

Culture Committee

Tuesday, 12 July 2016 at 14:00

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

AGENDA

- 1 To note the appointment by the County Council on 12 May 2016 of Chairman and Vice Chairman
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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.

- (4) Councillors are reminded that Committee and Sub-Committee papers, with the exception of those which contain Exempt or Confidential Information, may be recycled.
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**Nottinghamshire
County Council**
minutes

Meeting Culture Committee

Date 19 April 2016 (commencing at 2.00pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Knight (Chairman)
Pauline Allan (Vice-Chairman)

Roy Allan
Chris Barnfather
John Clarke
John Cottee
Maureen Dobson

Sybil Fielding
Roger Jackson
David Martin
Mike Pringle

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Pete Barker -Democratic Services
Sally Gill -Group Manager, Planning
Linda Hardy -Visitor Services Manager, CFCS
Derek Higton -Service Director, CFCS
Philippa Milbourne -CFCS

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Michael Copleston -RSPB
Ross Frazer -RSPB
Peter Gaw -Inspire
Carol Newman -Inspire

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

That the minutes of the last meeting held on 8 March 2016 were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Roy Allan replaced Councillor Bell and Councillor Martin replaced Councillor Hollis, both for this meeting only.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Dobson declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item 'Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre and Country Park – Progress Update' as she is a member of Newark and Sherwood District Council's Planning Committee.

Councillor Knight and Councillor Cottee each declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item 'Launch of Inspire' as potential members of the Inspire Board.

Councillor Pauline Allan and Councillor Clarke each declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item 'Bestwood Country Park – Future Maintenance Arrangements' as they are members of Gedling Borough Council.

Councillor Chris Barnfather also declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item 'Bestwood Country Park – Future Maintenance Arrangements' as the park is in his electoral division.

None of the above declarations precluded the Members from speaking or voting on the relevant items.

SERVICE UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD 22 FEBRUARY TO 28 MARCH 2016

RESOLVED 2016/022

That the update on a range of initiatives being undertaken to improve and enhance the quality of life for Nottinghamshire people be noted.

SHERWOOD FOREST VISITOR CENTRE AND COUNTRY PARK – PROGRESS UPDATE

Michael Coplestone and Ross Frazer from the RSPB gave a presentation to Committee regarding the concepts for the new visitor centre.

RESOLVED 2016/023

That Culture Committee notes the progress made on entering into legal agreements with the RSPB as partner to design, build and operate a new visitor centre at Sherwood Forest Country Park, to decommission the existing facilities, and the next steps.

RESPONSE TO PETITION: SAVE OUR FUNFAIR - EDWINSTOWE

RESOLVED 2016/024

That the Committee notes that discussions are ongoing with Edwinstowe Funfair operators regarding the future location of the Funfair, and that the Council remains committed to supporting the effective relocation of the Funfair, and the lead petitioner be informed accordingly.

LAUNCH OF INSPIRE

RESOLVED 2016/025

That the update on the establishment and launch of Inspire be noted.

BESTWOOD COUNTRY PARK – FUTURE MAINTENANCE ARRANGEMENTS

RESOLVED 2016/026

- 1) That approval be given for officers to pursue more detailed contractual negotiations with Gedling Borough Council, with a view to a) confirming the potential savings set out above, and b) establishing the detailed terms of a legally binding contract with the Borough Council for the Park's medium term management arrangements.
- 2) That the final terms of the contract be subject to agreement by Culture Committee in the autumn of 2016, with new management arrangements commencing in April 2017.

ARTS IN LIBRARIES

RESOLVED 2016/027

That the update on the delivery of arts activity in libraries be noted.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT RECORD ONLINE

RESOLVED 2016/028

That members note the work that has been undertaken to secure the Historic Environment Record and to improve accessibility for service users in line with national standards and guidelines and with the County Council's Digital First approach.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2016/029

That the committee's work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 3.07pm

CHAIRMAN

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE
AND THE GROUP MANAGER, PLANNING**

SERVICE UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD 29 MARCH TO 19 JUNE 2016

Purpose of the Report

1. To update the Committee on a range of initiatives being undertaken to improve and enhance the quality of life for Nottinghamshire people.

Information and Advice

LIBRARIES, ARCHIVES, ARTS, INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY LEARNING

Inspire Garden

2. Marking the launch of Inspire: Culture Learning and Libraries, local artists were commissioned to work with communities in the 14 largest libraries to create an Inspire flower artwork celebrating something about the location of each library. Inspire Garden Exhibition Tour launched in Arnold on 6 June 2016.
3. All 60 libraries were offered card flowers of the same shape as the artists' flowers to join in at a local level and display in their own libraries.
4. Mobile Libraries were supplied with an Inspire Garden bean growing activity to give away to groups and encourage attendance at library workshops.

14 Artist led sessions
26 library self-led sessions (figures reported on 9 sessions)
653 participants
432 Children and 221 Adults
100% Excellent or Very Good

Exhibition
Arnold: 7 June – 21 July
Worksop: 3 August – 4 September

Open Studios Notts

5. Working in partnership with Open Studios Nottinghamshire, Inspire: Culture Learning and Libraries hosted four group exhibitions in library galleries for groups who either wanted to

display art works together as part of Open Studios Notts or those who had no studio to open but an art practice to share.

Host Galleries

Southwell, Arnold, West Bridgford, Worksop: 24 April – 5 June 2016

30 Hosted Artists

106 participants in meet the artist sessions

79,910 library visitors during exhibition dates for opportunity to see the exhibitions.

COUNTRY PARKS AND GREEN ESTATES

6. On 23rd and 24th April, Rufford Abbey Country Park held another very successful Living History event, the “Historical Bazaar.” This began as a traders’ market for historical re-enactors but expanded into a public event. Re-enactors from many historical periods - from Romans to Victorians - strolled the site in authentic period costume. A programme of free displays and activities engaged visitors. Roughly 4,600 people visited the event over the weekend, the sunny Saturday being the busier day. The event is largely self-funding, as traders pay to attend.
7. Visitor Numbers at Rufford Abbey have proved extremely variable this spring, emphasising the fact that weather remains the strongest influence on visitor numbers. Rain, hail and even some snow flurries deterred visitors on what is traditionally the start of the main tourism season. A cool showery May Bank Holiday saw only around 2,000 visitors, plummeting to around 600 per day for the remainder of the week. But by the weekend temperatures had soared to 22 degrees, attracting over 5,500 visitors to the park. Such unpredictable demand levels present some planning challenges in terms of staffing and stock levels.

