Nottinghamshire County Council

Culture Committee

Tuesday, 01 July 2014 at 10:30

The Dynamo House, Bestwood Country Park, Park Road, Bestwood Village (Sat Nav code NG6 ZA), [Venue Address]

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(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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minutes

Meeting	Culture Committee
Date	3 June 2014 (commencing at 10.30 am)

Membership
Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Knight (Chairman)
Alan Bell (Vice-Chairman)

Pauline Allan
Roy Allan
Chris Barnfather
John Clarke
John Cottee
Maureen Dobson
Alice Grice
Tom Hollis
Roger Jackson

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

David Forster	-	Planning Policy and Corporate Services
Peter Barker	-	Planning Policy and Corporate Services
Derek Higton	-	Service Director Youth, Families and Cultural Services
Sally Gill	-	Group Manager Planning
Peter Cribb	-	Team Manager Libraries
Nick London	-	Team Manager Library Resources
Steve Bradley	-	Group Manager Cultural and Enrichment Services
Linda Hardy	-	Visitor Services Manager, Country Parks
Philippa Milbourne	-	Business Support Assistant – CFCS

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED 2014/026

That the appointment of Councillor John Knight as Chairman and Councillor Alan Bell as Vice-Chairman by the County Council of 15 May 2015 for the ensuing year be noted.

MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED 2014/027

That the membership as set out above be noted.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th May 2014, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The Clerk to the Committee reported orally that Councillor Roy Allan had been appointed to the Committee in place of Councillor Sybil Fielding for this meeting only.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

SERVICE UPDATE FOR PERIOD 14 APRIL TO 11 MAY 2014

Linda Hardy, the Visitor Services Manager for Country Parks, introduced a short DVD detailing the 'Sparks for Parks' project.

RESOLVED 2014/028

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

LIBRARIES, ARTS, ARCHIVES, INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY LEARNING SERVICES: FUTURE OPERATING MODEL.

Derek Higton, Service Director Youth, Families and Cultural Services gave a presentation on the business case for developing an arm's length operating model.

RESOLVED 2014/029

That the report on the Libraries, Arts, Archives, Information And Community Learning Services: Future Operating Model be noted.

UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP LIBRARIES.

RESOLVED 2014/030

That progress on the development of Community Partnership Libraries be noted.

NATIONAL WATER SPORTS CENTRE PROGRESS REPORT – ONE YEAR ON CONTRACT REVIEW

Steve Bradley, Group Manager, Cultural and Enrichment Services, gave a presentation regarding the work carried out in the last year.

RESOLVED 2014/031

That the one year update on the National Water Sports Centre management and development contract be noted.

FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY COMMEMORATION – PROGRESS REPORT

RESOLVED 2014/031

1) That the work of the coordination group continues to ensure the County Council contributes to a fitting commemoration

2) That the outline listing of County Council activity and support be approved and progressed

3) A regular progress reports are presented to future meetings as the programme develops

SECONDMENT OF THE SPORTS SERVICE TEAM INTO THE COUNTY SPORTS PARTNERSHIP

RESOLVED 2014/032

1) That the secondment of the current Sports Service team into the County Sports Partnership team, for a period of two years, as detailed in the report, be approved

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2) That approval be given for officers to negotiate the details of the new arrangements with Sport Nottinghamshire and Nottingham Trent University

SOUTHWELL LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

RESOLVED 2014/033

That the new opening hours for Southwell Library, as proposed in Option B, as set out in the report, are implemented with effect from 9 June 2014.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2014/034

That the work programme be noted

The meeting closed at 12.10 pm

Chairman

Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to Culture Committee

1 July 2014

Agenda Item: 4

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE AND THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

SERVICE UPDATE FOR THE PERIOD 12 MAY TO 8 JUNE 2014

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, INFORMATION AND COMMUNITY LEARNING

Re-opening of Newark Library

2. Newark Library, a very busy and large town library, was re-opened on 19 May 2014 after a five month closure for essential building repairs and improvements, and a library refurbishment. A joint project with the Property Services Department enabled the library service to make major improvements for customers as well as making savings on future maintenance and revenue costs.

3. The library refurbishment itself cost £200,000 and the work undertaken consisted of complete internal re-decoration including partial re-flooring, new shelving and graphics, furniture and the creation of a new meeting room. The aim was to make the library more welcoming and attractive for the library customers by modernising the building, with particular emphasis on improving the children's area in order to encourage new members and increase usage and also creating a meeting room for business and community hire. A new vending/café area was also added. £40,000 was spent on new books for the library.

4. The major planned maintenance project replaced the lighting, including the emergency lighting, electrical wiring and the ceiling.

5. On Saturday 31 May 2014 the Chairman of the County Council officially re-opened the library and over 250 members of the local community attended a family fun event with craft activities, storytelling and poetry promoting the library and reading.

6. Since re-opening there have been many favourable comments on the changes from library customers:

"How light and airy it is, it was definitely worth the wait".

