support Network.

Awards for the New Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre

Councillor John Cottee introduced the awards which the Council had been awarded in relation to the new Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre. The awards were two honours at the prestigious Royal Institute of Charter Surveyors (RICS) Awards (East Midlands) and a further recognition at the Local Authority Building Control (LABC) East Midlands Awards. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Cottee and presented it to Gemma Howarth, General Manager of the Sherwood Forest (RSPB) and Derek Higton, Director of Place and Communities.

Highest Performing Public Sector Employer East Midlands Award

Councillor Neil Clarke MBE introduced the award which had been presented to the Council in recognition that Nottinghamshire County Council had ranked as the best public sector organisation to work for in the East Midlands. The Chairman received the award from Councillor Clarke and presented it to Karen Moss, Corporate Equality Officer

CHAIRMAN'S BUSINESS SINCE THE LAST MEETING

The Chairman updated the Chamber on the business she had carried out on behalf of the Council since the last meeting.

5. CONSTITUENCY ISSUES

The following Member spoke for up to three minutes on issues which specifically related to their division and were relevant to the services provided by the County Council.

Councillor Rachel Madden – regarding poor service by the established bus companies in Kirkby South

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith – regarding highway’s safety in Sutton North

Councillor Philip Owen – regarding the horse fair returning to Nuthall again later this year

6a. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

The following petitions were presented to the Chairman as indicated below:-

- (1) Councillor Gordon Wheeler requesting HGV restrictions on Wilford Lane, West Bridgford
- (2) Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan regarding the condition of Grove Road, Bingham
- (3) Councillor Reg Adair seeking restrictions on high street parking in Ruddington
- (4) Councillor Sue Saddington regarding the burning of materials by a local company causing air quality issues for nearby residents of bungalows for elderly people
- (5) Councillor Kate Foale requesting a residents parking scheme on Waverley Avenue, Beeston

RESOLVED: 2019/021

That the petitions be referred to the appropriate Committees for consideration in accordance with the Procedure Rules, with a report being brought back to Council in due course.

Councillor Helen-Ann Smith left the meeting during consideration of this item and did not return.

6b. RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED: 2019/022

That the contents and actions taken as set out in the report be noted.

7. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS 2018/19

Councillor Richard Jackson introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2019/023 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Roger Jackson

Following a debate, the Chairman put the Motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 35 members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair	Bruce Laughton
Chris Barnfather	John Longdon
Ben Bradley	John Ogle
Andrew Brown	Philip Owen
Richard Butler	Francis Purdue-Horan
Neil Clarke MBE	Mike Quigley MBE
John Cottee	Kevin Rostance
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Phil Rostance
Dr John Doddy	Mrs Sue Saddington
Boyd Elliott	Andy Sissons
Stephen Garner	Tracey Taylor
Keith Girling	Steve Vickers
John Handley	Keith Walker
Tony Harper	Stuart Wallace
Vaughan Hopewell	Gordon Wheeler
Richard Jackson	Jonathan Wheeler
Roger Jackson	Martin Wright
Eric Kerry	

The following 27 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Pauline Allan	Rachel Madden
Joyce Bosnjak	David Martin
Nicki Brooks	Diana Meale
Steve Carr	Michael Payne
John Clarke	John Peck JP
Jim Creamer	Sheila Place
Sybil Fielding	Liz Plant
Kate Foale	Mike Pringle
Glynn Gilfoyle	Alan Rhodes
Kevin Greaves	Muriel Weisz
Errol Henry JP	Andy Wetton
Paul Henshaw	Yvonne Woodhead
Tom Hollis	Jason Zadrozny
John Knight	

The Chairman declared that the motion was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2019/023

To approve the level of County Fund Balances as set out in section 6.2 and Appendix A of the report.

Council adjourned from 12.30pm to 1.33pm for lunch.

Councillors Maureen Dobson and Parry Tsimbiridis joined the meeting after lunch.

8. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE MINERALS LOCAL PLAN – PUBLICATION VERSION

Councillor John Cottee introduced the report and moved a motion in terms of resolution 2019/024 below.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Phil Rostance

Following a debate, the Chairman put the Motion to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried.

The requisite number of Members requested a recorded vote and it was ascertained that the following 36 members voted '**For**' the motion:-

Reg Adair	Eric Kerry
Chris Barnfather	Bruce Laughton
Ben Bradley	John Longdon
Andrew Brown	John Ogle
Richard Butler	Philip Owen
Neil Clarke MBE	Francis Purdue-Horan
John Cottee	Mike Quigley MBE
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE	Kevin Rostance
Maureen Dobson	Phil Rostance
Dr John Doddy	Mrs Sue Saddington
Boyd Elliott	Andy Sissons
Stephen Garner	Tracey Taylor
Keith Girling	Steve Vickers
John Handley	Keith Walker
Tony Harper	Stuart Wallace
Vaughan Hopewell	Gordon Wheeler
Richard Jackson	Jonathan Wheeler
Roger Jackson	Martin Wright

The following 5 Members voted '**Against**' the motion:-

Steve Carr	David Martin
Tom Hollis	Jason Zadrozny
Rachel Madden	

The following 23 Members '**Abstained**' from the vote:-

Pauline Allan	Sybil Fielding
Joyce Bosnjak	Kate Foale
Nicki Brooks	Glynn Gilfoyle
John Clarke	Kevin Greaves
Jim Creamer	Errol Henry JP

Paul Henshaw
John Knight
Diana Meale
Michael Payne
John Peck JP
Sheila Place
Liz Plant

Mike Pringle
Alan Rhodes
Parry Tsimbiridis
Muriel Weisz
Andy Wetton
Yvonne Woodhead

The Chairman declared that the motion was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2019/024

- 1) That the Nottinghamshire Minerals Local Plan – Publication Version as set out in Appendix A of the report be agreed and published for a period of six weeks from 30 August 2019 to 13 October 2019 in accordance with Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended);
- 2) That, following the conclusion of the publication period, the Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan be submitted to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government for Independent Examination together with the submission documents prescribed by Regulation 22 of the 2012 Regulations;
- 3) That the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Communities and Place Committee be authorised to make any further typographical, formatting, mapping and other minor changes considered necessary prior to publication and submission of the Local Plan to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government and in preparation for adoption;
- 4) That the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Communities and Place Committee be authorised to produce and submit any supplementary information and documentation to the Local Plan Inspector as may be required to complete the examination;
- 5) That the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Communities and Place Committee be authorised to write to the Local Plan Inspector appointed to carry out the Examination of the submitted Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan asking him/her to recommend such modifications to the submitted Local Plan as may be necessary to make the Plan sound and legally compliant, in accordance with section 20(7C) of the 2004 Act;
- 6) That the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Communities and Place Committee be authorised to submit a schedule of proposed main modifications to the submitted Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan to address any issues relating to soundness and legal compliance which are identified;
- 7) That the Nottinghamshire Minerals Plan be endorsed as a material consideration to be used in the determination of planning applications, with appropriate weight given in accordance with paragraph 48 of the National Planning Policy Framework;

9a. QUESTIONS TO NOTTINGHAMSHIRE AND CITY OF NOTTINGHAM FIRE AUTHORITY

None

9b. QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Nine questions had been received as follows:-

- 1) from Councillor Philip Owen regarding Care Quality Commission report on Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Councillor Keith Girling replied)
- 2) from Councillor Alan Rhodes about the cost of the unitary authority proposal (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE replied)
- 3) from Councillor Tom Hollis concerning the cost of school bus season passes (Councillor John Cottee replied)
- 4) from Councillor Tony Harper about the running of the Nottingham Treatment Centre at the QMC (Councillor Keith Girling replied)
- 5) from Councillor Mike Pringle about the authority's financial position (Councillor Richard Jackson replied on behalf of Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE)
- 6) from Councillor Liz Plant concerning funding for children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) (Councillor Philip Owen replied)

The full responses to the questions above are set out in set out in Appendix A to these minutes.

The time limit of 60 minutes allowed for questions was reached before the following questions were asked. A written response to the questions would be provided to the Councillors who asked the questions within 15 working days of the meeting and be included in the papers for the next Full Council meeting.

- 7) from Councillor Jason Zadrozny regarding the review of the Local Improvement Scheme (Councillors John Cottee to reply)
- 8) from Councillor Kate Foale regarding social mobility in Newark and Sherwood, Ashfield and Mansfield (Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts to reply)
- 9) from Councillor Muriel Weisz concerning unaccompanied children seeking asylum (Councillor Philip Owen to reply)

Councillor Jason Zadrozny did not return to the Chamber after lunch and returned to the meeting at 2.43pm during the debate on Motion One.

10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Motion One

A Motion was moved by Councillor Richard Jackson and seconded by Councillor Reg Adair in terms of resolution 2019/025 below.

Following a debate, the motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2019/025

In 2018, the County Councils Network (CCN) commissioned PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to conduct an *Independent Review of Local Government Spending Need and Funding*, to which Nottinghamshire County Council contributed a significant amount of data and information. The report was published in May 2019 and a copy is available on the County Councils Network website at: <https://www.countycouncilsnetwork.org.uk>

This Council, as a CCN member, agrees with the key conclusions from the PwC report, that:-

- the current local government funding model does not reflect underlying spending need, which is driven by huge increases in demand for services and the increased cost of delivering those services;
- the scale of these funding pressures varies across different tiers of local government, with CCN authorities being the most exposed and having the fewest options available to resolve the problem;
- all future Government decisions in relation to local government funding need to take account of the relative spending need of councils, recognising variations in demand for services, the cost of their delivery and the ability of councils to provide a consistent level and quality of service.

This Council, through the Council Leader, will write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities & Local Government, in support of the CCN's "Key Asks", which are that:-

- Government must provide substantial extra funding for local councils to preserve and enhance local services, with this funding being prioritised on the areas that face the biggest cost pressures;
- the Fair Funding Review should proceed to implementation and must address the underfunding of county areas in comparison with other parts of the country;
- the Spending Review should consider wider reforms to the local government system, including New Homes Bonus and a higher share of locally retained business rates.

Motion Two

A Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor John Cottee and seconded by Councillor Sue Saddington:-

“This Council instructs the Communities & Place Review & Development Committee to investigate the feasibility of a number of measures that could minimise our negative impact on the natural environment and protect and enhance wildlife throughout Nottinghamshire, including:-

- a revised trial of grass cutting on rural roadsides, so that only a small strip of vegetation along road verges would be cut back annually to maintain safe sight lines for traffic;
- a review of our weed spraying policy, analysing the extent to which chemical treatments may be contaminating soil and leaching into water courses, and how to prevent any such occurrence;
- a review of our tree and hedgerow maintenance policy, to determine whether a less aggressive pruning and pollarding regime would be practical and beneficial; and
- an examination of our capacity to plant more trees on Nottinghamshire County Council land, increasing greenery and improving air quality for the benefit of current and future generations.

This Council instructs the Communities and Place Review and Development Committee to report its findings and recommendations to Policy Committee for consideration and decision.”

An amendment to the Motion as set out below was moved by Councillor John Peck and seconded by Councillor Alan Rhodes:-

“This Council instructs the Communities & Place Review & Development Committee to investigate the feasibility of a number of measures that could minimise our negative impact on the natural environment and protect and enhance wildlife throughout Nottinghamshire, including:-

- a revised trial of grass cutting on rural roadsides, so that only a small strip of vegetation along road verges would be cut back annually to maintain safe sight lines for traffic, **in addition to the planting of wildflowers in these locations to encourage biodiversity, as demonstrated in areas such as Lowdham Bypass and Blyth Road, Worksop;**
- a review of our weed spraying policy, analysing the extent to which chemical treatments may be contaminating soil and leaching into water courses, and how to prevent any such occurrence;
- a review of our tree and hedgerow maintenance policy, ~~to determine whether a less aggressive pruning and pollarding regime would be practical and beneficial;~~ **and ensuring appropriate management of trees which Nottinghamshire County Council are responsible for continues;**
- an examination of our capacity to plant more **native trees and explore the potential for the promotion of wildlife and pollinator corridors** on

Nottinghamshire County Council land, increasing greenery and improving air quality for the benefit of current and future generations;

- **A commitment to any changes of practice or procedure outlined above being subject to full consultation with the town/parish councils in the affected areas.**

This Council instructs the Communities and Place Review and Development Committee to report its findings and recommendations to Policy Committee for consideration and decision.”

The amendment was accepted by the mover of the motion.

Following a debate, the motion as amended was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was carried and it was:-

RESOLVED: 2019/026

This Council instructs the Communities & Place Review & Development Committee to investigate the feasibility of a number of measures that could minimise our negative impact on the natural environment and protect and enhance wildlife throughout Nottinghamshire, including:-

- a revised trial of grass cutting on rural roadsides, so that only a small strip of vegetation along road verges would be cut back annually to maintain safe sight lines for traffic, in addition to the planting of wildflowers in these locations to encourage biodiversity, as demonstrated in areas such as Lowdham Bypass and Blyth Road, Worksop;
- a review of our weed spraying policy, analysing the extent to which chemical treatments may be contaminating soil and leaching into water courses, and how to prevent any such occurrence;
- a review of our tree and hedgerow maintenance policy, ensuring appropriate management of trees which Nottinghamshire County Council are responsible for continues;
- an examination of our capacity to plant more native trees and explore the potential for the promotion of wildlife and pollinator corridors on Nottinghamshire County Council land, increasing greenery and improving air quality for the benefit of current and future generations; and
- A commitment to any changes of practice or procedure outlined above being subject to full consultation with the town/parish councils in the affected areas.

This Council instructs the Communities and Place Review and Development Committee to report its findings and recommendations to Policy Committee for consideration and decision.

Councillor Michael Payne left the Chamber at 3.49pm and returned to the meeting at 4.36pm during the debate on Motion Two.

Councillor Tom Hollis left the Chamber at 3.51pm and returned to the meeting at 4.44pm during the debate on Motion Two.

A Motion to suspend the Standing Order set out in Paragraph 7 of the Council's Procedure Rules to remove the time limit for the meeting of 5.30pm was moved by Councillor Zadrozny and seconded by Councillor Tom Hollis.

The motion was put to the meeting and after a show of hands the Chairman declared it was lost.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 5.17 pm. All remaining business would be carried over to the next meeting.

