

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE REPORT: KEY ISSUES AND ACTIVITIES

Purpose of the Report

1. The report seeks to update Members on various matters relating to the Leader's portfolio and the work of the Executive.

Information

2. **Please note that the number of visits and public announcements were limited during the pre-election period (purdah) from 26th March – 2nd May 2024.**
3. **Mansfield Town Football Club Promotion** – On Tuesday 16th April Mansfield Town Football Club secured a 2-1 win against Accrington Stanley and promotion into League One with two games left to play. Huge congratulations to the Stags and everyone involved with the club following this long overdue and well deserved promotion into the third tier of English football.
4. On Sunday 28th April the streets of Mansfield were turned yellow and blue as the town came out to celebrate a magical day. The football club is at the heart of the community, and these moments will be remembered for a lifetime. Mansfield Town have had a fantastic season and at one stage boasted one of the longest unbeaten runs in Europe. We wish them well in their up and coming season.
5. **Bomber County Gateway Trust** – On 29th March the County Council were delighted to receive a limited print of the huge Lancaster Bomber Landmark which is due to be constructed on the boarder of Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire. Towering supports are already in place on the site as the Gateway Trust get ever closer to reaching their funding target to complete the project.
6. In 2018 The County Council's Policy Committee gave the go-ahead to contribute £10,000 towards the project at its meeting held on the same date as the 75th anniversary of the daring Dambusters mission during the Second World War. It is anticipated that the sculpture could become a major tourist attraction in its own right, bringing significant economic benefits to the whole of Nottinghamshire. Larger in scale than the Angel of the North the landmark will be seen by more than 35,000 drivers every day on the A46.
7. **Academy Transformation Trust Further Education College (ATTFE)** – Last week I had the pleasure of meeting the Principal of the ATTFE, Liz Barrett OBE along with some of the staff there who are doing fantastic things for our community.

8. The college provides lifelong learning opportunities to local and wider communities. It offers excellent inclusive further and adult education opportunities in a range of non-vocational provisions, along with accredited learning programs from Entry Level to Level 4.
9. I met with Linda Smith who is the Volunteers Partnership and Community Lead, and some of the team who volunteer in community support services locally. They run social groups and clubs helping to tackle isolation, and to boost skills and confidence. It was great to hear about some of the fantastic work they do across the county along with some inspirational stories on how volunteering with ATTFE has unearthed passions for helping others. ATTFE will soon be opening a new service in Mansfield, which is great news.

Progress Report

10. **Levelling Up Partnership Funding** – Councillor Scott Carlton Cabinet Member for Communities and Public Health recently approved a report accepting grant funding for the County Council led Levelling Up projects and entering the Council into legal agreements with the other accountable bodies.
11. Officers have been working with Bassetlaw District Council and Mansfield District Council to support the creation of an investment plan for each town for around £20m each. This work is now nearing completion with the full list of projects due to be announced shortly.
12. It is expected that part of the funding will be ringfenced for County Council led projects, including £5.5m in Mansfield for South Mansfield Family hubs, Youth investment intervention on Bellamy Estate and the Sainsbury's Junction improvements. £150k has been ringfenced in Bassetlaw towards the Worksop Family Hub.
13. **Procurement of Services to Support the Councils Technology Enabled Care Strategy (TEC)** – On March 28th, the Cabinet approved the procurement of a Service Delivery Partner for Technology Enabled Care, which will support the implementation of the Adults TEC strategy from 2024 to 2027.
14. It is crucial to procure new TEC Services to continue supporting the existing 4,000 customers and ensure a broad range of TEC solutions are accessible to help as many individuals as possible maintain their independence at home in the future.
15. The TEC Services not only contribute to better outcomes for those in need of social care support, but they also offer significant value for money to the council, resulting in savings of over £4 million over a three-year period. These savings can then be reinvested in other areas of Adult Social Care and Public Health.
16. **The Nottinghamshire Plan – Annual Delivery Plan 2024/2025** – The Cabinet recently approved its annual delivery plan for the next year which articulates the authority's strategic vision and acts as the framework for all Council activity and decision making.
17. The Council has a strong track record in delivery on our priorities as evidenced by previous Annual Reports, which detail the progress made in year to support the people and communities of Nottinghamshire.

18. The Annual Delivery Plan sets out a range of actions that will help the Council work towards the ambitions of the Nottinghamshire Plan over the upcoming year, with key initiatives including our longer-term ambitions of driving local public service reform, reshaping our Council in a sustainable manner, strengthening the building blocks of good health and wellbeing in communities and re-defining our relationship with schools and academies.

19. All decisions agreed at Cabinet are published online, you can find more details on the Council's Website - [Democratic Management System > Decisions \(nottinghamshire.gov.uk\)](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk)

Decisions taken under Special Urgency procedures

20. None.

Other Options Considered

21. None

Reason for Recommendation

22. This is a noting report to update the Full Council on matters relating to the Leader's portfolio and the work of the Executive since the last meeting, as required by the Constitution.

Statutory and Policy Implications

23. 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

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

RECOMMENDATION

1) That the contents of the report be noted.

**COUNCILLOR BEN BRADLEY MP
LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

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Constitutional Comments (HD)

25. Full Council is required to receive this report, which is to note, as set out in the Constitution.

Financial Comments (SES)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

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

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- None