"I've been going to Grantham Library but I'm going to come here in future".

"I'm not going to Costa anymore when I can sit here with coffee, reading and looking over the park".

"This is the best coffee I have ever tasted".

"The new book stock is fantastic".

Commissioning ACLS Courses 2014/15

7. In April the Adult and Community Learning Service (ACLS) published the annual Commissioning Prospectus outlining what the Service priorities will be for the academic year 2014/15 and considered bids from organisations interested in delivering courses on 19 May. Sixteen good quality applications have been received and show a spread of potential providers ranging from large bids from colleges and the Workers Educational Organisation through to small charities and micro-businesses.

8. Negotiation is now on-going to agree the level of course activities and funding for each provider.

ACLS Marketing Events to Engage Communities

9. During May, the ACLS held two marketing events, one in the north of the County at Worksop Library and the other in the south at West Bridgford Library. The events were aimed at organisations that previously had no experience of working with the Service. Presentations were given outlining ACLS priorities, the funding available and how to access it and the support given to organisations who work with ACLS. Those attending were then invited to pose questions and engage in discussions around potential partnerships.

10. The session at West Bridgford Library was a new joint venture between ACLS and the Arts Service which attracted representatives from artists' groups across the district. Both events generated interest in working with the Service in the future.

COUNTRY PARKS AND GREEN ESTATES

11. On Sunday 18 May Bestwood Country Park was the host venue for a very popular 'Feed the Thousand Challenge' event jointly organised by the park and Veolia Environmental. The challenge was to cook and serve a thousand free lunches from an amount of money equivalent to that thrown away in food waste by the average family in one year. Hot sunny weather ensured an excellent turn out to this, the second such event at Bestwood Country Park.

12. An estimated 1,100 lunches were enjoyed by local residents and park users, and free tours of the restored Winding Engine House were led by the Winding Engine House volunteer group. The large number of people attending the site meant support from park

staff, the two park Friends Groups and many other local volunteers was essential. All worked hard through a long hot day to ensure a safe and enjoyable event.

13. The Winding Engine House and the adjoining Dynamo House continue to act as an effective focus for community involvement. A Saturday morning café run by the Friends of Bestwood Country Park and the local Women's Institute has so far generated over £2,000 for local charities and good causes. There are plans to extend opening hours in response to local demand.

14. Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre provided visitors with a series of events through May and June to celebrate the diamond jubilee of this part of the Forest being designated a Site of Special Scientific Interest.

15. A special guided bike ride, RSPB talks, Bushcraft for Kids, appearances by Robin Hood's outlaws and a free walk and talk on the archaeology of the Forest were amongst the varied events on offer to mark this special year for Sherwood Forest.

CULTURAL AND ENRICHMENT SERVICES

Update from the Arts Development Service

16. The Arts Development Service has won a National Drawing Inspiration Award from the Campaign for Drawing for their Big Draw events across the County last year. The award comes a year after the team won the Trail Blazer Award for the development of an innovative training programme that enabled groups across the County to develop and run their own Big Draw events.

17. The theme for 2013 was 'Draw Tomorrow' and the Arts Service took the simple idea to inspire the County to get drawing. The wider development programme saw librarians, young people, volunteers, teachers, children's centre staff and parents training to have the confidence to use drawing to engage hundreds of people in communities across the County.

18. Box drawings were completed by thousands of Nottinghamshire people on themes as diverse as what you might be when you grow up to what if I won the lottery and what is for dinner tomorrow.

19. The resulting art works were brought together as an installation at Rufford Gallery before touring Nottinghamshire Libraries. One of the greatest success stories of the 2013 programme was the community involvement in local areas. Hucknall worked together to form a whole town event "Boxing Clever" which saw 3,500 Hucknall residents working in 27 groups to complete boxes that were exhibited in local shops.

20. The service will receive £750 towards the Nottinghamshire Big Draw Programme this year that will link in with the World War 1 commemorations and come together in an exhibition at Rufford Craft Gallery in October.

CONSERVATION

Landscape Partnership Scheme

21. The Stage 1 application for a Heritage Lottery funded Landscape Partnership Scheme for Sherwood Forest was submitted by the deadline of 31st May and will go to the national Heritage Lottery Fund Board in October 2015. This is a resubmission of the Scheme originally submitted in May 2013 but since the original submission, a great deal of work has been undertaken to refine the project and strengthen the outputs. Nottinghamshire County Council is the lead body and the main partners are the Forestry Commission, the Friends of Moor Pond Wood, Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield, Greenwood Partnership, Natural England, Newark and Sherwood District Council, Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and Sherwood Forest Trust.

22. Entitled *From Miner to Major: the real Sherwood Forest*, the Scheme will deliver outputs across three main themes:
    - Natural Heritage
    - Built and Cultural Heritage
    - Access

    All three themes will have a strong cross-cutting element of community engagement. If successful, the Landscape Partnership Scheme will bring over £3.5 million of investment into the Sherwood area over 5 years.