CHAIRMAN

APPENDIX A

COUNTY COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 11TH JULY 2019 QUESTIONS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Question to the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee from Councillor Philip Owen

The Care Quality Commission recently published an inspection report of the Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust, which rated it as 'Requiring Improvement'. Of particular concern is the CQC's finding that mental health services for children were rated as 'Requiring Improvement', whilst acute services for working age adults were 'Inadequate'.

Given that the Trust is commissioned by the Council to provide Children's Centres and Public Health services, does the Committee Chairman agree with me that this should be brought to his committee so that the Council can scrutinise the report and make findings as to how this will affect the wellbeing of our residents?

Response from Councillor Keith Girling, Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee

On the 24th of May 2019, the Care Quality Commission issued a report finding that the Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust 'Requires Improvement'. The Trust provides services for the people of Nottinghamshire including Adults' and Children's Mental Health, Adult Community Nursing, Children's Healthcare, and a range of other local health services.

This poor rating is of great concern to me, and, I'm sure, to all Members of the Health Scrutiny Committee. After officers brought the CQC's report to my attention I immediately arranged for the Chief Executive of the Trust – Dr John Brewin – to personally attend the next meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee, on 23rd July, in order to present the Trust's improvement plan.

The Health Scrutiny Committee has always maintained a strong focus on NHS Trusts' pathway towards improvement following inspection by the CQC. I anticipate that the committee will want to closely monitor this Trust's progress and frequently have this item on the agenda going forward.

The County Council is a Commissioner through Public Health and Children's Services, and a key partner in the delivery of Adult Social Care services. Additionally, the Trust provide national and regional mental health services based in Nottinghamshire, as well as healthcare services to Prisons. This wide remit makes them an important part of the NHS that works to keep residents healthy and safe.

Throughout the CQC report, there is a consistent theme of staff not getting the basics of care right. These were often matters as simple as poor administration of medication, not working to procedure and policy, or a persistent low morale. There are also multiple references to poor management and leadership. It is therefore a concern as to whether

the Trust are able to address these concerns and engage well with partners to raise their standards.

While the County Council is not currently engaged in the work to drive improvement at the Trust, our Corporate Director for Adult Social Care and Health, Melanie Brooks, and our Director of Public Health, Jonathan Gribbin, are having ongoing discussions with the Trust to consider the best way forward. They have requested to be a part of this process, and will insist on being involved with those services which this authority commissions.

Whilst there is plenty of work being done to ensure that we are protecting the wellbeing of our residents, I think it is vitally important that Members are involved in this process. As such, I am happy to bring this matter forward to my committee, which is meeting at the end of the month.

Just from a personal point of view, I have engaged with the mental health services just recently. One for a resident in my patch and I must say the service was appalling and another for a veteran where I spent four hours at Kingsmill Hospital on Monday night, because of the services he should have been receiving and didn't and ending up in hospital as a result. This is a serious issue, I can assure you that I take it very seriously and I will be pursuing it.

Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor Alan Rhodes

It was recently revealed that Nottinghamshire County Council has squandered more than £126,000 of ratepayer's money on the Leaders failed Unitary project.

Can she assure this council that no further monies will be wasted on such endeavours and that all of her energies, for the remainder of her term in office, will be spent on serving the needs of the communities in Nottinghamshire?

Response from Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, Leader of the Council

Councillor Rhodes will remember that Policy Committee met on the 12th September 2018 to consider the preliminary case for Local Government Reorganisation and to approve up to £270,000 of funding in order to contract a respected and independent social research company to undertake stakeholder engagement and community consultation with local residents, businesses, and strategic partners. In addition, the approved funding covered the costs of a 'critical friend' with extensive expertise in this field to provide independent advice and constructive feedback on the outline case for change.

This funding was approved by Policy Committee to ensure that the Council was able to make an informed decision on the future of local government in Nottinghamshire. Spending this money was a necessary step in order to avoid any bias and to fully understand the options available to us. This Council relied upon research that was thorough, robust, and independent, and not just 'gut feeling'.

The business case for a single unitary authority in Nottinghamshire included a financial appraisal which was independently reviewed by Deloitte in accordance with regulations set out by Ernst & Young and the County Councils Network. This appraisal provided a 'high level of certainty' that the savings from this would be approximately 27 million pounds per year. For an initial investment of £126,000, this looks like good value to me.

Just a week ago, I received an e-mail from a member of the public, stating:

“Although I understand that the work on creating a unitary council has been suspended it remains in my opinion an extremely worthwhile project.”

This resident also directed me to a report from the Taxpayers' Alliance examining 'The Efficacy of Unitary Authorities', which makes for very interesting reading. They note, for example, that – and I quote:

‘Those who either manage or have political oversight of unitary authorities are strong defenders of the model. Cornwall's Councillor. Adam Paynter has suggested that the unitaries are highly effective at delivering savings, stating that he “thinks it’s pretty categorical. All of those councils, and I’ve spoken recently to the Leader of County Durham and Wiltshire, [have] all shown massive savings.”

“But just within the first four years of Cornwall council's existence, the original business case said that we would save £17 million pounds. Well, in the first four years we actually saved about £170m, so it was 10 times the savings.”

”So you’ve got huge amounts of duplication within two—tier systems. Things like environmental health and trading standards. Environmental health was a district service and trading standards was a county service. Bringing those together, there's huge efficiencies. Virtually every area you look at there are ways of making efficiencies, as well as obviously senior management and the number of councillors”

The report by the Taxpayers Alliance is dated July 2019, and continues – and I quote again:

“2016 financial analysis from Ernst & Young suggested that billions could be realised from converting the remaining 27 two-tier county areas into unitaries. Over a five-year period, a net saving of £2.9 billion could be realised after implementation costs had been taken into account. The average annual saving per county would be between £23 and £29 million within five years.

“They also suggested that compared to creating two or three unitary authorities within a county area, a single unitary would be the least disruptive to large-scale strategic services and deliver the greatest financial savings and sustainability.

“Looking specifically at the five county councils which became unitaries in 2009, the projected saving as a percentage of the 2008-9 budget ranged from 3.6 per cent for Durham, up to 8.2 per cent in Shropshire. A 2011 report also found that corporate and democratic core costs reduced by £51 million, or 30 per cent, in newly consolidated authorities, whereas those that had not reorganised saw a 5.5 per cent rise.

“In the context of wider public sector reform, unitary authorities may also be better placed to integrate new powers that are being moved from Westminster, such as via English devolution deals. Cornwall, for instance, was the first county to reach a devolution deal in July 2015, which focused on local transport, investment and health and social care integration. The unitary authority provided the platform for initial negotiation with the Treasury.”

You can read the Taxpayers Alliance report for yourself in full.

Chairman, I respect that there is a wide range of opinion on this matter, and I am keen to work more closely with our borough and district councils to see how we can save money and deliver better services for the people of Nottinghamshire. Nevertheless, the facts are indisputable.

I can assure Councillor Rhodes that my energies are spent exclusively on serving the needs of the people of Nottinghamshire. That is why my administration is driving forward the “Your Nottinghamshire, Your Future” agenda.

Since taking control of the County Council in 2017, the Conservative and Mansfield Independent administration has set down an ambitious four-year plan and has been actively involved in regional bodies at a senior level. I now chair the HS2 Toton Station Delivery Board, a body we established to look in depth at the new station and the development in Toton, Nottinghamshire, and not rely on neighbouring authorities to make decisions over this county’s future.

Councillor Adair and myself are both engaged in the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership, meeting regularly with business leaders and organisations to drive employment, training, and education across the county – including apprenticeships. This Council has also established a Regional Adoption Agency, based here in Nottinghamshire, through the LEP.

The Council has taken a leading role in the Development Corporation led by Sir John Peace, the efforts of which will cut through government bureaucracy and ensure that

landmark sites like the Ratcliffe-on-Soar power station, East Midlands Airport and the new HS2 line, station and development investment are fully realised. The Development Corporation was at the invitation of Government.

It is this administration which is taking a hard look at how the Council operates, implementing smarter working programmes and rationalising our estate, in order to deliver better services for the people of Nottinghamshire who all pay for it.

It is this administration which is drawing down £18 million of Government funding for the A614 and A6097, investing in the construction a new Gedling Access Road, and starting work on the Mansfield and Ashfield Regeneration Route – all of which will unlock the investment and development potential in this county.

It is this administration which just held a landmark Visitor Economy Summit, with a strategy that will celebrate our heritage, boost the income of businesses across Nottinghamshire, and move this county up the agenda not just in the UK, but across the globe – freeing up the spirit of enterprise for Nottinghamshire residents.

This administration has also:

- Begun work on the £15 million project to develop the new Orchard School and enhanced day care services in Newark, providing a new day centre for the elderly and disabled;
- Work has begun on the £5.3 million Sharphill School in Edwalton;
- Invested £5 million in constructing a replacement school for Hawthorne Primary & Nursery in Bestwood Village;
- Invested £3.7 million in the 'Flying High Academy' school at Hucknall at the Rolls Royce site;
- Invested £7 million in school maintenance and building improvement works through our Schools Building Improvement Programme;
- Seen Nottinghamshire confirmed as one of the best places in the country for Superfast Broadband in a report based on OFCOM data, having also become the first county to provide Ultrafast Broadband;
- Brought the Tour of Britain to Nottinghamshire in 2017 and 2018, boosting the local economy by £7.4 million and attracting a quarter of a million spectators;
- Invested £24 million in road maintenance and pothole repairs throughout the County, including repairing 100,000 potholes in 2018/19 alone;
- Earlier this year approval was given for a raft of highways schemes for 2019/20 at a cost of £43 million;
- We have continued the library refurbishment programme, including Ruddington, Ravenshead, Mansfield Woodhouse, Cotgrave, Beeston and Edwinstowe – and have further investment plans at Retford and Ollerton over the next two years;

- We have continued the 4Uth awards scheme, which we instigated in our last administration, enabling local people to nominate and promote the special achievements of young people;
- Opened the new £5 million Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre in partnership with the RSPB;
- Secured a £2.4 million grant from the National Lottery for the Miner to Major: The Real Sherwood Forest scheme
- Delivered a £250,000 improvement scheme for a new three kilometre off-road route from Holme Pierrepont to Cotgrave Country Park, that was put on hold by the last administration;
- Invested in leading the local Mayflower 2020 celebrations and supporting the Pilgrim Roots Partnership to promote the story of the Pilgrim Fathers who originated from Nottinghamshire;
- Increased to three the number of CCTV cars we have available to deter illegal car parking outside schools;
- Brought back the Local Improvement Scheme, investing over £2.2 million in local communities; and
- Invested £15 million in flood risk schemes across Nottinghamshire.

If you don't want to know what the record is, don't ask me.

Chairman, I think this is enough to demonstrate the perfectly reasonable job we have done. The case for unitary councils has not distracted from the rest of our work. Indeed, £27 million pounds extra per year in the future would allow us to do a lot more, and I could read that out to you as well.

Work on the unitary case stopped ahead of the purdah period for the 2019 district council elections, and it is sensible at present to await a new Prime Minister and a more settled Government in order to discover the future direction of local government. But by no means has the money been wasted, nor the work of our officers and independent analysts.

In the meantime, I am fully focussed on the job in hand. But I think the taxpayers of Nottinghamshire deserve a break, and that £27 million pounds more spent on services instead of supporting the outdated, two-tier, bureaucratic structure would be welcomed by the people of this county who prefer money to be spent on their services and not keeping small councils in place together with their Leaders.

Question to the Chairman of Communities and Place Committee from Councillor Tom Hollis

Does the Chairman agree with me that the decision of the Communities and Place Committee to increase school bus season passes for many pupils by 17% from

September this year and 17% again from September 2020 will put off many families applying for the best school for their children?

Response from Councillor John Cottee, Chairman of Communities and Place Committee

The County Council currently spends £5.6 million every year supporting home to school transport services.

We provide transport which meets our statutory obligations for pupils who meet the national eligibility criteria – including criteria based around low family income. This caters for free transport to school, and also for many pupils who do not meet the criteria for free travel and pay fares to use transport. Our discretionary pass scheme goes beyond this and offers subsidised transport to school for those who wish to access it.

The updated rates, approved by the Communities and Place Committee recently, now more closely reflect the real cost of providing these services, after many years where prices have not kept pace with inflation. The Faith Travel Scheme was introduced in 2007 and charges have not been reviewed since then. The Catchment School Discretionary pass price was last adjusted in 2009 and the Post 16 pass charges were last reviewed and increased in 2014.

The fact is that we still offer families access to transport to school at a significantly reduced cost, for example, the daily cost for shorter journeys under 3 miles is £1.11, and for longer journeys of up to 20 miles the cost is £1.85.

Taken together, this Council's free school transport arrangements, and our continuing support for subsidised pass schemes that have long since disappeared in many other parts of the country, mean that in Nottinghamshire we are still able to support all families to access the schools of their choice.

Question to the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee from Councillor Tony Harper

Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group recently decided not to extend the contract for the running of the Nottingham Treatment Centre at the QMC, currently run by Circle. According to a report in the Health Services Journal, this could risk a 'one month hiatus' for key services including cancer care and general surgery. Although the CCG has claimed it has plans in place to mitigate this, the change has the potential to cause substantial disruption to services used by people across Nottinghamshire.

Does the Committee Chairman agree with me that this should be brought to his committee so that Councillors can better understand these plans and seek reassurance for residents that this potential disruption will not needlessly impact on their wellbeing?

Response from Councillor Keith Girling, Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee

The background to this contract being awarded to the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust involves a protracted legal case which I won't discuss in great detail. However, I would not want to cause undue alarm to our residents, so I will point out that all parties have agreed in court to work together and to ensure the smoothest possible handover of services between the current provider Circle and the NHS Trust.

The Trust have also commented publicly that whilst they have plans to mitigate the impact of the handover on services, a one month hiatus is not anticipated. However, like Councillor Harper, I have not seen any detail on what these plans are and would be keen to know more so that I may reassure Nottinghamshire residents.

You are right to point out that our main focus should be whether Nottinghamshire residents are able to quickly access care at the Treatment Centre that is suitable for their needs. I can assure this Council that the Health Scrutiny Committee have been and are scrutinising this transition very closely, indeed we have made it very clear that we will not accept a drop in service either during or after the transition.