CULTURAL AND ENRICHMENT SERVICES

‘Lovely Lace’ - Arts

8. Inspired by Nottinghamshire’s lace heritage and the original lace samples and drawings loaned by Nottinghamshire Archives, workshops have been taking place throughout libraries and archives with customers and with targeted groups. Artists led public workshops with print and bobbin making in strategic and level one venues and for Library staff in level 2 and 3 venues resources to run events as part of the project were provided.
9. The targeted groups involved are Mencap day centres service users, who expressed the delicate lace patterns in textiles, children from Yeoman Park, Redgate, Ashlea, St Giles and Bracken Hill special schools who developed lace textures in clay, and service users from Co-Production Mental Health project who worked to explore lace through print.
10. Over 450 people participated in the opportunities offered. The resulting art works have become an amazing exhibition now touring the galleries. Exhibition tour dates are as follows:

Mansfield; 28 April – 5 June 2016

West Bridgford: 9 June – 12 July 2016

Arnold: 23 July – 1 Sept 2016

Apprentice Training

11. As part of the Lovely Lace project Arts had the absolute pleasure of working with all seven of the Library apprentices for a “How to Run an Arts Event” training day. Artist Sarah Manton and the Arts team shared knowledge and best practice and a wonderful title piece was created for the exhibition.

CONSERVATION

State of Nature in Sherwood Report 2015

12. The Conservation Team has recently authored a ‘State of Nature in Sherwood Report 2015’ on behalf of the Sherwood Habitats Strategy Group. The report sets out the extent (and where information is available, condition) of designated sites and habitats in Sherwood, and also provides information about a range of ‘special’ species which are particularly notable or otherwise characteristic of the area. The main purpose of the report is to provide a description of nature in Sherwood in the year 2015, against which the status and condition of its nature can be measured in future years. It is hoped that future updates of the report will demonstrate that conservation action has ensured that Sherwood not only remains a special place for nature, but that there is more characteristic habitat, in better condition, supporting healthy populations of Sherwood’s special species. The report can be found at:
http://www.nottsbag.org.uk/pdfs/SoNiS-publishedMay2016_000.pdf

Historic Environment Record

13. Following the recent work to move the Nottinghamshire Historic Environment Record (HER) on to an externally hosted system, and to make some of the information available online through the National Heritage Gateway, levels of support for the HER within the Conservation Team have also been reviewed. Two vacant posts within the team will be re-assigned to provide greater capacity for responding to customer enquiries, maintaining the HER and continuing to develop the online availability of information in order to provide a better service for all customers. The review has been managed within the existing staffing levels and budget.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That the update on a range of initiatives being undertaken to improve and enhance the quality of life for Nottinghamshire people be noted.

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REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR RESOURCES

PERFORMANCE REPORTING (1 APRIL 2015 – 31 MARCH 2016)

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an overview of performance during the fourth quarter of the 2015/16 financial year, covering activities from 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016.

Information and Advice

2. At the meeting on 5 November 2012, the Committee agreed to receive a quarterly report, which reviews performance across the full range of cultural services provided for children, young people and families that fall within its remit. These reports will be in addition to other reports that may be presented to the Committee from time to time providing detailed performance-related information about specific cultural services initiatives or projects.

Performance Reporting for Quarter 4 (2015/16)

3. The quantitative performance reporting included in this report is presented via a combination of:
 - outcome based key performance indicators (KPIs)
 - key service indicators that will be measured against objectives within each of the cultural services business plans
 - a summary of key achievements across the relevant service areas.
4. The list includes a number of KPIs that reflect priorities within the Council's Strategic Plan, and which will also therefore be reported to the Policy Committee.
5. The performance data for the period 1st April 2015 to 31st March 2016, as described above, is set out in the table at **Appendix A**. This provides a summary across all service areas for the fourth quarter of this financial year. The exception to this is the measure for adult learners which is measured over the academic year.
6. The activities, key performance indicators and service level indicators which are reported here have been selected by cultural services managers to provide information on the key development activities planned for 2015/16, plus a summary of performance achieved across the key service areas.

Other Options Considered

7. The process for presenting performance information set out in this report is in line with corporate guidance, which has itself been established following an appropriate analysis of alternative options.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

8. The recommendation for quarterly reporting to Committee, and the KPIs that will form the basis of the report, is in line with the established processes of reporting and publishing performance information across all of the services within the Children, Families and Cultural Services Department.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee notes the performance of the Council's cultural services during the period 1st April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

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Constitutional Comments

10. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (SS 17/05/16)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.



Youth, Families and Cultural Services REPORT TO COMMITTEE

Our Performance from April to March 2016 Quarter 4

What have we achieved?

Country Parks & Green Estates	Implement the Green Estate Strategy (agreed by Culture Committee in December 2013)	○
	Develop new operating options appraisals for Sherwood Forest Country Park, Rufford Country Park and Bestwood Country Park	○
Cultural & Enrichment	Finalise new operating / management arrangements for community sports and arts teams	✓
	Develop and deliver sustainable Community Partnership Libraries (CPLS)	○
Libraries, Archives, Information & Learning	Implement a new arm's length operating model for LAI&L services by April 2016	✓
	Modernise public libraries	○
	Modernise Nottinghamshire Archives t	○

Our achievement is rated by: [✓ achieved ○ on schedule ● progress being made, but behind schedule ✘ not started or will not complete]

