



## **Economic Development and Asset Management Committee**

**Tuesday, 19 April 2022 at 14:00**

**County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP**

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### **15 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

The Committee will be invited to resolve:-

“That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions are likely to involve disclosure of exempt information described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

#### **Note**

If this is agreed, the public will have to leave the meeting during consideration of the following items.

#### **EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS**

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| 16 | Disposal of Site of former School at Lynncroft, Eastwood EXEMPT  |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);</li></ul> |
| 17 | Top Wighay Farm - Selection of Residential Development Partner EXEMPT  |
|    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);</li></ul> |

### **Notes**

- (1) Councillors are advised to contact their Research Officer for details of any Group Meetings which are planned for this meeting.
- (2) Members of the public wishing to inspect "Background Papers" referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:-

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- (3) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Council's Procedure Rules. Those declaring must indicate the nature of their interest and the reasons for the declaration.

Councillors or Officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact Peter Barker (Tel. 0115 977 4416) or a colleague in Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

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## minutes

Meeting	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Date	8 March 2022 (commencing at 2.30pm)

### Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

### COUNCILLORS

Keith Girling (Chair)  
Reg Adair (Vice Chair)  
Mike Introna (Vice Chair)

Anne Callaghan	Kate Foale
Scott Carlton	Glynn Gilfoyle
Steve Carr	David Shaw
Eddie Cubley	Roger Upton

### OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Barker	Democratic Services Officer
Jo Davies	Group Manager, Growth, Infrastructure & Development
Neil Gamble	Group Manager, Property Asset Management
Dan Maher	Managing Director of Arc
Matthew Neal	Service Director, Investment & Growth
Kevin Sharman	Team Manager, Transport Programme Delivery
Adrian Smith	Corporate Director, Place (via Teams)

### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Dan Maher	Managing Director of the Arc Partnership
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### 1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2022

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 January 2022, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read, subject to the following being confirmed, and were signed by the Chair:-

- Item 7, Investment in Remote Meeting and Live Streaming Technology at County Hall – Members queried the source of the funding for this proposal. It was confirmed to members following the meeting that the minutes were correct, with the funding coming from a variation to the Capital Programme which, together with its identified funding from grant, was approved at Full Council on 24 February 2022.

## **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## **4. BUSINESS SUPPORT AND GROWTH HUB**

### **RESOLVED: 2022/009**

- 1) That the contents of the be report.
- 2) That a progress update report be submitted in six months' time.

## **5. A614 AND A6097 MAJOR ROAD NETWORK – CPO AND SIDE ROADS ORDER**

Prior to the vote the Chairman proposed a change to the wording of the Recommendations as below.

### **RESOLVED: 2022/010**

- 1) That Committee delegates authority to the Service Director, Investment and Growth in consultation with the Section 151 Officer, the Head of Legal Services and the Chairman of the Economic Development & Asset Management Committee to:
  - a) make a compulsory purchase order and side roads order under the powers conferred by sections 14, 125, 239, 240, 246, 249, 250, and in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Highways Act 1980 and the Acquisition of Land Act 1981
    - (i) acquire all that land shaded pink on the plans included in the report;
    - (ii) acquire all those rights (or interfere with existing rights) over the land shaded blue on the plans included in the report,
  - b) be authorised to take all steps, and to enter into all documentation, on behalf of the Council in connection with the making, confirmation, submission or implementation of the compulsory purchase order and side roads order, including in respect of any public inquiry, appeal or legal challenge concerning the same.
  - c) be authorised to make amendments to the compulsory purchase order, side roads order or other connected documents provided that the proposed amendments do not significantly alter the scope of the compulsory purchase order and side roads order as presented to Committee by this report.

d) be authorised to take all steps to:

(i) negotiate agreements with any landowners, owners or occupiers of land included within the compulsory purchase order and side roads order; and / or

(ii) negotiate agreements with any party with an interest in any land included within or affected by the compulsory purchase order and side roads order, such agreements to include the acquisition of land or interests in land, payment of compensation or any other arrangements related to the delivery of the compulsory purchase order or side roads order.

2) That the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee endorse the timetable for the next steps in project delivery for the scheme.

## **6. SOCIAL HOUSING DECARBONISATION FUND**

### **RESOLVED: 2022/011**

- 1) That the Committee celebrate the additional funds and accept the SHDF Wave 1 grant funding allocation from BEIS (subject to the variation to the capital programme).
- 2) That Committee delegates authority to the Corporate Director, Place (or his nominee) in consultation with Group Manager, Legal Services to agree the BEIS MoU and the Districts MoU to deliver the scheme.
- 3) That the Committee consider bidding for future SHDF funding rounds (subject to review of detailed funding guidance and approval to submit specific bids).

## **7. EDAM COMMITTEE PERFORMANCE REPORT Q3**

### **RESOLVED 2022/012**

That the contents of the report be noted.

## **8. CORPORATE LANDLORD MODEL FOR DELIVERY OF PROPERTY SAFETY AND FM SERVICES**

### **RESOLVED: 2022/013**

- 1) That Committee support the proposals for the full implementation of a corporate landlord approach to the delivery of property safety and facilities management across the Council's operational property estate.
- 2) That the proposed restructure of staffing to deliver the corporate landlord approach as detailed in the report, be approved.

## **9. PROPOSED LEASE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MILL ADVENTURE BASE**

### **RESOLVED: 2022/014**

- 1) That the leasing of the additional areas of land indicated dotted and coloured grey on the plan, be approved.
- 2) That the existing leases dated 13 May 2004 and 6 May 2015 be surrendered, and one new lease agreed for the land contained within these leases, together with the additional areas described in Recommendation 1), on the terms contained in the report.

## **10. DISPOSAL OF THE FORMER GROVE PUPIL REFERRAL UNIT, NEWARK**

### **RESOLVED: 2022/015**

- 1) That the sale of the former pupil referral unit and adjacent land and buildings as indicated edged black on the plan and on the terms set out in the exempt appendix to the report, be approved.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Service Director Finance, Infrastructure & Improvement to negotiate and finalise the detailed terms of the contract including the mechanism for determination of the final sale price.

## **11. GRANT OF DRAINAGE EASEMENT, COTGRAVE COUNTRY PARK**

### **RESOLVED: 2022/016**

That the grant of a drainage easement on the basis of the terms outlined in the exempt appendix, be approved.

## **12. WORK PROGRAMME**

### **RESOLVED: 2022/017**

That the contents of the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.52pm

CHAIR

**19 April 2022****Agenda Item: 4****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ECONOMIC TRANSITION ACTION PLAN****Purpose of the Report**

1. To approve the County's Economic Transition Plan, which sets out how the Council (with support from its partners) will support the economy in the future.

**Information**

2. The COVID-19 crisis Economic Recovery Action Plan was launched in September 2020 as an ambitious plan to recharge the Nottinghamshire economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Combining actions initiated at national, regional and local levels and integrating a number of existing complementary activities, the Plan instigated swift and decisive action. The Plan ensured a post COVID-19 Nottinghamshire would be ready to embrace digital advances, be greener and resilient to both current and forthcoming challenges.
3. Nottinghamshire County Council and its partners continue to make remarkable progress in achieving the Goals set out in the original Economic Recovery Action Plan. A formal progress update based on the six themes of people, business, visitor economy, infrastructure, digital connectivity and place has been regularly reported back to this committee. Despite the successes and achievements made with the Recovery Action Plan, the external economic and policy environment is continually evolving and as such we will need to continue to support the economy in this period of transition. Furthermore, the economic impact of the war in Ukraine on local businesses and industry will need to be kept under close observation.
4. Nottinghamshire County Council supports and guides key partners in the region, such as: the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (D2N2LEP), the D2N2 Growth Hub, the Midlands Engine, business support practitioners, membership organisations and with the national Government, to lever wider support for our work. This plan has been prepared through dialogue with our District and Borough colleague and their identified economic priorities.
5. In December 2021, the EDAM committee agreed to support the refresh of the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan, creating an evolving document that could flexibly adapt to support the economic recovery in a timely fashion. With this in mind, a high-level transition plan has been written (see Appendix A) which sets out the broad principles of the work that will be done to create a framework for more detailed action and delivery plans to sit within.

6. At the heart of the Economic Transition Plan is our bold aim to helping Nottinghamshire's business base recover and prepare for future change and opportunities. The Plan, which can be found at **Appendix A**, covers the six themes of: people, business, the visitor economy, infrastructure, digital connectivity and place. The intention is to make the success factors measurable by linking to specific key performance indicators and will be supported by detailed action/delivery plans. These will be continually updated and progress will be reported back regularly.
7. In terms of its structure, the Plan is split into various sections:
- **Vision and Aims** – how this plan fits into the wider Corporate Plan and its main aims
  - **Current Economic Headwind** - an overview of the current economic position
  - **Strengths and Opportunities** – details of the work done to date and identifies future opportunities
  - **This is what Council will do next** – outlines 18 objectives for the plan across the six priority areas of work and high-level actions of how these will be achieved
  - **Monitoring and governance** – how the plan will be monitored and managed in the future.

### Other Options Considered

8. Approval has already been sought to refresh the current recovery strategy as a flexible document which can evolve and be amended when required. The transition plan in Appendix A provides the strategic framework for the work of the Growth, Infrastructure and Development team, whilst also allowing the flexibility for detailed action/delivery plans to be created under this. For this reason, there were no other options considered, as this would not be in keeping with the current approval received.

### Reasons for Recommendations

9. Recommendation to approve the economic transition plan is being sought, as it clearly demonstrates the Council's intention to help the local economy recover and move through this transitional period. It plans to do this by being forward thinking, creative and ambitious, and putting in place measures that give real opportunities to all those who live and work in our County to achieve their potential and make them proud to call Nottinghamshire home.

### Statutory and Policy Implications

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

### Financial Implications

11. The recommendations themselves have no immediate financial impact. Proposals resulting from the actions will be costed and considered and subject to the usual scrutiny and democratic process.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee:

Approves the Nottinghamshire Economic Transition Plan (as shown in Appendix A).

**Adrian Smith**  
**Corporate Director, Place**

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### **Constitutional Comments (GMG 18/03/2022)**

12. EDAM Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report and to give approval for the Plan.

### **Financial Comments (SES 18/03/2022)**

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

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

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

- *‘Progress on the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Action Plan’* - Report to EDAM Committee, 7 December 2021
- *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Action Plan*

### **Electoral Divisions and Members Affected**

- All



Nottinghamshire County Council

# Economic Transition Plan

2022-2025 DRAFT



Healthy

Prosperous

Green



# Nottinghamshire County Council's Vision:

**"A healthy, prosperous and greener future for everyone"**

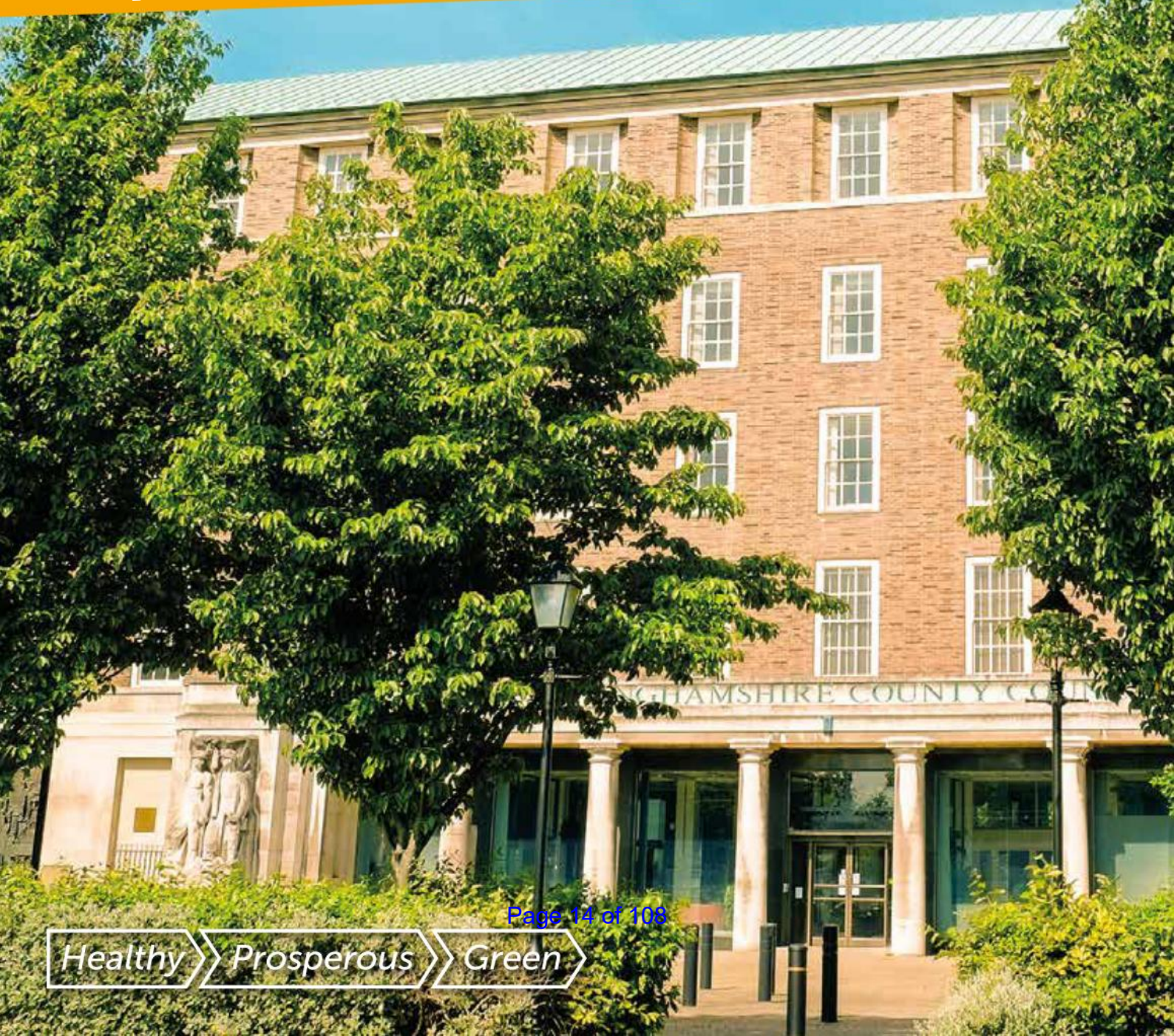
For the next ten years, we'll focus on:

improving health and wellbeing in all our communities

growing our economy and improving living standards

reducing the County's impact on the environment

helping everyone access the best of Nottinghamshire



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Cllr Keith Girling

## Foreword

from the Chairman of the Economic Development  
and Asset Management Committee

The Covid-19 pandemic has been one of the biggest challenges that Nottinghamshire's economy has ever had to face. Our focus over the last two years has been to support our businesses and communities to overcome the immense pressure that they have been under. As things slowly begin to return to normality, our attention now returns to making Nottinghamshire somewhere people love to live, work and visit. Through this plan we are working to transition our economy from recovery into growth, with the expectation that we will far exceed our previous ambitions. As outlined in the wider Nottinghamshire plan, to make this plan a success, we must focus on:

▶ **improving health and wellbeing in all our communities**

▶ **growing our economy and improving living standards**

▶ **reducing the County's impact on the environment**

▶ **helping everyone access the best of Nottinghamshire**

Our Economic Transition Plan is focussed upon drawing the best out of the County's rich history and wealth of natural environment. The pandemic has seen a significant increase in residents' engagement with the environment, and its importance has never been higher given that we have now declared a climate emergency in Nottinghamshire. It is our duty to ensure we are working towards all Council activity being net carbon neutral by 2030, so that we can protect our environment and natural resources for future generations. This will extend to all our areas of work.

The pandemic has accelerated longer term shifts in logistics markets towards rapid delivery models, increased online retail and at home delivery shopping. Rising overheads, debt increases and forced closures have led to a less diverse and responsive high street offer. Community mobility data shows the ongoing impact on residents use of high streets and leisure places when compared to pre-pandemic levels. Healthier, and more sustainable transport use is needed to enable greater inclusion, and support convenience, choice and access to places, while lowering use of energy. The current shortage of labour, the limited supply of premises and the recent international political uncertainty is leading to rising inflation. This will continue to have a significant impact on our people, our businesses and our economy.

There remains significant underfunding per head to East Midlands places in comparison to other UK areas. HM Treasury public spending data for 2020 shows public current and capital spending in the East Midlands remains the lowest in the country. This underspend means there is an opportunity to work regionally to grow the share of investment in places in Nottinghamshire.

Nottinghamshire County Council has developed this 18-point-plan that is focussed on transforming our local economy through placing the interests of our communities and businesses at its heart, whilst also driving investment and improvements across the county. The plan is built on six themes of people, business, the visitor economy, infrastructure, digital connectivity and place, which will collectively enable Nottinghamshire to emerge as a County moving forward. The plan focusses on continuing the great work we are already delivering, unlocking previously untapped potential and engaging regional and national partners to drive our vision forwards.

It is fundamental that we continue to build an economy that is resilient, sustainable and agile to be able to respond to opportunities and challenges that may arise from changing market demands. This plan is one that will continue to evolve in response to changing circumstances and has been built in a way that will allow us to continue to draw on the expertise and knowledge available in our region.

The pandemic has seen significant shifts in the ways people wish to work and live and it is important that we reflect these behavioural changes in our long-term plans. The Economic Transition Plan will play a key role in ensuring we deliver our Council ambition to create a healthy, more prosperous and greener Nottinghamshire for everyone.



# OUR VISION & AIMS....



The aims and objectives of the Council Plan (2021-31) have been fully considered as part of this Economic Transition Plan. The Council Plan is clear with its main objective being: **"A healthy, prosperous and greener future for everyone"** and that for the next ten years, the focus will be:

- ▶ improving health and wellbeing in all our communities
- ▶ growing our economy and improving living standards
- ▶ reducing the County's impact on the environment
- ▶ helping everyone access the best of Nottinghamshire

This Economic Transition Plan will assist with the Council's aims to:

- build skills for people to get into jobs,
- to strengthen businesses and create more good quality jobs,
- to make the county somewhere people love to live, work and visit
- to attract investment in infrastructure, economy and green growth
- improving transport and digital connections; and
- protect the environment and reduce our carbon footprint.