Invasive Non-native Species

23. Led by the County Council's Biodiversity Officer, work has started again to tackle the problem of invasive non-native species across the County. As part of the efforts to stem the spread of Himalayan Balsam along the County's watercourses, County Council staff have been giving up their lunch breaks to pull up Balsam plants on the banks of the Trent at Lady Bay. Two sessions have been held so far on the 22nd May and 19th June.

24. It is intended to hold two further sessions between 12.30 and 1.30pm on the 9th and 30th July. Everyone is welcome to come and help – gloves will be provided! By pulling the Balsam before it can set seed, stands of the plant can be controlled and reduced, thereby reducing its impacts on native wildlife and flooding.

Fields in Trust

25. The County Council has been approached by Fields in Trust and the Royal British Legion to dedicate an area of green space as a Centenary Field, as part of the World War I commemorations. The dedication of Centenary Fields is intended to protect war memorial parks or open spaces given in memory of those who lost their lives.

26. Conservation Team staff are working with colleagues in Country Parks and Green Estates and Corporate Property to identify a suitable site. A report will be brought to a future Culture Committee meeting.

Community Archaeology

27. The Community Archaeology field season is now underway. The highlight of this year's season will be the Archaeological Field School and Excavation at Rufford Abbey in July. The Field School will run from the 7th to 11th July and will provide people with an introduction to professional excavation techniques through a targeted excavation on the Mediaeval Abbey lawn. The Volunteer excavation will be held between the 14th and 18th July and is open to anyone, with volunteers able to attend for as many or as few days as they like. Both events are fully booked.

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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Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to Culture Committee

1 July 2013

Agenda Item: 5

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE GREEN ESTATE DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND PLAN 2013 - 2023

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek Committee approval for outline proposals for the future management and operation of the green estate portfolio.

Information and Advice

2. Following the development of the Green Estate Development Strategy and Plan 2013-2023, which received approval at the October 2013 Culture Committee meeting, a further report was requested setting out an updated asset/status list of sites and recommendations for their future management/operation.

3. The green estate came into being largely as a result of the programme of land reclamation undertaken by the Council from the 1960s. As the body of land increased, and with it expertise in land management, other sites were acquired from various programmes of environmental enhancement, along with “orphan” parcels of land that otherwise had no home.

4. The estate grew organically and fluctuated over the years, reflecting the changing policies of the Council. Land has been acquired for specific purposes, for example the purchase of redundant mineral lines for strategic multi-user access routes. Land has also been leased to other bodies where that has made sense in management terms. Some has been sold or disposed of to facilitate other Council developments such as road schemes, or to reduce management liabilities and maintenance costs.

5. The review of the green estate holdings proposed by the Strategy (pages 18-22), was to take a site-by-site approach, with policy GE10 setting out the rationale to explore new models of site management, acquisition and disposal.

6. As the Strategy recognised, some of the sites have minimal public recreational value and could be more appropriately managed by other agencies, organisations or adjacent landowners, e.g. extended highway verges and landscaping schemes on industrial parks. Some sites do not meet the Council’s standards or criteria, and on occasions, there have been requests made by other parties to acquire such public open space.

7. There are also Countywide and national agencies that specialise in this area that may be better placed to manage our sites and facilities, especially where sites of their own are adjacent or very close by.

8. The most appropriate form of site management may involve the disposal of the lowest ranking sites which exert an unwanted pressure on our resources, releasing time and efforts to improve and develop those sites most important for public recreation and the biodiversity they support.

9. To help review the green estate, the sites have been ranked using an objective scoring based on a number of criteria:-

- Biodiversity value
- Statutory designation
- Heritage value
- Access links
- Public use
- Community involvement
- Facilities
- Income generation
- Potential for energy use.

10. Sites have also been grouped for management purposes according to the scores into:

- Key Sites
- Intermediate Sites
- Low Priority Sites.

11. An assessment has then been made as to their future management as detailed in **Appendix 1**. The options are:

R Retain: key site for Green Estate
FD Future disposal potential: retain for now
D Dispose: sell, lease, give away
UD Unlikely ever to be disposable due to location or past use.

12. Though every attempt has been made to keep the process objective there is inevitably an element of subjectivity in how the criteria are scored. However, it is felt that the process fairly reflects professional opinion and has prompted useful debate about the value of certain sites, particularly those on the borderline of groups. It is also important to recognise that the status of 'retention' relates to site ownership but acknowledges that site management and development could be achieved via a third party agreement.

13. The assessment criteria are themselves quite fluid and the scoring can change depending on prevailing socio-economic factors. For instance a site that has traditionally had low public use may become much more popular with the development of adjacent land for housing.

14. A site's potential for alternative energy use can also change depending on Government incentives, and community involvement can fluctuate wildly depending on local leadership and initiative.

15. Any assessment of the estate must reflect the current financial pressures upon the Council, where revenue funding is not likely to improve in the foreseeable future. It should also recognise that provision of green space as a public good is not a statutory duty for the Council. As such, there is now a logical impetus towards finding appropriate alternative management regimes for the portfolio, so as to reduce as far as possible the ongoing management burden and revenue cost to the authority.