Country Parks & Green Estates Service	Yr Target	Apr – Mar 16	On Target?
Number of visitors to our Country Parks – Sherwood Forest & Rufford Abbey Country Parks (Quarterly)	820,000	765,819	○
Increase Country Parks commercial income (Q)	£2,500,000	£2,693,492	✓
Number of volunteers that Green Estates worked with (Q)	700	983	✓
Number of volunteer hours generated by Country Parks (Q)	5400	7771	✓
Service user and customer satisfaction level – Sherwood Forest Country Park (Annual)	>90%	81%	○
Service user and customer satisfaction level – Rufford Abbey Country Park (A)	>90%	100%	✓
Libraries Archives Information and Learning Service	Yr Target	Apr – Mar 16	On Target?
The number of visits to Libraries (Q)	(2,800,000)	2,881,678	✓
The number of virtual visits to Libraries (Q)	(1,000,000)	1,354,292	✓
The number of Library events and activities (Q)	(7,000)	9,888	✓
The number of Library loans (Q)	(3,000,000)	3,130,141	✓
The number of new Library members (Q)	(28,000)	28,893	✓
The number of adult learners (target for Community Learning and Skills Services (CLaSS) is set for academic year Sept to August each year) (Q2 score)	(7,500)	5,786	✓
Percentage of adult learners who started the course that met their expectations (Q)	(93%)	96%	✓
The number of Newlinc sessions (public computer access & Wi Fi sessions) (Q)	(250,000)	277,238	✓
The number of visits to Archives (Q)	(4,000)	5,384	✓
The number of virtual visits to Archives (Q)	(300,000)	355,345	✓
The number of Archives learning activities/events and number of attendances (Q)	(50 / 1,000)	73 / 1,328	✓
Successfully deliver file requests for the RMS within time delivery standard (A)	95%	100%	✓
Achieve Education Library Service schools buyback rates (A)	(70%)	70%	✓
Service user and customer satisfaction levels achieved across the service area (A)	(90%)	92%	✓

Our achievement is rated by: [✓ on or above target / ● off target (by less than 10%) / ✘ off target (by more than 10%)]
¹data not yet received in full ²against quarter profile (p) provisional figure (annual) figure not reported on a quarterly basis

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REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

**NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GREEN ESTATE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND
PLAN 2013 - 2023**

Purpose of the Report

1. To report on progress of implementation of the Development Strategy and Plan for 2013-2023 for the Council's Green Estate and to seek approval of proposals for the future management and operation of the site portfolio.

Information and Advice

2. This report follows the development of the Green Estate Development Strategy and Plan 2013-2023 which received approval at the October 2013 meeting of the Committee and the follow on report in July 2014 setting out an updated asset /status list of sites and recommendations for their future management/operation.
3. The primary aim of the Strategy is to find alternative management regimes for the portfolio with the objective of reducing as far as possible the management burden and revenue cost to the Council.
4. Discussions are continuing with external organisations that may be interested in operating some of the sites and others may prove suitable for community management. As the Strategy recognises there is unlikely to be a single solution as the sites are so varied in size and location and there will inevitably be a body of land that cannot be managed in any other way but 'in-hand'.
5. There has been mixed progress in transferring some sites to other management arrangements and in resolving some long-standing alternative use proposals that have affected others. The changes to the site list are highlighted in **Appendix 1**.
6. A comprehensive review of the sites in the portfolio has also been undertaken as part of a corporate review of the potential for all landholdings to contribute to alternative energy generation such as solar or wind. Unfortunately in the end none of the sites proved suitable because of a lack of electricity grid capacity or planning constraints.
7. Two site complexes have been due for some time to transfer to the Forestry Commission (FC) as the legacy of the 'British Coal Deal' where the County Council acquired closed collieries, restored them to forest parks and then passed them onto the FC on a long lease for future management and a guarantee of continued public access. The Ollerton sites have been held up pending resolution of issues of access and boundaries but these have now

been resolved and the final form of the lease has been drawn up and is with solicitors. The reworking and restoration of the south tip at Shirebrook has been successfully completed and so the Shirebrook complex is also nearing transfer. As it has been some considerable time since the original Environment Committee resolution to approve the leases of the sites to the FC, Committee is asked to consider reaffirming their agreement to the conclusion of the leases for these two sites. It had been hoped to include the complex of sites at Manton in a similar agreement to lease but the FC do not wish to proceed with these at the moment because of the considerable problems with off-road trespass and other forms of anti-social behaviour. The council is working with the local community and police to reduce this persistent problem to a manageable level.

8. Forestry Commission management of the sites that have already transferred (some 800ha) has been a great success as the Commission has considerable resources and expertise at its disposal and has thus been able to enhance the amenity and biodiversity of the sites and improve the quality of the visitor experience at all levels. There is the ancillary benefit to the Council of a significant reduction in management time and maintenance costs.
9. A number of the remaining sites within the portfolio are also former colliery tips acquired from the National Coal Board and their successors. The objective of these purchases was similarly to facilitate the restoration of the former coal tips by the County Council utilising grant funding for the restoration. This, in turn, created opportunities for improving public access to, and/or agriculture/forestry on the sites.
10. Whilst these initial restorations could be judged a success against the remediation objectives of the time, improved restoration techniques mean that there is now an opportunity to improve on the restoration of a number of these sites to an enhanced level. Such further remediation will allow issues such as wildlife conservation, tip stability and the dangers of spontaneous combustion to be dealt with in a much more effective manner than was previously technically possible or realistic. In addition, a number of these tips contain deposits in the form of waste coal slurry from the former extractive industries. It is now commercially possible to recover these former waste coal products and to sell them in to the power distribution network. This opportunity means that, in addition to improving the quality and standards of remediation, and to allow improved public access and wildlife enhancements, there is an opportunity for the County Council to generate economic benefit from the recovery of these waste coal materials.
11. The former Rufford colliery tip site at Rainworth is one such site which is immediately adjacent to the remainder of the colliery tip complex which is currently undergoing restoration by a private company. This is one of the early former colliery tips which the Council acquired and which was restored to (mostly) lower grade grazing land, but with significant opportunity for further improved restoration to allow the re-creation of valuable, and rare, natural heathland habitat. The site is bisected by a watercourse, Rainworth Water, which has been in culvert since the days of mining on the site. This project offers the opportunity to re-profile the land to allow the removal of the culvert and the opening up of the Rainworth Water watercourse. This is a significant environmental improvement opportunity, in addition to the potential for habitat improvement.
12. The proposal was considered and approved by Finance and Property Committee on 20 June 2016 and now will proceed to detailed planning and negotiation of the contractual stages.

Other Options Considered

13. The report is a scheduled follow-on report arising from the decision of the July 2014 meeting of the Committee.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

14. The proposals are part of the process of transforming council services and reshaping operating models foreshadowed by Redefining Your Council.

Statutory and Policy Implications

15. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, public sector equality duty, human resources, crime and disorder, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation will be undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Implications for Service Users

16. Where appropriate when sites pass from Council control every attempt will be made to safeguard public access and biodiversity by means of covenants or contractual terms.