Under the Levelling Up agenda and the opportunities devolution presents, we are in a position to maximise investment opportunities and drive sustainable growth in our economy. In order to be best placed to maximise this potential and to contribute to the Council Plan's priorities, there are six priority areas of work:

- **People** – putting our "people" first to ensure they have the right skills and training so that they are ready for work, that they have the support to get into work and then to be achieve and progress in their careers.
- **Business** – our businesses provide employment, services and facilities which will require our support in this transition plan and to be ready for change and innovate for their future success.
- **Visitor economy** - one of the worst affected sectors and faces a high level of uncertainty in the future, which will require further support to ensure that visitor numbers and the jobs provided within this sector are supported.
- **Infrastructure** – essential enabler to ensure the success of the economy and includes the provision of improved/new provision of physical transport infrastructure.
- **Digital connectivity** – ensuring the technology and digital connectivity provision is in place so the county is well served and best place to maximise the potential future opportunities.
- **Place** – strategic growth and improvement of place assets, so that funding and investment opportunities are maximised in the future.

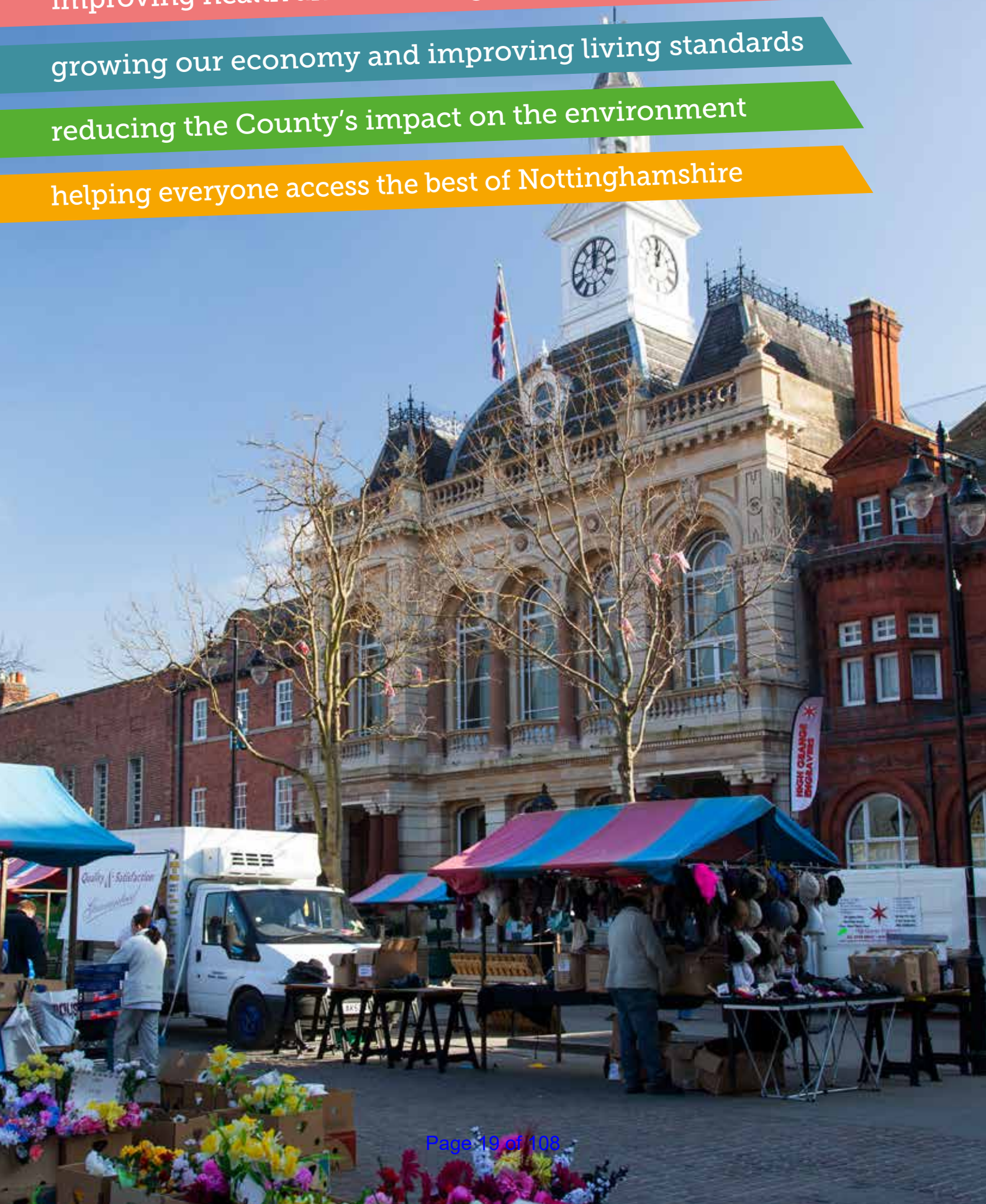


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# The Current **Economic** Headwind

Nottinghamshire's economic landscape has changed a lot over the last 30 years, with growth largely mirroring the national economy. However, while the south and east of the County are generally performing at or around the national average, the north, especially Ashfield and Mansfield, are below the national average in terms of education, skills, training, annual earnings and business growth. The pandemic has caused a seismic shift in the way we work, live and where we visit. We have seen a significant increase in the importance of digital technology, with many organisations embracing remote working, and we have seen an emphasis on green and sustainable infrastructure prevail. Across Nottinghamshire, as we move into the transition period from recovery to growth, it is crucial that we recognise the state of our economy on a theme-by-theme basis.

In Nottinghamshire, we understand the following:

## People

People



- As of mid-year 2020, Nottinghamshire had a working age population (16-64) of 507,400, which equates to 60.9% of the total population in the County. The pandemic has consistently applied pressure to unemployment rates and for the period of October 2020 to September 2021, 17,800 people were unemployed.
- Nottinghamshire has a lower proportion of the population aged 16-64 ( 35.4% )with higher level qualifications (NVQ4+) compared to England (42.8%). In the last 10 years, 25% more of the Nottinghamshire working age population (16 – 64 years) hold a degree-level qualification.
- The proportion of people in Nottinghamshire holding lower-level or no qualifications continued to decrease over the last decade and is 7.3% which is higher than the England average at 6.2%.
- The highest number of people gaining the highest level of skills NVQ4+ are in the boroughs of Rushcliffe and Broxtowe, whilst the districts of Ashfield and Bassetlaw have the lowest number of people gaining these qualifications.
- In the last 10 years, Nottinghamshire has seen an increase in economically active people in employment, albeit slightly lower than East Midlands and National levels.
  - Population aged 16-64: **507,400**
  - Economically active people: **394,900**
  - Total in employment: **377,200**
  - In employment – Employees: **333,200**
  - In employment Self Employed: **42,500**
  - Total Unemployed: **17,800**
  - Jobless total at **31,505**
- As at January 2022, there are 17,165 (3.4%) people claiming Universal Credit across Nottinghamshire. This is significantly lower than a high in May 2020 of 5.4% and is steadily reducing towards pre pandemic levels.
- As at December 2021, the numbers of young people not in employment, education, or training (NEET): Academic Age Years 12-13 Cohort:2.4% or 408 young people. Actual Age 16/17 Year Old Cohort:2.3% or 327 young people.

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- The Covid-19 pandemic has provided an unprecedented challenge to the resilience and capacity of Nottinghamshire's economy, and it is expected that the impact will be ongoing for years to come. Across the UK, it is estimated that the economy contracted by 9.4% in 2020 because of the pandemic and related public health restrictions, but 2021 has seen a resurgence in UK Gross Domestic Product (GDP) with an annual rise of 7.5% recorded. This figure is below initial estimations following the end of year challenge posed by the Omicron variant but monthly GDP is now in line with pre-pandemic levels.
- Nottinghamshire has demonstrated it has significant sectorial strengths in manufacturing, wholesale and retail trade (which is inclusive of the repair of motor vehicles), and in real estate. Before the pandemic, the Gross Value Added (GVA) for the County was at a low base rate - equivalent to £19.3m, in comparison to £23.4m in the East Midlands and £29.6m for the UK. Moving forward, it is about supporting and enhancing our key industries to ensure their long-term viability and to improve Countywide productivity levels.
- Lower average wages as shown by the median gross weekly pay £564.80 for Nottinghamshire, compared with £573.40 (East Midlands).



# Visitor Economy



- The visitor economy in Nottinghamshire in 2019 was worth £1.75bn and supported around 15,000 jobs.
- A COVID-19 Visitor Economy Recovery Planning Business Survey completed in June 2020 reported that 70% of the surveyed businesses in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire had lost more than 80% of trade due to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Over the last decade, the volume and value of tourism in Nottinghamshire has been growing much more slowly than the national average, with the pandemic deepening this divide further, Nottinghamshire had an average 3.5% annual increase in direct and indirect tourism expenditure from 2009 to 2020; 2020 saw this drop by 55%.
- Visit Britain's latest 2022 international visitor forecast for the UK suggests visitor numbers will increase to 21.1million, and spending to £16.9 billion in 2022. These are 52% and 59% respectively of the visits and spend levels seen in 2019. By the end of 2022, it is expected that visits will have recovered to around two thirds of pre-COVID levels and that it is expected to take a couple of years for visit numbers to return to 2019 levels.
- The latest Visit Britain domestic tourism forecast (2021) is for a recovery to £56.2bn in domestic tourism spending in Britain in 2021; this is up 65% compared to 2020 but is only 61% of the level of spending seen in 2019. Different journey purposes and trip types will have recovered at different rates. Although Visit Britain is not estimating an immediate return to pre-COVID levels of spending, evidence strongly suggests that for some regions and trip/activity types, spending levels were ahead of 2019 for part of the year, building on an upsurge in interest in "staycations".
- Workers employed in the hospitality, non-food retail, arts, leisure and entertainment sectors are twice as likely to lose their job compared to employees in other sectors of the economy
- Nottinghamshire is currently very reliant on day visitors – 91% of total visitors to Nottinghamshire are day visitors and only 9% stay overnight. September 2018 saw a spike in overnight visitors associated with the Tour of Britain, demonstrating the opportunities for the sector from large scale events being hosted in the county.



# Infrastructure

## Infrastructure



- Nottinghamshire's central location makes it one of the best-connected counties in England with East Midlands Airport on the doorstep, good rail links and a network of over 4,000 kilometres of road.
- There are the 4 major growth corridors identified across the County which will support the 828,000 residents to work, earn and live healthy lives and more than 31,000 local businesses to grow and do business.
- Nottinghamshire has a legacy of historic under-investment in transport infrastructure across parts of the County and we have spent £55.6m on highways infrastructure in 2020/21. Our ambition for infrastructure led growth needs real and inclusive connectivity improvements.

# Digital Connectivity

## Digital Connectivity



- As part of a national programme, Nottinghamshire enjoys the vanguard position in the East Midlands with 29.36% full-fibre and 98.7% superfast 5G coverage (making us one of the top three most digitally connected in the UK). Where our new digital infrastructure has been installed, over 75% of premises (homes and businesses) have made the switch to high-speed Internet access.
- The National Audit Office (NAO) reported internet use is rising by 40% a year, driven largely by video streaming and home working.



- Healthy life expectancy at birth across Nottinghamshire is on average between 61.6 and 63.4 years, and lower for deprivation areas detailed below. In the least deprived areas of England, healthy life expectancy is between 18.4 and 19.7 more years than the most disadvantaged areas.
- In Nottinghamshire, there are 31 areas in the 10% most deprived in England, an increase from 25 in 2015 with largest concentrations in Ashfield, Bassetlaw, Mansfield and Newark & Sherwood. Five of the areas in Mansfield and Ashfield are in the 2% most deprived. The long-running scarring cost to young people entering the labour market in 2021, in lost earnings and damage to employment prospects, is estimated by the Princes Trust to be £14.4 billion over the next seven years. Newark & Sherwood, Mansfield and Gedling also include three of England's worst 10 areas for their lack of Social Mobility opportunities, as a mainly rural county that also suffers from poor mobile connectivity.
- Mental health is the second highest cause of disability and illness. Globally and in Nottinghamshire, 14% or 1 in 7 of quality life years lost to disability or illness can be attributed to mental illness. Approximately 10% of Nottinghamshire adults aged 18-64 live with moderate/severe physical disabilities. Approximately one in five people aged 65+ have multiple daily activity support needs. For older people, there a projected increase is expected from 29,000 in 2015, to 43,000 by 2030.
- Accessibility of local greenspace and nature assets with associated mental and physical health benefits continues to vary across the County. For Nottinghamshire's districts with highest concentrations of deprived areas, there is between a 6% and 9% decline compared to February 2020 in community mobility to visit places for retail and recreation. As at February 2022, visits to parks were reduced between 29 and 7% across Nottinghamshire, compared with February 2020 levels.
- UK wide, consumer spending is forecast to grow at reduced rate of 4.4% in 2022, down from its previous forecast of 6.9% in December 2021. Transit locations and access to workplaces remain reduced across Nottinghamshire, by on average 20%. This reflects, ongoing needs of vulnerable residents for safe transport, and the wider shift to increased working from home. These changes will have lasting effects on the user needs from our places, now and in the future.
- At Jan 2021, the pandemic saw homelessness double since 2019 across Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, and market changes fuelled unprecedented house price growth and energy price increases. In September 2021 house prices reached at record high nationally, including a sharp increase to 7.3 per cent annual increase across Nottinghamshire. The energy price cap rise in April 2022 adds between £693 and £2,017 to household bills, and inflation is set to outpace wage growth into 2024, maintaining the squeeze on household finances.

- At June 2021, most wards in Nottinghamshire remain below a good standard energy efficiency with large areas of North Nottinghamshire rated low or very low. The average Nottinghamshire home has a D energy efficiency rating, with potential for a C rating on 17.9%. Under current estimates Nottinghamshire is on course for 17,500 low carbon and renewable energy jobs are by 2050, mainly through electrical and heating sector jobs.
- As at Q1 of 2022, UK Economic growth is expected to halve this year amid further national and global shocks, including increasing inflation, tax rises, increasing energy prices and Russia's invasion of Ukraine. UK economic growth is forecast to slow sharply to 1.3% in 2023, easing to 1.2% in 2024 due to the cost of living squeeze, weak business investment and sluggish export growth.
- Business investment is forecast to grow at a reduced rate of 3.5% in 2022, down from 5.1% in December 2021. UK GDP growth in 2022 is a downgraded forecast of 3.6%, reduced from 4.2% the previous year.



# Our Progress so far...



## People

- We launched Nottinghamshire Opportunities, a virtual one-stop-shop to support residents find work opportunities and help employers develop their talent pool. The portal will help improve access to training and employment, matching an individual's skills and training with job opportunities.
- As a Lead Authority, Nottinghamshire County Council were successful in attracting UK Community Renewal Fund of c£4m in the three district areas of Bassetlaw, Mansfield and Newark and Sherwood that were announced as Priority Areas for support. Four projects have been supported and focus on the following investment priorities: Investment in skills; Investment for local business; Investment in communities and place and Supporting people into employment
- We supported the roll out of Careers Hubs into Nottinghamshire, the hubs make links between educational establishments and businesses across D2N2 to inspire young people about their future career options and personal potential. Alongside this we have promoted the D2N2 start platform a careers portal for schools.
- We have promoted to local businesses the opportunity to access Nottinghamshire County Council Apprenticeship levy.
- We have supported, promoted and influenced European Social Fund provision in Nottinghamshire including the Unlocking Potential Hub, Well for Work and Way2Work. We ensured that the Building Better Opportunities programme (Towards Work, Opportunity and Change and Money Sorted) in D2N2 have continued to respond to the needs of people furthest away for the labour market into education, training or employment.
- We promoted the National Careers Service East Midlands (operated by the Council's part owned Futures Group) and supported virtual jobs fairs.
- We worked with the organisers of the Festival of Science and Curiosity to continue the expansion into Nottinghamshire and inspire residents to learn, explore their local area and become the scientists of the future.
- In partnership with Broxtowe Youth Homelessness and our Achievement Team, we have developed and funded the Care2work programme to continue until 2023. The project is aimed at 16–17-year-olds before they leave care and consists of a two-day work readiness programme, followed by a meaningful work placement in a field of their choice.
- The Council has established a "Nottinghamshire Local Offer for Care Leavers" and have recently approved a Looked After Children and Care Leavers strategy to identify the future priorities work areas.





## Business

- We worked to ensure that as partners in the D2N2 Growth Hub to promote the national and local support to businesses, supporting their access to finance and advice, switching its wider advice online and offering one-to-one support to businesses (around 200 enquiries every week).
- We acted promptly to guide the D2N2 LEP and Growth Hub in developing its approach to business support, reflecting the needs of Nottinghamshire businesses and communicated throughout with local business groups.
- We guided the D2N2 Growth Hub as they finalised the application process for its £720,398 share (of the £20m) Government support package specifically aimed at small to medium sized enterprise (SMEs) to help them recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic (grant between £1,000 and £5,000).
- We supported the development and assessment of applications by Nottinghamshire businesses seeking to grow via the Business Investment Fund and through referrals to the D2N2 specialist programmes such as the Upscaler project. 90 Nottinghamshire SME's expressed an interest, of which 68 have been supported in drafting their applications. 46 have now been contracted with projects totalling over £1.6m with grants in excess of £590k.
- We delivered a programme of workshops on how to work with Nottinghamshire County Council and the public sector in supplying goods and services, reflecting the ambitions of the Procurement Strategy.
- We commissioned a set of business resilience and recovery sessions delivered by the East Midlands Chamber of Commerce, geared towards managing the challenges of growth within a COVID-19 environment.
- We delivered a virtual Recruiting Talent in Nottinghamshire, to over 100 delegates, which showcased the resources available to help local business to recruit and retain local talent.
- We provided regular tailored e-bulletins for Nottinghamshire businesses seeking business support.
- We have worked with East Midlands Chamber on a series of events enabling Nottinghamshire businesses to engage with supply opportunities, especially those related to large scale construction developments and projects. Furthermore, we have offered 5 specialist International Trade Support workshops sessions on new trading arrangements with the EU.