16. Preliminary discussions are taking place with external organisations that may be interested in operating some of the sites, and others may prove suitable for community management.

17. There is unlikely to be a single solution as the sites are so varied in size and location. Also, there will inevitably be a body of land that cannot be managed in any other way but 'in-house'. How best to manage these residual sites and those that have to be retained for strategic purposes will form part of the cross-departmental service reviews that are currently underway. Corporate Property officers in their role as 'corporate landlord' will continue to support the Strategy and provide advice on sites that may have strategic importance to the authority in planning and development terms.

18. As discussions progress, further reports will be brought to Committee narrowing down the range of options for the estate and its component parts, within the context of the strategic approach set out by the Redefining Your Council document, and the Green Estate Strategy itself.

Other Options Considered

19. The report is a scheduled follow-on report arising from the decision made at the October 2013 Culture Committee meeting.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

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

Statutory and Policy Implications

21. 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

22. 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.

Public Sector Equality Duty Implications

23. An Equalities Impact Assessment will be carried out as part of the wider consultation arrangements for the Development Strategy and Plan.

Financial Implications

24. 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) approves the outline proposals for the future management and operation of the green estate portfolio as set out in **Appendix 1**.

2) agrees to receive further reports setting out progress with the delivery of the Green Estate Strategy.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 19/06/14)

25. The Culture Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (KA 18/06/14)

26. The financial implications of the report are set out in paragraph 24 above.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Green Estates Strategy Document
Green Estates sites by electoral division
Nottinghamshire Green Estate Development Strategy and Plan 2013-2023 – report to Culture Committee on 8 October 2013

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.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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Green Estate Sites (04/2014)

Site Name	Score	Asset Options	Area (Hectares)	Public Access	District	Location
KEY SITES						
Cotgrave Country Park	37	R	162.1	Part	Rushcliffe	Hollygate Lane, Cotgrave
Daneshill Lakes	36	R	67.2	Yes	Bassetlaw	Daneshill Road, between Torworth & Lound
Teversal & Silverhill Trails (8km w. Brierley Forest link)	33	R	11.4	Yes	Ashfield	Trail between county boundaries Pleasley and Woodend
Moor Pond Wood	32	R	9.2	Yes	Gedling	Linby Ln, Papplewick (B6011)
Southwell Trail (11.5 km incl Bilsthorpe arm)	31	R	27.6	Yes	N&S	Trail between Southwell & A614 & Bilsthorpe
Cockglode and Rotary Woods LNR	29	R	14.9	Yes	N&S	Between Ollerton & Thoresby Colliery, Sherwood Heath
Tippings Wood	29	R	51.2	Part	N&S	Warsop Lane, Blidworth/Rainworth (B6020)
Great Northern Railway Path (1.7 km)	28	R	7.0	Yes	Broxtowe	Awsworth, Kimberley