Given that the Trust will take over operation of the Treatment Centre at the end of the month, I have already asked officers to arrange for this issue to be placed on the agenda for my upcoming committee meeting on the 23rd of July.

I should add that the Centre's current providers – Circle – are rated by the Care Quality Commission as 'Good' or 'Outstanding' in all areas. On the other hand, whilst the NHS Trust is rated as 'Good' overall, their performance at QMC 'Requires Improvement' – especially in terms of the safety and responsiveness of their service. This is something we will be paying close attention to as the contract progresses, particularly if wait times are at risk of becoming longer.

The people of Nottinghamshire can rest assured that we keep a close eye on all of our local health services – last year, I spent a morning observing operations taking place at the Treatment Centre, and my intention is to do the same under the new provider so that a comparison can be made. I take my role as Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Committee very seriously, and I can assure members that so do the rest of the committee I am grateful that Councillor Harper has raised this with me today.

Question to the Leader of the Council from Councillor Mike Pringle

Viewing Nottinghamshire County Council's finances from a red/amber/green scenario, what position does the Leader believe we are in as authority financially, particularly regarding being able to continue delivering high quality services across our Children and Young People and Adult Social Care Departments?

Response from Councillor Richard Jackson, Chairman of the Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee on behalf of Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE, Leader of the Council

In the question Councillor Pringle you implicitly refer to the "traffic light" system used to provide members with savings project status updates within the regular progress reports which are brought to Improvement & Change Sub-committee. The system is

very useful in that context, providing an 'at-a-glance picture' of which savings projects are green for 'completed', amber for 'experiencing obstacles' or red for 'compromised'.

However, it is too simplistic to apply such a system to describe the overall financial situation of this authority, encompassing all aspects of our budget.

So Chairman, I'll give what would be best described as a narrative answer, but not a lengthy one, because the first motion under the next item on the agenda will cover broadly the same ground as this question.

I believe Nottinghamshire County Council today is a well-run local authority and has been, by-and-large, for the past ten years. However, we are presently facing unprecedented pressures on our adult social care and children's social care budgets, in common with other shire authorities around the country.

Members are already well aware that last year, the Council had to invest an additional £6.3 million, above and beyond its original planned budget, in order to meet an unprecedented rise in the numbers of children and young people needing to be taken into the care of the local authority.

Next Monday as we discussed at length earlier, the Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee will receive a report setting out the need for £7.5 million of further, additional funding, not only to ensure we are primed to absorb a similar spike in demand this year, but also to address the reality that children are remaining in our care for longer than ever before.

Further to this, we need to boost, as quickly as possible, the number of foster carers directly 'on the books' of this authority, as opposed to us having to purchase foster care placements from the independent sector. A report to Children and Young People's Committee, also taking place on Monday, explains that an internal foster care placement costs the public purse £300 per week less, per placement, than engaging independent foster carers. We therefore propose to invest £300,000 in an ongoing effort to recruit more foster carers, in order to relieve the pressure on this budget over the medium to long term.

Without resorting to simplistic colour codes, I can say that this Council will continue to deliver high quality services across our Children and Young People and indeed our Adult Social Care departments. These services will not be compromised, even if this means drawing temporarily on reserves and continuing to review other, lower priority areas of expenditure. That's what our new process of continuous budgeting is all about. We will also continue the campaign for Fairer Funding compared with other types of local authorities, which would remove some of the obstacles to protecting other, less critical but nevertheless popular and valuable services.

I'm happy to take as many supplementary questions as Members wish on this matter, but given the time limit, they may wish to hold more detailed comments and observations over to the motion on the agenda later on.

Question to the Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee from Councillor Liz Plant

Parents across the country are challenging this government on the legality of their funding to local authorities in a landmark case in the High Court, as they say that funding of councils for children with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) is insufficient to meet the statutory obligations that authorities have, in terms of both education and care.

Can the Chairman of Children and Young People's Committee please provide us with an update on this authorities' attempts to secure additional funding for children with SEND in this County?

Response from Councillor Philip Owen, Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee

I am aware of the High Court challenge to the Government's funding support for children with special educational needs and disabilities.

Regarding the case, a Department for Education official is quoted by the BBC as saying:

"The government's ambition for children with special educational needs and disabilities is no different to any other child - we want them to enjoy school and achieve to their full potential.

"This is why we are investing significant funding into supporting those with more complex special educational needs - high needs funding totalling £6.3bn this year.

"It would be inappropriate to comment further until the judicial process has concluded."

Chairman, the High Court hearing took place late last month and I understand that a judgement is expected to be delivered at a later date, so my position is identical to that of the DfE. I can only comment on the outcome, as appropriate, when it is known.

Last December, Councillor Errol Henry asked me whether I agreed that funding for children in our schools for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) is inadequate.

The question was timed out on the day of the meeting, so a written answer was published in the 28th February 2019 council book available on the Nottinghamshire County Council website.

I will not repeat the whole answer, but to summarise, I stated that I did agree that the funding for SEND was currently inadequate and I quoted extracts to this effect from an external review of 'Funding for Children and Young People with High Needs in Nottinghamshire' commissioned by Nottinghamshire County Council and the Schools Forum, and carried out by 'Strategic Services for Children and Young People', an independent organisation that brings together a range of consultancy and support activities relating to services to vulnerable children and young people.

I advised Members last December that I had made representations about SEND funding to three Members of Parliament from the governing party, and that I believed there was every chance that I would have an opportunity to meet with a minister to present our case. I have since had this meeting, on 19th March in London with Nadhim Zahawi, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Children and Families, who listened carefully to the points made by myself, and to local MPs Ben Bradley and also Robert Jenrick who attended a little into the meeting. Also present was the Service Director for Education who accompanied me.

As yet, there is no specific outcome from that meeting to report to Members, except that it took place and was constructive. I am sure that the proof of the pudding will be when the detail of the Comprehensive Spending Review is announced, when we will find out whether any extra resources for SEND is being made available, and on what terms.

What we already know is that, in December 2018, the Secretary of State for Education announced additional immediate funding of £1.737 million for SEND, and every indication is that the Government does intend to release further funding sooner rather than later.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITIES AND PLACE COMMITTEE AND
ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**

**RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Council of the decisions made by the Communities and Place Committee and Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee concerning issues raised in petitions presented to the Chairman of the County Council on 16th May and 11th July 2019.

PETITIONS CONSIDERED BY COMMUNITIES AND PLACE COMMITTEE

A. Speeding issues on Chewton Street, Eastwood (Ref:2018/0351)

2. A 21-signature petition was submitted to 16 May 2019 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Tony Harper on behalf of residents which requested that the County Council address speeding issues on Chewton Street between Linwood Crescent and Newthorpe Common in Eastwood.
3. The County Council is limited with regards to the measures that can be undertaken to address speeding issues as enforcement is an issue for the police and therefore such concerns should be referred to them. However, the County Council has undertaken a survey to determine whether an interactive speed sign would be appropriate on this section of road.
4. The survey suggests that speeds are not sufficiently high for an interactive sign to be considered appropriate. The 85th percentile speed (the speed at which 85% of traffic travels at or below) is significantly below the threshold set for intervention. This level is 35 mph; however, the survey confirmed that 85th percentile speeds are no higher than 29 mph. As a result, this location will not be considered for inclusion in a future year's programme of works.
5. The petition also requests that accesses are constructed on the grassed areas on either side of the road to enable residents to park off-street. Unfortunately, the Council is not able to consider this as it is not public highway.
6. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed.

B. Removal of yellow parking lines – Selby Lane, Keyworth (Ref:2018/0352)

7. A 22-signature petition was submitted to the 16 May 2019 meeting of the County Council by Councillor John Cottee on behalf of residents which requested that the parking restrictions on Selby Lane, Keyworth be reviewed. Residents felt that the lengths of restrictions on both sides of the road were no longer required and could be removed to allow them to park outside

their homes. The restrictions are single yellow lines in force from 8am to 6pm on Monday to Saturday.

8. The existing parking restrictions are thought to have been put in place some time ago when there was a bus depot on the road. That depot is no longer present and it is felt that the majority of the parking restrictions are subsequently redundant.
9. TrentBarton, who operate bus services along Selby Lane, were asked for their initial view in March 2019. They stated that they would have no objection against the section between Elm Avenue and Windmill Court being derestricted, and this is where there are residential dwellings which do not have driveways. However, they added that buses had already encountered obstruction on Selby Lane west of Elm Avenue, often in conjunction with events held at the nearby church.
10. It was felt appropriate to consider removing the single yellow lines on both sides of Selby Lane, east of Elm Avenue. Short lengths of parking restrictions directly adjacent to the junctions of Elm Avenue and Windmill Court would be retained and upgraded to double yellow lines as a safety measure. As the 2019/20 highway programme of such measures had been finalised this would be considered for inclusion in the 2020/21 highways programme.

C. HGV weight restriction on Wilford Lane (Ref:2019/0354)

11. A 327-signature petition was submitted to the 11 July 2019 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Gordon Wheeler on behalf of residents requesting an HGV weight restriction on Wilford Lane.
12. Highways England are proposing to undertake major junction and roundabout improvements on the A52 between Clifton Bridge and Bingham between 2020 and 2025. During these works there will inevitably be increased journey times for vehicles using the routes and drivers may consider using Wilford Lane, Loughborough Road and Radcliffe Road as alternative routes that avoid the works and associated queues at the A52 Nottingham Knight and Wheatcroft roundabouts.
13. The petitioners ask Nottinghamshire County Council, in conjunction with Highways England, to impose a weight restriction during the period of the construction works, in both east and west bound directions between Ruddington Lane traffic signals and Loughborough Road traffic signals, to prevent heavy goods vehicles from travelling along Wilford Lane other than to make deliveries to premises on Wilford Lane.
14. Highways England held a number of public information exhibitions in January 2019 to explain the proposed improvements to both the A52 Nottingham Knight and Wheatcroft junctions. These events were designed to engage with key stakeholders and members of the public on the current plans for the junctions. This was not a formal consultation and no deadline was set for receipt of comments and observations.
15. Highways England has subsequently received a number of letters/emails of views and now intend to carry out further safety, traffic, engineering and environmental assessments to continue to develop the scheme design to the point where a preferred scheme can be

announced for each junction. The preferred route announcement is expected in late 2019/early 2020. Following the announcement of the preferred route the County Council will respond formally to the proposals via Committee.

16. As is common practice for Highways England schemes, it is anticipated that any works affecting traffic flow will be undertaken at night when flows are lowest. This approach ensures that congestion and delays are minimised, thereby mitigating the transfer of traffic.
17. Construction of the Nottingham Knight and Wheatcroft schemes is anticipated to start in 2022, prior to which there will be detailed discussions between the authorities involved. This will include reference to the construction methods and sequences, and the associated traffic management methods at which time the anticipated traffic impacts will be established. Therefore, it is only at this stage that alternative routes will be known and predictable; and consequently, it is not currently feasible to establish whether there would be grounds for use of temporary powers to impose any weight restrictions.
18. In the meantime, County Council and ViaEM officers will continue to work closely with Highways England to make sure that the final proposals meet the County Council's requirements and adequately safeguard the adjoining county road network. This will also include liaison with Nottingham City Council which is responsible for the section of Wilford Lane west of the tram crossing.
19. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

D. Urgent action to repair Grove Road, Bingham (Ref:2019/0355)

20. A 150-signature petition was presented to the 11 July 2019 meeting of the County Council County by Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan on behalf of residents which requested that Grove Road, Bingham be repaired.
21. Grove Road is a local road in Bingham fronted by residential properties. This road does feature on the 'candidate list' which is a list of those streets countywide which are being considered for maintenance works. Currently this road has not, however, been included in a future maintenance programme, but it is recognised that the road needs to be resurfaced in its entirety and this is the treatment that will be associated with future programming.
22. The road is monitored through the highway planned inspection regime and this site was initially identified by the local Highway Inspector as a site requiring more substantial repairs. The ongoing use of small-scale pothole and other repairs to keep the surface safe will continue until the required resurfacing is undertaken.
23. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

E. Restrictions on High Street parking – Ruddington (Ref:2019/0356)

24. A 113-signature petition was presented to the 11 July 2019 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Reg Adair on behalf of residents requesting that the current parking restrictions on High Street be modified. The petition did not request a particular change but, instead,

offered signatories three options: retain the existing 2-hour limited waiting restriction or reduce the waiting time to either 30 minutes or an hour.

The preferences specified were as follows:

- 30 minutes 21 (19%)
- 1 hour 74 (65%)
- 2 hours 16 (14%)
- No preference 2 (2%)

25. There was a clear majority in favour of reducing the waiting period to one hour, so it is assumed that the petition is requesting this change.
26. Reducing the allowed waiting time can have impacts on certain businesses (for example, hair dressers) where customers require a longer parking time. However, it can also benefit businesses by freeing up spaces more quickly, thus allowing more customers to park for short periods.
27. In order to determine whether a reduced waiting time is appropriate, a parking survey will be undertaken to quantify the level of demand for two-hour parking. If it is considered appropriate to reduce the waiting time, this request will be considered for inclusion in a future year's programme of works.
28. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

F. Stop burning commercial waste causing life threatening diseases (Ref:2019/0357)

29. A 24-signature petition was submitted to the 11 July 2019 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Sue Saddington on behalf of residents which requested the cessation of the burning of commercial waste at PA Freight, Farndon Road, Newark. The petition claimed that toxic fumes resulting from the burning of waste was getting into people's homes, causing health hazards and reducing their quality of life and amenity.
30. Monitoring and Enforcement Officers in the County Council's Development Management Team have discussed this matter with the Environmental Health Department at Newark and Sherwood District Council which has confirmed that they have investigated complaints about nuisance from burning wood at the site. The Environmental Health Officer has confirmed that development on the PA Freight site includes the manufacture of wooden pallets and freight crates. The wood offcuts from this process are burnt in an incinerator located on the site. The wood is burnt under a registered exemption from the Environment Agency and is understood to take place on an infrequent basis. PA Freight has been advised to only burn wood when prevailing winds do not risk blowing smoke over nearby residential properties. They have also been advised to only burn clean wood off-cuts and not plywood, advice to which they are understood to be adhering.
31. The nature and extent of material being burnt has led officers to conclude that it does not constitute a waste management operation which would fall under the planning remit of the County Council, but is instead ancillary to the industrial development taking place on the land. Officers at Newark and Sherwood District Council and the Environment Agency will continue to monitor the site as part of their statutory functions and any concerns from residents should be directed to either of those organisations.

32. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

G. Residents parking, Waverly Avenue, Beeston (Ref:2019/0358)

33. A 42-signature petition was presented to the 11 July 2019 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Kate Foale on behalf of residents of Waverley Avenue, Beeston. The petition requested that a residents' parking scheme be introduced on the road due to the impact on amenity and inconsiderate parking causing access problems and blocking driveways.
34. Requests for residents' parking schemes are prioritised in locations where residents do not have off-street parking and rely on the availability of on-street parking to access their properties. Schemes are introduced where they will not negatively affect nearby streets and town centres, or increase 'rat running' or traffic speeds. Requests are prioritised based on the level of non-resident parking throughout the day.
35. A residents' permit scheme would not be prioritised on Waverley Avenue because most properties (92%) have access to off-street parking. Additionally, it is expected that such a scheme would merely relocate the problem to other nearby streets.
36. It is also considered that a residents' permit scheme is not the most appropriate response to the problems set out in the petition. It is increasingly commonplace for drivers to park on both sides of many residential roads and this is not, in itself, justification for a permit scheme. Permit schemes do not automatically stop this practice as where they are installed they can often greatly reduce the amount of parking spaces available to residents.
37. If residents find that their driveways' access is being obstructed, they can purchase an advisory white H-bar marking from the Council to help highlight them. While there has been a recent Parliamentary Inquiry into 'pavement parking' this currently remains something which can only effectively be enforced by the police, although they will only act if substantial physical obstruction is occurring.
38. It was agreed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

PETITION CONSIDERED BY ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

H. Petition regarding James Hince Court Care and Support Centre (Ref:2019/0353)

39. A 262 signature petition was submitted to the 16 May 2019 meeting of the County Council by County Councillor Alan Rhodes regarding the closure of James Hince Court Care and Support Centre.
40. The Committee considered the petition at its meeting on 8th July 2019. The report set out the steps being taken to ensure that the closure was being undertaken safely. In light of the information provided in that report it was agreed to not change the decision to close James Hince Court in September 2019 and to notify the lead petitioner accordingly.
41. James Hince Court Care and Support Centre has now been closed and all steps were taken to ensure this was carried out safely.

Statutory and Policy Implications

42. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the contents of the report be noted.

Councillor John Cottee – Chairman of Communities and Place Committee

Councillor Tony Harper – Chairman of Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee

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Background Papers and Published Documents

- Response to a Petition Regarding James Hince Court Care and Support Centre – Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee, 8th July 2019
- Responses to Petitions Presented to the Chairman of the County Council – Communities and Place Committee, 5th September 2019

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Beeston and Central Rylands – Councillor Kate Foale
- Bingham East – Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan
- Eastwood – Councillor Tony Harper
- Farndon and Trent – Councillor Sue Saddington
- Keyworth – Councillor John Cottee
- Leake and Ruddington – Councillor Reg Adair
- Leake and Ruddington – Councillor Andrew Brown
- West Bridgford West - Councillor Gordon Wheeler
- Worksop North – Councillor Alan Rhodes

**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S
COMMITTEE**

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE YOUTH JUSTICE STRATEGY 2019

Purpose of the Report

1. This report presents the Youth Justice Strategy 2019 for approval by Full Council. An annual Youth Justice plan is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act (1998). A copy of the full plan is attached as **Appendix 1**.

Information

2. Youth Justice Services in Nottinghamshire are made up of three multi-agency locality Youth Offending Teams (YOTs) and a county wide Interventions team, these sit alongside the Family Service underneath the Group Manager for Early Help. The service meets all of the statutory requirements of a YOT as set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and includes seconded staff from Police, Probation, Health and Futures.
3. The aims of the YOTs are to:
 - reduce the number of young people entering the criminal justice system
 - reduce the frequency and rate of reoffending by children and young people who are already within the youth justice system
 - keep the numbers of young people experiencing custody - either on remand or as a sentence of the court - to a minimum.
4. Over the last year, performance against these measures has varied with any under performance against national figures continuing to be scrutinised.
 - first time entrants to the youth justice system has reduced dramatically since 2008/9 and is currently falling below national average levels
 - rates of re-offending and numbers of re-offences committed by re-offenders has reduced steadily since 2008/9; whilst there have been some local fluctuations, numbers are now comparable to similar local authorities
 - numbers of young people remanded and sentenced to custody means that, both nationally and locally, fewer young people are experiencing a period of incarceration than was previously the case. Locally, the numbers of young people remanded/sentenced to custody has again fallen.

5. In addition to the multi-agency make-up of the teams, the service works closely with partners and commissioned providers at a strategic and operational level to try to ensure that the needs of children and young people are met and to achieve its outcomes and aims. The Youth Justice Board (YJB) works with strategic partners to ensure that the health provision offered to young offenders provides them with equality of access which the general population experiences and it will continue to work in a multi-disciplinary way to ensure that children are not criminalised or remanded unnecessarily.
6. There has been no reduction in grant funding to the YOT from the YJB or local partners for the 2019/20 financial year and so staffing levels remain stable. The service is able to continue to offer non-statutory crime prevention intervention with funding from the Safer Nottinghamshire Board.
7. Nottinghamshire YJS has maintained its commitment to delivering crime prevention services and deliver a high-quality service in relation to crime prevention, outreach and detached services, thus keeping a focus on reducing the numbers of First Time Entrants (FTEs). The service links closely with the Troubled Families agenda and acts as the lead professional where the young person committing crime or anti-social behaviour meets the triggers to ensure that a holistic whole family approach.
8. The YJS continue to monitor activities via quality assurance and quality assurance processes are closely linked with those which are operating in other areas of Children's Services. Its quality management framework is reviewed to closely align with standards which have been adopted by HMI Probation to ensure that assessments, plans and work with children and young people remains of a high quality regardless of what stage they are at within the YJS.
9. An update on the progress made against the plan in 2018/19 is included on **pages 4-7** of the strategy. Key outcomes include closer working with police to ensure appropriate and effective use of out of court disposals, development of a Speech Language and Communication Need (SLCN) strategy and the implementation of a training and consultation model of clinical psychology within the service.
10. The action plan, which details areas of development that the service plans to focus on during 2019/20, can be found on **pages 20-24**. Key areas of focus will be reducing First Time Entrants through targeting of crime prevention resources and diversionary activities, and the development of the multi-agency response to reducing Youth Violence and Child Criminal Exploitation.

Other Options Considered

11. An annual Youth Justice plan is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act (1998).

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

12. The Youth Justice Strategy requires the approval of Full Council.

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.

Crime and Disorder Implications

14. An annual Youth Justice plan is a statutory requirement under the Crime and Disorder Act (1998) which requires the local authority with its partners to prevent offending and reoffending by children and young people and to deliver an effective local youth justice system.

Financial Implications

15. Statutory Youth Justice plans must be fully costed and these details are included in the full plan attached as **Appendix 1**.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Strategy 2019, attached as **Appendix 1**, is approved.

Councillor Philip Owen
Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee

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Constitutional Comments (LW 19/09/19)

16. Full Council is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (SAS 25/09/19)

17. Statutory Youth Justice plans must be fully costed and these details are included in the full plan attached as **Appendix 1**. The total funding from Nottinghamshire and partners is £2.3m.

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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Executive Summary

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The aims of the YJS are to:

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Over the last year, performance against these measures has varied with any under performance against national figures continuing to be scrutinised.

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- Numbers of young people remanded and sentenced to custody means that, both nationally and locally, fewer young people are experiencing a period of incarceration than was previously the case. Locally, the numbers of young people remanded/sentenced to custody has again fallen.

In addition to the multi-agency make-up of the teams, the Service works closely with partners and commissioned providers at a strategic and operational level to try and ensure that the needs of children and young people are met and to achieve its outcomes and aims. The Board works with strategic partners to ensure that the health provision offered to young offenders provides them with equality of access, which the general population experiences and it will continue to work in a multi-disciplinary way to ensure that children are not criminalised or remanded unnecessarily.

Nottinghamshire YJS has maintained its commitment to delivering crime prevention services and deliver a high-quality service in relation to crime prevention, outreach and detached services; thus, keeping a focus on reducing the numbers of First Time Entrants (FTE's). The Service links closely with the Troubled Families agenda and acts as the lead professional where the young person committing crime or anti-social behaviour meets the triggers to ensure that a holistic whole family approach.

The YJS continue to monitor activities via quality assurance and quality assurance processes are closely linked with those which are operating in other areas of Children's Services. Its quality management framework is reviewed to closely align with standards which have been adopted by HMI Probation to ensure that assessments, plans and work with children and young people remains of a high quality regardless of what stage they are at within the YJS.

Introduction

Youth Justice Services (YJS) in Nottinghamshire are made up of three multi-agency Locality Teams and a county wide Interventions Team, which provides support with interventions to the locality teams, in addition to carrying out crime prevention and targeted detached youth work in areas where there is anti-social behaviour and deprivation. The Service meets all the statutory requirements of a YJS as set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and includes seconded staff from Police, Probation, Health, and Futures (Education, Training and Employment advisors).

In addition to the multi-agency teams, the Service commissions specialist external providers from the voluntary, public and private sectors to help it deliver key statutory functions, such as substance misuse, reparation services, victim contact and appropriate adult work. The key aims of the YJS are to:

- reduce the number of young people entering the criminal justice system;
- reduce the frequency and rate of reoffending by children and young people who are already within the youth justice system; and
- keep the numbers of young people experiencing custody – either on remand or as a sentence of the court - to a minimum.

Working closely with other teams, departments and partners is key to ensuring that every child has maximum access to available resources and opportunities to achieve the best outcomes regardless of their place within the criminal justice system; as a child on the cusp of offending, or a young person in youth detention accommodation with numerous offences. The case manager will work with the child to tailor a programme individual to their needs to identify ways to build upon their strengths, develop their potential and identify strategies to reduce the negative factors in their life which may be pulling them into offending, or increasing the risk of harm to either themselves or the public.

Whilst the YJS strives to keep the child or young person safe and free from harm and will work to improve their life outcomes, it cannot be forgotten that the young person has offended and has caused harm to individuals and communities through their actions. Keeping individual victims and the public safe will therefore always remain an equal priority. Ensuring that victims have a voice and feel listened to is also an important aspect of the work of the YJS and for that reason an independent organisation is used to deliver a service to the victims of youth crime. In accordance with the Victim's Code of Practice, victims who have provided consent are contacted and offered the opportunity to participate with the youth justice process, being offered a range of restorative options in accordance with their wishes and needs.



Review of Youth Justice Plan 2018/19

During 2018/19 the service set out to:

Actions to be completed in 2018/19	Update on Progress
<p>FTEs</p> <p>To ensure that new processes in relation to OOCd are fully implemented</p> <p>To review the impact of the new OOCd processes and the impact on FTE's</p> <p>Targeted crime prevention resources</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Processes in relation to OOCd have been altered to align with, and complement, changes in Police practice. These processes have now been fully implemented across the service.</p> <p>The impact of the new OOCd processes and FTE's is under continual scrutiny by locality managers and the YJ Partnership Board.</p> <p>YJ continue to target crime prevention resources and areas of concern (ASB) are prioritised as part of detached outreach work.</p>
<p>FTEs and Re-offending – Data analysis</p> <p>Continued analysis of FTE data on a quarterly basis to understand profiles and hotspots to target resources</p> <p>Analyse re-offending data to identify profiles, hot spots and trends</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>First Time Entrant and re offending data is produced for discussion at the YJ Partnership Board on a quarterly basis.</p> <p>To reduce FTE's, in conjunction with the police, the YJ have altered their approach to Out of Court Disposals, making better use of the available resources, providing interventions at the earliest opportunity.</p>
<p>Service User evaluations</p> <p>Team Managers to seek young person feedback and complete in-depth service user evaluations to identify what service users identify as 'good practice'</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Team Managers are regularly involved in seeking young person feedback when there are issues of non-compliance. These findings have been reviewed and what was identified as being beneficial to Service users has been shared within all teams.</p> <p>Further in-depth work is being implemented to ensure that young people/ parents and carers are given the opportunity to feedback on their experience of the Service; feedback which can be used to shape future Service delivery.</p>
<p>Service Delivery - Remands</p> <p>Maintain close links with Children's Social Care (CSC) to reduce instances of inappropriate remand</p> <p>Managers to continue to review all remands locally to identify any inappropriate remands</p> <p>Bail and Remand policy to be reviewed to make better use of partnership working arrangements</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>The YJ Bail and Remand Policy has been updated and will be updated on a regular basis to reflect local and national changes in practice. Closer links with CSC has resulted in better communication at an earlier stage to mitigate against inappropriate remands taking place.</p> <p>All remands are reviewed by the YJ Management team to monitor and address areas of practice which could be improved to potentially prevent an inappropriate remand.</p>
<p>Service Delivery – Asset Plus</p> <p>A revised internal audit tool to be implemented as part of the QMF</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>A revised internal audit tool was created and implemented within YJ as of January 2019.</p>
<p>Service Delivery – Asset Plus</p> <p>Embed Quality Assurance processes</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Quality Assurance processes are now fully embedded within the three locality teams with the assistance of a central duty rota. These processes are actively monitored and reviewed in line with changes in local practice to ensure that they remain effective.</p> <p>The Quality Improvement group is responsible for collating quarterly audits completed by managers/middle managers from across the Family Service and YOTs; performance is also monitored during regular staff supervision.</p>
<p>Operating guidance available to staff which incorporates new processes because of the implementation of CAPITA (the new case recording system)</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>Local operating guidance has been completed regarding the use of CAPITA and is available to all staff.</p>