## Visitor Economy

- We raised business awareness of national support and advice programmes to enable the sector to re-open and trade safely.
- We engaged with businesses to understand the post-COVID challenges and recovery planning through our COVID-19 tourism survey.
- We supported businesses to access Kickstarting Tourism funding
- We actively supported the Visitor Economy Strategy Hubs in the County to co-programme and co-promote outdoor offers
- Launch of a Food and Drink Business Support Toolkit
- The first ever Nottinghamshire Day was held on 25 August 2021 to great success. For the first time, #NottsDay and "Nottinghamshire" trended on Twitter for the United Kingdom on the morning on the day, demonstrating the high levels of activity and interest.
- We supported a wide range of activities as part of the Mayflower 400 commemorative programme including schools' educational activities, the augmented reality activity book "A Pilgrim Adventure", and the planting of Pilgrim 400 apple trees. We helped to fund the Wampanoag Perspective cultural exchange which delivered:
  - Over 600 children from 14 schools across Bassetlaw attended educational sessions at Bassetlaw Museum
  - Over 60 attendees at a seminar for in-depth insight into Wampanoag culture and heritage.
  - Over 400 people at Bassetlaw Museum, cultural showcases of Wampanoag traditions including music, dancing and construction of traditional Wetu dwelling
  - Virtual conference held in January 2022 on the theme of acceptance, freedom, and tolerance.
- We have engaged and continue to work with a wide range of partners on plans for a refreshed Visitor Economy Strategy for Nottinghamshire



## Infrastructure

- The COVID-19 outbreak has been a stress test to the resiliency and sustainability of our transportation networks and infrastructure. We have over 4,000 kilometres of road network. North-south routes are particularly strong for both road and rail, with the recently upgraded M1 on our western side and the A1 to the east. The East Coast Mainline has stations at Newark and Retford, providing very good access to London and northern cities. Transport Funding per capita in the East Midlands is though the lowest of any region at £477 compared to GB as a whole - £737 or London - £1,476.
- Prioritising investment in infrastructure which reflects the importance of Nottinghamshire to the national road network and supports growth corridor approaches. A range of schemes are in the pipeline or under consideration by Government including:
  - A46 Newark Northern Bypass, an essential upgrade to remove a major traffic bottleneck and support housing and employment sites as a key investment in the Trans-Midlands Trade Corridor in partnership with Midlands Connect and this was identified in National Highways draft 5 year plan to 2025
  - A614/A6097 Ollerton to Kirk Hill improvements, with the Outline Business Case agreed by Government and the planning application submitted for all the works required
  - Proposals to upgrade the A1 to motorway standard through the East Midlands unlocking significant potential for employment and housing development as well as addressing congestion, highway safety and network resilience promoted by Midlands Connect
  - Proposals to improve the A52 and a range of other Major Road Network investments to unlock land for housing and employment
- Making improvements to existing rail infrastructure, for example electrification to support and enhance the case for both the current High Speed 2 Parkway proposals and further links through the East Midlands north to Leeds, as well as proposals to bring back rail links across the County.
- Continuing with the existing programme of major investment in transport infrastructure which has seen the delivery to name a few of Mansfield Bus Station, Hucknall Town Centre Improvement and the ongoing project to deliver the Gedling Access Road, a £40+m investment to support growth whilst relieving congestion issues in the surrounding area.
- We secured £3m from government through the Active Travel Fund (ATF). Tranche 1 provided quick, emergency interventions to make cycling and walking safer in the early stages of the pandemic with tranche 2 secured to deliver permanent cycle improvements. This funding also included an allocation for a complementary behaviour change programme which added to the previous Access Fund and the more recent follow-on Capability Fund provides job-seekers, businesses, and commuters with support and encouragement to reach employment opportunities sustainably. The total size of these successful travel behaviour packages has now exceeded £1m.
- We have been earmarked around £20m of capital funding through the successful Transforming Cities Fund bid to improve public transport and cycling on a number of corridors around the City to complement measures within Nottingham

- We have invested £35.8m in Nottinghamshire's highways during 2021/22 allocated to:
  - Improve local roads and other highway assets.
  - Support integrated transport schemes (such as a pedestrian crossing, capacity improvement, speed management and road safety schemes) supporting the safe return of ridership of our vital business public transport systems and bus stations. This includes advanced development/ design of future highways schemes to help secure external funding and to be ready to bid for funding as and when opportunities arise.
- Deliver Gedling Access Road, Southwell Flood Risk Alleviation Scheme, and street lighting upgrades.
- Deliver the traffic management revenue programme and travel planning.
- We are mapping out the skill requirements in design, manufacture and construction for delivering our public infrastructure projects to set the overall capability needs of the supply chain and exploring joint approaches to talent development through the inclusion of training investment and apprenticeships within contracts.





## Digital Connectivity

- We are starting from a high base, with 98.5% of premises in the county already able to access superfast broadband and 29.36% of both residential and business premises now able to access a gigabit network. Our investment in broadband means we are one of the most digitally connected places in the country.
- Public sector investment in broadband to date in Nottinghamshire for the period 2014-2022 stands at just under £20m. This investment resulted in approximately 90,000 premises (78.83% take-up) in Nottinghamshire having access to a fibre broadband service that would not have received such access without the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme.
- Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire has connected an additional 1,493 premises to gigabit capable broadband services in the past 12 months
- Over 20% of these premises have already made the switch to a high-speed internet service
- 3,000 Nottinghamshire premises in scope for network upgrades thanks to the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme supported by the Nottinghamshire top-up
- World's first 5G network in a forest setting now live at Sherwood Forest the £10m 5G Connected Forest project to provide virtual reality attractions and forest monitoring as part of a new trial. This shift to 5G will bring about dramatic transformations in our daily lives, and we will work to ensure that Nottinghamshire remains at the forefront of these developments to safeguard the future prosperity of residents and businesses.
- Launched UK's first environmental management robotic dog - "Gizmo". This prototype, remote-controlled, dog-shaped robot uses the 5G connectivity within Sherwood Forest and is taking the lead by trialling how data gathered from areas which are usually inaccessible, can help monitor and assess the health and condition within a forest environment.
- 306 students have benefitted from UK's first 5G Careers programme
- We secured £600k investment from Government's Getting Building Fund for key digital assets to support business growth. This included a new 5G, augmented reality and extended reality Digital Innovation Centre at the Council's Turbine Centre in Worksop. This has created not only high-quality office accommodation and employment space but also a programme of training and business support activities to engage, inspire and develop the skills of our current and future workforces.





## Place

- Through the Midlands Engine, Nottinghamshire County Council has led partners in the region to create the first new form of development corporation of its kind in the East Midlands. The new entity will drive transformative investments covering the sites of Toton, Chetwynd Barracks, the area around the East Midlands Airport and the power station at Ratcliffe on Soar. This once-in-a-generation opportunity is set to transform the region's economy, with over 84,000 new jobs and boosting GVA growth by £4.8bn, by using new models for living and working, making and moving.
- We worked with district and borough councils to maximise the impact of the remaining Re-Opening High Streets Safely Fund, and enabled fast-tracking of pavement licensing and the use of Temporary Regulation Orders to maximise the use of town centres. We supported the Towns Boards for Newark, Mansfield, Ashfield and Stapleford to repurpose the high street to drive investment and jobs through the Future High Streets Fund and we are active partners in the emerging Town Deals.
- We worked to ensure that the Warm Homes Hub, a partnership with the County Council, Age UK and E.ON offered advice on energy efficiency as well as benefit checks, foodbank support and other applications for hardship funds or one-off crisis grants towards essential living expenses such as food and bills. We secured £1 million funding secured from Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to retrofit homes (solid wall insulation, air heat pumps, solar thermal heating, windows and doors, loft and cavity wall insulation).
- We secured £3.3m investment from Government's Getting Building Fund and the Lindhurst Group, and £3m from the D2N2 Local Growth Fund to drive forward key Invest in Nottinghamshire projects to support transformational local projects
- Working with East Midlands Airport to support the creation of a 'freeport' status with little to no tax to encourage economic activity, aimed at creating hotbeds for innovation. Whilst also promoting regeneration job opportunities on the Ratcliffe on Soar site in Nottinghamshire. for housing and green growth:
  - Top Wighay Village near Linby– a flagship green development of 805 homes, primary school, a local centre, employment land, and improved walking and cycling infrastructure.
  - The Lindhurst Development at Berry Hill, Mansfield which will open new housing and community facilities on land part-owned by the Council.
- We continue to build upon the successes of Arc Partnership, our innovative joint venture with Scape Group which over the last four years across D2N2 spent a high proportion of its £172m budget with SME companies (91%), as well as using local SME framework suppliers for the majority of the work (86%)
- We hosted the COP26 Regional Roadshow East Midlands in partnership with the Midlands Engine, Environment Agency, Midlands Energy Hub, Arc Partnership, Scape, East Midlands Development Company, and many more regional partners, exploring best practice environmental interventions into place. The popular event showcased the region's great potential and achievements through green investments into our cities regions and built environment.

# This is what the Council **will do next**

We are looking to keep this Economic Transition Plan local to Nottinghamshire and to ensure we are positioned to ensure a prosperous economy. This has undoubtedly a period in our lives which has seen significant change and we will have to live alongside the virus for the foreseeable future. We want to support the local economy in this transition period to build back better, greener and more productively. We need to have a specific focus on unlocking previously untapped potential. There are high growth sectors in the medium term, that if nurtured, will drive both employment and sector Gross Value Added (GVA) increase. Our local business resilience has been historically high. In fact, it is part of our social fabric. This points to an enterprise landscape that is connected and where innovation is fostered.

We will make sure that every targeted activity and intervention within our control and influence, will maximise the benefit and impact for our people, businesses and visitors. We want to rebuild Nottinghamshire's economy together to emerge as a County moving forward. The six themes we will base our work on are: people, business, visitor economy, infrastructure and digital connectivity and place. Each will be supported by a delivery plan.





# People



## Our next steps:

### 1. Access to employment and skills for all

- Co-ordinate and promote existing support programme and providers
- Enable more residents to secure employment status and/or progress into better paid employment
- Support programmes targeting adults including disadvantaged residents, vulnerable adults and graduates
- Support programmes targeting young people, those Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) and care leavers

### 2. Skills for the future – building skills employers seek

- Promote talent retention schemes
- Support programmes and businesses to identify and meet their future skills requirements
- Support programmes and businesses to identify and provide in-work skills training support and recruitment issues

### 3. Influencing partners, policy and programmes

- Shape, influence and ensure national / regional plans and initiatives complement local provision and meet local needs
- Support partners and the voluntary sector to ensure quality programme of activity around employment and skills
- Support the wider corporate employment and skills work, including community engagement, early help/prevention work and staff shortages

## Success means:

- ✓ More people have the skills and attributes for work, able to progress and achieve their aspiration
- ✓ Increased economic productivity
- ✓ Increased take-up of apprenticeships
- ✓ Businesses supported to develop and grow a skilled workforce that meets their needs
- ✓ Strengthened engagement between schools, colleges and employers





# Business



## Our next steps:

### 4. Ensure businesses can access the support they need to grow and thrive

- Provide one to one specialist business support in partnership with the Growth Hub focused on improvement and sustainability
- Support businesses to access revenue and capital funding
- Signpost businesses to specialist services, advice, and provision
- Keep businesses informed and connected through communications, training, and networking opportunities

### 5. Support businesses to build resilience and prepare for the future

- Work with partners and businesses to encourage innovation in products and processes
- Embed low carbon advice within all business support
- Embed new technology advice within all business support

### 6. Seek opportunities to continually improve our business support offer through partnership working

- Work collaboratively to identify gaps in current business support and seek out opportunities to fill gaps in provision
- Work with partners to influence and enhance local and national policy affecting businesses to ensure a consistent and holistic approach
- Work with partners to identify and take advantage of inward investment and business growth funding opportunities

## Success means:

- ✓ A single reference point for the most up-to-date information, guidance and support for businesses across our county
- ✓ Businesses across Nottinghamshire are enabled and encouraged to adopt renewable energy and helped to innovate and grow, or diversify into the low carbon sector
- ✓ Effective partnerships are forged to increase investment and growth for Nottinghamshire businesses



# Visitor Economy



## Our next steps:

### 7. Attract more visitors to Nottinghamshire from across the UK and overseas

- Improve the welcome and signposting between attractions for visitors
- Increase the profile of our visitor attractions and towns and support local visits.
- Develop a higher profile for Nottinghamshire in the marketplace

### 8. Lengthen the amount of time visitors spend in Nottinghamshire

- Promote the wide range of visitor experiences available in Nottinghamshire
- Encourage visitors to travel more widely and sustainably across the County
- Enable the delivery of great visitor experiences
- Increase the range of accommodation available in the County
- Shape and support new and existing tourism projects

### 9. Create the conditions for businesses to thrive

- Training and funding opportunities to support businesses
- Championing and recognising the value of the visitor economy within the Council and across partners
- Adopt a strategic coordination role for the visitor economy across Nottinghamshire, working with partners

## Success means:

- ✓ Increased visitor numbers to Nottinghamshire from across the UK and overseas
- ✓ Nottinghamshire is recognised as an attractive tourism destination across the UK and overseas
- ✓ Local people are aware of the visitor experiences on offer, and spend more time visiting our attractions and market towns
- ✓ Visitor economy businesses are enabled and supported to grow through training and funding opportunities and tailored support (linking with the D2N2 Growth Hub)
- ✓ Nottinghamshire County Council and its partners work collaboratively to champion and grow the visitor economy



# Infrastructure



## Our next steps:

### 10. To maximise opportunities for transport infrastructure improvements

- Ensure projects with secured funding are ready for delivery
- To secure funding for infrastructure improvements when they arise

### 11. To develop a pipeline of projects that are feasible, deliverable and affordable

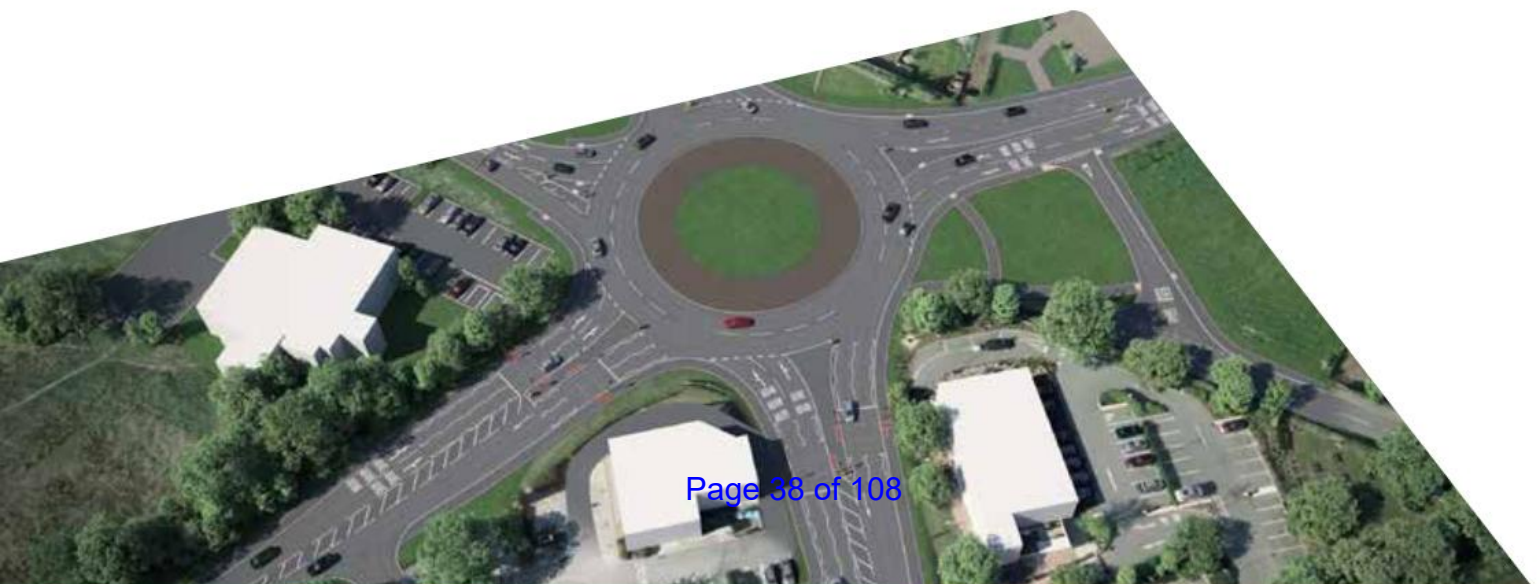
- To identify suitable capital projects for the pipeline
- To develop new initiatives / ideas to support the environmental agenda, including the benefits of public transport usage

### 12. To proactively engage with and influence partner organisations to ensure maximum benefits

- Work with partners to influence future policy changes and priorities for the benefit of the county's aspirations
- Support partners with their delivery aspirations (such as EMC and DevCo) in relation to transport implications of proposals on their sites
- Support district and boroughs with their identified infrastructure priorities

## Success means:

- ✓ New grant funding secured for capital infrastructure improvements
- ✓ New revenue funding secured to support behavioural change programmes
- ✓ Identification of new infrastructure improvements for future improvements





# Digital Connectivity



## Our next steps:

### **13. Digital Infrastructure: Identify ways in which digital technologies can be used to improve business productivity**

- Work towards reaching 100% full fibre coverage
- Extend the gigabit capable full fibre coverage
- Deliver other projects to improve the digital connectivity across the County

### **14. Digital Innovations: Preservation, development and use of our assets for the future**

- Promote existing projects and their wider use to businesses and partners
- Promote the benefits of digital connectivity with new pilot projects
- Work to ensure that the county is best placed to maximise further digital opportunities

### **15. Digital Inclusion: Ensuring digital connectivity is accessible to all through partnership and proactive working**

- Roll out of 5G Careers/Digital Innovation programme across the County
- Gigabit roll out extension for social housing
- 5G Business events from Digital Turbine Centre

## Success means:

- ✓ Start up and early-stage businesses helped to discover, develop, and test next generation connectivity with 5G enabled products with access to facilities and experts
- ✓ Targeted increased coverage of gigabit capable broadband infrastructure
- ✓ Develop an accurate connectivity map of the County to identify mobile broadband coverage
- ✓ Sherwood Forest being the world's first 5G connected forest



## Place



### Our next steps:

#### 16. Ensure Nottinghamshire is best placed to meet the climate emergency challenge

- Deliver low carbon initiatives and work programmes
- Secure funding for other low carbon/sustainable initiatives
- Identify and promote other low carbon/sustainable opportunities

#### 17. Maximise the opportunity our assets provide

- Proactively secure inward investment opportunities and maximising their impact
- Ensure the delivery of low carbon leisure, learning, home, workplace and travel assets across the County.
- Enable sustainable regeneration of key sites and maximise the wider economic benefits

#### 18. Work with local, regional and national placemaking partners to maximise opportunities

- Work with partners to identify and deliver existing and future funding opportunities
- Deliver a 'future places' strategy and green growth spatial plan for investment opportunities
- Collaborate with partners to identify and deliver further initiatives/projects

### Success means:

- ✓ More communities have inclusive access to green homes, smart energy and take-up of sustainable travel behaviours.
- ✓ More low carbon businesses see Nottinghamshire as a place with the right assets and access to invest, stay and grow.
- ✓ Place assets create higher value to the local economy with shared public and private investment.
- ✓ Our places use technology, biodiversity, heritage and nature to create a lasting sense of place and civic pride.