Financial Implications

17. There are aspects of the Strategy that require longer term capital investment and it is anticipated that external funding support will be required in order for them to be progressed. Where land is transferred from direct Council control this will be subject to the normal approval process set out in the Financial Regulations.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Culture Committee:

- 1) reaffirms the previous Committee approval of the leases to the Forestry Commission of the site complexes at Ollerton and Shirebrook, completing the British Coal Deal programme
- 2) in line with the approval of Finance and Property Committee on 20 June 2016, approves the principle of the project to rework and improve the Rufford tip site at Rainworth
- 3) notes the progress on the management and operation of the site portfolio as set out in **Appendix 1**.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 01/06/16)

18. The recommendations in the report fall within the terms of Reference of the Culture Committee.

Financial Comments (SS 06/06/16)

19. The financial implications of the report are contained within paragraph 17 above.

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.

Nottinghamshire Green Estate Development Strategy and Plan 2013-2023 – report to Culture Committee on 8 October 2013

Nottinghamshire Green Estate Development Strategy and Plan 2013-2023 – report to Culture Committee on 1 July 2014

Former Rufford Colliery Tip – proposed disposal of coal fines (coal deposits) - report to Finance and Property Committee on 20 June 2016.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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Green Estate Sites (04/2016)

Site Name	Area (Hectares)	District	Notes
KEY SITES			
Cotgrave Country Park	162.1	Rushcliffe	Developer contributions (s.106) applied for works to improve tracks and ecology
Daneshill Lakes	67.2	Bassetlaw	Agreement with wildlife trust for management of the nature reserve
Teversal & Silverhill Trails (8km w. Brierley Forest link)	11.4	Ashfield	
Moor Pond Wood	9.2	Gedling	Grant aid received via Friends' for improvement works
Southwell Trail (11.5 km incl Bilsthorpe arm)	27.6	N&S	
Cockglode and Rotary Woods LNR	14.9	N&S	New reserve agreement being drawn up by N&SDC (includes Sherwood Heath)
Tippings Wood	51.2	N&S	
Great Northern Railway Path (1.7 km)	7.0	Broxtowe	
Ollerton Colliery (East)	58.2	N&S	Lease negotiations with Forestry Enterprise at an advanced stage (delayed due to boundary and access issues – now resolved)
Shirebrook Colliery North	79.1	Mansfield	Lease negotiations with Forestry Enterprise at an advanced stage (delayed due to tip reworking)
Shirebrook Colliery South	56.0	Mansfield	Lease negotiations with Forestry Enterprise at an advanced stage
Rufford No. 1 (Rainworth Water)	60.5	N&S	Proposal to reshape tip profile, improve ecology and re-open the culverted Rainworth Water subject to planning and contractual agreements.
Dob Park	20.4	Ashfield	
Harby-High Marnham Sustrans route (10km)	5.0	N&S/Bassetlaw	
Linby Trail (2km)	4.6	Gedling	
Shireoaks & Coachgap Green	29.6	Bassetlaw	Negotiations with community group for transfer of operational management are continuing
Kimberley Green	7.2	Broxtowe	
Ranskill No.1	26.2	Bassetlaw	
The Ranges (Linby Colliery/Tip)	33.7	Ashfield	
Firbeck Colliery	58.1	Bassetlaw	Stewardship Agreement with new tenants agreed with Natural England
Freckland Wood	20.1	Gedling	
Mansfield Way (5.4 km excl road sections)	16.4	Mansfield	
Sutton Meadows	12.5	Ashfield	
Bilsthorpe-Clipstone (incl Rufford colliery arm 7.5km)	20.0	N&S	
Ranskill No.2 (DEF)	73.7	Bassetlaw	
Birch Wood (White Mole Wood), Ranskill	5.7	Bassetlaw	
Farleys Lane (Hucknall No.1)	18.6	Ashfield	Leased area of site reverted to landlord. Part remainder cleared in preparation for link road to Hucknall airfield development (Rolls Royce)
Warsop Colliery	73.9	Mansfield	
INTERMEDIATE SITES			
Manton North (Manton No. 1?)	27.7	Bassetlaw	Proposed lease to FE abandoned due to high levels ASB. Community engagement continuing. New secure car park and access track completed.
Manton South (Windmill Lane)	56.8	Bassetlaw	Proposed lease to FE abandoned as above
Cossall Pocket Park	2.3	Broxtowe	
Newstead Old Coal Stocking Yard	7.8	Gedling	
Rookery Park (ex Sutton Landfill aka New Hucknall)	25.3	Ashfield	
Langton Colliery	4.5	Ashfield	
Nuthall Cutting MUR (1.6km)	5.0	Broxtowe	
Fanny's Grove	9.7	N&S	
Fiskerton Landfill Site	24.0	N&S	
Kirkby North	18.1	Ashfield	
Selston Mathew Holland, Underwood	2.2	Ashfield	
Sherwood Energy Village, Ollerton (West)	8.2	N&S	Awaiting decision from property on future use
Goresthorpe Landfill Site	10.3	N&S	
Kirkby Grives Greenway (1.5km with Lindley's Lane)	1.1	Ashfield	
Nunn Brook Park, Huthwaite	8.9	Ashfield	
Ollerton Assarts	0.7	N&S	
Ollerton Colliery (West)	22.2	N&S	Lease negotiations with Forestry Enterprise at an advanced stage (delayed due to boundary and access issues – now resolved)