<p>Service Delivery – SLCN To work with the Speech Language and Communication Need (SLCN) lead within the YJ to assist in developing a SLCN Strategy and Clinical Pathway</p> <p>Develop YJ staff's skills and knowledge in relation to SLCN</p>	<p>Completed A Specialist Speech and Language Therapist commenced working with YJ in January 2019 and is providing consultation to staff on young people with assessed SLCNs.</p> <p>Staff are being upskilled in assessing young people for SLCN and, where there is an assessed need, given the knowledge to be able to adapt what they do.</p> <p>A Clinical Pathway is being devised for use with young people within the YJS.</p>
<p>Service Delivery – Health YJ to support the appointment of a clinical psychology post within CAMHS</p> <p>A training and consultation model to be implemented within Nottinghamshire to enable workers to develop a better understanding of trauma, including the use of trauma informed practice and psychologically informed work to support young people</p>	<p>Completed A Clinical Psychologist was appointed in February 2019 to assist Nottinghamshire YJS to become more trauma informed.</p> <p>The 3 key aims of the work are; workers having a better understanding of trauma, being able to effectively support young people who have experienced trauma and to assist staff to develop and implement a trauma screening tool. Initial scoping out of the Service has been completed and training and consultations are due to commence imminently.</p>
<p>Service Delivery – LAC prosecutions YJ to continue to actively promote the LAC prosecution protocol with partner agencies</p> <p>Evaluate the impact of the protocol upon police call outs and prosecution</p>	<p>Completed This has continued to be of interest to the local Youth Justice partnership Board and work has been underway to ensure that local protocols are aligned with protocols to reduce the offending behaviour of LAC nationally.</p> <p>A specialist LAC Police Officer is due to be appointed for Nottinghamshire to enhance this area of work.</p>
<p>Service Delivery – Junior Attendance Centres (JACs) Continue to review practice for the JACs', embedding best practice approaches</p>	<p>Completed JACs' continue to run across the county and are tailored to meet the needs of the specific young people who are attending at any given time. Support has been drawn from partners (e.g. Street Doctors, CGL etc) to ensure that what is being delivered is up to date and mirrors best practice. Tailoring interventions to address local and national concerns is viewed as an essential part of this work.</p>
<p>Service Delivery – Victim Services and Restorative Justice relation to Referral Orders</p> <p>To ensure the workforce are sufficiently equipped to ensure a more restorative approach is adopted for Referral Orders</p>	<p>Completed Mandatory training took place with both YJ Staff and Community Panel Members; developing their skills in facilitating Referral Order Panels and reinforcing the principles of Restorative Justice. In line with the YJB Referral Order guidance, Referral Orders have become more inclusive adopting a more child centred approach to identifying relevant outcomes for that young person and what success looks like for them.</p>
<p>Service delivery – Offenders as Victims Work with the Office of the PCC to further analyse this area of work as is required</p>	<p>Discontinued The YJS have not been called upon to contribute further to the work which was initially outlined by the OPCC.</p>
<p>Service delivery – Addressing Harmful Sexual Behaviour To remain active within HSB panels and be part of the evaluation process</p>	<p>Completed YJ continue to play an integral part in HSB panels and attend every meeting.</p> <p>There was a review which reported to the local Safeguarding Children's Board in December 2018 which evidenced some progress in this area.</p>
<p>Service delivery – Youth Violence Develop work streams, policies and procedures regarding the criminal exploitation of young people and issues associated with youth violence (e.g. knife crime)</p>	<p>Ongoing The YJ Service Manager has been instrumental in driving activity within NCC and YJ in relation to High Risk Youth Violence and Child Criminal Exploitation.</p> <p>Work is ongoing in relation to work streams, policies and procedures which can support partnership working in relation to youth violence and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE).</p>

Governance and Structure

Nottinghamshire Youth Justices Services (YJS) are part of the Local Authority's Children, Families and Cultural Services department. Line Management of the service flows up through the department to the Corporate Director for Children's Services. The activities of the YJS are monitored and directed by the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Partnership Board, which is chaired by the Service Director for Youth, Families and Social Work.

The Partnership Board meets on a quarterly basis with good attendance from all key partners who are represented at a senior level. In addition to statutory partners, Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Partnership Board also benefits from having representatives from Education, Commissioning (Accommodation), the Community Safety Partnership and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioners (OPCC). The Board reports to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board, which feeds into the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Partnership Board holds the YJS to account, ensuring that it meets its statutory aims of reducing first time entrants, reducing re-offending and reducing the numbers of young people experiencing custody or remand.

It does this by:

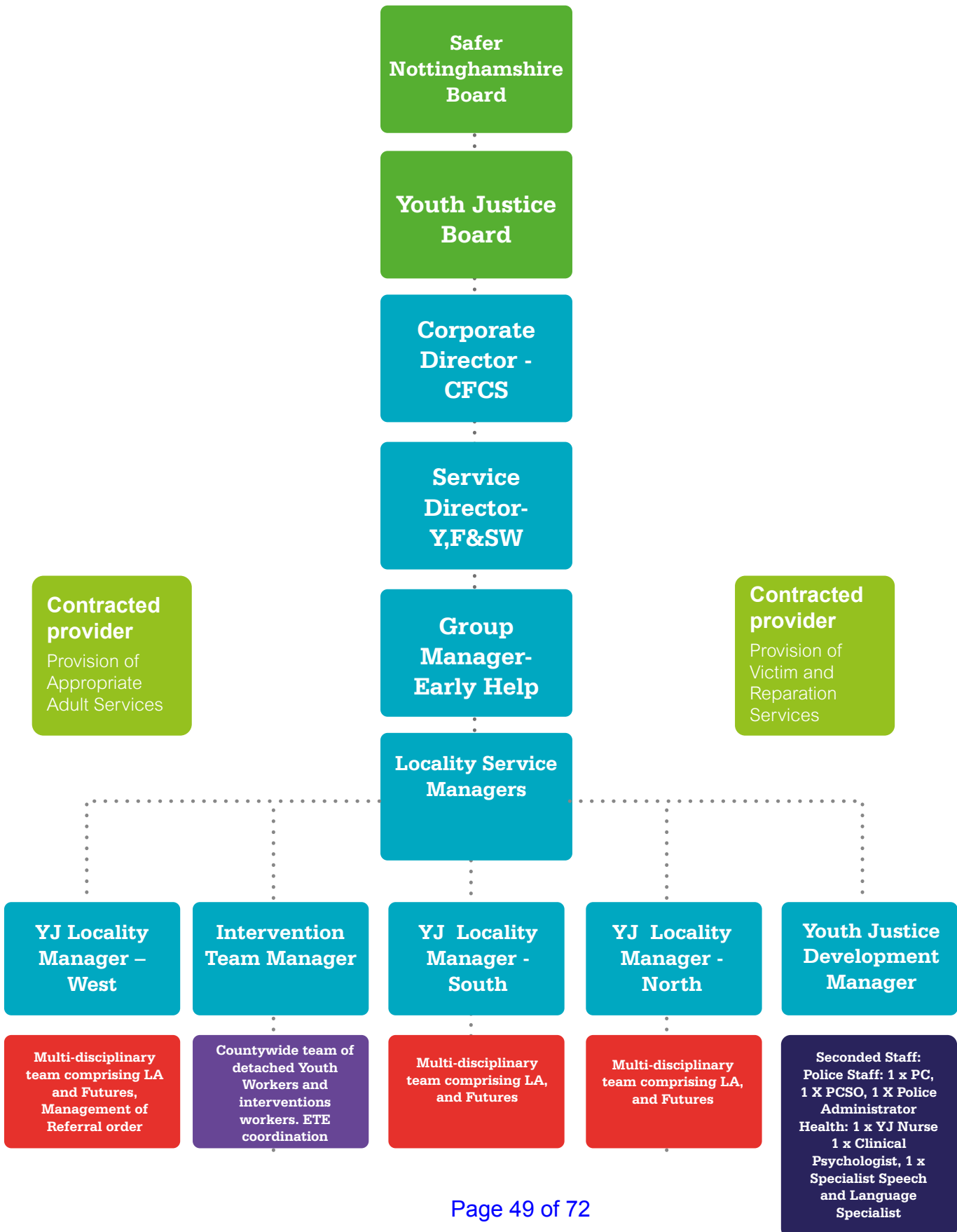
- Receiving quarterly performance reports highlighting performance to date, identifying areas of opportunity and actively discussing potential risks to future performance,
- Reviewing every Concise Incident Report along with details of any subsequent progress made against actions set;
- Receiving quality assurance reports on the work of teams, and by board members being actively involved in the quality assurance processes embedded within the YJS; thus, assisting in increasing the Board's understanding of the work of the YJS;
- Having regular service delivery updates from Locality Team Managers. When operational changes are being considered these are taken to the Board for scrutiny and consideration; enabling the Board to assist in considering any potential barriers which could impact upon performance or service delivery.
- Agreeing and signing off improvement/action plans from Inspections/Thematic Inspection Reports and actively monitoring progress against these plans;
- Having a forward plan in place to ensure that the agenda of the Board is focused on strategic Youth Crime Issues which are specifically relevant to Nottinghamshire and have the potential to impact upon performance and resources;
- Holding partner agencies to account for any deficits in their operations or practice which is impacting upon the YJS and hindering effective multi-agency working.

There is consistent cross representation from the YJ Leadership Team at the Management Board. The Group Manager, Head of Service and Development Manager attend on a regular basis, providing an effective link into the Management Board and supporting effective service delivery.

The terms of reference for the Board are attached at Appendix 1.



Governance of the Youth Justice Service



Resources and Value for Money

The three multi-agency locality teams that form Nottinghamshire YJS cover the core activities of assessment and case management of young people involved in the Criminal Justice System, or on the edge of offending. There is also a county wide Interventions Team which provides support to the locality teams in delivering targeted interventions and crime prevention work, in addition to carrying out targeted detached youth work in areas where there is anti-social behaviour and deprivation.

The Interventions Team also has responsibility for co ordinating the work of the Junior Attendance Centres (JAC) that operate at two sites across the locality; Courts and case managers continue to make good use of the JACs to address the needs of young people on Statutory Orders. The Service is making use of the JAC for the delivery of tailored 1-1 sessions e.g. knife crime, relationship work and to deliver interventions that address locally identified issues; ensuring that it is meeting the needs of Young People within Nottinghamshire.

Nottinghamshire meets all the statutory requirements of a YJS, as set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, and includes seconded staff from Police, Probation, Health, and Futures (Education, Training and Employment advisors); exceeding minimum staffing requirements and assisting in a high level of service delivery against key youth justice outcomes.

Following a joint national review of partnership arrangements between Probation Trusts and YOTs, Nottinghamshire YJS saw a reduction from two to one Probation Officers seconded from NPS to work across the three locality teams. Conversely, Nottinghamshire YJS has experienced an increase in the number of Police staff available to YJ, with the recruitment of an additional PCSO, and the potential of additional resources being allocated in this area, to assist the service to meet its obligations in relation to Looked After Children (LAC). In addition to the three multi-agency teams, the YJS works closely with specialist external providers from the voluntary, public and private sectors who are commissioned to help deliver against key statutory functions, such as substance misuse, appropriate adult work, victim and reparation services.

Information around staffing and volunteers is attached in **Appendix 2**.

Nottinghamshire YJS is funded from a variety of funding streams; both direct monetary payments and seconded staff.

Agency	Staffing costs (£)	Payments in kind – revenue (£)	Other delegated funds (£)	Total (£)
Local Authority		763,638		763,368
Local Authority - Public Health	120,000			120,000
Nottinghamshire Police	78,000	59,038		137,038
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner		109,000*		109,000*
National Probation Service	45,000	5,000		50,000
Clinical Commissioning Group	173,000			173,000
YJB Good Practice Grant		937,419		937,419
Reserves		50,000		50,000
Total	416,000	1,924,825		2,339,825

**This funding has been agreed pro rata for the first 6 months of the year and is subject to a review of all youth crime prevention services funded by the OPCC*

The YJS receive services from Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) in terms of infrastructure (e.g. accommodation) and assistance with quality and performance monitoring, IT, administration and business support.

Partnership Arrangements

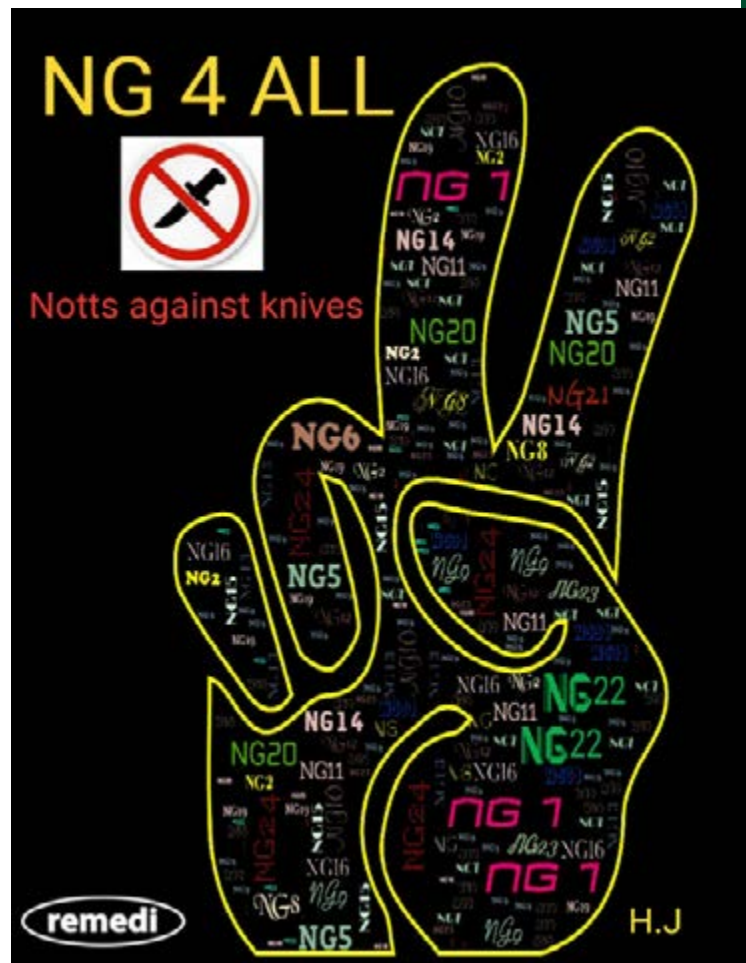
As well as working closely with partners operationally to deliver its key objectives, the YJS engages with partners at a strategic level to ensure that youth issues are fully represented within Nottinghamshire's priorities. The Service Director responsible for Youth, Families and Social Work chairs the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Partnership Board and the YJS is represented by the Early Help Group Manager on the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Children's Board, the Safer Nottinghamshire Board and the Reducing Reoffending Board.