# Monitoring and Governance:

This plan will be monitored to ensure that the success measures are being achieved through a detailed action plan. This will include a breakdown of how each action will be achieved and delivered through a series of sub actions. Furthermore, this plan will be annually monitored, but also through ongoing monitoring of the work programmes/detailed action plan.

The intention is to make the success factors measurable by linking to specific key performance indicators and will accompany the supporting delivery plans. We will continue to review and draw upon the currently available data sets, including:

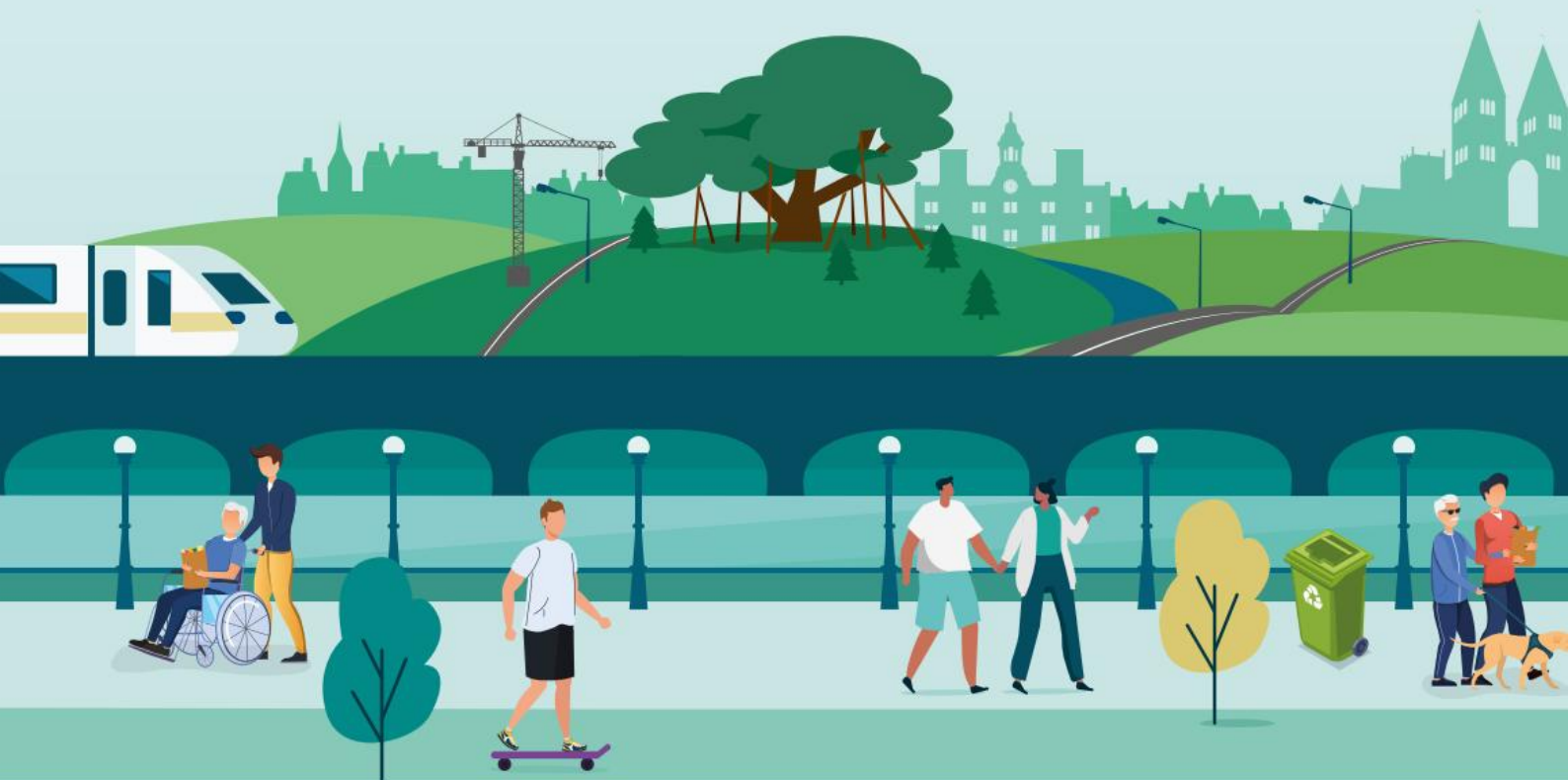
- Midlands Engine Observatory data, analysis and intelligence on the whole Midlands economy <https://www.midlandsengine.org/observatory/>
- Data used in the compilation of the monthly Nottinghamshire Employment Bulletin from DWP, ONS and Nomis
- Other datasets released by ONS relating to Employee numbers, business numbers, Business births, deaths and survival rates (Business Demography dataset), Sectoral breakdown, levels of skills achieved
- Commercial datasets on large businesses and limited companies e.g. FAME, MINT
- Data provided by Nottinghamshire County Council on pupil education attainment levels (Education)
- Other ad-hoc surveys commissioned by Nottinghamshire County Council, Midlands Engine Observatory or D2N2 LEP







Rebuilding  
**Nottinghamshire's economy**  
together to emerge as a county moving forward



**19 April 2022****Agenda Item: 5****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, INVESTMENT & GROWTH****GROWTH, INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT GROUP REVISED  
STAFFING STRUCTURE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider and approve the implementation of a revised staffing structure for the Growth, Infrastructure and Development Group, within the Place Department's Growth and Investment Directorate.

**Information**

2. The Council has the ambition of raising the profile of Nottinghamshire and creating the best conditions for investment and growth. The County's economy and population are set to continue to grow. Being at the heart of the Midlands Engine, home to the East Midlands hub for High Speed 2 and the innovative East Midlands Development Corporation, the Council is driving forward an agenda to supercharge a new era of growth for the economy.
3. In 2017, the Council established the role of Service Director Investment and Growth to drive the place-shaping agenda, by building upon Nottinghamshire's extensive heritage to create a new legacy for the County. Following a review and subsequent Policy Committee approval in November 2018, a realignment of capacity within the Growth and Investment Directorate was implemented. At that time, it was to face up to the delivery challenges ahead and to ensure enough leadership to secure Government investment and realise economic growth.
4. In the intervening four years, a suite of services to drive the growth and development of Nottinghamshire's economy have been actioned. In March 2021, the Council approved the establishment of a flexible pool of resources to support the delivery of a significant number of major capital projects, the Place Department has been able to support £56.8m of investment in the County. Furthermore, there was a whole scale restructure approved by this committee in September 2021 to create the Growth, Infrastructure & Development division. This was in response to a number of factors:
  - The COVID-19 pandemic forms a major backdrop at the present time. In addition to the Council Plan, work continues at pace to deliver the COVID-19 crisis Economic Recovery Action Plan 2020-2022.
  - Government funding announcements have required the County Councils or Tier 1 Authorities to either take lead responsibility for funding initiatives such as the UK Community Renewal Fund (CRF), developing region-wide partnerships to submit bids for multi-million-pound major economic initiatives such as the

Freeports and the Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production (STEP) programme and, more recently, responding to the Levelling Up White Paper.

5. In September 2021, this committee approved a restructure within the Growth, Infrastructure and Development team which results in several changes:
  - A refocussed Transport Programme Delivery team was moved into the team to ensure that this teams focus was on enabling growth, development and ensuring wider regeneration benefits
  - Senior Economic Development Officer (SEDO) roles within the existing Growth and Development team was increased from three to five, to sit alongside the Team Leader for Transport Programme Delivery team (as detailed in point above)
  - Assistant Growth & Economic Development Officer roles – two new posts were established
  - Transformation resource was moved to this group, allowing for two new posts
  - Some minor amendments to the reporting lines and overall structure.

### The Proposal

6. Since the previous approval, there has been some significant changes to the proposed future work programme, additional (and more complex) opportunities for further funding (especially in light of the recent Levelling Up White Paper) and the need for more proactive collaborative working with our District and Borough partners. Therefore, it is considered that a more senior officer is required to assist with delivering these aspects of work and therefore there is a need for an officer post. It is proposed that the structure approved in September 2021 is tweaked to allow for the increased responsibilities of the team and create an officer post (instead of the second assistant role). This post will now report to the SEDO (Place).
7. The Growth & Economic Development Assistant role will provide operational and project support across all work programmes within the Growth, Infrastructure and Development team. This post will provide clearer job progression opportunities within the team but also fills the gap to ensure there is enough resource to help prepare bids for submission and monitor progress and performance on projects. This post will largely initially help support the delivery of the Visitor Economy Strategy. This post has been graded at band 5. The reporting line of this post has been altered since the previous approval and will now report to the SEDO (Visitor Economy).
8. The Growth & Economic Development Officer (GEDO) role is an established grade within the structure, and it is proposed to create a second GEDO post. This post is responsible for leading on a variety of projects and work programme under the guidance of the SEDOs. The additional post is required to deliver the identified work programme within the Economic Transition Plan and will be largely focusing on progressing the work under the “Place” theme and ensuring that the County is best place to address the low carbon agenda and funding opportunities linked to the Levelling Up agenda.
9. The costs can be met within the existing revenue budget (with a £12,814 saving) allocated to this division and does not incur any further costs than previously included in the September report. The current structure is illustrated at **Appendix A**, with the proposed revision at **Appendix B**.

10. Furthermore, the September report sought approval for a new transformation remit with the transfer of two service transformation posts from the Corporate Projects and Programmes Team in the Chief Executives Department to report to this group. It is expected that these roles will be a Senior Place Projects Officer and a Place Project assistant/officer (job evaluation pending). The costs for these are met from existing revenue budgets.

### **Other Options Considered**

11. Undeniably, COVID-19 has impacted our communities and businesses, as well as the Council itself in terms of delivery of services and financial resources. As the report sets out, funding arrangements between Government and Local Authorities and the relationship between the two has changed, with more responsibility on this Council to own, operate and manage funding as well as bid for significant funding opportunities. Therefore the 'do nothing' option has been discounted.

### **Reason for Recommendations**

12. The recommendation will build a team which supports the Council's strong mandate to drive recovery, renewal and sustainable growth in the local economy and help define the post-pandemic future legacy for Nottinghamshire.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

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

### **Financial Implications**

14. The financial implications are detailed within the report. There is no additional cost implication to this proposed restructure with costs being picked up within existing staffing and initiatives budgets.

### **Public Sector Equality Duty implications**

15. The restructuring of the Growth and Development part of the Growth and Investment Group will be carried out in accordance with Nottinghamshire County Council's employment and equalities policy.

### **Human Resources Implications**

16. There will be targeted consultation with the affected staff before progressing with the proposed changes.

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

17. On top of contributing towards financial stability, the officer and departmental structure needs to reflect the priorities for the Council, particularly the climate and environmental challenges and ambitions for sustainable growth. The proposed structure for the Growth and Development Group addresses this by reallocating staff resources and enhancing key theme areas. Green growth is central to our economic plan, as evidenced by recent successes in securing Government funding for a Zero Carbon Housing Demonstrator. This is a success on which the additional capacity will help to build.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Committee:

- 1) Approve the proposed restructure of the Growth, Infrastructure and Development team detailed in this report; and
- 2) Authorise the revised post of one Economic Development Officer and one Economic Development Assistant for recruitment for a two-year fixed term contract.

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### **Constitutional Comments (KK 16/03/2022)**

18. The proposals in this report are within the remit of the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee.

### **Financial Comments (SES 30/03/2022)**

19. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 14 of the report.
20. There is no additional cost implication to this proposed restructure with costs being picked up within existing staffing and initiatives budgets.

### **HR Comments (JP 05/04/2022)**

21. Recruitment to the posts identified in the report will be in line with the relevant HR procedures including recruitment policy.

## **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.

- *Council Plan – Your Nottinghamshire, Your Future*, approved by Full Council and published on 13 July 2017 <https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/plans-policies-assessments/council-plans-policies/council-plan>
- *COVID-19 Crisis Economic Recovery Action Plan 2020 to 2022*, approved by COVID 19 Resilience, Recovery and Renewal Committee and published on 15 September

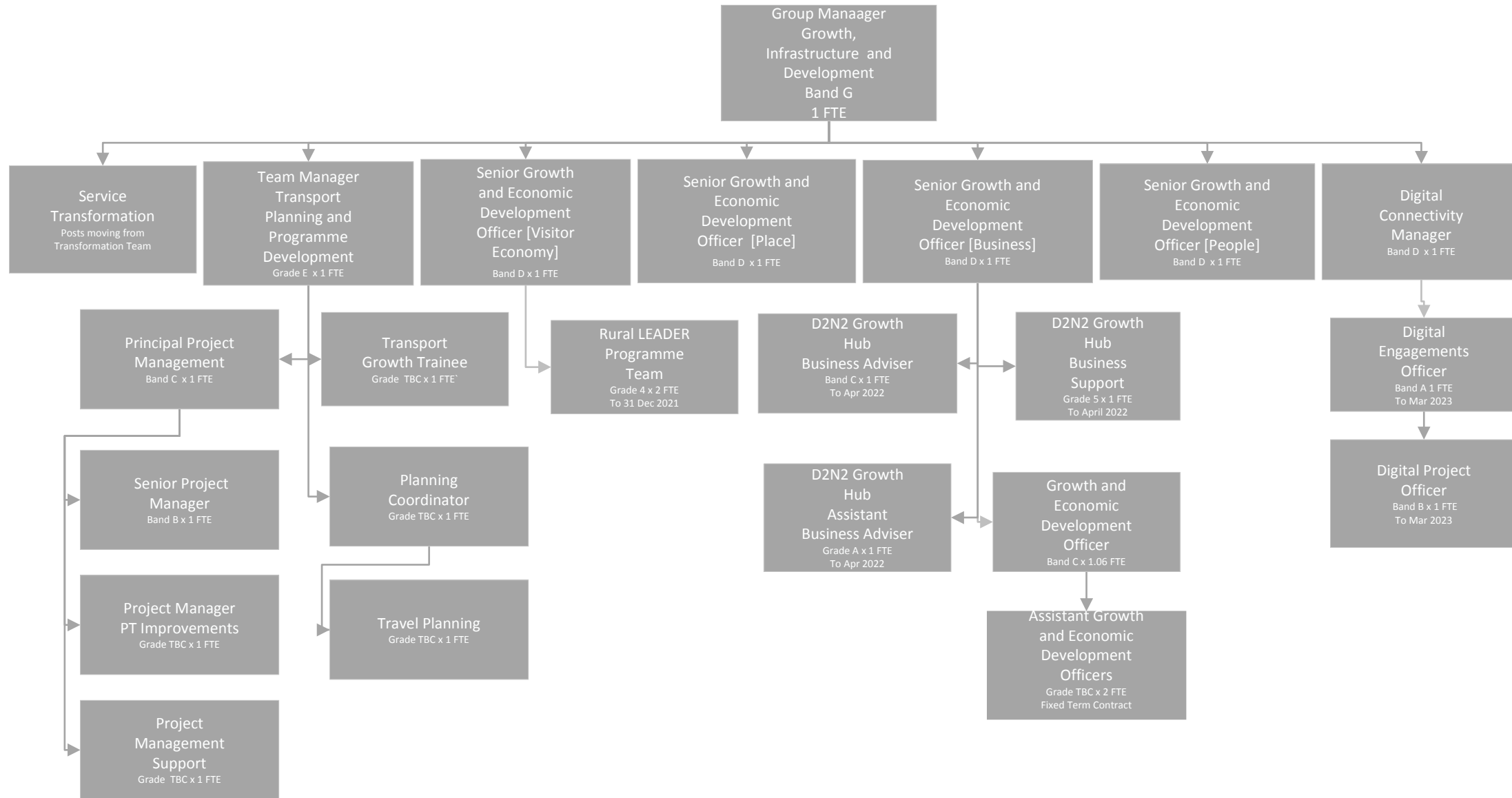
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- *Place Department Growth & Investment Directorate Refresh*, report to Policy Committee, published on 14 November 2018 <https://bit.ly/3wyjPmx>

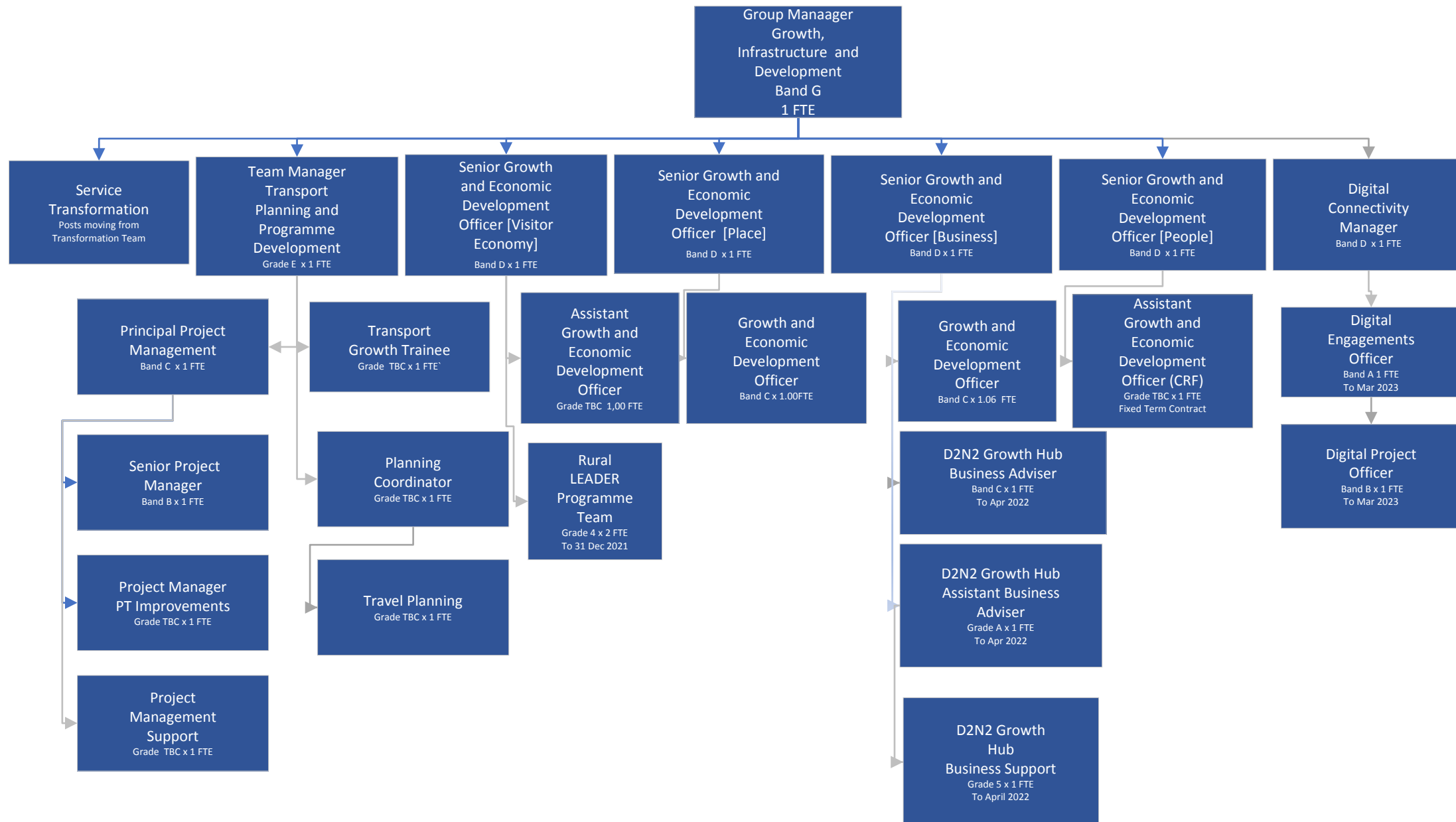
#### **Electoral Division and Member Affected**

- All.