Site Name	Area (Hectares)	District	Notes
Grantham Canal, Cotgrave Bridge	0.1	Rushcliffe	
Grantham Canal, Cropwell Bridge	0.1	Rushcliffe	
Grantham Canal, Tollerton Road	0.1	Rushcliffe	
Watnall Colliery	1.9	Broxtowe	
Gedling Colliery Railway Vale (waste disposal site)	3.0	Gedling	
Linby Paddock	0.6	Gedling	
Cutts Wood East	2.1	N&S	
Cutts Wood West	1.1	N&S	
Manton No. 2	4.1	Bassetlaw	Proposed lease to FE abandoned as above
Selston Pye Hill, Underwood	8.4	Ashfield	
The Canyon's, Eastwood	1.3	Broxtowe	
LOW PRIORITY SITES			
Dalestorth Meadows	22.5	Mansfield & Ashfield	Awaiting decision from Property on future use
Grantham Canal, Kinoulton Bridge	0.1	Rushcliffe	
Lindley's Lane Walkway	1.6	Ashfield	
Manton Old Black & White	10.8	Bassetlaw	
Parsons Quarry, Skegby	1.8	Ashfield	
Fiskerton Picnic Site	0.2	N&S	
Hucknall Gateway	0.3	Ashfield	Part transferred to Network Rail for new bridge
Linby Spine Road D (Robey Close f.p.)	0.5	Ashfield	
Clipstone sliver	10.8	N&S	
Linby Spine Road Landscaping A	1.0	Ashfield	
Linby Spine Road C	0.5	Ashfield	
Wigwam Lane	5.8	Ashfield	
Annesley East Tip	3.9	Gedling & Ashfield	
Linby Spine Road Landscaping B	1.2	Ashfield	
North Muskham Amenity Land	0.2	N&S	Transferred to Highways as adopted area
Bentinck South Colliery Tip	13.2	Ashfield	
Doles Lane	2.4	Ashfield	Awaiting decision from Property on future use
Ridgewood Grove	0.2	Gedling	Transfer to parish council imminent
Bunny Wood	1.0	Rushcliffe	
Center Parcs Wood	0.7	N&S	
Cotham Landfill Site	9.0	N&S	
Shooters Brake	1.1	N&S	
Babbington Colliery Wood	2.2	Broxtowe	Highway land? Investigate further
Stony Field Lane, Bilsthorpe	2.5	N&S	Lease to parish council for Coronation Green failed. Part transferred Highways as adopted land.
Boughton Camp Spine Road Landscaping & Wood	1.7	N&S	
Mere Way, Ruddington	3.1	Rushcliffe	
Ruddington Peripheral Road	4.5	Rushcliffe	
Welbeck Colliery No. 1 Tip	1.0	Bassetlaw	Reverted to landlord
Green Lane Cossall Marsh	0.7	Broxtowe	
Total	1,438		
87 Sites			
disused mineral lines awaiting restoration			
Cotgrave (3.5km)	8.0	Rushcliffe	Planning permission in place. Funding from various sources secured for limited implementation
Calverton (Moor Lane-Calverton 7.8km)	15.0	Gedling	
Total	23		

Sites on long lease to other bodies (district councils etc) omitted from list

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE**SHERWOOD FOREST VISITOR CENTRE AND COUNTRY PARK –
PROGRESS UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report and the accompanying joint presentation by officers of the Council is to provide the Committee with a further update on progress following Committee approval in July 2015 to enter into legal agreements with the RSPB as partner to a) design, build and operate a new visitor centre at Sherwood Forest Country Park and b) decommission the existing facilities.

Information and Advice**Background**

2. Culture Committee approved the commencement of a procurement exercise at its meeting on 1 July 2014 to seek a partner to develop, build and operate a new visitor centre for Sherwood Forest Country Park, and to manage Sherwood Country Park.
3. Following a detailed procurement exercise, the RSPB was selected as the preferred bidder. Culture Committee, at its meeting on 21 July 2015, approved the Council entering into legal agreements with the RSPB as its partner.
4. Contracts were signed with the RSPB on 16 November 2015. Presentations to the Culture Committee on 8 December 2015 and 19 April 2016 highlighted the progress made and the next steps with this project and this presentation provides a further update.

Other Options Considered

5. The report is for noting only.

Reasons for Recommendations

6. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, 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 legal advice sought on these issues as required.

Implications for Service Users

8. The impact on service users (visitors) will be positive as the new visitor centre will provide a much needed “fit for purpose” visitor experience.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That Culture Committee notes the progress made on entering into legal agreements with the RSPB as partner to design, build and operate a new visitor centre at Sherwood Forest Country Park, to decommission the existing facilities, and the next steps.

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Constitutional Comments

9. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (SS 17/06/16)

10. There are no 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.

Future of Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre – report to Culture Committee on 1 July 2014 (previously published)

Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre and Country Park – future development and management arrangements – report to Culture Committee on 21 July 2015 (previously published)

Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre and Country Park – progress update – report to Culture Committee on 8 December 2015 (previously published)

Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre and Country Park – progress update – report to Culture Committee on 19 April 2016 (previously published)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

C0802



**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND
CULTURE**

**NATIONAL WATER SPORTS CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT – THIRD
YEAR CONTRACT REVIEW**

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide the Committee with an annual review update on the National Water Sports Centre management and development contract.

Information and Advice

Background

2. In September 2011 the County Council agreed for the management and operation of the National Water Sports Centre (NWSC) to be outsourced to a third party provider. Following a detailed procurement process a preferred operator was selected to operate the Centre for 21 years. This was reported to and agreed by Policy Committee on 16 January 2013.
3. The successful bidder, Serco Leisure, acting as the managing agent for a newly formed leisure trust, Holme Pierrepont Leisure Trust (HPLT), started onsite on 1 April 2013. The site has been operating under the new arrangements for just over three years.
4. The vision for the NWSC going forward and what the bidders were asked to support the Council in achieving was ***'To be an accessible, high quality family activity and sporting centre with an adventurous flavour set in stunning green space'***. Bidders were also tasked with supporting the Council's ambition to reduce annual operating costs and to partner the Council in funding much needed capital investments on site.
5. The successful bid included a £6.7million capital investment (over the life of the project), £1.6 million being funded from the Council and the balance from Serco Leisure.
6. Over the life of the contract the anticipated revenue savings are approximately £14million, when the annual contract costs are compared to the costs that would have been faced by the Council had it continued to operate the Centre on its previous basis. The anticipated savings identified will be used to help alleviate the budgetary pressures facing the Council over the medium term.

7. Monthly contract meetings are held to ensure compliance with the contract and its performance specifications; a separate works procurement agreement is in place to monitor progress on a schedule of agreed capital works at the Centre. This report and accompanying presentation will inform the Committee of progress.

Capital Investments

8. Since the last progress report the HPLT has been successful in obtaining further Sport England funding of £240,000 that has been used to enhance the facility for disabled visitors. This has seen a new disabled changing area being formed and a new ramp providing easier access to the regatta lake for disabled visitors.
9. HPLT has also invested in the site this year by delivering the following improvements and new developments:
 - campsite
 - refurbished changing block
 - tipis
 - creation of camping pitches
 - refurbishment of campsite shop.
 - children's free play area
 - refurbished café areas
 - new boating/rafting equipment
 - creation of a foot golf course
 - improved facilities for the general public at the water park
 - creation of a new dance studio
 - provided Wi-Fi facilities in all public areas
 - upgraded CCTV system.
10. The Committee will receive a short presentation on the impact made following the capital development phase and programming highlights for the previous year at the meeting.

