

9 January 2020

Agenda Item:4

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES AND PLACE

YOUR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE YOUR FUTURE – DEPARTMENTAL STRATEGY SIX MONTH REVIEW OF PROGRESS (APRIL – SEPTEMBER 2019)

Purpose of the Report

1. This report provides the Communities and Place Committee with an overview of performance against the Communities and Place Departmental Strategy at the end of quarter 2 of the year 2019-20.

Information

2. The Council Plan - Your Nottinghamshire, Your Future - sets out the strategic ambition for the future of Nottinghamshire and the Council. It is focused on the future of Nottinghamshire as a prosperous place where people want to live, work, visit and invest.
3. The Council Plan is the core component of the Council's Planning and Performance Framework. The Framework sets out that delivery of the Council Plan will be through four Departmental Strategies detailing the activity and key measures to achieve the Council's strategic ambition. The first four Departmental Strategies – for Adults, Children's, Place and Resources - were developed during 2017 and agreed by Policy Committee in January 2018.
4. The Planning and Performance Framework also sets out how the Council will plan and manage its performance. The approach and format for reporting this was agreed by the Improvement and Change Sub-Committee on 12 March 2018. As part of that approach Members agreed that progress against the four departmental strategies will be reported to committee every six months.

Review of Progress from April 2019 – September 2019

5. The Dashboard set out at Appendix A provides an overview of performance for the key activities and measures set out at part 3 & 5 of the Communities and Place Departmental Strategy. The Dashboard is focused on the 12 Council Plan commitments and covers the first six months of April – September 2019.
6. During this period the Council has continued to operate in a challenging financial landscape with ongoing change to local authority funding coupled with many Council services experiencing continued increases in demand.

7. Progress has been made against the Communities and Place Departmental Strategy, with the actions contributing across the range of Council Plan Commitments, highlights include:

Commitment 2 – Children are kept safe from harm

- Children at risk are appropriately identified supported and protected – The report highlights the work of the Council and Via East Midlands, who have implemented a suite of casualty reduction programmes to ensure injuries on our roads, involving children and young people, continue to fall. This can be evidenced by the 8 road traffic collision incidents that have occurred for the period of April 2019 to September 2019, which constitutes a reduction of 69% on the 2005-2009 average and is on target for the 40% reduction by 2020.

Commitment 5 – Nottinghamshire is a great place to live, work, visit and relax

- People enjoy a wide range of leisure and cultural activities – The report demonstrates the Councils ability to support people and communities to help themselves through encouraging more people to become active citizens, support each other and taking responsibility for their own neighbourhoods and communities. Of the Local Improvement Schemes that have had funding approved, 869,040 volunteering hours have contributed to the delivery of those services or activities for the period of quarter 2. This will contribute towards ensuring that those projects have the greatest chances of success and once complete will deliver on the Council Plans priority of making Nottinghamshire a great place to live, work, visit and relax.

8. Particular attention will be given to any commitment where delivery of an action has not yet been matched by a change in the measure of success linked to it. This will include:

Commitment 6 – People are healthier

- Healthy life expectancy increases – As set out in the appendix, there is still work to be done to achieve the target for the number and value of unsafe items and products removed from or prevented from entering the supply chain, however the work is intelligence led based on the threat risk and harm posed to our communities, with quarter 2 being a very quiet period for product safety complaints. Additionally, while quarter 1 figures did not meet quantitative targets, the products involved were locally manufactured high risk baby and children's products, which posed serious potential choking hazards.

Commitment 7 – People live in vibrant and supportive communities

- Communities will support each other through volunteering and involvement in local organisations – The growth in the number of Friends Against Scams and Nominated Neighbours has been slow for the period of April 2019 to September 2019. Work is ongoing to identify further areas that may benefit from the Nominated Neighbour scheme and help protect vulnerable residents from unwanted doorstep callers, and further opportunities being explored to actively promote the Friends Against Scams scheme.

9. The Committee is invited to consider the progress reported in the appendix and any further information that it might require.

Other Options Considered

10. The matters set out in the report are intended to provide effective and proportionate performance management reporting to the Department and the Committee. This approach was agreed by the Improvement and Change Sub-Committee in March 2018 and no other options were considered

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11. The Council's Constitution requires each Committee to review performance in relation to the services provided on a regular basis. The recommendation contributes to this requirement.

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

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) The Communities and Place Committee consider the performance issues outlined in the report and whether any additional information or actions are required in relation to them.

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Constitutional Comments (SDS 23/12/2019)

14. The Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of the report.

Financial Comments (SES 20/12/2019)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

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

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All