**19 April 2022****Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****TRANSFORMING CITIES FUND TRANCHE 2 – PUBLIC TRANSPORT  
IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMME UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update on progress with the public transport improvement schemes being funded by the Transforming Cities Fund and to endorse the revised programme of works.

**Information**

2. In March 2020, the Government announced that Nottingham and Derby had been successful in securing £161 million of grant funding from Tranche 2 of the Transforming Cities Fund (TCF). The TCF vision is to support sustainable growth and contribute towards national and local objectives to reduce carbon and improve air quality by improving access to jobs, reducing congestion, and improving public transport and other forms of sustainable transport such as cycling and walking.
3. Nottingham City Council led and developed the bid and is designated as the accountable body and lead contact with the Department for Transport (DfT). The package of measures put forward within the bid are focussed on four key themes:
  - City Centre connectivity and integration
  - Strategic Derby – Nottingham – East Midlands Airport (EMA) connectivity
  - Nottingham urban growth corridors, and
  - Derby urban growth corridors
4. The measures proposed under each theme include a mix of improvements to existing public transport hubs and interchanges (bus and rail), bus priority measures, traffic signal upgrades, public EV charging networks, segregated cycle routes and city centre public realm improvements.
5. A number of the potential schemes originally identified are either within, or impact upon, areas of the County Council network. These schemes relate to public transport and cycling infrastructure improvements. It was agreed that the County Council will lead the delivery of these schemes with funding allocated by Nottingham City Council.
6. Nottinghamshire County Council was not eligible to bid to this funding stream, and most of the bid submission work was led by the City. As such the risk was highlighted in the report to the February 2021 Policy Committee, that projects may be subject to review and/or not developed further in favour of more deliverable proposals contained within the bid. Under the terms of the recommendations within the report the County Council has formally accepted grant funding of £7.91 million from Nottingham City Council to cover the cost of delivering the proposed public transport improvement schemes which are

identified within Work Package 7 of the overall programme. Progress on the proposed cycling infrastructure improvements (Work Package 4) was reported separately to Transport and Environment Committee on 9 February 2022.

## Work Package 7 progress

7. The potential schemes outlined within the original bid document are listed below and shown in Appendix A attached:
  - A new Park & Ride site off Leapool Roundabout, Arnold
  - A60 Corridor Bus Priority Improvements (Bestwood and Arnold Bus Lane / A60 Cross Street to Sir John Robinson Way)
  - Bus Priority Package - B5010 Nottingham Road – Bramcote
  - Switch on traffic light priority at 64 existing SCOOT/MOVA junctions
  - Bus and Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEV) lane on the A612 Colwick Loop Road between Private Road No.1 and Victoria Park Way
8. A detailed feasibility for each of the proposed schemes has been completed and a cost estimate for each works package has been provided as shown in Table 1 below. The original budget was set at £7.9 million based on the high-level costs submitted as part of the overall bidding process. The revised cost estimates are slightly more than double this amount (£15.9 million as detailed below) and this has necessitated proposed revisions to the programme, as set out within the scheme descriptions below, to keep within the allotted funding amount.

Table 1: comparison of bid estimates and detailed design estimates

	<b>Bid estimate/£m</b>	<b>Design estimate/£m</b>
<b>Fees to date</b>	Included in below	0.291
<b>Park &amp; Ride, Leapool</b>	2.4	9.339
<b>A60 Corridor</b>	3.651	5.244
<b>Traffic Light Priority</b>	0.359	0.359
<b>Colwick Loop Road</b>	0.3	0.685
<b>B5010 Bramcote</b>	1.2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.91</b>	<b>15.918</b>

### Leapool Park and Ride Proposal

9. The original bid document proposed the provision of a new bus-based Park & Ride facility in the vicinity of Leapool roundabout on the A60 with supporting bus priority measures along the corridor to complement measures already in operation within the City. As shown above, the detailed design cost estimate for this scheme is significantly higher than originally budgeted (£2.4m original budget and is now estimated at £9.3m). This is higher than the total available budget and Nottingham City Council has confirmed that there is no additional funding available to meet this substantial increase.
10. A number of options have been explored to assess whether or not the scheme can be delivered within the original budget and provide the same level of public transport benefits. Whilst there are cheaper options unfortunately, none of these options achieve the required cost saving nor provide the level of public transport benefits envisaged.

11. There are also additional risks to this project that includes; the need for planning, land acquisition and other statutory procedures. The County Council will continue to safeguard the land for a Park & Ride at this location and, the feasibility and design work done to date can be used to assist future funding opportunities.

#### A60 Corridor Bus Priority Improvements

12. It is proposed to create new sections of inbound bus lane towards Nottingham along the A60 corridor at the following locations (as shown Plan 1):
- A60 Esso Petrol Station to Arch Hill (north end)
  - Appledorne Way to Cross Street
  - Oxclose Lane, on the approach to Edwards Lane junction
  - Thackeray's Lane, Arnold to Marlborough Lane, Woodthorpe
13. It was also originally proposed to create a further inbound section of bus lane (24/7) on A60 Mansfield Road between Cross Street, Arnold, and Sir John Robinson Way, Daybrook but further assessment has showed that there is not sufficient space to achieve this.
14. It is proposed that the bus lanes will be operational 24/7. The proposed works will include widening of the existing carriageway and footway. The detailed design work carried out since the original bid has confirmed that, for all but one of the proposed locations, the introduction of the new sections of bus lane will be capacity neutral and will not be detrimental to journey times for car users. There are also anticipated to be long-term benefits as a result of drivers opting to switch to public transport due to the improved bus journey times which should further help to reduce congestion along this corridor. Approval for these projects to commence will be reported to the Transport and Environment committee.
15. Further feasibility work is required at the A60 Mansfield Road/Thackeray's Lane junction to understand the impacts of the proposed junction layout on road users and to investigate alternative options to minimise impacts on junction capacity and allow an informed decision to be made. Approval for this project to commence will also be reported to a subsequent Transport and Environment committee.

#### Bus and ULEV lane on the A612 Colwick Loop Road between Private Road No.1 and Victoria Park Way

16. The original bid proposed an inbound bus and Ultra Low Emission Vehicle (ULEV) lane on the A612 Colwick Loop Road from the approach to the signalised junction with Victoria Park Way, to the signalised junction with Road No. 3.
17. A revised scheme is now proposed which consists of a shorter section of bus lane commencing after the railway bridge.
18. Additional options to enhance this scheme will also be explored to ensure that value for money is achieved. Any additional options identified and approval to commence works will be reported to the Transport and Environment committee.

### Switch on Traffic Light Priority

19. It is proposed to install or activate traffic light priority for buses at 64 existing signalised junctions within the County using standard software to improve the efficiency of the traffic signal network. The 64 junction locations to be upgraded are shown in Plan 1. The installation works will be carried out by Via East Midlands and can commence later this Summer if approved by the Transport and Environment committee next month.

### Bus Priority Package - B5010 Nottingham Road – Bramcote

20. Detailed feasibility work has highlighted that widening the carriageway along this route would require the removal of 37 mature trees and the loss of existing on street parking for residents. The presence of existing services within the narrow footway would also require expensive diversion works.
21. On this basis, it is no longer proposed to progress the scheme as the environmental impacts are considered to be unacceptable.

### **Revised Project Programme**

22. Following receipt of detailed designs and cost estimates for the above schemes it is proposed to agree a revised programme of works which reallocates the budget from the two schemes which are no longer considered deliverable, to the remaining schemes. This will ensure that the maximum benefit can be obtained from this funding opportunity.
23. It is proposed to delete Leapool Roundabout Park and Ride and B5010 Nottingham Road Bramcote from the programme and reallocate the budget as shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2: proposed reallocation of budget

	<b>Bid estimate/£m</b>	<b>Proposed/£m</b>
<b>Fees to date</b>	Included in below	0.291
<b>Park &amp; Ride, Leapool</b>	2.4	0
<b>A60 Corridor</b>	3.651	6.369
<b>Traffic Light Priority</b>	0.359	0.5
<b>Colwick Loop Road</b>	0.3	0.75
<b>B5010 Bramcote</b>	1.2	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7.91</b>	<b>7.91</b>

### **Governance**

24. Nottingham City Council has established a Board to manage the overall programme, including making any changes to the scope of individual programme elements or moving funds between existing approved budgets. Nottinghamshire County Council is represented upon this Board and provides monthly monitoring reports on individual scheme progress. The Board has approved the revised project programme outlined in this report. This was on the basis that there was a risk that the funding might need to be returned to Nottingham City Council, due to the challenges to delivery as outlined in this report.

## **Funding**

25. In February 2021, the County Council agreed to accept grant funding of £7.91 million from Nottingham City Council to cover the full cost of delivering the schemes included in Work Package 7. This has been transferred to the Capital Programme. DfT and Nottingham City Council have confirmed there is no additional funding available, and these projects will be managed to ensure there is no overspend and no risk to the Council. Given the current inflationary risks with projects of this nature the removal of the Leapool and Bramcote schemes from the programme provides a contingency for the remaining schemes and provides the flexibility to investigate additional improvements. All schemes will maximise the benefit to users with the budget available through this fund, without providing significant disbenefits to other road users.
26. This round of TCF funding is intended to be spent by the end of the 2022/23 financial year but DfT has already acknowledged that a proportion of the expenditure may slip in to the 2023/24 financial year due to the delays experienced during the Covid 19 pandemic.

## **Construction Delivery / Next Steps**

27. All works will be delivered by Via East Midlands on behalf of the County Council to an agreed project programme, pending the relevant approvals from the Transport and Environment committee. A team has been put in place by the County Council to ensure this work is closely monitored and managed. The contents of this report reflect the detailed project management and scrutiny of the projects that there has been to date and is why we are proposing the recommendations to not proceed with specific projects.

## **Consultation**

28. Stakeholders have been notified of the proposed changes to the project programme following the necessary Board approval.
29. As part of the delivery of this project, pending approval from the Transport and Environment Committee, appropriate public consultation will be required. Residents and businesses whose properties front on to affected carriageways/footways will be kept informed of scheme progress and the timing and locations of any proposed roadworks necessary to complete these schemes. Residents and businesses will also be contacted formally as part of the Traffic Regulation Order process.

## **Other Options Considered**

30. The available funding can only be used for schemes identified in the original bid and cannot be transferred. If not utilised, the funds could be returned to Nottingham City Council to be spent elsewhere within the TCF Programme. Nottingham City Council and the DfT have confirmed that no additional funds are available for the P&R scheme. As detailed in the report, other options have been developed for the P&R scheme but cannot be delivered in the budget that has been allocated. Consequently, we will be discussing with partners and looking for alternative funding options to move this scheme forward.
31. Not progressing the remaining schemes contained in the revised programme has been considered but this would mean losing this opportunity to fund substantial public transport improvements which will reduce congestion and improve air quality along the A60 and A612 corridors.

## Reasons for Recommendations

32. Although it is no longer possible to deliver the original programme in full, the revised project programme will still address existing constraints along these key public transport corridors and provide significant journey time savings and contribute towards future modal shift/improve public transport patronage and ease congestion for all road users along key transport corridors.

## Statutory and Policy Implications

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

## Finance Implications

34. The total budget is £7.9 million. The schemes will be managed to ensure there is no overspend and, in the event of surplus funding, this will be used to deliver additional benefits within the existing programme if possible or returned to Nottingham City Council for use elsewhere within the TCF programme.

## Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

35. The proposed revised project programme will enable the Council to contribute towards national and local objectives to reduce carbon and improve air quality by reducing local congestion and improving public transport.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

It is **RECOMMENDED** that Committee:

- 1) Notes the update on the Transforming Cities Fund programme contained in this report.
- 2) Endorses the reallocation of funds as proposed in Table 2 of this report.
- 3) Approves the carrying out of further feasibility work in relation to the A612 Colwick Loop Road and Thackeray's Lane Junction (Bestwood/Arnold Package).

**Adrian Smith**  
**Corporate Director, Place**

**For any enquiries about this report please contact:** Kevin Sharman, Tel: 0115 977 2970

## Constitutional Comments (LPW 23/03/2022)

36. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

## **Financial Comments (GB 07/04/2022)**

37. The works set out within this report will be funded from the £7.91m Transforming Cities Fund capital grant funding that is already approved within the Transport and Environment Committee capital programme.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

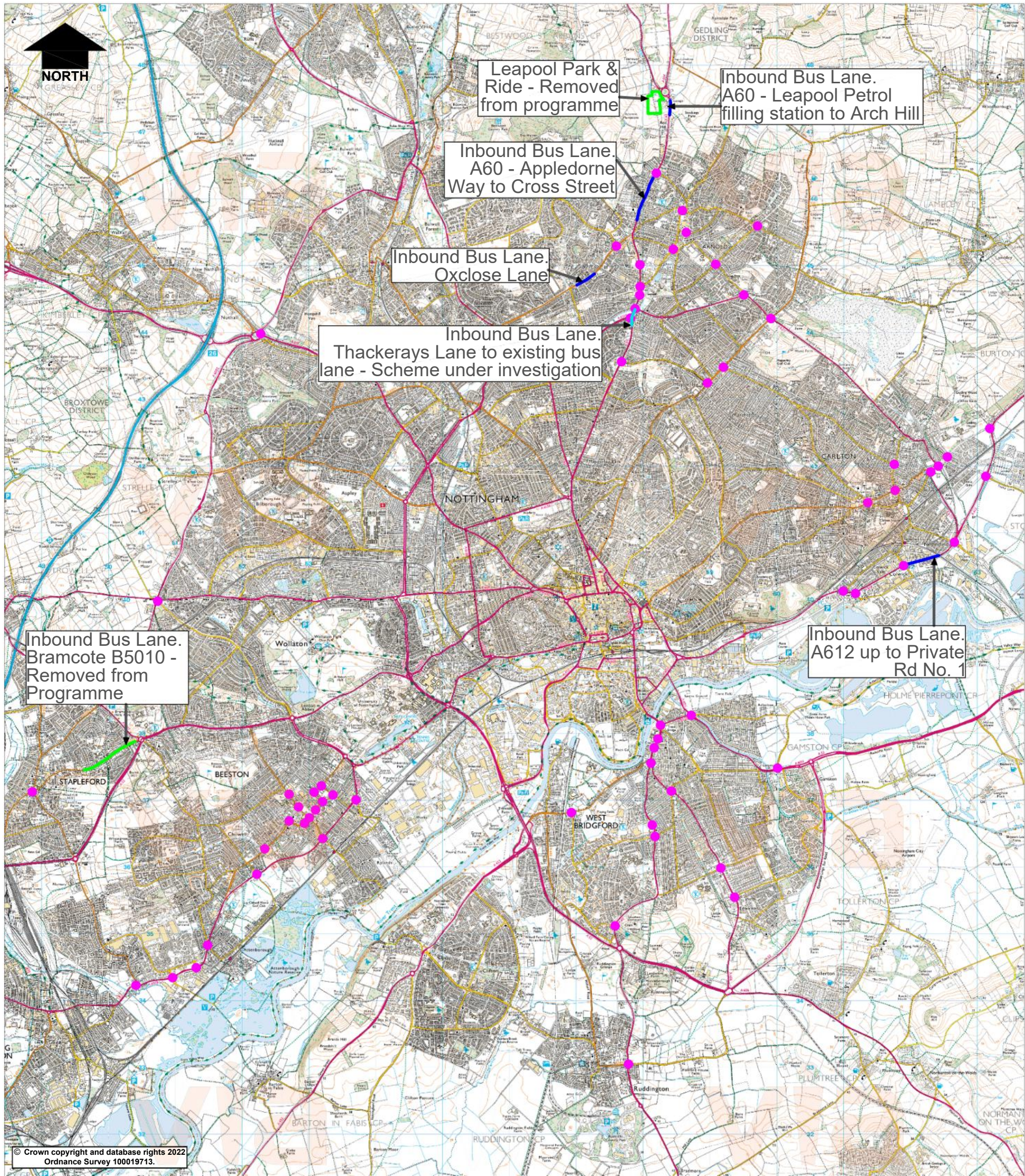
Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- Report to Policy Committee 10 February 2021 – Transforming Cities Fund – Scheme Update and Funding Agreements
- Report to Transport & Environment Committee 9 February 2022 – Cycling Infrastructure Programmes

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

- All wards and Members within Broxtowe, Gedling, and Rushcliffe.





Bus Priority Junction

Inbound Bus Lane

Extents of projects being removed from programme

Scheme under investigation

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**19 April 2022****Agenda Item: 7****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, INVESTMENT AND GROWTH****MINER2MAJOR LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update on the achievements of the Miner2Major Landscape Partnership Scheme to date.
2. To seek approval for the extension of the three core project roles to the end of June 2024.