Contract Management

11. The contract is managed and reviewed on a monthly schedule where progress is monitored against the original specification. Emphasis is placed on compliance measures and service outputs alongside a target of an increase of participation of 10% year on year.
12. The Centre has seen increased participation numbers in all areas, for example, gym membership has increased from 650 in 2013 to 1,600 in 2016.
13. In early 2015 the white water course was closed due to urgent repair work required on health and safety grounds. This was a challenge faced by HPLT which was completed in a professional manner to cause least disruption to the users. Under the contract these works were attributable to the County Council.
14. During the previous 12 months the Council has only levied one minor financial penalty on HPLT through the contract. This related to the delayed renewal of activities licences.

Revenue Support

15. The on-going revenue contribution made by the Council is continuing to reduce in line with the contract. All savings are being used towards the budgetary pressures being faced.

Other Options Considered

16. The report is for noting only.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

17. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

18. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the third year update on the National Water Sports Centre management and development contract be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

19. As this report is for noting only, no Constitutional Comments are required.

Financial Comments (SS 06/06/16)

20. There are no 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.

Future management arrangements for the National Water Sports Centre – report to Cabinet on 14 September 2011

National Water Sports Centre future management arrangements – report to Policy Committee on 16 January 2013

National Water Sports Centre progress report – Second year on contract review – report to Culture Committee on 9 June 2015

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

C0840

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COMMUNITY LEARNING AND SKILLS SERVICE

UTILISATION OF GRANT RESERVES FOR 2016/17

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - a) outline the strategic case for using a proportion of the Education Funding Agency (EFA)/ Skills Funding Agency (SFA) grant reserves that have been built up over the last few years to support Nottinghamshire Community Learning and Skills Service (CLASS) to achieve its objectives in the 2016/17 academic year.
 - b) seek approval of the Nottinghamshire Community Learning and Skills Service's utilisation of grant reserves during the 2016/17 academic year (e.g. £623,000 from the total reserve of £750,000).

Information and Advice

Introduction

2. Nottinghamshire County Council's Adult and Community Learning Service and its Skills for Employment Service formally merged on 5 May 2015 to form Nottinghamshire Community Learning and Skills Service (CLASS).
3. The funders, which are the EFA and the SFA, contract with the Council. Inspire operates as an agent in partnership with the Council to deliver adult learning and skills for employment services.
4. The grant reserve consists of underspend from previous academic years' operations. The funding has to be spent on eligible activities defined in the original grant conditions for the EFA/SFA and directly related to the delivery of learning for young people and adults and on additional supporting linked items (e.g. learning technologies and equipment, premises rents).
5. The EFA and the SFA requires the allocation to be used to:
 - maximise access to learning for the County's young learners (aged 16 to 18 years) who are not in education, employment or training (NEET) by providing provision that is not available from existing Further Education (FE) providers (e.g. General Further Education Colleges and Independent Training Providers)

- maximise access to community learning for adults, bringing new opportunities and improving lives, whatever people's circumstances
- promote social renewal by bringing local communities together to experience the joy of learning and the pride that comes with achievement
- maximise the impact of community learning on the social and economic well-being of individuals, families and communities.

The Strategic Case:

6. The overall purpose and objectives for EFA funded provision are set by the Department of Education, while the objectives for SFA funded community learning provision are set by the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills in the White Paper 'New Challenges, New Chances'. In addition, however, the SFA has established a new Adult Education Budget (AEB) that will operate from the beginning of the 2016/17 academic year and will give all FE providers, including Nottinghamshire CLASS, new flexibilities to deliver accredited programmes to aged 19+ adults.
7. In order to achieve the Service's growth targets for 2016/17 of 300 learners, Nottinghamshire CLASS will need to draw from reserves in order to partially offset a reduced EFA budget allocation (i.e. a reduction of nine learners) from 245 in 2015/16 to 236 in 2016/17.
8. In order to support CLASS's growth plans (which were agreed in principal by the Culture Committee in March 2016), it is necessary to access the Service's underspend reserves in order to achieve the following objectives:

a) **Supporting EFA delivery in Newark, and across Nottinghamshire to 300 learners in 2016/17**

This will involve delivery of EFA Study Programmes from new premises in the centre of Newark (the location of the new premises is to be confirmed). It will require hiring a minimum of two new temporary tutors to deliver from Newark. Their posts will be temporary for the 2016/17 academic year, and their salaries will be paid from the reserves for this period with the intention that their posts will be covered by 'core' EFA funding from the 2017/18 academic year. This funding will also pay for two additional tutors to work in Eastwood and Stapleford to support the growth of learner numbers from 284 in 2015/16 to 300 in 2016/17. EFA 'core' funding will only support 236 learners in 2016/17, and so the additional 64 learners' provision (and the two additional tutors – one who will focus upon delivering the Aim Award accredited Personal and Social Development programme and one who will focus upon Functional Skills) will need to be covered by reserves. This is a sensible investment, as EFA funding operates on a one-year lag, and so this growth in learner numbers will be consolidated by 'core' EFA funding from the 2017/18 academic year.

b) **Developing commercial learning delivery across the County**

This will require hiring a new Commercial Learning Coordinator who will assist in the development of this provision. As part of the Government's New Changes New Choices 'Pound-Plus' agenda, Adult and Community Learning Providers have been required to develop non-government funding streams to support the funding offered by the

government. As part of its planned growth and development, Nottinghamshire CLASS will develop new commercial learning programmes in 2016/17. These courses will require additional funding from the existing reserves, in order to provide the staffing, marketing and venue hire costs associated with this new provision. It is planned that by the academic year 2017/18, this commercial learning provision will be self-sustaining, and that it will not require additional funding support from the reserves. It is planned that this new provision may become a new source of income for the wider Service from the 2017/18 academic year. It is planned to use the reserves in order to 'pump-prime' the establishment of this new commercial learning provision across Nottinghamshire during the 2016/17 academic year.

c) Developing new Apprenticeship and Traineeship provision across the County

In order for CLASS to maximise the offer to Nottinghamshire residents, there is a need to develop new Apprenticeship and Traineeship provision. These programmes will assist young people and adults to access real jobs with training so that they can effectively escape from unemployment and under-employment. In order to support the dramatic growth in Apprenticeship and Traineeship numbers, it is planned to use the reserves in 2016/17 to fund a new Apprenticeship/Traineeship coordinator post (temporary for one year) and to provide marketing support for the development of this new provision. It is hoped that following the 2016/17 academic year, Apprenticeship and Traineeship learner volumes will be sufficient to cover the costs of this provision using the 'core' SFA funding. This use of the reserves will also support the Service's ability to submit a successful case to the SFA in the 2016/17 academic year to attract direct Apprenticeship and Traineeship funding, rather than pulling it down as a subcontractor of Enable and of Rotherham and North Nottinghamshire College as is currently the case.