The YJS engages with local partners around key crime priorities as these develop and links in with local Community Safety Partnerships. There is YJS representation across all localities on Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS)/Vulnerable Persons Panels (VPPs) to ensure that they can contribute to addressing local issues relating to crime and anti-social behaviour that include children and young people. There is also regular representation at MARAC, Missing Hotspots meetings and the Channel Panel to ensure that the needs of young people involved, or at risk of becoming involved, with the YJS are not overlooked.

Knife and weapon enabled crime in Nottinghamshire has seen an upward trend since 2015 which reflects, to some extent, national trends and concerns. Locally, a significant proportion of knife crime offenders were identified as being under 25 years of age and (in the period studied) 35% of offenders were found to be 18 years of age or under and nearly half of those were aged 16 or under. Additionally, 2018 saw the publication of several key national and local documents highlighting the growing concern around contextual safeguarding risks affecting children and young people. Nottinghamshire YJS has been instrumental in promoting the issue of contextual safeguarding across NCC and key partners and, understandably, tackling youth violence and Child Criminal Exploitation (CCE) has become a priority on a local level and YJS are co-leading in the conception of a 'High-Risk Youth Violence and Child Criminal Exploitation panel'.

The panel is made up of senior managers from CSC, YJS, Police, District and Borough Councils, Health, Education and Barnardo's and is designed to promote early identification and management of those at risk of committing, or being a victim, of knife related or violent crime. The panel aims to maintain a strategic and operational oversight of High-Risk Youth Crime and CCE cases; providing assurances to members that the child is being effectively protected,

and that robust plans are in place to address the issues raised. This is a significant step towards fulfilling the authority's obligations in meeting the demands of Nottinghamshire's overarching Knife Crime Strategy, and in assisting to protect children from criminal exploitation; as was identified in an Ofsted Thematic Report into the criminal exploitation of children; which called for partners to work together to plan how to respond to criminal exploitation and have a strong multi agency, whole council approach.



As part of a reparation project, a young person was tasked with creating something relevant to the issue of knife crime which could be used when working with other young people.

After discussion, he said he was more concerned about postcodes that he cannot go to because of gangs/knives.

This poster is a representation of his thoughts.

Closer working relationships have also been formed in relation to Harmful Sexual Behaviour (HSB) with new joint working practices being introduced across Children and Family Services. Together with partners from Children's Social Care (CSC), the Police, Health and Educational Psychology, Multi Agency HSB Panels are now in place to ensure that all young people who are arrested or referred to the Police, CSC or the YJS with sexually abusive, or offending behaviour, are consistently assessed. Panels also ensure that there is early identification of appropriate intervention to manage and help reduce the risk and provide a consistent and coherent approach to addressing HSB across services that can be monitored and evaluated.

Changes in service management structure in April 2019 saw all YJS teams switch to the management of a single Children's Service Manager. However, the YJS continue to work closely with the Family Service locality teams and where they are already engaged with a young person who is eligible for support under the Troubled Families Criteria, the YJ will remain the lead professional and co-ordinate an agreed plan of work and activities. Working in conjunction with the Family Service gives access to increased resources for the individual child and ensures that appropriate support can also be accessed for the wider family.

Meaningful full-time engagement in Education, Training and Employment (ETE) remains one of the most significant protective factors to reduce re-offending for young people and qualified specialist advisers (seconded from Futures) provide a bespoke package of support for young people involved with the YJS who are not accessing full time ETE provision. The ETE team's policies and procedures are aligned with the wider NCC's Children Missing Education policy and they take an active role in the Vulnerable Children's Education Commissioning group, providing multi agency solutions in relation to the education provision of vulnerable groups. This area of work is also being considered by the YJ Partnership Board and YP excluded from school are one of the themes identified for attention as part of the quarterly YJ learning reviews and as part of the Board's forward plan.

A healthy lifestyle free from substances, exploitation, or unaddressed health needs drastically improve a young person's ability to integrate successfully into society and lead a law abiding and productive life as an adult. Thus, meeting the various health needs of young people is considered of high importance by the YJS. Nottinghamshire YJS has the benefit of having a YJ nurse specialist, providing an opportunity to assess those young people who are hard to engage and have refused health assessments from other services. The YJ nurse specialist can also assist workers to address issues of safety and wellbeing

by alerting case managers when young people have accessed emergency services. This provision also provides a direct link into health services to assist workers to identify and address issues associated with contextual safeguarding.

The YJS can make direct referrals to Head2Head to access emotional wellbeing and mental health services for young people and there are now established links with Change Grow Live (CGL), the recently commissioned provider of substance misuse services for young people. There are working agreements in place to help ensure that these partnerships are working effectively and there are good links between services to help overcome any barriers to joint working that may arise.

Many of the young people who work with the YJS have some form of Speech, Language or Communication Need (SLCN). Whilst Nottinghamshire YJS routinely screen all young people on statutory orders using the Communicate screening tool; assisting in the identification of SLCN, this does not identify all SLCNs and, given the age of the young people, there is often a lack of specialist provision to address this need. Nottinghamshire were part of a successful bid for funding for an NHS England Health and Justice CAMHS Transformation Innovation Project and, as a result, a Specialist Speech and Language Therapist (SLT) was recruited to work across both Nottinghamshire, City and County YJS.

The SLT is providing consultation to staff on young people with assessed SLCNs and undertaking direct 1:1 work with young people with high levels of need or complexities (where clinically appropriate). Additionally, YJ staff are being upskilled in assessing all young people for SLCN and, where there is an identified need, being more able to adapt what they do and support these young people. Working alongside the wider speech and language therapy services, a SLCN Strategy and Clinical Pathway is also being developed. The YJS is also benefitting from the input of the SLT in relation to the development of interventions/information to enable YJ to deliver high quality interventions and meet the communication needs of young people.

Another joint City and County YJ initiative, is the establishment of a Clinical Psychologist post within Head2Head to focus on improving the care to young people who have experienced trauma. A Clinical Psychologist was appointed in February 2019 to assist Nottinghamshire YJS to become more trauma informed; supporting young people who are already in contact with the police and are at risk of continued, escalating offending behaviour. Implementing a training and consultation model the key aims of the work is for; workers to have a better understanding of trauma, be able to effectively support young people who have experienced trauma

and to assist Nottinghamshire YJS to develop and implement a screening tool in relation to trauma. It is envisaged that these developments will complement the REACH (Routine Enquiry into Adverse Childhood Experiences) training that is happening across Nottinghamshire County Council, working towards sustained practice changes across all services.

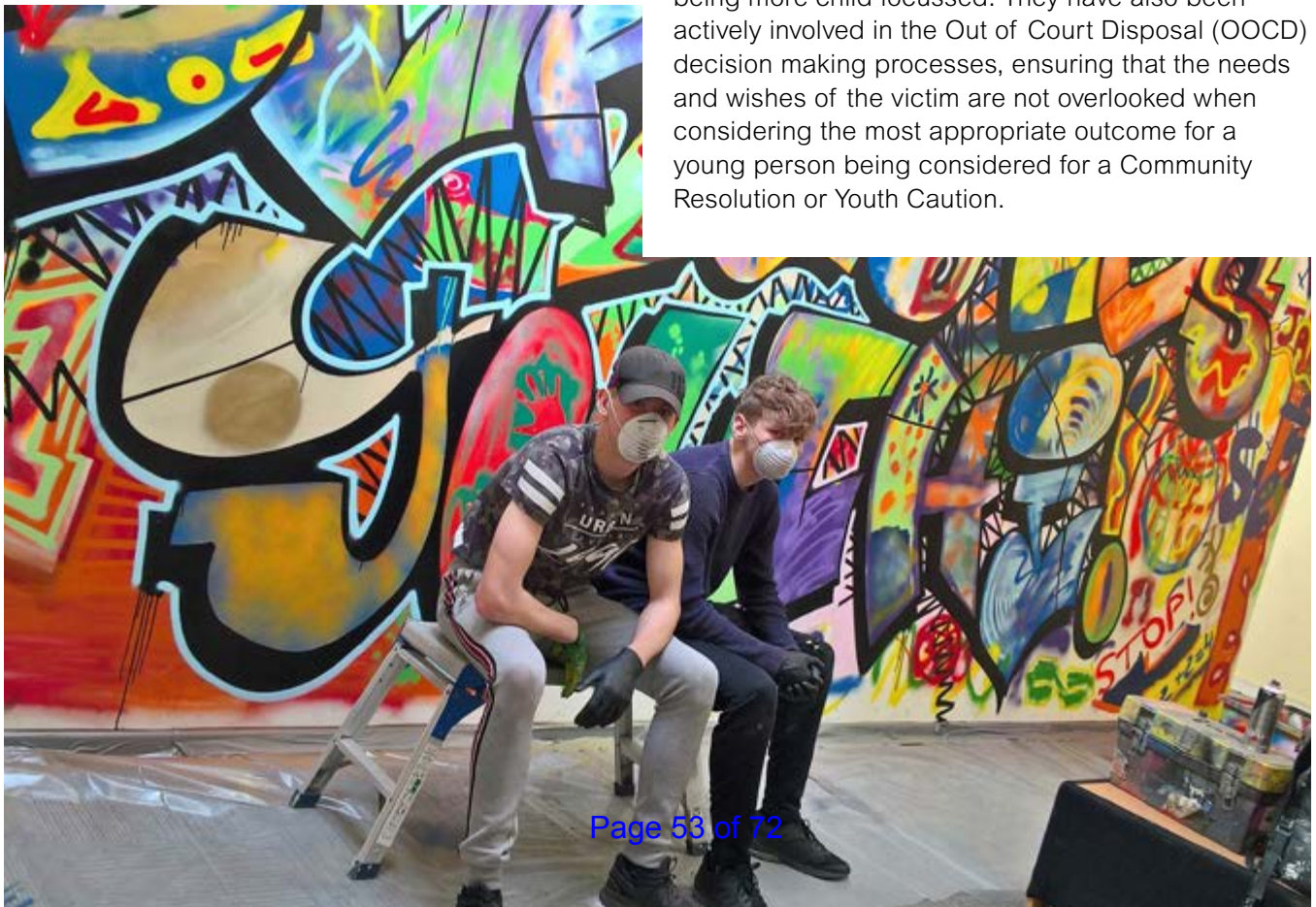
Nottinghamshire YJ Outreach and Interventions Team has a preventative agenda. Staff work evenings, weekends and holiday periods targeting group work interventions to young people aged 10-18 that have been identified by agencies as being at risk of, or involved in, ASB within their community. Using outreach and detached youth work they are working to divert young people into meaningful and sustainable activities; creating informal education opportunities; encouraging individuals to explore and develop alternative ways of thinking is also an important aspect of this work. The team have been working in partnership with various partners/agencies including the Police, ASB teams, Parish and District Councils, the Youth Service and voluntary agencies to ensure that their work is being focussed on areas within the community which are identified as having the greatest need. By drawing upon both the statutory and voluntary sectors this partnership working has succeeded in the YJS being able to access an increased variety of resources and interventions for both preventative and diversionary activities with young people.

Case Study



Linking in with Street Games and Active Notts, intervention was targeted within a local area where there was an identified increase in anti-social behaviour. Up to 12 young people attended on a regular basis, engaging with youth workers and taking part in positive activities. Going forward workers are going to engage with the young people to explore what they would like to be happening within their area. This work will be in conjunction with some Artists who will be assisting the young people to express themselves and communicate what they would like long term for their community.

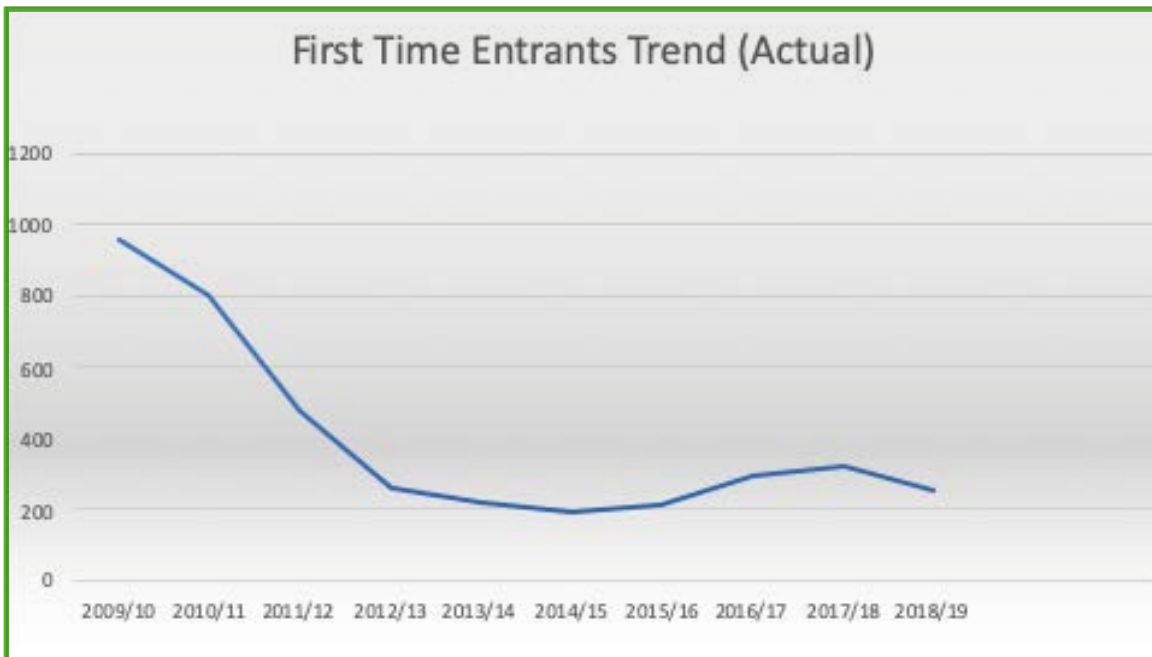
The YJS commissions services to ensure effective delivery in relation to their appropriate adult services and obligations in relation to the victims of youth crime. Following a re-tendering process, the Appropriate Adult Service has been re-commissioned by Nottinghamshire and Nottingham City YJS. The YJS also commissions a specialist provider, Remedi, to deliver its victim and reparation services and this contract will remain in place until 2023; this provides some stability in relation to the services that are being offered to the victims of youth crime within Nottinghamshire. Remedi have also assisted the YJS in reviewing the existing Referral Order processes, taking on an increased restorative approach and being more child focussed. They have also been actively involved in the Out of Court Disposal (OOC) decision making processes, ensuring that the needs and wishes of the victim are not overlooked when considering the most appropriate outcome for a young person being considered for a Community Resolution or Youth Caution.