Ollerton Colliery (East)	28	R	58.2	Yes	N&S	Newark Rd, Ollerton
Shirebrook Colliery North	28	R	79.1	Yes	Mansfield	Longster Lane, Sookholme (B6407)
Shirebrook Colliery South	28	R	56.0	Yes	Mansfield	Wood Lane (off Bath Lane) Sookholme
Rufford No. 1 (Rainworth Water)	26	R	60.5	No	N&S	Rufford Colliery Access Road, off Rainworth Bypass (A617)
Dob Park	25	R	20.4	Yes	Ashfield	Washdyke Lane (west of Hucknall Bypass, A611)
Harby-High Marnham SUSTRANS route (10km)	25	R	5.0	Yes	N&S/Bassetlaw	nr High Marnham power station to Lincs border
Linby Trail (2km)	25	R	4.6	Yes	Gedling	Trail between Wighay Road, Linby to Newstead
Shireoaks & Coachgap Green	25	R	29.6	Yes	Bassetlaw	Shireoaks Rd, Shireoaks
Kimberley Green	24	R	7.2	Yes	Broxtowe	Awsworth Lane, Awsworth (west of A610)
Ranskill No.1	24	R	26.2	No	Bassetlaw	Daneshill Road, Torworth (Lound)
The Ranges (Linby Colliery/Tip)	24	R	33.7	Yes	Ashfield	Between Hucknall & Linby
Firbeck Colliery	23	R	58.1	Part	Bassetlaw	Rotherham Baulk, Carlton-in-Lindrick
Freckland Wood	23	FD	20.1	Yes	Gedling	Station Avenue, Newstead
Mansfield Way (5.4 km excl road sections)	22	UD	16.4	Yes	Mansfield	Trail off Park Ln M'field/Littleworth, M'field/Little Barn Ln, M'field/Helmsley Rd, Rainworth
Sutton Meadows	22	R	12.5	Yes	Ashfield	Alfreton Rd, Sutton-in-Ashfield (immediately south of A38)
Bilsthorpe-Clipstone (incl Rufford colliery arm 7.5km)	21	R	20.0	Yes	N&S	Trail Eakring Rd. Bilsthorpe, Sherwood Pines, Vicar Water CP, Clipstone
Ranskill No.2 (DEF)	21	R	73.7	No	Bassetlaw	Daneshill Road, Torworth (Lound)
Birch Wood (White Mole Wood), Ranskill	20	R	5.7	Yes	Bassetlaw	Track off Mattersey Rd, Ranskill (B6045)
Farleys Lane (Hucknall No.1)	20	FD	18.6	Yes	Ashfield	Farleys Lane (off Hucknall Bypass, A611)
Warsop Colliery	20	R	73.9	Part	Mansfield	Carter Ln, Warsop Vale (B6031) & off West St, Warsop Vale
INTERMEDIATE SITES						
Manton North (Manton No. 1?)	19	R	27.7	Yes	Bassetlaw	North side A38
Manton South (Windmill Lane)	19	R	56.8	Yes	Bassetlaw	South side A38: Windmill Lane, off B6034
Cossall Pocket Park	17	R	2.3	Yes	Broxtowe	Church Lane, Cossall
Newstead Old Coal Stocking Yard	17	FD	7.8	Yes	Gedling	Station Avenue, Newstead
Rookery Park (ex Sutton Landfill aka New Hucknall)	17	FD?	25.3	Yes	Ashfield	Mill Lane, off Common Road, Huthwaite
Langton Colliery	16	R	4.5	No	Ashfield	Lane off Kirkby Lane, Pinxton (near Langton Hall)
Nuthall Cutting MUR (1.6km)	16	R	5.0	Yes	Broxtowe	Trail from Low Wood Rd, Hempshill Vale, Nottingham to Kimberley
Fanny's Grove	15	R	9.7	Yes	N&S	Worksop Rd, Budby (A616)
Fiskerton Landfill Site	15	R	24.0	No	N&S	Fiskerton Rd, Fiskerton (between Fiskerton & Southwell)
Kirkby North	15	D	18.1	No	Ashfield	Sutton Parkway Station Access Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield
Selston Mathew Holland, Underwood	15	R	2.2	Yes	Ashfield	Winter Closes, Underwood
Sherwood Energy Village, Ollerton (West)	15	D	8.2	Yes	N&S	Middlefield Lane (off Back Lane), Ollerton
Goresthorpe Landfill Site	14	R	10.3	No	N&S	Old Clipstone Rd, Goresthorpe
Kirkby Grives Greenway (1.5km with Lindley's Lane)	14	R	1.1	Yes	Ashfield	Trail via Lindley's Lane Walkway or Grives Lane, Kirkby-in-Ashfield
Nunn Brook park, Huthwaite	14	UD	8.9	Part	Ashfield	Brookside Way, off Common Road, Huthwaite
Ollerton Assarts	14	R	0.7	Yes	N&S	Swinecote Rd, Edwinstowe (B6034)
Ollerton Colliery (West)	14	D	22.2	Yes	N&S	Newark Rd, Ollerton
Grantham Canal, Cotgrave Bridge	13	UD	0.1	Yes	Rushcliffe	Cotgrave Bridge (Main Street), Cotgrave