**Information**

3. Miner2Major is a 5-year Landscape Partnership Scheme supported by a £2.45m grant from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF). The County Council is the lead partner and accountable body for the Scheme and employs the core staff team.
4. Starting in 2019, Miner2Major is working with a wide range of partners and local communities to help them to better understand, explore and protect the rich heritage and natural environment of the historic Sherwood Forest. The original Scheme end date approved by NLHF is 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023, with practical completion of the individual projects by September 2023.
5. The Covid-19 pandemic and related restrictions have, inevitably, had an impact on the Scheme's ability to deliver the required outputs and outcomes. Despite this, the partnership has achieved a great deal and this report is accompanied by a presentation that will provide Members with further information on the work of the Scheme partners.
6. The impact of the pandemic on outputs and outcomes has been assessed through a thorough process of review and evaluation with the Lead Officers for each of the projects and with the Partnership Board, as part of the interim evaluation. Whilst some projects will still be able to complete within the original timescales, for others it has been identified that an extension of time will be necessary, if they are to achieve their agreed outputs and outcomes.
7. At its meeting in January 2022, the Miner2Major Partnership Board agreed to make a formal request to NLHF for an extension of the Scheme to the end of June 2024, and for the use of unallocated contingency budget to cover the costs of extensions to relevant staff contracts. In addition to the three Scheme staff employed by the County Council, this would include two part-time staff employed by Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust to co-ordinate the Special Species and Better Habitats capital works and volunteering programmes. The latter two posts were due to end on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and will now be extended to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

8. Formal confirmation was received from NLHF in a letter dated 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022 and the terms of the grant have now been varied to extend the Grant expiry date to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024.
9. Approval is now sought for the extension of the contracts of the three core Scheme staff employed by Nottinghamshire County Council to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2024. The total additional cost of the salaries and associated on-costs for the Scheme Manager, Finance and Admin Officer and Engagement Officer, plus the two Wildlife Trust staff, has been calculated at £90,000. This can be contained within the overall funding for the Scheme through use of the unallocated contingency budget (£70,000), with the remainder from other identified underspends.

### **Other Options Considered**

10. The Miner2Major Board was asked to consider a range of options, including different combinations of staff and potential extension dates. The option selected was considered to give the best opportunity to achieve the required outputs and outcomes within the available Scheme budget.

### **Reason for Recommendation**

11. To enable the Scheme partners to achieve the required outputs and outcomes and fulfil the conditions of the Grant.

### **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.

### **Financial Implications**

13. The financial implications are as set out in paragraph 9. All additional staffing costs can be covered within the overall funding for the Scheme.

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

14. The Scheme makes connections between habitats to improve their resilience and long-term sustainability, engages members of the community in ensuring that their heritage is better managed and more sustainable and provides individuals and communities with the skills and understanding they need to do so. The proposed extensions to the posts employed by the Wildlife Trust will ensure that the work to enhance Sherwood's habitats and species can be completed.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Committee notes the achievements of the Miner2Major Landscape Partnership Scheme to date and approves the extensions to the contracts of the Scheme staff as set out in paragraph 9.

**Matthew Neal**  
**Service Director, Investment and Growth**

**For any enquiries about this report please contact:** Heather Stokes, Team Manager  
Conservation, Tel: 0115 9932592

### **Constitutional Comments (LPW 21/03/2022)**

15. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee.

### **Financial Comments (SES 16/03/2022)**

16. The financial implications are as set out in paragraph 9. All additional staffing costs can be covered within the overall funding for the Scheme.

### **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 Divisions and Members Affected**

- All



19 April 2022

Agenda Item: 8

## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, INVESTMENT AND GROWTH**

### **RESPONSE TO PETITION PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL: GREEN SPACE AT THE WILFORD FIELDS, WEST BRIDGFORD**

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

1. To recommend to Committee the response to the issues raised in a petition presented to the County Council at its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

#### **Information**

2. A 169 signature petition was presented to the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 meeting of the County Council by Councillor Gordon Wheeler. The petition requests that vacant land at Wilford Fields is cleaned and grassed (or part) to make it community friendly and the environment safe for local residents, especially for our next generation to have a safe place to play and make friends.
3. The site at Wilford Fields as indicated on the attached plan is vacant land adjacent to a recent residential development scheme. The land is held by the Council with a view to future development as a school and therefore is an important strategic asset for the Council. The land is part of a restored former waste tip and has been capped and reclaimed by the adjacent developer as part of the agreement for their purchase of adjacent residential development land from the Council. The land was returned to the Council last year and limestone blocks arranged around the boundary to stop unauthorised vehicular access.
4. The land is mainly rough grassed but has been left with stones protruding through the surface and there has been some dumping. The site is adjacent to new housing and any informal use by the local community is limited by its condition.
5. In the light of the petition and as part of the Council's management of the site all waste has now been removed from the site, a stone pick has been commissioned and then the land will be subject to a regular maintenance regime with the grass to be mown to a level to keep tidy. The site will be included in the Council's regular inspection regime of vacant sites.
6. It is proposed that the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

#### **Other Options Considered**

7. Leaving the land in its current condition would not be acceptable.

## **Reason for Recommendations**

8. To agree the response to this petition.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. 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**

10. The cost of clean up and future maintenance will be covered from within existing vacant site management budgets within Property Asset Management.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

- 1) the proposed actions be approved, and the lead petitioner be informed accordingly;
- 2) the outcome of Committee's consideration be reported to Full Council.

**Matthew Neal**

**Service Director, Investment and Growth**

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Property Asset Management Tel: 0115 9773045

11. EDAM Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

## **Financial Comments (SES 22/03/2022)**

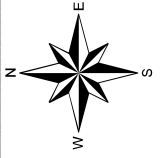
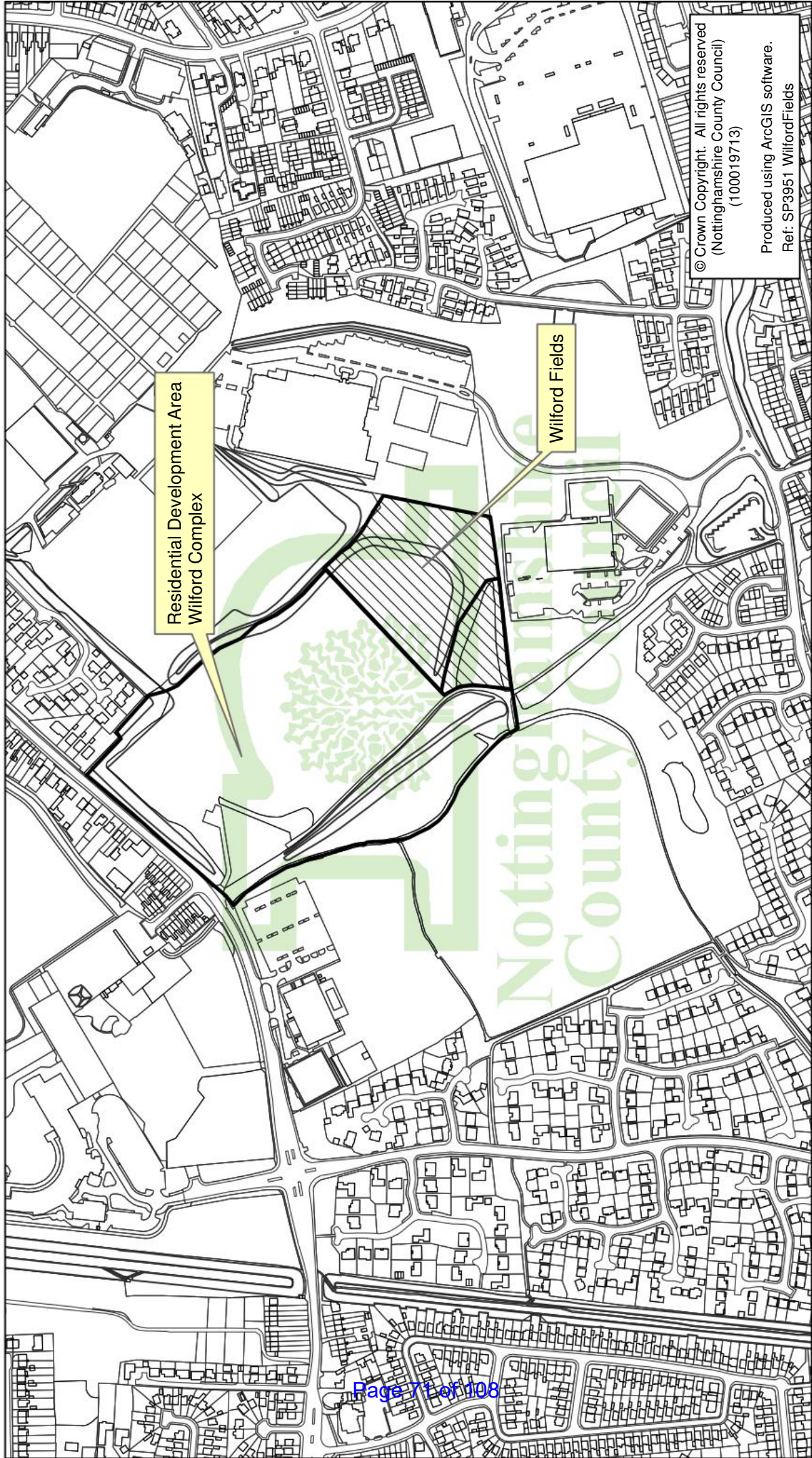
12. The financial implications are set out in paragraph 10 in the report.
13. The cost of clean up and future maintenance will be covered from within existing vacant site management budgets within Property Asset Management.

## **Background Papers and Published Documents**

- None.

## **Electoral Division and Member Affected**

- Electoral Division: West Bridgford West
- Member: Councillor Gordon Wheeler





19 April 2022

Agenda Item: 9

## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, INVESTMENT & GROWTH**

### **OPERATIONAL DECISIONS QUARTERLY UPDATE JAN TO MARCH 2022**

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

1. To update Members on the Operational Decisions taken between January to March 2022.

#### **Information**

2. From January to March 2022 there have been 16 such decisions.
3. Relevant Electoral Division Members have been invited to comment on appropriate Estate Practice decisions that are progressed via operational decisions (except where Committee have been specifically advised otherwise).
4. Care was taken with disposals and the granting of leases, licences and the like to ensure best consideration has been achieved by reference to and tested against market value(s) and rates. All charges and other fees levied were appropriate and commensurate with the transaction.
5. Details of the decisions taken are shown below:

<b>SP</b>	<b>Electoral Division(s)</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION (extract from Operational decision)</b>
3907	Sherwood Forest	5G Connected Forest Project - lease of land and licence for trials at Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre	As part of the 5G Connected Forest Project, an area of land to be leased to erect telecommunications equipment, and an additional area is to be used to carry out trials of airborne drones and remote ground robots.
3924	Farndon & Trent	Licence of Former Newark Depot Site - Minor revisions	Minor revisions to the licence of the former depot site to Secretary of State for Health and Social Care to run as a covid testing site. Improvements to pedestrian access to the site and changes to the car park area.
3896	All	Caretaker Properties - Rent Review	The implementation of the biennial rent review of caretaker accommodation throughout the County in line with the Personnel Handbook.
3910	Worksop South	Licence to assign lease of Manton Community Centre	The current lessee wished to assign its lease to another party; there are 17 years remaining on the lease.

3916	Radcliffe on Trent	Consent for Openreach to install a pole and overhead cables at Regatta Way playing fields & pavilion, West Bridgford	Approval given to a request made by Openreach to install a pole and cables at Regatta Way playing fields and pavilion, West Bridgford
3920	Collingham	New Lease - 51 Appleton Gate, Newark, NG24 1LN	Grant of a lease to The Secretary for State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for the provision of Probation Services.
3922	Newark East	Deed of Variation - Caretaker Cottage at the Newark Academy, London Road, Balderton	The Council has agreed with the Academy to enter into a Deed of Variation.
3898	Newstead	03148 Bestwood Country Park- Licence	A licence agreement is sought to enable Bestwood Parish Council to put a bench near the entrance to Bestwood Country Park.
3900	Cotgrave	Cotgrave Country Park - Grant of Drainage Easement	Grant of a Drainage Easement to facilitate residential development of adjacent land by a developer.
3923	Sherwood Forest	Western Power wayleave to upgrade the electricity supply at Rufford Mill, Rufford Lane, Ollerton	A wayleave for Western Power to upgrade the electricity supply at Rufford Mill, Rufford Lane, Ollerton NG22 9DG
3918	Carlton East	Licence to assign lease of land adjoining Colwick Loop Road	The current lessee wishes to assign its lease to another party; there are 65 years remaining on the lease
3926	Selston	Licence to access Westdale Road, Jacksdale	A license to access the site required for a period of 4 months.
3914	Sherwood Forest	Bilthorpe Landfill Site - Landlord Consent to Underlet	Landlord consent by way of licence to allow Tenant to underlet to third party Gas Management Contractor in order to maintain Environmental compliance.
3930	Worksop West	UPRN 62144 Former Shireoaks Colliery - Access Licence	Access licence for the Friends of Woodlands & Coach Wood Green (FoWCWG) to carry out works on the site in accordance with their approved development plan.
3803	Worksop East	07716 Unit 4, Kilton Terrace, Workshop - New lease	A new lease granted for a 3-year term.
3937	Cotgrave	03374 Tollerton Pre School - Lease to the Trustees of the Tollerton Playgroup	The grant of a 5 year lease of the pre-school building to Tollerton Playgroup, Day Nursery and Early Years Childcare Provider.

## Other Options Considered

6. Reduce the number of transactions that can be progressed by means of operational

decisions, this would lead to a loss of the current advantages outlined within the report which could prove problematic from a governance perspective. Lack of clarity on operational decisions may create uncertainty on whether a legal contract can be concluded without a committee decision.

7. An alternative option is to provide officers with delegated powers on routine estate decisions. This would require a significant change in the Council's constitutional arrangements and brings few added benefits beyond a clear and functioning operational decision process.

### **Reason for Recommendation**

8. The decision-making process requires a quarterly update and annual review to Committee.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. 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**

That the contents of the report be noted.

**Matthew Neal**

**Service Director, Investment and Growth**

**For any enquiries about this report please contact:** Neil Gamble, Group Manager, Property Asset Management, Tel: 0115 9773045

**Constitutional Comments (LPW 18/03/2022)**

10. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee.

**Financial Comments (SES 15/03/2022)**

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

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

- None.

### **Electoral Division and Member Affected**

- All.

File ref.: /SB/SB/09998SP: 3946

Properties affected: 09998 - Various NCC Properties/non-property item





**19 April 2022**

**Agenda Item: 10**

## **REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, INVESTMENT & GROWTH**

### **COLLABORATION AGREEMENT WITH BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL SITE OF FORMER RYTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, SOUTH AVENUE, MANTON, WORKSOP**

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

1. To seek approval to enter into a collaboration agreement with Bassetlaw District Council for the sale of land on terms as outlined in the report.

#### **Information**

2. The Council own the site of the former Manton Primary and Nursery School, as indicated on the attached plan amounting to approximately 7.06 acres (2.86 hectares). The school closed in December 2008 with demolition following in 2011. Since this time the site has remained vacant.
3. Bassetlaw District Council own 2 acres (0.84 hectares) of land adjoining the Council's land as indicated on the plan.
4. The combined site is allocated in the current Bassetlaw Local Plan for residential development comprising 100 dwellings and the allocation is best brought forward by both Councils acting together to maximise the opportunity by selling the combined ownership together. Terms have therefore been agreed to enter into a collaboration agreement accordingly.
5. It is agreed that the Councils will market their joint freehold ownership by informal tender with sale conditional on the proposed purchaser achieving planning consent for residential development. The County Council will lead on commissioning agents to market the site and it is intended that a Development Brief will be available to bidders. The proceeds, after deduction of agreed eligible costs, will be split on the basis of 60% to the County Council and 40% to Bassetlaw based on the relative merits of each parties sites. Both parties will have to give formal approval to the terms of sale once bids received for the sale to progress and this will form the basis of a future report.
6. Under the terms of the Constitution it is necessary prior to entering into a collaboration agreement that the advice of the Group Manager, Legal and the Section 151 Officer be sought and this has been done in this case.

## **Other Options Considered**

7. The Council has considered selling its site in isolation but with access restrictions it is considered financial return and quality of development will be enhanced by joint sale.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

8. To ultimately deliver new housing and a substantial capital receipt upon disposal and to release the Council from ongoing maintenance and security obligations.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

9. 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.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) That Committee approve entering into a collaboration agreement with Bassetlaw District Council on the terms outlined in the report.
- 2) To delegate approval to the Service Director - Investment & Growth, Place, in consultation with the Chair of Committee, to finalise the terms of the agreement and any necessary legal documentation to give effect to these proposals.

**Matthew Neal**  
**Service Director, Investment and Growth**

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## **Constitutional Comments (CJ 30/03/2022)**

10. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee under its terms of reference.

### **Financial Comments (GB 29/03/2022)**

11. The report sets out that this opportunity can be maximised by selling the combined ownership together with Bassetlaw District Council. The County Council will receive 60% of proceeds after the deduction of agreed eligible costs. The proceeds will be used in line with the Council's capital receipts policy.