d) Supporting the shift towards 25% direct delivery of SFA community and family learning provision in 2016/17 to prepare for the shift to the Adult Education Budget funding and the new localism agenda

This is a key strategic objective for the Service in the 2016/17 academic year as outlined to the Culture Committee in March 2016. The reserves funding will support the Service's development of new direct delivery of community and family learning provision across the County. The funding will support the salary costs of a new pool of approximately 50 new sessional tutors for their first year of employment with CLASS. This will provide CLASS with the foundation that will enable the Service to grow directly funded provision of Adult and Community and Family Learning provision by an additional 25% in the 2017/18 academic year. This will result in the outcome that by the end of the 2017/18 academic year, the Service will have moved to 50% of its Adult, Community and Family Learning being **directly** delivered, rather than being delivered by subcontractors. In addition, funding from the reserves will support the smooth transition of the Service's Adult and Community and Family Learning provision from the existing SFA funding to the new Adult Education Budget funding. This new funding provides the Service with the exciting opportunity to begin to deliver 19+ adults with accredited courses in addition to the existing offer of non-accredited Community and Family Learning. This shift in the funding, however, has risks as it involves adapting CLASS's Management Information Systems and CLASS's management to accommodate a new 'Formula Funding' mechanism. The reserve funds will assist the Service to effectively adopt this new

'Formula Funding' approach and will help to minimise the risks to the Service of making this transition.

e) Developing the delivery of new 19+ Advanced Learning Loan provision

Nottinghamshire CLASS has secured SFA funding (i.e. a 19+ Advanced Learning Loans 'Facility') in order to offer Advanced Learning Loans to adults aged 19+. This new funding will support the Service to offer a range of new provision at Level 3 and Level 4 to Nottinghamshire residents. The Service is planning to access funding from the Council's reserves (of SFA and EFA funding accumulated over the last few years) to support the transition to this new delivery model. This approach will involve the creation of new 'Access to HE' programmes for adults wishing to study Humanities Degrees, and will also involve the creation of a new 'Certification and Diploma in Education and Training' course. This course will enable the Service to 'grow-our-own' future tutors, ensuring that it is able to manage the quality of delivery from top to bottom. The reserves funding will support this new venture, by providing funding for a new 19+ Advanced Learning Loan coordinator (temporary for one year) and to support the venue costs and related marketing and administrative and MIS costs associated with this new funding source.

f) Developing the Service's ability to maximise funding from European sources in the 2016/17 academic year

In order to be better able to maximise the income that the Service can secure in the 2016/17 academic year, it is intended to utilise the reserves in a dynamic manner, so that 'match' funding is available when required and also to support the enhancement to the Service's MIS and administration systems that will be required to ensure that the Service is fully compliant with European Social Fund regulations. For example, in order to be compliant with European Social Fund requirements, the Service will have to ensure that all members of the team complete and return time-sheets itemising their time delivering the project(s) against the time spent delivering 'core' funded activities. The reserves will help to fund the new MIS systems and ICT requirements that the Service will have to meet in order to adequately deliver a range of new ESF funded provision.

g) Supporting the organisational resilience of the Service as the Service makes these transitions across all aspects of its provision

In summary, 2016/17 is going to be a year of unprecedented change and challenge for Nottinghamshire Community Learning and Skills Service. In addition to the above mentioned challenges and opportunities, there will be the Area Based Review of post 16 education across the D2N2 LEP area undertaken by the FE Commissioner in November 2016. There will also be the need to accommodate the impact from the change to Bassetlaw provision which will start to fall under the funding remit of the new Sheffield City Region devolved authority during 2016/17. In order to ensure that the Service is in the best position to benefit from the shift from SFA funding to the new localism arrangements (phased in from 2016/17 to 2018/19), it will be very helpful to be able to mitigate the risks of these shifts by using the reserves to fund marketing support, additional learner support, Ofsted consultants, and 'E' Learning specialists, as required. This ability to access our Service's reserves throughout the transitional year of 2016/17 will ensure that the Service can both continue to grow while maintaining and increasing

the quality and responsiveness of CLASS's provision, at a time of unprecedented change.

9. To support the above, it is proposed to access the reserves in the following manner:

Supporting EFA growth in Newark and delivery to 300 EFA learners across Nottinghamshire:

£108,000 to be drawn down in two lots of £54,000 (the first from 1 August 2016 to support delivery from September 2016 and the second from 1 February 2017).

Supporting commercial learning across Nottinghamshire and integration with the wider Inspire offer:

£104,000 to be drawn down in two lots of £52,000 (the first from 1 July 2016 to support delivery and the second from 1 February 2017).

Supporting Apprenticeships and Traineeships across the County:

£35,000 in one tranche from 1 July 2016.

Supporting the shift towards 25% direct delivery of SFA funded Community and Family Learning:

£70,000 to be drawn down in two lots of £35,000 (the first from 1 August 2016 and the second from 1 February 2017).

Supporting the delivery of the 19+ Advanced Learning Loans:

£29,000 to be drawn down from 1 August 2016.

Supporting European funding:

£129,000 drawn down from 1 August 2016.

Supporting the organisational resilience of the Service during the transitional year:

£148,000 from reserves in two tranches of £74,000 (the first tranche on 1 September 2016 and the second tranche from 1 February 2017).

10. In summary, the above support from reserves of £623,000 in the academic year 2016/17 will enable the Service to: grow EFA provision including develop new provision in Newark; grow new commercial provision across the County; develop Apprenticeship and Traineeship provision; support the shift towards 25% direct delivery of community and family learning; support the delivery of the new 19+ Advanced Learning Loans; maximise the Service's ability to secure additional external European funding; and support the Service to meet the challenges of the Area Based Review, the shift to Adult Education Budget funding and the new Localism Agenda.

11. The risks to the Service and to Inspire of not utilising the accumulated reserves will be potentially more severe than the risks of following the above plan. The proposed plan to access the reserves is designed to assist the Service and Inspire to adapt to the opportunities and threats posed by the changing Further Education environment in 2016/17 and to ensure that the new Service develops an Inspire wide commercial learning offer (along with other developments) that will generate new diversified sources of income. The risks of implementing this plan to utilise the reserves are mitigated by the fact that all new staff will be hired on a one-year temporary contract which will only be renewed if sufficient income is generated to make their posts sustainable in the 2017/18 academic year and beyond. In order to ensure sufficient transparency and accountability for this plan, a further report will be presented to the Culture Committee in July 2017 outlining the outcomes that have been achieved, prior to the 2017/18 academic year.