Performance and Risks to Future Delivery

Performance: First Time Entrants (FTE's) to the Youth Justice System

During 2018/19 Nottinghamshire YJS had 251 FTE's which was a fall of 22% upon the previous year and falls below the national average. The focus on reducing FTEs within YJS is believed to be partly responsible for this decline and there continues to be a strong focus on closer working with the police to enable Nottinghamshire to provide YJ interventions to young people prior to them entering the criminal justice system.



Re-offending Rates

From 2009/10 reoffending rates of young people within the youth justice system has steadily fallen. Nottinghamshire has a lower reoffending rate than the national average at 27.2%. Considering the low numbers of reoffenders' subject to the different disposals, limited conclusions could be drawn and there was no clear pattern

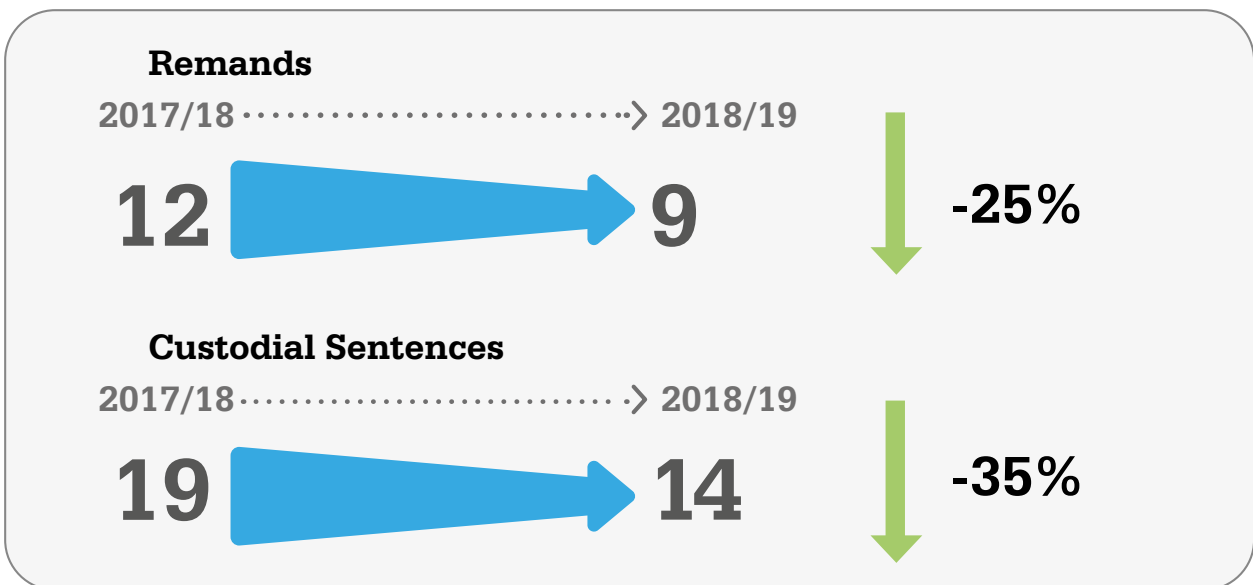
Tracking the re offending of FTE's more closely, to monitor any impact of changes to the OOC process on recidivism was completed. Of the 52 FTE's in the cohort, only 11 re-offended (21%), 9 of which received a YC or YCC. This is compared to 19 of 62 (31%) in the cohort of young people who had previous offences. Nottinghamshire YJS has increased its focus on addressing reoffending and there will be an increase in management oversight and scrutiny of young people who reoffend. This work will involve managers meeting with young people and their parent/carers to seek out their feedback and address any identified barriers to desistance.

Performance Measure	Notts current or projected performance 2017/18	Target/Status
First Time Entrants: Number per 100,000 of 10-17 population	251	The national average (322)
Re-offending- Binary (reported 3 months in arrears)	27.2	Lower than the national average (42.2)
Re-offending – Frequency re-offences per offender (reported 3 months in arrears)	1.19	Lower than the national average (3.79)
Re-offending – Frequency re-offences per re-offender (reported 3 months in arrears)	4.39	Above the national average (3.79)

**** Dependent upon counting rules applied some statistics may vary**

Custodial remands / sentences

Since 2009/10 there have been significant reductions in the number of young people experiencing a custodial remand or a custodial sentence within Nottinghamshire. Whilst last year saw a slight increase in the total number of young people being remanded / receiving a custodial sentence, this year's numbers have been reduced and both figures remain below the national average for custodial remands (20) / sentenced (15) per 100'000 of the population.



Nottinghamshire remains committed to ensuring that remand is only used for those young people where the level of risk is too great to manage them in the community. In 2018/19 all remands were felt to be appropriate and there were no remands due to a lack of suitable accommodation; as indicated, the number of young people remanded had fallen and remains lower than the national average. Managers continue to routinely review all remands, ensuring that they are both appropriate and unavoidable. Closer working relationships with CSC, and the timely sharing of information, also ensures that issues can be rectified in a timely manner to mitigate against any unnecessary remands to youth detention accommodation.

Bearing in mind the YJB's principle of "Child First, Offender Second"; in relation to the transition and resettlement of young people; it has been recognised that for this to be successful, transition must not simply adopt the narrow focus of YJS to NPS / Community Rehabilitation Company (CRC), or be viewed as a single one off event, but should be considered in the broader sense. Nottinghamshire YJS agree that constructive resettlement and transition should be recognised as a journey that a young person makes between different services. To support in the development of this work, resettlement and transitions leads have been designated within Nottinghamshire YJS to work with partners in CSC, Probation, CRC and health to produce clear and joint pathway plans to alleviate the current gaps in the transitional process for our most vulnerable young people. Pathways will focus on the key areas which include: housing, health, leaving care and LAC.

This work compliments the already enhanced level of service which Nottinghamshire provides to children and young people in custody. Young people are visited by their case manager prior to, and outside of, formal review meetings. They are allocated an interventions worker and Education, Training and Employment (ETE) advisor, who will work with them alongside the case manager planning for their transition into the community; ensuring that, where possible, parents/carers are fully involved in the planning process. ETE advisor's co-ordinate the initial request, implementation and review of Education Health Care Plan's (EHCP) for young people in custody which ensures equality of access to appropriate educational provision whilst in custody and upon release into the community. Regular and consistent face to face visits between the YJS and the young person assists in establishing close working relationships with secure establishments and facilitates better planning.

As previously indicated, a change in practice across the police regarding Out of Court Disposals (OOC) has resulted in increasing opportunities for YJS to engage with young people, prior to them entering the Criminal Justice System, and to facilitate diversionary interventions to those who have received lower level sanctions. This work appears to have had a positive impact upon FTE's and further work is being undertaken to build upon this progress; establishing better links with the Schools Police Officers and the Liaison and Diversion Team to enhance the preventative work that is taking place across the county with Children and Young People. The YJS meet with all young people referred by the Police where they are considering an OOC; this enables a detailed assessment to be completed to determine the most appropriate outcome/programme of intervention for that young person.

To keep a focus on reducing the number of young people entering the criminal justice system, the YJS continue to seek out opportunities to develop closer working practices with key partners to identify appropriate opportunities to engage young people within crime prevention activities. Over the past year the YJS has been instrumental in assisting with the co-ordination, and sharing of good practice, in delivering weapons interventions across the county with different organisations. Sharing relevant resources with partners such as the Youth Service, the Police and CSC has assisted in the delivery of knife crime intervention to a wider cohort of young people. Work is now underway to explore how YJ and other agencies can increase their engagement with the voluntary sector to jointly address the issue of youth violence and knife crime.

Whilst developments in all these areas are positive, it is expected that the promotion of multi-agency working and developing staff awareness will increase the level of demand placed upon resources aimed at crime prevention. A future risk to the YJS ability to deliver against this demand is the review of funding by the OPCC for all youth crime prevention services. Should there be a reduction in funding from the OPCC, the capacity of YJS to continue to deliver the same level of crime prevention/diversionary intervention and to support targeted operations, where there could be an upward demand on services, will need to be re-considered alongside current partnership working.

Nottinghamshire YJS worked closely with Nottingham City YJS, the Police, CSC and the Crown Prosecution Service to agree a local protocol regarding the behaviour management of children and young people who are Looked After. This has been communicated

to the relevant partners/agencies and work is continuing to ensure that this is clearly understood and embedded within practice. This has continued to be of interest to the local YJ Partnership Board and work has been underway to ensure that local protocols are aligned with protocols to reduce the offending behaviour of LAC nationally.

The Interventions Team is targeting resources within Hostels and Residential Children's Homes across the county; providing intervention to some of our most vulnerable young people who are at a risk of getting involved in violent crime, and at a higher risk of offending and re-offending. Co delivering with the Youth Service, this work is currently proving the most challenging due to the voluntary nature of the work; however, the Service is aware that it has the potential to have a significant impact upon LAC and young people living in supported accommodation. This area of work is also being supported by the Police with the upcoming appointment of a specialist LAC Police Officer. This post will enhance the work carried out to reduce/prevent the criminalisation of LAC within Nottinghamshire; mirroring that which is in place within the City YJS, this post will be based within CSC, working closely with all partner agencies including YJ.

A further development is the YJ service being successful in a joint bid with the Youth Service for funding to support youth crime prevention work in Nottinghamshire, from now until March 2021. This will enable the service to employ mentors to work out in the community during the evenings and weekends providing support for young people during and following their involvement with the YJS. In anticipation of a forthcoming inspection Nottinghamshire YJS has held a series of meetings to gather evidence to complete HMIP's self-assessment and form judgments on performance against the specified criteria. The YJ Partnership Board met to complete the self-assessment, focussing on Organisational Delivery and the Governance and Leadership of the Service. Evidence against each criterion was gathered and a RAG rating was applied to identify the areas where performance was good, and where improvements could be made. Specific actions have been set which has formed the basis of an improvement plan specifically for the work of the Partnership Board.

There has also been consultation with YJ practitioners and managers from across the service. Similarly, to what was completed at the YJ Partnership Board, an action plan to address areas identified for improvement has been set which will form part of a service wide improvement plan. This improvement plan will be shared with the YJ Partnership Board and the Service and form part of the agenda at the YJ Management Meetings where it will be actively reviewed/updated.

In the past year the case management of cases has been subject to quarterly audit which has covered both statutory and non-statutory cases. All audit results have fed into a quarterly report which has assisted in forming a performance improvement plan. Of the 54 cases audited, 88% had been rated 'overall' to be of Good or Outstanding quality. Whilst findings in all five assessed areas (Assessment and Reports, Planning, Delivery and Review of Intervention, Initial Outcomes and Management Oversight) overall, demonstrated consistently good practice across the Service, there continues to be working to develop areas where the Service believes there is room for improvement. In 30% of cases audited, planning was highlighted as requiring improvement. This is an area of service delivery which is subsequently being given increased focus by the YJ management team and staff. Quality Management Framework (QMF) in YJ is informed by recent practice within HMIP; as HMIPs inspection criteria has changed internal quality assurance tools have also been reviewed and updated. Closer alignment with more broadly recognised standards will provide the service with an understanding of how Nottinghamshire YJS is performing against the standards set out in Domain 2 and 3 of HMIPs Inspection Criteria; thus, highlighting areas where performance could be improved so that timely action can be taken.

As part of the YJS continual efforts to improve and learn from others, reviewing recommendations from HMIP inspection reports has been introduced as a standard agenda item as part of monthly management meetings to ensure that the YJS keep an active oversight or findings and recommendations from other YJS, as well as learning about the good practice of others.

Action Plan for 2019/2020

Actions	Who	When
<p>FTEs</p> <p>YJ to work with the police and others to offer crime prevention/diversionary intervention at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>YJ to continue to target crime prevention resources; areas of concern (ASB) are prioritised as part of detached outreach work.</p> <p>To quality assure the OOCDC assessment/decision making processes to ensure that outcomes are proportionate and there is a consistent approach to decision making.</p>	YJ Management Team	April 2020
<p>Re offending</p> <p>To review practice in relation to young people who have re offended whilst subject to YJ supervision to improve service delivery and reduce re offending rates.</p> <p>Analyse re-offending data to identify profiles, hot spots and trends.</p> <p>For managers to implement case reviews for relevant young people who have re offended.</p> <p>All relevant young people who have re offended to be invited to meet with a manager and be given an opportunity to provide feedback to the Service.</p>	YJ Management Team	April 2020
<p>Service Delivery – Remands/Custodial Sentences</p> <p>To build relationships with the Court to effectively challenge inappropriate sentence/remand decisions. To ensure accurate record keeping in relation to sentencing outcomes so that patterns/trends can be identified.</p> <p>To ensure robust pathways/processes are in place to support young people upon their transition into the community/across services.</p>	YJ Management Team	April 2020
<p>Quality Assurance</p> <p>For the YJS to identify key themes for its Quality Assurance work; to develop specific practice/service delivery across the Service (e.g. those who have re offended, YP excluded from school, LAC).</p> <p>A minimum of eight learning reviews to be completed across the year; relevant learning to be fully utilised across the Service and actions set to improve service delivery.</p>	YJ Management Team	April 2020
<p>Participation</p> <p>For the YJS to review and develop its processes for gathering young people's, view of the service.</p> <p>To regularly consult with young people, parents/carers to demonstrate that the YJS is responsive to their views and can improve their experience of the service.</p>	Interventions Team Manager	April 2020
<p>Service Delivery – Youth Violence and Child Criminal Exploitation</p> <p>YJ to continue to have a key role in developing multi agency approaches to tackling Youth Violence and CCE.</p> <p>YJ to be represented at multi agency panels focussing on Youth Violence and be part of the evaluation process.</p> <p>To have recruited YJ mentors to provide individual support to young people identified as requiring a long term/enhanced level of support.</p>	YJ Management Team	April 2020
<p>Disproportionality</p> <p>To ensure that services are tailored to meet the diverse needs of children/young people in contact with the YJS.</p> <p>To analyse available data to identify and report on disproportionality within Nottinghamshire YJS.</p> <p>To ensure that actions are set to respond to identified disproportionality concerns.</p>	YJ Management Team	April 2020
<p>Service Delivery – SLCN</p> <p>All young people subject to an OOCDC/Statutory Order to be screened for SLCN.</p> <p>To have an effective SLCN strategy and clinical pathway embedded within the YJS.</p>	YJ Management Team	December 2020
<p>Service Delivery – Health</p> <p>To have developed trauma informed practices across YJ staff, team and service and to evaluate the impact of this.</p> <p>To have implemented a trauma screening tool for use with young people across the YJS.</p> <p>YJ staff to be more able to effectively support young people who have experienced trauma.</p>	YJ Management Team	December 2020

Appendix 1

Terms of Reference

Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Board

1. Purpose of the Board

The purpose of the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Board is to provide strategic oversight and direction to the Youth Offending Teams and to coordinate the provision of youth justice services by the Youth Offending Teams and partner organisations.

