

## **REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

### **ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN 2014 – 2015 - QUARTER 3 PROGRESS REPORT**

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

1. This report updates Policy Committee on the progress made towards the outcomes and actions set out in the Annual Delivery Plan 2014/15 during the nine month period ending 31 December 2014.

#### **Background**

2. The Strategic Plan 2014 - 2018 was agreed by County Council in January 2014 and provides a clear statement of the Council's vision, values and priorities. The five priorities set out a number of outcomes that the Council will seek to achieve or influence over the four years of the Plan.
3. As part of the Council's Strategic Management Framework, an annual Delivery Plan was agreed by Policy Committee in April 2014 identifying clear and specific activity to be undertaken in 2014-15 that would deliver, or contribute towards achievement of the outcomes set out in the Strategic Plan.
4. As part of the Council's Strategic Management Cycle the Council's progress in achieving the actions and outcomes set out in the Delivery Plan for 2014-15 is reported quarterly. The second quarterly report was considered in detail by Policy Committee on 10 December 2014. This report specifically focuses on the quarter 3 period of October to December 2014.

#### **Annual Delivery Plan 2014 - 15 – Quarter 3 Progress**

5. **Appendix A** provides Members with the latest available progress against the Annual Delivery Plan in the format introduced in December 2014. This is split into two sections:
  - § An Executive Summary providing an overview of high-level activity for each of the five priorities of the Strategic Plan. This enables Members to track the County Council's progress across a wide range of activity against the ambitions within the Plan.
  - § The second section relates specifically to the outcomes for each of the five priorities established within the Strategic Plan. The specific actions and measures that contribute to each of the planned outcomes are reported together. It also includes an overall summary of each outcome highlighting examples of progress or challenges identified between October – December 2014.

6. The appendix includes a brief explanation of progress against each ongoing action within the Delivery Plan. This has been prepared by the appropriate manager with lead responsibility for its achievement. Achievement of the stated actions involves a number of different services leading on individual tasks and also working in co-operation with each other. This achievement is therefore more often the shared accomplishment of a number of County Council services working together and may include a contribution made by partnership organisations.
7. Actions completed during Quarters 1 and Quarter 2 and highlighted in previous reports have been omitted from this report to enable a clearer focus on activity within the most recent period. The data included for each measure is from the most recent reporting period available up to 31 December 2014 and is dependent on the prescribed collection frequency for each measure (ie monthly, quarterly or annually). .

## Key Points

8. **Priority one – Supporting safe and thriving communities:** During Quarter 3, we have introduced “Together we are Better,” a new initiative in Mansfield/Ashfield which aims to prevent people living alone becoming isolated. We have also finalised the multi-agency Pandemic Flu Plan. In November, work began on site on the A38 Kingsmill Road West speed management scheme which aims to reduce the number of road casualties. It is expected enforcement will commence in Spring 2015.
9. There has been a small increase in the number of crimes recorded, particularly connected to violent crime where changes in classification have impacted on the position locally and nationally. All Crime remains at relatively low levels.
10. **Priority two – Protecting the environment:** Progress has been made at the new Worksop bus station with the steel works now erected, we have been successful in our application ‘From miner to Major – the real Sherwood Forest’ to the Heritage Lottery Fund with £119,000 of funding awarded for research and consultation, and together with Veolia (Nottinghamshire County Council’s waste contractor), a targeted recycling campaign took place during the quarter focussing on plastic recycling. Following the introduction of the green waste collection service in Newark & Sherwood the amount of waste sent for composting has increased and has now met the annual target.
11. **Priority three – Supporting economic growth and employment:** Since October the Economic Development Capital Fund has been re-launched to add to the 6 grants confirmed to date which are expected to create 66 new jobs, 15 new apprenticeships and lever in over £9 million of private sector investment. The planning application for Gedling Access Road was approved and the first ‘Exchange Only’ cabinet has gone live giving speedier, fibre based broadband service to premises in Cotgrave. At the end of December 2014, Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire had upgraded the infrastructure to 25,406 premises across the County.
12. **Priority four – Providing care and promoting health:** Focus this quarter has included the development of on-line tools to help pre-determine people’s care needs and assess the possible costs of care. This is due to be trialled early in the new year. Preparatory work has been completed to obtain agreement to tender for a new Information and Advice Hub for Carers and agreement to sign the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control. During the quarter NHS England also approved our Better Care Fund plan. The re-tendering of the Obesity Prevention and Weight Management Services has now been concluded.

13. Performance in relation to Carers assessments is positive with an increasing number of Carers being identified and assessed in relation to their own care needs. The Carers Survey, which provides invaluable feedback on how well supported and kept informed carers are, took place during Quarter 3 and the results are due to be presented to committee early next financial year
14. **Priority Five – Investing in our future:** Building on the learning from the ‘Together in Newark’ pilot, in November, the ‘Together in Worksop’ was launched which, in collaboration with schools and local partners in the Worksop area, aims to further improve outcomes and life chances for disadvantaged and vulnerable learners.
15. There have been 23 school inspections during Quarter 3 including one significant achievement of Holly Hill which was removed from Special Measures. Final Key Stage 2 (age 11) results have shown for the third year running, we have reduced the educational gap for children (eligible for free school meals at any point in the past six years) when compared with the rest of Key Stage 2 pupils.

## **Other Options Considered**

16. None.

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

17. The Strategic Plan establishes the values and priorities of the Council for the next four years. The annual delivery plan has been developed in accordance with the Strategic Management Framework to commence the implementation of these values and priorities. Policy Committee has requested to be informed of progress on a quarterly basis.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

18. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, the public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.
19. The actions to be carried out as part of the Annual Delivery Plan will advance the Council’s policy in respect of a number of these areas. In particular the Annual Delivery Plan sets out the Council’s statutory equality objectives.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

It is recommended that:

1. Policy Committee note quarter three progress against the Annual Delivery Plan 2014 - 2015.

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**Constitutional Comments (CH 20/02/2015)**

Because this report is for noting only no Constitutional Comments are required.

**Financial Comments (NR 19/02/2015)**

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

**Background Papers**

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.

Nottinghamshire County Council Strategic Plan 2014 – 2018 and Annual Delivery Plan 2014

**Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected:** All