Other Options Considered

12. The option of not utilising the reserve and relying upon the Service's existing sources of external funding to support developments in 2016/17 was explored, but the risks of taking this action out-weighed the risks of accessing the reserves. For example, failure to utilise the reserves would mean limiting EFA funded delivery in 2016/17 to 236 learners. This would mean that the lagged growth in volumes for 2017/18 would be approximately 250 learners. By using the reserves to fund the planned delivery of 300 learners, it is planned that this will be consolidated into 'core' EFA funding by the 2017/18 academic year for at least 284 learners (i.e. by accessing the reserves, 'core' EFA funding can grow in 2017/18 by an additional 24 learners). By failing to adopt the option of drawing upon the reserves, the Service and Inspire risks not developing a coherent and practical commercial learning offer. Without accessing the reserves to assist with the development of this new provision, it is estimated that the likely income from this source will be reduced by more than 50% and it will take an additional 18 months to achieve the planned income levels for 2017/18. By accessing the reserves, however, the Service and Inspire can undertake the market testing and development activities that are necessary to ensure that this new offer is successful. The income targets will be met 18 months earlier with the support from the reserves than would otherwise be the case. As a result of these two considerations, it has been decided that the option of drawing-down the reserves in the manner outlined above is the least risky and most productive proposition for CLASS and Inspire for the 2016/17 academic year.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

13. The recommendations are made to secure the medium-term security of the Nottinghamshire Community Learning and Skills Service as it faces a number of unprecedented external changes. The reserves funding support in the 2016/17 academic year will enable the Service to maximise the opportunities and minimise the threats presented by these changes.

Statutory and Policy Implications

14. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications

are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

Financial Implications

15. The anticipated support of £623,000 from the Service's reserves, for the initiatives detailed in **paragraph 9**, will enable the Service to continue to grow and provide the residents of Nottinghamshire with excellent and new training opportunities. After this allocation the CLASS grant reserve will have a balance of £127,000 available for future use. Any ongoing costs of the initiatives beyond 2016/17 will be met from within existing resources/ funding allocations.

Human Resources Implications

16. There are no Human Resources implications for Nottinghamshire County Council and all posts will be managed by Inspire.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That:

- 1) the Nottinghamshire Community Learning and Skills Service's strategic case for utilising the grant reserve funding to support its growth in 2016/17 is agreed.
- 2) the utilisation of grant reserves of £623,000 during the 2016/17 academic year as outlined in the report is agreed.
- 3) the Committee notes that a further report will be presented to Culture Committee in July 2017 outlining the outcomes that have been achieved.

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Constitutional Comments (SMG 28/06/16)

17. The proposals set out in this report fall within the remit of this Committee. The Committee has responsibility for adult learning.

Financial Comments (initials SAS 30/06/16)

18. The financial implications of the report are detailed within paragraphs 9 and 15 above.

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.

Adult and Community Learning Service Strategic Aims and Objectives and Fees Policy 2016/17 - report to Culture Committee on 8 March 2016.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

C0845

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, RESOURCES**WORK PROGRAMME****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2016.

Information and Advice

2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The **attached** work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time.

Other Options Considered

4. None.

Reason for Recommendations

5. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

6. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the Committee's work programme be noted, and consideration be given to any changes which the Committee wishes to make.

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Constitutional Comments (HD)

7. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (NS)

8. There are no 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.

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

CULTURE COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME 2016-17

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Brief summary of agenda item</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
6 September 2016			
Service update: 20 June to 14 August 2016	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill	Various
Performance reporting (Quarter 1 2016/17)	For noting	Celia Morris	Matt Garrard
Review of library stock recovery procedures – six-month review		Derek Higton	Nick London
Annual review of the County Council Cultural Strategy		Derek Higton	Derek Higton/ Mark Croston
Review of Robin Hood Festival		Derek Higton	Derek Higton/ Mark Croston
1 November 2016			
Service update: 15 August to 9 October 2016	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill	Various
Outcome of procurement process for Rufford Country Park Commercial Offer		Derek Higton	Derek Higton
Summer Reading Challenge 2016		Derek Higton	Carol Newman
Bestwood Country Park – future maintenance arrangements		Derek Higton	Mark Croston
Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre update		Derek Higton	Derek Higton
Inspire update	Six-monthly update	Derek Higton	Mark Croston/Peter Gaw/Carol Newman
13 December 2016			
Service update: 10 October to 20 November 2016	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill	Various
Performance reporting (Quarter 2 2016/17)	For noting	Celia Morris	Matt Garrard
Country Parks Events 2017	For noting	Derek Higton	Linda Hardy
24 January 2017			
Service update: 21 November 2016 to 2 January 2017	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill	Various
Fees and Charges 2017/18 – Country Parks Service	Annual determination	Derek Higton	Mark Croston
Fees and Charges 2017/18 – Libraries, Archives & Information	Annual determination	Derek Higton	Peter Gaw

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Brief summary of agenda item</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
A Strategy for Nottinghamshire Libraries: annual progress report: 2016		Derek Higton	Linda Turner
Rufford Abbey Country Park – satisfaction survey 2016		Derek Higton	Linda Hardy
7 March 2017			
Service update: 3 January to 12 February 2017	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill	Various
Performance reporting (Quarter 3 2016/17)	For noting	Celia Morris	Matt Garrard
Adult & Community Learning Service Annual Plan and Fees Policy 2017/18		Derek Higton	Ian Bond
Inspire update		Derek Higton	Mark Croston/Peter Gaw/Carol Newman
25 April 2017			
Service update: 13 February to 26 March 2017	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill	Various
20 June 2017			
Service update: 27 March to 28 May 2017	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill	Various
Performance reporting (2016/17)	For noting	Celia Morris	Matt Garrard
Inspire update	Six-monthly update	Derek Higton	Mark Croston
25 July 2017			
Service update: 29 May to 2 July 2017	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill	Various
Annual review of the County Council Cultural Strategy		Derek Higton	Derek Higton/ Mark Croston
National Water Sports Centre - annual update	For information	Derek Higton	Martin Williams