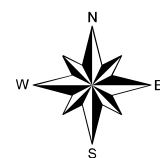
### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

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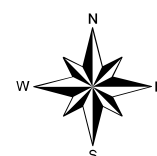
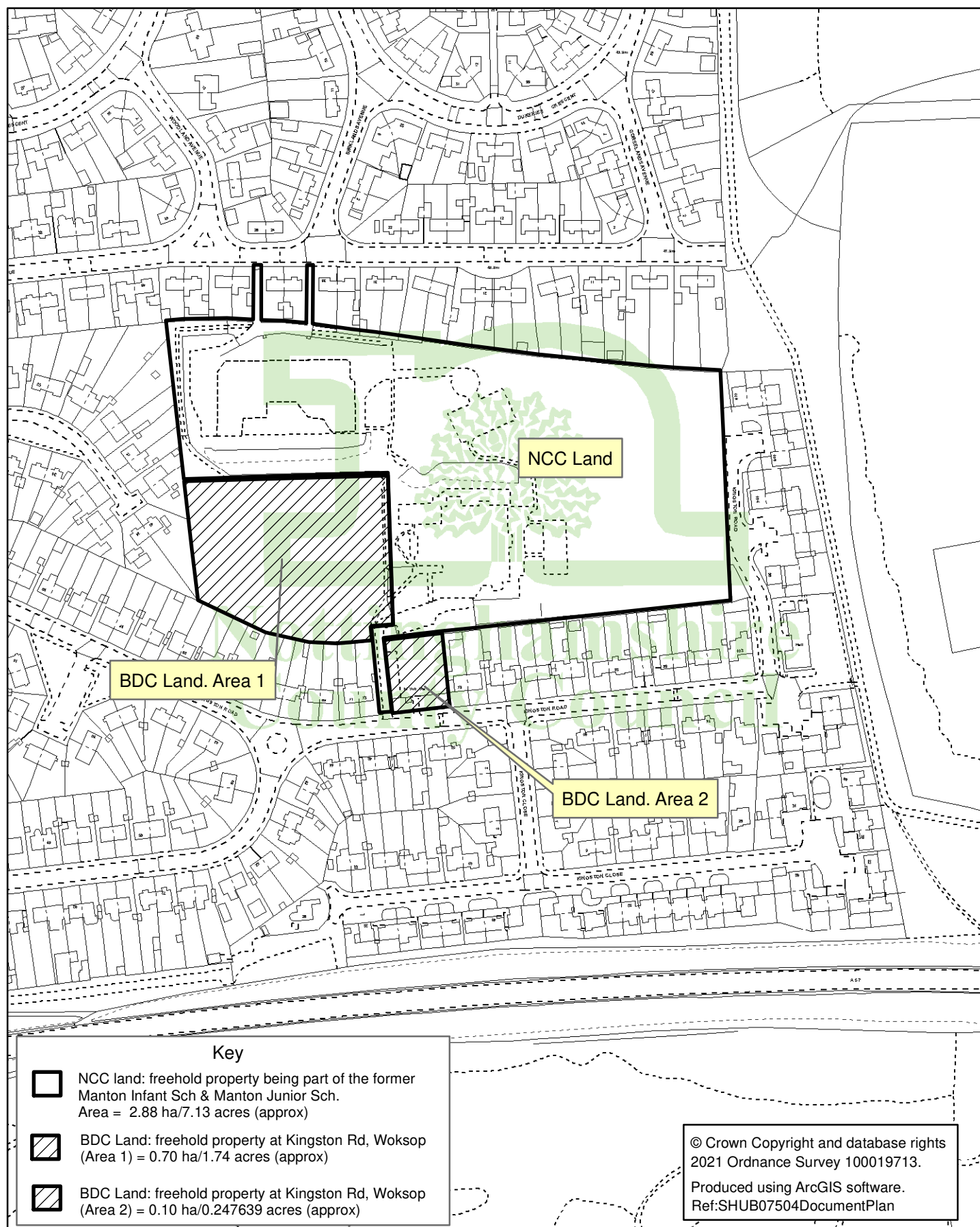
### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- **Electoral Division:** Worksop South **Member:** Councillor Nigel Turner











**19 April 2022****Agenda Item: 11****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, INVESTMENT AND GROWTH****PROPOSED EXPANSION OF TOOT HILL SCHOOL – TO BE DELIVERED VIA  
THE SCHOOL REBUILDING PROGRAMME****Purpose of the Report**

1. (a) To inform Committee of the need to expand Toot Hill School to meet growing pupil place demand and of the success of the school in being included in the Department for Education School Rebuilding programme (SRP) which will fund rebuild/refurbishment for existing school pupil numbers and (b) To seek approval for the Council to commit to the expansion and to fund the additional building works required for expansion, highway and section 106 costs that the SRP does not fund and for Arc Partnership to monitor on the Council's behalf.

**Information**

2. At its meeting on 16th September 2020, Policy Committee approved the principle of the expansion of Toot Hill School by one form of entry (FE)/150 places and provided a grant to the Academy Trust to enable master planning, feasibility and design to planning application stage that would assess deliverability and estimated construction costs. Arc was to monitor works on behalf of the Council.
3. The driver for the need for additional secondary school places is the significant increase in housing stock (around 1000 new homes are being built in the area) in Bingham and across the Rushcliffe East Planning area. Proposed expansion projects at South Notts Academy and South Wolds have been identified as also helping to address the shortfall, but the Toot Hill expansion is essential. The future projections for pupil place numbers in the planning area and at Toot Hill are included in the appendix to this report. Section 106 funding of £2.99m has been identified from housing developments in the vicinity to fund the expansion.
4. In April 2021, the Council was informed that Toot Hill had been identified by the Schools Rebuilding Programme (SRP) as a site which due to its physical condition is in need of substantial investment and now a substantial new-build/refurbishment programme is under development led and funded by the Department for Education (DfE). The proposals are not yet sufficiently defined to be clear as to exactly the extent of new build although it is likely to be substantial with the 6th form and technology blocks the only elements of the existing school buildings to be retained.
5. The conditions of funding of the SRP is that it will only deliver new/refurbished space equivalent in pupil place capacity to that already available at the school. Any required expansion space can be provided as part of the DfE scheme, but SRP will not fund the cost of the works necessary to provide the additional places. In addition the SRP will not fund any

works which may be required pursuant to the Highways Act 1980 (including section 278 works) or under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (including section 106 works) and require that any such works will be funded by the Council. These will include off site works such as changes to road markings, junctions, traffic flows etc as required as a result of the scheme and with school expansion these may be necessary.

6. While it has been agreed in principle with the DfE that their proposed scheme can include the expansion space required by the Council, it will not be funded by SRP and therefore it is necessary to use other funding. The cost of the works to deliver the additional teaching places and increased capacity of circulation, dining and assembly areas has been estimated by DfE at approximately £4.33m therefore leaving a shortfall of available funding after taking account of the section 106 monies available of approximately £1.33 million. It is to be noted that the scheme is at early stage of feasibility and the estimate is highly caveated but it is necessary for the Council to commit to funding the extra spaces at this time to enable the expanded space to be included within the scheme as it moves forward. In view of the fact that the estimate is provided before detailed design, knowledge of site conditions and current inflationary pressures in construction a 15% contingency and inflation allowance has been added to take the estimate to £5.0m.
7. The SRP will also not fund loose fittings, furniture and equipment although it is expected that this will fall upon the Academy Trust to deal with through transfer from the existing school or new purchase.
8. The current programme is for works on site to commence in late 2023/early 2024 and it is likely will not be fully completed by late 2026/early 2027. While the design develops it is not currently clear how the phasing of works will take place and the place planning projections show that there is a shortfall of places in the planning area throughout the build period and officers will work with the DfE and Trust through this period to see how the phasing may address this. If this requires additional temporary provision this would be at additional cost to the Council.
9. To safeguard the Council's position to ensure value for money is achieved in the provision of the extended school and that the Council only pays for works attributable to the increase in numbers it is intended that Arc Partnership will be commissioned to monitor on behalf of the Council at an estimated cost of £40,000.

### **Other Options Considered**

10. The Council does not commit to funding additional places in the SRP scheme - This would result in the school being rebuilt to house existing capacity and not create the much needed additional secondary school places in the Rushcliffe East planning area.

### **Reasons for Recommendation**

11. There is a clear need for the school to be expanded by 1FE to accommodate an additional 150 pupils and the Toot Hill campus is of sufficient size to accommodate such an expansion.

### **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.

### **Financial Implications**

16. This proposal will require an estimated £2.0m in excess of existing section 106 funding and in addition may require further funding towards highway and section 106 although the extent of this will only be clarified as detailed design progresses. It is proposed that this is funded through the School Places Programme. It is also proposed to commission Arc to monitor the scheme on the Councils behalf at a cost of £40,000.

### **Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications**

17. The school will remain in operation during the refurbishment/new-build works. There will be a need to ensure that contractors accessing the site go through appropriate checks and are suitably organised to ensure that pupils are fully protected.

### **Implications for Service Users**

18. The proposed works will provide much-needed improvements to the facilities at Toot Hill.

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

19. New and refurbished areas will be finished such that they will deliver improved and enhanced environmental measures.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Committee authorise officers to enter into agreement with the Department for Education to extend their rebuild of Toot Hill School under the School Rebuilding Programme by one form of entry (1 FE) at the Council's cost noting the current estimated cost, the potential for this to increase as the design develops and the commissioning of Arc Partnership to monitor at a cost of £40,000.

**Matthew Neal,**  
**Service Director, Investment and Growth**

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### **Constitutional Comments (RHC 04/04/2022)**

20. Economic Development and Asset Management Committee is the appropriate body to consider the contents of this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

### **Financial Comments (GB 29/03/2022)**

21. It is proposed that the £2.0m of works identified in this report is funded from the School Places programme which is already approved within the Children and Young People's capital programme. Once detailed design works have been completed a request to vary the capital programme will be required, through the usual processes, to include the Section 106 funding plus any further funding required to complete the project.

## **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.

- Report to Policy Committee, 9 September 2020.

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

- Bingham East and Bingham West
- Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan and Councillor Neil Clarke

File ref.: TP/SB/01818

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Properties affected: 01818: Toot Hill School (Academy)

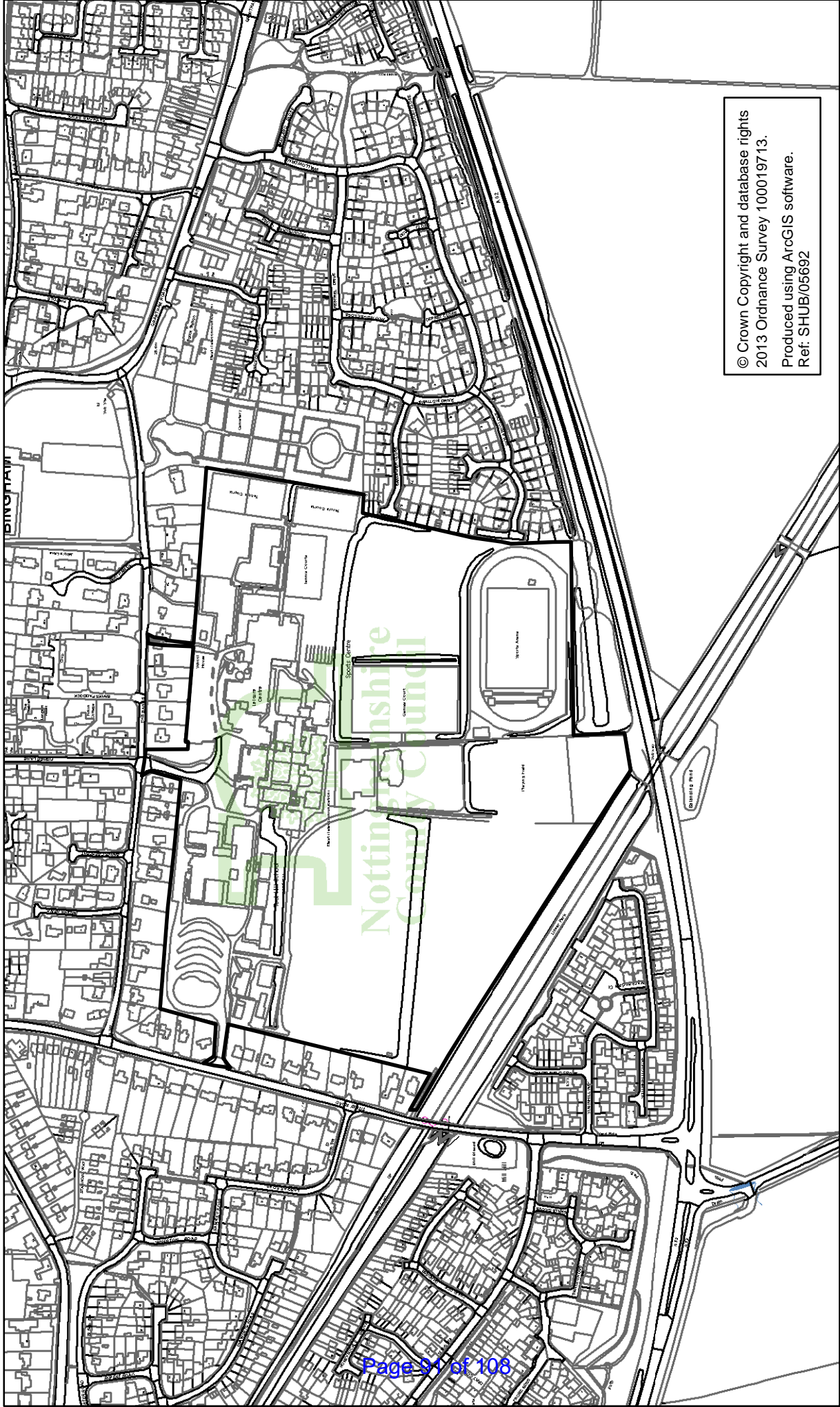
## APPENDIX 1

### Pupil Place projections for Toot Hill School and the Rushcliffe East Planning Area

Please note that the planning area summary does not take account of the current project to add 1FE at South Notts Academy or a potential project to add approximately 90 places at South Wolds Academy.

					School years								Whole school projection	
School Name	Planning area	PA	Net ca	Proj Year	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	TOTAL	surplus / deficit place	
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	1808	2021-22	291	294	265	297	309	223	248	1927	-119	
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	1808	2022-23	290	301	299	271	304	200	238	1903	-95	
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	1808	2023-24	302	301	307	306	279	193	213	1901	-93	
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	1808	2024-25	314	312	306	313	313	172	205	1935	-127	
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	1808	2025-26	302	325	317	313	321	188	184	1950	-142	
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	1808	2026-27	318	302	320	314	311	186	200	1951	-143	
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	1808	2027-28	288	330	309	328	323	180	198	1956	-148	
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	1808	2028-29	301	296	333	314	333	181	191	1949	-141	
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	1808	2029-30	339	301	291	330	312	182	193	1948	-140	
Toot Hill School	Rushcliffe East	300	1808	2030-31	282	339	296	288	328	167	194	1894	-86	
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3622	2021-22	626	606	564	593	575	333	363	3660	-38	
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3622	2022-23	608	644	616	573	603	326	349	3719	-97	
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3622	2023-24	639	627	655	627	584	334	340	3806	-184	
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3622	2024-25	632	655	635	662	635	314	346	3879	-257	
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3622	2025-26	625	648	660	641	669	334	326	3903	-281	
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3622	2026-27	654	626	641	654	636	342	347	3900	-278	
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3622	2027-28	659	669	633	648	662	326	356	3953	-331	
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3622	2028-29	657	670	672	637	652	333	338	3959	-337	
Planning area summary	Rushcliffe East	570	3622	2029-30	688	660	665	668	633	324	346	3984	-362	
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**19 April 2022****Agenda Item: 12****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, INVESTMENT AND GROWTH****PROPOSED SALE OF LAND AT BRAMCOTE PARK TO WHITEHILLS PARK  
FEDERATION TRUST – AMENDED TERMS****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to:
  - a. update Committee of the increase in demand for pupil places in Bramcote which impacts on terms previously approved for the sale of Council land to White Hills Park Federation Trust (“the Trust”);
  - b. seek approval to the amended terms of the sale of land to the Trust which reflect the change in circumstances as set out in this report;
  - c. to provide authority to the Service Director Investment and Growth to seek confirmation that the Secretary of State’s consent for the Council to dispose of land for less than the best consideration that can reasonably be obtained applies to the proposed amended terms; and
  - d. provide delegated authority to the Service Director, Investment and Growth in consultation with the S151 Officer and Group Manager for Legal Services approve detailed terms of the necessary legal documentation to give effect to these revised terms.

**Information**

2. At its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020, Policy Committee received a report outlining proposals for the Council to work with the Trust to bring forward respective surplus land holdings to fund the building of a school to replace the current school at Bramcote. Policy Committee approved the sale of the Council’s land to the Trust for a price of £1. This amounted to an undervalue from the valuation which the Council had received. At the time of the report to Policy Committee, the Council expected that the Trust would sell the land for residential development and use the receipts to fund a replacement school on their existing site of the same pupil capacity as the current school built in accordance with school design guide BB103. The Council has not procured a public works contract from the Trust and therefore does not impose obligations on the Trust to construct works to the Council’s specification. However, the terms of the arrangements between the Council and the Trust are structured so that the funds released to the Trust can only be used to build a school that is compliant with the requirements of school design guide BB103 and with the Council’s planning requirements. The Council considered that this sufficiently mitigated any risk that the Trust would not construct the school which both the Council and the Trust were expecting. Contracts have not yet been exchanged.

3. At the time of the Policy Committee report, the Council's freehold land interest was valued excluding any value arising from sale to a special purchaser. The land interests will be revalued and if there is an increase it will be reported, as appropriate, in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations.
4. The attached plan indicates the residential land to be sold comprising plots 1 and 4. The Trust's retained site is shown coloured dark grey.
5. The terms were subject to the Council receiving Secretary of State's consent to sale at an undervalue, which was received in April 2021, and section 77 consent for the sale of school land which is still awaited. The Secretary of State's consent was obtained based on an application which described in detail the Council's proposed arrangements and provided details of the valuation of the land.
6. Since the terms were agreed there has been a significant influx of secondary-aged children into this area, and pupil place planning projections are showing that a larger school will be needed into the future and it has been agreed with the Trust that the agreed terms will be amended so that they are required to build a school one form of entry larger than existing.
7. There is increasing focus on the environmental sustainability of the school estate and since the terms were agreed the Council has declared a climate emergency. Also the Department for Education has issued a Draft Strategy on sustainability and climate change requiring all new schools to be built to be carbon neutral in operation. While this scheme is not being delivered directly through DfE funding it does make sense that a replacement school at Bramcote follows this ethos and the Trust has confirmed this intention. In addition, in accordance with Council policy for its own new schools the Trust has agreed to include sprinklers within the new school. For the avoidance of doubt, the total agreed scheme will include the demolition of existing buildings, decant and furniture/internal fit-out costs.
8. Since Policy Committee gave approval to the proposed sale of land to the Trust on terms which were presented to Policy Committee, the market for residential land has changed. It is likely that in the light of the current market for residential land a significantly higher receipt will be received than was considered likely at the time of the report. The Council and the Trust anticipate that the construction by the Trust of a proposed new, larger school with improved environmental standards will be achievable from the capital receipt and there is potential for the Council to share in any surplus.
9. The current agreement between the parties allows for any surplus of capital receipt not used in the construction scheme or for paying the Council's and Trust's identified qualifying costs to be held in an Escrow account, against which the Trust may draw down costs to spend on education purposes to include capital works to buildings, IT infrastructure or the provision of sports facilities. Any surplus remaining in the account after a period of four years would revert to the Council.
10. In order to provide certainty to the Trust and the Council as to allocation of costs and the use of surplus funding, the following key contract terms are now proposed:
  - When the contract build cost is known the Trust is to have included a 10% contingency for use as contract contingency for any remaining risk items and on the educational purposes to include provision of Trust offices. Any part of this contingency sum not spent by the Trust after four years will revert to the Council.