Grantham Canal, Cropwell Bridge	13	UD	0.1	Yes	Rushcliffe	Cropwell Bridge, Nottingham Rd, Cropwell Bishop
Grantham Canal, Tollerton Road	13	UD	0.1	Yes	Rushcliffe	Tollerton Rd (off Gamston Lings Bar Rd), Gamston
Watnall Colliery	13	D	1.9	No	Broxtowe	Track off Long Lane, Watnall (B6009) next to M1 & old brick works
Gedling Colliery Railway Vale	11	FD	3.0	No	Gedling	Off Arnold Lane, Gedling (A6211) adjacent Gedling Colliery yard
Linby Paddock	11	FD	0.6	No	Gedling	Wighay Road, Linby adjacent to Linby Trail
Cutts Wood East	10	FD	2.1	Yes	N&S	Rufford Park Drive (adj Rufford Stud Farm), Bilsthorpe
Cutts Wood West	10	FD	1.1	No	N&S	Track off Eakring Rd, Rufford
Manton No. 2	10	FD	4.1	Yes	Bassetlaw	Retford Rd, Manton, Worksop (B6040)
Selston Pye Hill, Underwood	10	D	8.4	Yes	Ashfield	Winter Closes, Underwood
The Canyon's, Eastwood	10	D	1.3	Yes	Broxtowe	Walker St, Eastwood
LOW PRIORITY SITES						
Dalestorth Meadows	9	FD or R	22.5	No	Mansfield & Ashfield	Skegby Lane or Kingsmill Rd East, Mansfield (north of hospital)
Grantham Canal, Kinoulton Bridge	9	UD	0.1	Yes	Rushcliffe	Macklay's Bridge (Swab's Lane), Kinoulton
Lindley's Lane Walkway	9	R	1.6	Yes	Ashfield	Lindley's Lane, Kirkby-in-Ashfield
Manton Old Black & White	9	R	10.8	Yes	Bassetlaw	Manton Villas, Manton, Worksop
Parsons Quarry, Skegby	9	D	1.8	Yes	Ashfield	Mansfield Rd, Skegby
Fiskerton Picnic Site	8	UD	0.2	Yes	N&S	Main Street, Fiskerton
Hucknall Gateway	8	UD	0.3	Yes	Ashfield	A611 (Hucknall Lane), Hucknall: next roundabout bottom of Hucknall bypass
Linby Spine Road D (Robey Close f.p.)	8	UD	0.5	Yes	Ashfield	Church Lane, Linby (Hucknall)
Clipstone sliver	7	D	10.8	No	N&S	from Rufford Colliery access road
Linby Spine Road Landscaping A	7	UD	1.0	No	Ashfield	Wighay Road/Waterloo Road, Linby
Linby Spine Road C	6	UD	0.5	Yes	Ashfield	Waterloo Road or Church Lane, Linby
Wigwam Lane	6	D	5.8	Yes	Ashfield	Wigwam Lane, Hucknall
Annesley East Tip	5	D	3.9	No	Gedling & Ashfield	Off Annesley Cutting/Newstead Rd, Annesley (between new housing and railway)
Linby Spine Road Landscaping B	5	UD	1.2	No	Ashfield	Waterloo Rd/Main Street, Linby
North Muskham Amenity Land	4	R	0.2	Yes	N&S	The Park, North Muskham
Bentinck South Colliery Tip	3	D	13.2	No	Ashfield	Mill Lane, Kirkby Woodhouse, Kirkby-in-Ashfield (south Bentinck Colliery)
Doles Lane	3	D	2.4	No	Ashfield	George Street, Kirkby-in-Ashfield
Ridgewood Grove	3	D	0.2	Yes	Gedling	Woodland Rise, Ravenshead
Bunny Wood	2	D	1.0	No	Rushcliffe	Gotham Lane, Bunny (junction with Bunny Hill (A60))
Center Parcs Wood	2	D	0.7	Yes	N&S	B6034, Rufford (either side Center Parcs entrance)
Cotham Landfill Site	2	UD	9.0	Yes	N&S	Hawton Lane, Cotham
Shooters Brake	2	D	1.1	No	N&S	Track off A614 at Rufford (in dip before Rufford Abbey turning)
Babbington Colliery Wood	1	D	2.2	No	Broxtowe	Millennium Way West (A610), Cinderhill
Stony Field Lane, Bilsthorpe	1	UD&D	2.5	Yes	N&S	Eakring Rd, Bilsthorpe
Boughton Camp Spine Road Landscaping & Wood	0	UD	1.7	No	N&S	Off Tuxford Rd, Boughton (A6075)
Mere Way, Ruddington	0	UD	3.1	n/a	Rushcliffe	Loughborough Rd, Ruddington (A60)
Ruddington Peripheral Road	0	UD	4.5	Yes	Rushcliffe	Loughborough Rd, Ruddington (A60)
Welbeck Colliery No. 1 Tip	0	D	1.0	No	Bassetlaw	Budby Crescent, Meden Vale
Green Lane Cossall Marsh		UD	0.7	Yes	Broxtowe	Trail from Awsworth Lane to Westby Lane, Cossall Marsh
87 Sites						
disused mineral lines awaiting restoration						
Cotgrave (3.5km)			8.0	No	Rushcliffe	Cotgrave CP to Holme Road
Calverton (Moor Lane-Calverton 7.8km)			15.0	No	Gedling	Moor Road, Bestwood to Calverton colliery site (Forestry Commission)
Total			**1,414.7**			