2. Status of the Board

The Board is made up of senior representatives of partner organisations. It is the governance group for the Youth Offending Teams and acts on behalf of the County Council and partner organisations. The Board reports to the Safer Nottinghamshire Board.

3. Aim of the Board

To ensure that the Youth Offending Teams:-

- prevent offending, thus reducing first time entrants to the Youth Offending Teams;
- reduce re-offending of those within the Youth Offending Teams;
- keeps numbers of children and young people remanded into custody or sentenced to custody to a minimum;
- safeguard children and young people;
- protect the public from harm

4 Main Tasks of the Board:

- Set the strategic direction of the Youth Offending Teams and wider youth justice services via the agreement and review of strategic plans;
- Ensure that the Youth Offending Teams and partner agencies meet their statutory obligations via the appropriate allocation of resources;
- Provide support and guidance to the designated YJ manager;
- Review the performance of the Youth Offending Teams via the quarterly performance report and commit resources to understand and remove any barriers to performance within their own agencies;
- Review the position of the Youth Offending Teams in line with national and local policy drivers;
- Review any operational issues/barriers impacting upon the delivery of youth justice services which could impact strategically or upon performance and identify solutions to overcome these;
- Determine and agree funds and resources necessary to provide effective Youth Offending Teams;

- Oversee reviews following Community Safeguarding and Public Protection Incidents or Serious Case Reviews and assist in the dissemination of learning or challenging of service provision/delivery;
- Ensure that the local youth justice system is safely managed, with particular reference to the management of risk and safeguarding of young people.
- Ensure that the services for young people who offend are an integral part of the services and provision for Nottinghamshire children and young people.

5. Membership of the Board

- Service Director, Youth, Families and Social Work (NCC) (Chair)
- Group Manager, Early Help (NCC) (YJ Head of Service)
- Service Manager (lead on YJs) (NCC)
- Group Manager, Children's Social Work Services (NCC)
- Principal Educational Psychologist, (NCC)
- Superintendent - Nottinghamshire Police
- Head of Nottinghamshire Probation Service - Nottinghamshire Probation
- Corporate Director - District Council (Representing District Councils)
- Chief Executive - Police and Crime Commissioner's office
- Senior Public Health and Commissioning Manager – Children's Integrated Commissioning Hub (representing Clinical Commissioning Groups)
- Service Manager (Homelessness Commissioning Manager) (NCC)
- YJ Staff representative

In order to be quorate, there must be representation from at least three statutory partners. A YJB representative is invited to each Board meeting.

6. Frequency of Meetings

The Board will meet quarterly, following the production of quarterly performance information. Additional meetings will be held as necessary.

7. Review

The terms of reference will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Appendix 2

Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Service Staffing Information

Ethnicity	Manager Strategic		Manager Strategic		Managers Operational		Managers Operational		Practitioners		Practitioners		Administration		Administration		Sessional		Sessional		Student		Student		Volunteers		Volunteers		Male		Female	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F		
White British	1	1	1	1	4	4	13	13	26	26	1	1	1	1														20	45			
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Total	1	1	1	1	4	4	19	19	31	31	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	53				
Welsh Speakers																											0	0				

Please note that these are individual workers and volunteers. They are not full time equivalents.

This annual strategy was approved at the Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Board on and has been signed off by the Board pending final approval at Nottinghamshire's Children and Young Person's Committee and Full Council later in the year.

Signed: 

Steve Edwards
Chair of Nottinghamshire Youth Justice Board.

Dated: 18th July 2019



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REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTED MEMBERS – APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSON

Purpose of the Report

1. For Council to approve a further appointment for the role of Independent Person to Full Council.

Information

2. Under the Localism Act 2011 it is a legal requirement for the County Council to adopt a Code of Conduct for Councillors and Co-opted Members. The Council's latest Code was adopted in May 2018. It is also a legal requirement for the County Council to appoint at least two Independent Persons, whose views are sought and taken into account in connection with the standards regime. Councillors and Co-opted Members who are the subject of an allegation may also seek the view of the Independent Person if they wish to do so. Following changes in legislation, the Independent Person also has an advisory role in connection with any proposed dismissal of the Head of Paid Service, Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 officer) or Monitoring Officer.
3. In May 2018 the County Council decided that, due to the length of time that the existing Independent Persons had been appointed, a full recruitment process be undertaken for 2019-20. The County Council agreed for Governance and Ethics Committee to oversee the process. A cross-party steering group was established, comprising three Members of Governance and Ethics Committee (together with the Monitoring Officer as advisor) to undertake the selection process.
4. Following initial interviews, Craig Cole and Ian Bayne were formally appointed to the role for an initial period up to the next Annual Council meeting of 21 May 2020. These appointments were endorsed by Governance and Ethics Committee on 1 May 2019 and approved by Full Council on 16 May 2019.
5. The steering group undertook a further interview on 24 July 2019 and agreed that the candidate interviewed that day, Rob White, should also be recommended for appointment for the same time period.
6. The steering group recognised that having a third independent person appointed would widen the range of skills and experience available for the Council to call upon when required, and also offers a greater degree of flexibility to ensure that advice from an independent person can be available at short notice if necessary.

7. Mr White is retired, having had a long career in local government. He worked for five different local authorities in the roles of teacher and education officer and he therefore has experience of the Councillor /Officer interface and committee procedures. He is also the Vice-Chair of the governing body of a local school which has enabled him to develop skills which would also be highly relevant to the role of Independent Person. Two references have been received, both of which were positive and recommended Mr White for this role.
8. Governance and Ethics Committee endorsed this appointment at its meeting on 11 September 2019.

Financial Implications

9. The role of Independent Person is unpaid, although travel expenses will be reimbursed as appropriate. Induction training is being arranged for the Independent Persons (which the Members of Governance & Ethics Committee and relevant officers have also been invited to attend) at a maximum cost of £750.

Other Options Considered

10. To continue with only two Independent Persons appointed but it is felt that a wider pool of people increases the range of experience and skills available for the Council to draw upon.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11. To enable appropriate approval for this further appointment, in line with the appointments made in May 2019.

Statutory and Policy Implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the appointment of Rob White to the role of Independent Person, for an initial period up to 21 May 2020, be approved.

Marjorie Toward

Monitoring Officer and Service Director – Customers, Governance and Employees

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Constitutional Comments (SLB – 12/09/2019)

Full Council is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

Financial Comments (RWK 16/09/2019)

The costs of induction training at a cost of £750 will be met from the budget for Members Training for which there is a budget allocation of £5,000 in 2019/20.

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.

- Reports to Governance and Ethics Committee dated 30th January 2019, 1 May 2019 and 11 September 2019 and Report to Full Council – 16th May 2019 and minutes of those meetings (all published).

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

NOMINEES FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF ESTATES, AND DEALING WITH THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS OF INDIVIDUALS LACKING MENTAL CAPACITY

Purpose of the Report

1. To formally delegate authority to various post holders to:
 - a. act as the Council's nominee for dealing with the estates of deceased service users and their relatives or the estates of deceased relatives of looked after children or adults lacking mental capacity;
 - b. act or appoint someone to act on behalf of the Council as a trustee in appropriate cases;
 - c. act as the Council's nominated Deputy for an individual where it is necessary for the Council to deal with their property and affairs;
 - d. act as an appointee of the Department of Works and Pensions in order to deal with the benefits of service users who cannot manage their own affairs
2. To delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to make any similar such nominations in the future on behalf of the County Council as may be required for the efficient and effective conduct of service delivery.
3. To authorise the Council's Monitoring Officer to update the Council's Scheme of Delegation for Officers to reflect the above delegations.

Administration of Estates

4. Periodically, the Council is owed debts by the estates of deceased individuals where no person is willing or able to administer the estate. The reason for the Council being owed money is often the provision of care services in the deceased's lifetime.
5. Where there is no family member to deal with the deceased's estate, the Council, as a creditor, can seek to be appointed to deal with the estate administration. This involves an application to the Probate Registry for a nominated officer of the Council to be appointed as administrator of the estate.
6. The Probate Registry requires confirmation of the legal authority nominating the named officer/s of an organisation who apply to administer the estate of a deceased person.
7. Also, rarely, the Council might be appointed executor under someone's Will and wish to obtain a grant of probate in the person's estate.

8. In certain circumstances the Council is named as Corporate Parent of the minor children of a deceased person whose estate needs administering. If there is no one else entitled in priority the council may need to apply to the Probate Registry for a grant of representation in their capacity as corporate parent in order for the estate to be administered.
9. In order to provide the legal authority required by the Probate Registry a formal resolution nominating an officer is required and following various staffing restructures this now needs to be revisited. It is proposed that in all cases where a single nominee is required, the post holder who holds the office of the Council's head of the Legal Service should be appointed as the Council's nominee (currently this role is held by the Group Manager, Legal Democratic and Complaints). In cases where more than one nominee is required by the Probate Registry to apply for the grant, the second nominee appointed by the Council should be the Corporate Director of the relevant Service Department depending on whether the estate affects looked after children or vulnerable adults.

Appointment of Deputies

10. There may occasionally be circumstances where a service user lacks the mental capacity to make certain decisions relating to their property and affairs. In those circumstances and if there is no other appropriate adult willing or able to perform such a role, the Council may need to nominate someone to apply to the Court of Protection to be appointed as a Deputy to act in their best interests.
11. The Council needs to have designated nominees to take on such roles without the need to report to Council on each occasion so that appointments can be made efficiently, and relevant decisions can be taken promptly when required.
12. It is therefore proposed that the relevant Corporate Director of the service department concerned (most likely to be Children's and Adults) be authorised to act as the Council's authorised officer for property and affairs deputyships of Nottinghamshire County Council granted by the Court of Protection.

Appointment of Trustees

13. On occasion an appointed Court of Protection Deputy (a County Council Officer appointed under paragraph 12 above) may need to apply to the Court of Protection for one or more trustees to be appointed in order to complete the sale of a property owned by a service user. The trusteeship is discharged as soon as the property is sold.
14. It is proposed that the relevant Corporate Director of the service department concerned (most likely to be Children's and Adults) and the head of the Legal Service be delegated authority to act as nominees where required. In addition, the Council's scheme of delegation to officers will be updated to reflect the changes once approved.

Department of Work and Pensions

15. It is also be proposed that the relevant Corporate Director of the service department concerned (most likely to be Children's and Adults) be delegated authority to act as an appointee of the Department of Works and Pensions in order to deal with the benefits of service users who cannot manage their own affairs.

Other Options Considered

16. The appointment of different Council officer/s as nominee/s, trustees and deputies has been considered but the current proposals are thought to be most appropriate.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

17. In order to provide clarity regarding the authority for officers to act as the Council's nominee relating to the administration of estates, or appointee in respect of trusts affecting service users where no other suitable trustees outside the Council can be identified or as Deputies in respect of the Court of Protection matters, it is considered appropriate that the officers with the designations set out in this report be appointed on behalf of the County Council in respect of any such matters arising in the future.

18. In the event that similar circumstances arise in the future and which are not covered specifically by these nominations, it is proposed that the Chief Executive be delegated authority to nominate such post holders as he considers appropriate to undertake these roles in future.

Statutory and Policy Implications

19. 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

20. At this stage it is envisaged that any costs of administering an estate or managing relevant trusts will be met by the deceased person's estate or from the established trust funds. In respect of Deputyship arrangements under the Mental Capacity Act, it is envisaged that these will be contained within normal operational budgets relating to the needs of the relevant service user in respect of whose affairs the Deputy has been appointed.

Service User, Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications

21. In order to protect the interests of vulnerable adults and looked after children where no other appropriate individuals are available or willing to undertake these roles, the Council needs to be in a position to act promptly. The roles all come with specific obligations regarding how the duties are discharged and advice will be sought to assist relevant nominees on a case by case basis as necessary.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. To formally delegate authority to act as the Council's nominee/s for the purpose of administering the estates (including making an application to the Probate Registry for a

Grant of Representation) of deceased service users and their relatives or the estates of deceased relatives of looked after children or adults lacking mental capacity where necessary to:

- a. the Group Manager Legal, Democratic and Complaints (or any successor postholder having responsibility for the head of the Legal Service); and
 - b. the Corporate Director of the relevant service department (to act as an additional nominee in cases where two nominees are legally required).
2. To formally delegate authority to the Corporate Director of the relevant service department and the Group Manager Legal, Democratic and Complaints to act as a trustee in appropriate cases.
 3. To formally delegate authority to the Corporate Director of the relevant service department to act as the Council's nominated Deputy for an individual where it is necessary for the Council to deal with their property and affairs.
 4. To formally delegate authority to the Corporate Director of the relevant service department to act as an appointee of the Department of Works and Pensions in order to deal with the benefits of service users who cannot manage their own affairs.
 5. To delegate to the Chief Executive the authority to make any similar such nominations in the future on behalf of the County Council as may be required for the efficient and effective conduct of service delivery.
 6. To authorise the Council's Monitoring Officer to update the Council's Scheme of Delegation for Officers to reflect the above delegations which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall apply to the person from time to time holding the above posts or to any equivalent or replacement successor job titles to each of those posts.

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Constitutional Comments [HD 27/09/2019]

22. Full council is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (SES 27/09/19)

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

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contained within normal operational budgets relating to the needs of the relevant service user in respect of whose affairs the Deputy has been appointed.

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