- Any capital receipts in excess of the build cost, the qualifying costs (the cost to each party of delivering this project) and the Trust's 10% contingency (the "Surplus") will revert to the Council at the point of entering into the lump sum contract with the Contractor.
11. Whilst all this has the potential to achieve positive effects for the Council and the Trust, it needs to be recognised that this would be a different position from that which was considered by Policy Committee in December 2020 when it gave approval to the proposed sale and from that which was presented to the Secretary of State when he gave consent to disposal of land for less than the best consideration than can reasonably be obtained. The approval of the Committee is therefore necessary for officers to proceed to complete the sale of land to the Trust on amended terms and to approach the Secretary of State for confirmation that the consent previously provided for disposal of land for less than the best consideration that can reasonably be obtained applies to the disposal on the proposed amended terms.

### **Other Options Considered**

12. To continue with the terms as previously agreed which would not address increasing pupil place demands and not provide better environmental quality.

### **Reason for Recommendation**

13. To enable the Council and the Trust to complete a proposed disposal of land on terms which are different from those which have been approved by Policy Committee.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

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

### **Financial Implications**

15. It is expected that the expanded school, improved environmental standards and other amendments will be deliverable within expected capital receipts.

### **Implications for Service Users**

16. The proposed new school will provide a significantly improved environment for learning.

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

17. It is intended to build to net zero carbon in operation which will be a significant improvement on the existing school and at the cutting edge of school design.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that Committee approval be given to:

- 1) The following amendments to previously agreed terms with the Trust such that:

- a) the new school which the Trust is expected to use its receipt of funds to build will be one form of entry larger than existing;
  - b) the school will be built to comply with the DfE Draft strategy on sustainability and climate change and include sprinklers; and
  - c) changes to use of any surplus receipts as outlined in the report.
- 2) Authorise the Service Director Investment and Growth to approach the Secretary of State for confirmation that the consent that has been provided for the Council to dispose of land for less than the best consideration that can reasonably be obtained applies to the proposed amended terms.
  - 3) Delegated authority to the Service Director, Investment and Growth in consultation with the S151 Officer and Group Manager for Legal Services approve detailed terms of the necessary legal documentation to give effect to the revised terms.

**Matthew Neal**  
**Service Director, Investment and Growth**

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### **Constitutional Comments (SSR 07/04/2022)**

18. The recommendation falls within the remit of Economic Development and Asset Management Committee under its terms of reference.

### **Financial Comments (NS 06/04/2022)**

19. The report sets out a number of factors that potentially increases the cost of the building and the anticipation that greater than expected capital receipts will lead to an excess above the funding required for the school build. At the date of the report the costs nor the value of the capital receipt are known for certain. The report proposes key contract terms in anticipation that the capital receipt will be significantly in excess of the revised build cost. As set out in the December 9<sup>th</sup> report, the risk surrounding the values of the capital receipt and build costs will need to be closely monitored to ensure its continued viability.

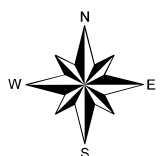
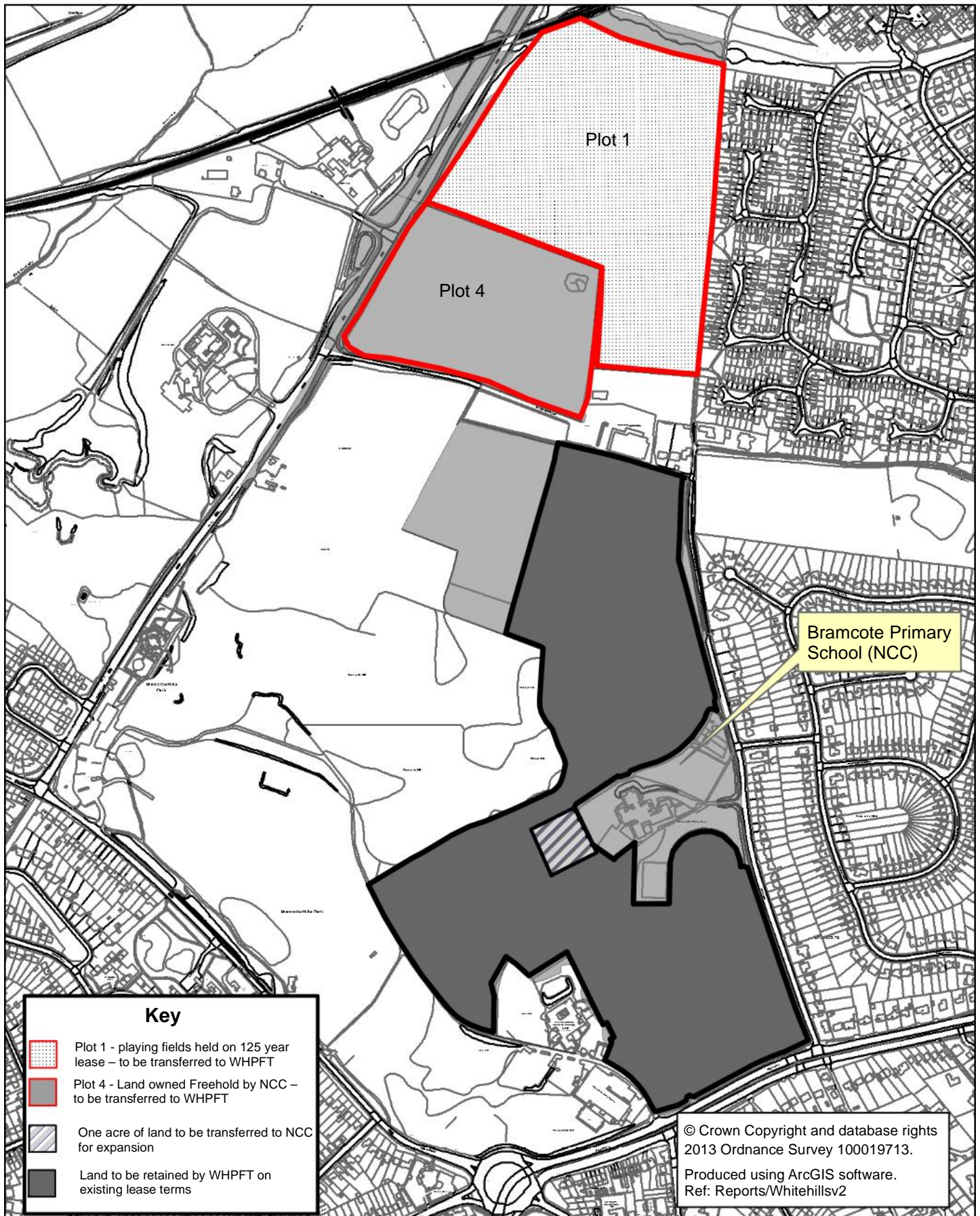
### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

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.

- Report to Policy Committee on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 titled 'Proposed sale of land at Bramcote Park to Whitehills Park Federation Trust.

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

- Bramcote and Beeston North – Councillor Steve Carr.





**19 April 2022****Agenda Item: 13****REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, INVESTMENT AND GROWTH****DISPOSAL OF SITE OF FORMER SCHOOL AT LYNNCROFT, EASTWOOD****Purpose of the Report**

1. To seek approval for the disposal of a vacant former school site on terms as detailed in this report and its exempt appendix.

**Information**

2. This report contains an exempt appendix which is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended). Information relating to any individual or the business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information). Having regard to the circumstances, on balance the public interest in disclosing the information does not outweigh the reason for exemption because divulging the information would significantly damage the Council's commercial position. The exempt information is set out in the exempt appendix.
3. The site is a former school site which has previously been cleared of buildings and has a total area of approximately 6.9 acres. The Council secured central government funding through the Land Release Fund Programme to promote the site for development by providing a junction into the site, removal of old foundations and securing an outline planning consent.
4. In November 2021 Broxtowe Borough Council granted outline planning approval for a development comprising 110 new homes and associated infrastructure. The Council has now offered the site for sale on the open market by informal tender.
5. The offers received are outlined in the exempt appendix with the highest bids being from well-established house builders with the capacity to fund the purchase and development. Details of the proposed terms of sale are outlined in the appendix also.
6. The Council is required under section 123 Local Government Act 1972 to obtain the best consideration reasonably obtainable for the disposal of assets. Given the current planning designation of the land, the marketing that has been undertaken and the current circumstances of the market for residential development land, it is considered that the proposed disposal terms meet this requirement.
7. It is to be noted that the sale boundary includes the wooded area known as The Canyons. It will be necessary to advertise the proposed sale of public open space as required under section 123 Local Government Act 1972 and the recommendations seek to delegate authority to consider any comments received.

## **Options Considered**

8. Retain the site: this site is vacant and has been declared surplus to the operational requirements of the Council.

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

9. To enable the sale of a surplus asset, to deliver new housing and to secure a capital receipt to the Council. The sale will also release the Council from ongoing maintenance and security obligations.

## **Financial Implications**

10. The sale of land will provide a capital receipt to the Council. A grant of £1,000,000 from the Land Release Fund Programme has been spent on the site to promote it for development and enhance its underlying value. The grant is not subject to repayment provisions.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

11. 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.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) To approve the sale of land site at Lynncroft as indicated edged black on the attached plan on the terms as set out in the exempt appendix to this report.
- 2) To delegate approval to the Service Director - Investment & Growth, Place, in consultation with the Chair of Committee, to finalise the terms of the contract and any necessary legal documentation to give effect to these proposals, and to consider any responses received following advertising the disposal of public open space.

**Matthew Neal**

**Service Director, Investment and Growth**

**For any enquiries about this report please contact:** Neil Gamble, Group Manager Property Asset Management, Tel:0115 9773045

## **Constitutional Comments (EP 05/04/2022)**

12. The recommendations fall within the remit of Economic Development and Asset Management Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

### **Financial Comments (GB 04/04/2022)**

13. The report states that the proposed disposal terms represent 'best value' to the Council. The capital receipts proposed will be used in line with the Council's current capital receipts policy.

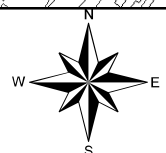
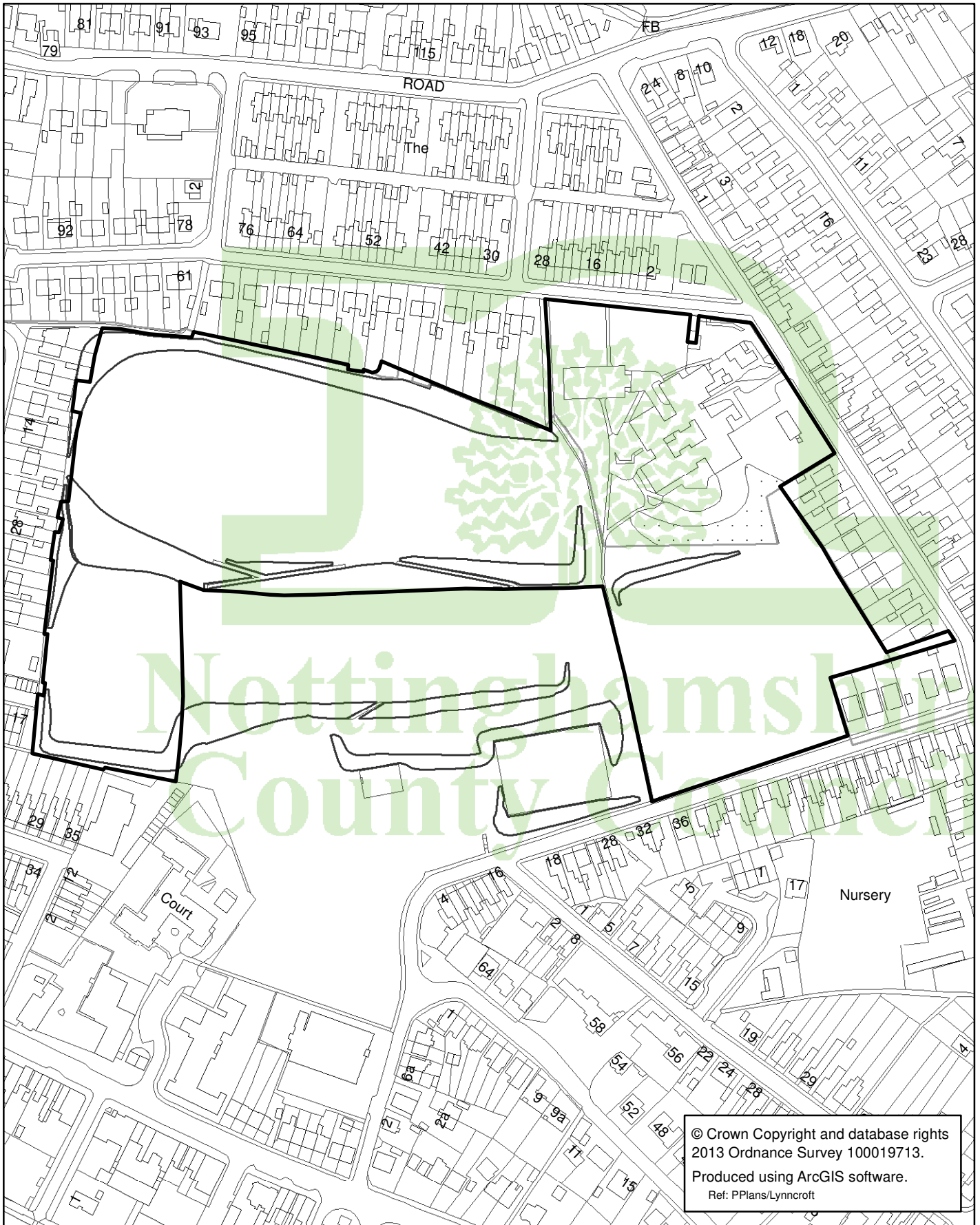
### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

- None

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

- Electoral Division: Eastwood Member: Councillor Eddie Cubley







**19 April 2022****Agenda Item: 14****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****TOP WIGHAY FARM: SELECTION OF RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT  
PARTNER****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update on the Top Wighay Farm site delivery and seek approval to agree the preferred development partner to deliver the residential element of the project.
2. To delegate authority to the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Service Director Finance, Infrastructure & Improvement, and with appropriate legal advice to finalise details of the legal documentation to give effect to these proposals.

**Information**

3. Some information relating to this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Having regard to the circumstances, on balance the public interest in disclosing the information does not outweigh the reason for exemption because divulging the information would significantly damage the Council's commercial position. The exempt information is set out in the exempt appendix to this report.

**Background**

4. The Nottinghamshire Plan 2021 – 2031 states that we'll continue to develop our major sites, boosting housing and job opportunities. We'll develop Top Wighay Farm as a blueprint for sustainable living in Nottinghamshire and will develop more sites over the coming years to supply quality housing for our residents and new job opportunities. We want Nottinghamshire to be a place where young people and young families have the opportunity to put down their roots and live healthy and fulfilling lives. In order to achieve this, we know that quality housing in good locations is vital. We will therefore work with developers and the Government to bring forward new housing that meets the needs of our growing population and everyone who wants to build their future here.
5. By embracing the ethos of working with Government and developers in order to bring forward new housing, the Council has been very successful in securing funding to deliver key infrastructure and to secure outline planning permission in order to de-risk the site and make it more commercially attractive to the market. Making the best possible use of the land will make a critical contribution towards fulfilling the Council's ambitions for the county and for the housing needs of its communities.

6. Despite recent development and construction industry setbacks because of the Covid 19 pandemic the Top Wighay Farm development has moved forward and considerable progress has been made in keeping to the delivery programme. As approved by Policy Committee (15 January 2020), an outline planning application for the development of the whole site for a mixed-use scheme predominantly 805 houses was submitted to Gedling Borough Council. On the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 Gedling Borough Council resolved to grant outline planning permission for the whole site, including 805 houses plus areas for employment, a local centre, and a primary school. On the same date, the initial infrastructure project was completed, providing a signalised junction to the northern access into the site as well as a fourth arm of a roundabout into the southern section. These are two fundamental achievements for delivering the Council's objectives for better housing and job creation.
7. In order to deliver the residential element of Top Wighay the Council is seeking a development partner from the Homes England's Delivery Partner Panel 3. The process to select the partner through this approach was set out in the report to Policy Committee (16 October 2019).
8. The process for selecting the house builder partner consists of several key stages, namely: Expression of Interest (EOI); followed by a sifting stage; and then an Invitation to Tender (ITT). After this selection process is completed and a preferred development partner is selected, the Council will enter detailed contract discussions in order to formalise a Development Agreement between the two parties. Once completed, the developer will then be responsible for the building of the houses and associated works.
9. Following a positive response to the Expression of Interest stage of ten experienced developers, a sifting brief was sent to the ten in order to reduce the number of potential developers down to five. The next stage was an Invitation to Tender from the shortlist of five. A summary and assessment of the five bids is provided in the Exempt Appendix to this report.
10. Approval is required for appointment of a preferred development partner and the formalisation of these arrangements through a Development Agreement as set out in the Exempt Appendix to this report.

### **Other Options Considered**

11. As detailed in the exempt appendix.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

12. To enable the sale of a surplus asset and to secure a capital receipt to the County Council and to provide much needed housing and employment for this location.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

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

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) To note the update on the Top Wighay Farm site delivery and to agree the preferred development partner to deliver the residential element of the project with key terms set out in the Exempt Appendix.
- 2) To delegate authority to the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Service Director Finance, Infrastructure & Improvement, and with appropriate legal advice to finalise details of the legal documentation to give effect to these proposals.

**Adrian Smith**  
**Corporate Director, Place**

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### **Constitutional Comments (EP 07/04/2022)**

14. The recommendations fall within the remit of the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

### **Financial Comments (GB 07/04/2022)**

15. The financial implications of this report are set out clearly in the exempt appendix. Any capital receipts as a result of this project will be used in line with the Council's capital receipts policy.

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

- None.

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

- Electoral Division: Newstead
- Members: Councillor Chris Barnfather