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

KEY

FD	Future disposal potential: retain for now
R	Retain: key site for Green Estate
D	Dispose: sell, lease, give away
UD	Unlikely ever to be disposable due to location or past use

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Report to Culture Committee

1 July 2014

Agenda Item: 6

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

FUTURE OF SHERWOOD FOREST VISITOR CENTRE

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform Committee of the decision to cease working with Discovery Attractions (DA) to develop a replacement visitor centre and visitor attraction for Sherwood Forest.

2. To seek approval to re-engage with potential partners to deliver a project to replace the existing outdated visitor centre.

3. To agree that a further report be brought to Culture Committee on 9 September seeking approval for the commencement of the procurement process as detailed in paragraph 10.

Information and Advice

4. The Council is committed to ensuring that Sherwood Forest, home of Robin Hood, hosts a modern and exciting visitor centre/attraction. To achieve this, the Council had sought an operating partner with suitable experience and expertise to run a visitor attraction on Council owned land opposite the Forest site.

5. Following a detailed procurement process, Discovery Attractions were awarded 'preferred bidder' status in October 2012 to build and manage a free to use visitor centre and a pay to enter Robin Hood attraction. The DA proposal supported the Council's stated procurement ambition to:

   - replace the current visitor centre
   - provide modern educational and learning facilities at Sherwood
   - reduce the level of public funding required to operate/manage visitor facilities at the Forest so that available funding could be re-invested in its protection and management
   - secure and create new jobs in the local tourist industry (including many new jobs at the new visitor attraction)
   - significantly boost tourism and tourist spend in Nottinghamshire.

6. Preferred bidder status enabled the Council to enter into formal clarification discussions with Discovery Attractions in respect of its bid, with a view to finalising and agreeing a long term contract to develop, build and operate the new facilities. However, contract finalisation was delayed during 2013 as DA sought to confirm, to the Council's satisfaction, its arrangements for funding the project.

7. The Council continued to support DA by allowing it time to secure appropriate funding partners for the £13.5m project. However, in view of the length of time since the award of preferred bidder status to DA, DA's continuing difficulties in satisfactorily confirming its funding arrangements, and the ongoing need for the Council to secure effective replacement visitor centre facilities by 2016/17, the Corporate Director for Children, Families and Culture advised DA of the Council's decision to formally end its work with the Company on 11 June 2014.

What Will Happen Next

8. The Council remains committed to replacing the existing visitor centre facilities that support the visitor experience at Sherwood Forest, recognising the significant role the site plays in tourism in the north of the County. The Council is also aware of its obligation to Natural England to remove the existing infrastructure from the National Nature Reserve (NNR), a European Special Area for Conservation (SAC) designated under the Habitats Directive by 2016/17. In this respect, officers remain in regular constructive dialogue with Natural England.

9. To support the Council in its intention to replace the existing visitor centre it is proposed that a new procurement process will commence aimed at securing a partner/partners to achieve this. Recent initial informal soft market testing has established that a range of potential commercial partners are keen to engage with the County Council in such a process. That said, given the difficulties experienced by DA in securing substantial private equity for a visitor attraction on the current site, and the current financial position of the Council, it is the case that the procurement process will need to be flexible enough to allow bidders to put forward fundable proposals that reflect, as a minimum, the Council's core requirement to replace the current visitor centre and make good the current visitor centre site, whilst encouraging broader visitor attraction proposals. Equally, before entering a formal procurement process, the Council will need to confirm the level of capital contribution it is able to offer. In the previous process, the Council made available approximately £1.7million to DA.

10. In order to secure an operational replacement visitor centre, and associated facilities, within the timescales prescribed in paragraph 8, the formal procurement process will need to commence within 3 months, and be completed by early 2015. To enable the procurement process to commence therefore, a further report will be brought to Committee in September 2014 that will seek approval for:-

- the capital funding that the Council will make available for the project
- the Council's ambition for the replacement visitor centre and associated facilities
- the procurement process to be followed and the bid evaluation criteria to be used
- the anticipated project costs.

11. In the meantime, further soft market testing will take place to inform the shaping of the procurement process.

Other Options Considered

12. None. Recent soft market testing has indicated that a reshaped procurement process is likely to be successful in delivering the core requirement of the Council to replace the current outdated visitor centre and improve the overall visitor offer, as well as reducing long term revenue costs to the Council.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

13. To enable officers to establish a re-shaped project to deliver improved visitor facilities for Sherwood Forest at reduced cost to the Council.

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 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.

Implications for Service Users

15. The re-shaped procurement project will be designed to deliver a much improved offer and facilities for local, national and international visitors to Sherwood Forest.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

16. The re-shaped procurement project will restate the Council's commitment to protecting and preserving the historic Sherwood Forest and its NNR.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That:

1) the decision to end the current procurement process and the Council's work with Discovery Attractions be noted
2) the proposal to re-engage with potential partners to deliver a project to replace the existing outdated visitor centre be approved
3) a further report be brought to Culture Committee on 9 September seeking approval for the commencement of the procurement process as detailed in paragraph 10.

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Constitutional Comments (LM 19/06/14)

17. The Culture Committee has delegated authority within the Constitution to approve the recommendations in the report.

Financial Comments (KLA 18/06/14)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre attraction – procurement of operator – report to Policy Committee on 17 October 2012

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.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

C0457

Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to Culture Committee

1 July 2014

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

A STRATEGY FOR NOTTINGHAMSHIRE'S LIBRARIES - 6 MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT: JANUARY – JUNE 2014

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Members on implementation of the Strategy for Nottinghamshire's Libraries between January and June 2014.

Information and Advice

2. The 'Strategy for Nottinghamshire's Libraries' was approved by County Council on 15 December 2011.

3. Since its approval the strategy has under-pinned the service business plans for 2012/2013 and 2014/15. A number of specific actions have been completed or have made progress during the second six months of the strategy.

4. The strategy outlined 10 key pledges and a 10 point action plan for the future.

5. The following table summarises progress between January and June 2014 in relation to the **10 key pledges** made within the strategy.

Pledge No.	Pledge Summary	January – June 2014
1.	We will invest to put libraries at the heart of their communities by maximising the use of library services and our buildings as a key face to face service of the County Council.	NCC Work clubs are now well established in 8 libraries NCC Children's Centres continue provision at Cotgrave, Ladybrook, Mansfield Woodhouse, Misterton, Ruddington, and Warsop Libraries. In Bingham the Children's Centre will co-locate with the library in the refurbished building next Autumn. NCC Registration Services continue to be delivered from Beeston, Southwell, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Stapleford and West Bridgford Libraries.

Pledge No.	Pledge Summary	January – June 2014
		The Library service now supports the Families Information Service and has trained local library staff to deal with face to face enquiries.
2.	We will provide services where people live, through an extensive network of libraries and specialist mobile libraries.	All 60 libraries and 3 mobile libraries are fully operational - non-planned closure was 0.1% (static & mobile combined) or 0.02% (static libraries only) of total opening hours in the report period. Over 3 million visits were made to libraries during 2013/14 and there were 39,500 new members.
3.	We will respond directly to local needs in developing libraries and ensure our libraries meet community need. We will ensure that: - libraries are open at convenient times - a wide range of library books and information sources are available across the network - we consult with customers and communities in making changes to service provision.	Sunday opening is provided at the four strategic libraries. Total expenditure on new book stock for 2013/14 is estimated to be £1m, resulting in over 134,000 new items being added to stock. A total of £40,000 was spent on new resources for the refurbished Newark Library. At Southwell customers were consulted about a change to opening hours and as a result the library is now open on a Thursday morning and has reduced some evening opening times.
4.	We will increase community involvement in the shaping and delivery of libraries provision.	A number of meetings have been held with potential partners for the development of community partnership libraries and improved collaboration. The move towards a new operating model for the service includes a public engagement plan which will be delivered in the second half of 2014.
5.	We will keep local communities and customers at the centre of all we do.	Libraries continue to play a significant role in the life of communities for example:

Pledge No.	Pledge Summary	January – June 2014
		a new community meeting room has been created in the refurbishment of Newark Library. the development of Dementia friendly libraries, which was the subject of a report to Culture Committee in February 2014. a new procedure for tracking comments, complaints and compliments will be introduced this summer
6.	We will be dynamic, innovative and share best practice.	Nottinghamshire Libraries continues to play an active part in regional and national networks. As well as answering face to face enquiries in libraries, the Library service's online enquiry service Ask Libraries has answered over 1,000 national and local online enquiries from January until May. Nottinghamshire Libraries continues to work in partnership with Near Now (Broadway) and the Arts Service on a project entitled Libraries for the Future. This is an Arts Council England funded project. Based at Mansfield Library, it will research and develop creative digital interventions with library services. Best Practice has also been shared with visits to Nottinghamshire by Suffolk, York and Oxfordshire Libraries, and with a visit to Gloucestershire by Nottinghamshire.
7.	We will provide excellent customer service every time, and maintain our high satisfaction levels.	In February the Library Service was assessed for continual compliance for its Customer Service Excellence Award. The assessor's report stated that front line service delivery continues to improve and enjoy high levels of customer satisfaction. The service has achieved the highest rating for commitment to put the customer first;

Pledge No.	Pledge Summary	January – June 2014
		empowering staff; and using staff insight to inform practice and procedures to assist customers. We have updated our Library communication standards for face-to-face, telephone and e-mail contact with communities and users. We are in the process of producing forward facing library standards – detailing our commitment to users and service development. Senior managers across the service have all taken part in 'Back to the Floor' days to engage with service users and identify opportunities to improve customer service.
8.	We will ensure that libraries contribute to positive social, economic and educational outcomes for individuals, communities, local business and culture in Nottinghamshire.	Mansfield Library hosted a business preview evening for the 20-20 Business Network members to view the hire spaces and find out about library resources. Library staff gave a presentation at a 20-20 breakfast meeting. The Apprentice programme has been successful and this year one former apprentice gained employment within the service. The service will offer 4 new placements for 2014/15 as well as continuing to support another 6 who are finishing their placements. Libraries have hosted or run a significant number of learning opportunities for adults and families to engage them in learning and improve their skills. From January – May 2014 there have been 62 learning events that attracted 1,553 adults and 1,723 children. 160 adults have undertaken basic computer skills training in libraries in this

Pledge No.	Pledge Summary	January – June 2014
		same period. A recent Local Studies Fair at Mansfield Library enabled local history groups to promote themselves and their activities and was visited by over 300 people
9.	We will continue to develop new audiences for our libraries by exploiting the use of customer insight data and by adopting a targeted approach to our cultural programmes.	Worksop Library is providing a monthly programme for older people, in partnership with Live Music Now, called Songs and Scones The Spring Jazz programme has been delivered at Worksop, West Bridgford and Southwell Libraries A touring exhibition from the Southbank Centre was held at West Bridgford of the work of Michael Craig Martin, a high profile British artist. A Costa Book awards event was held at West Bridgford Library in January, sponsored and in partnership with Costa. The Library Service worked in partnership with the Adult and Community Learning Service (ACLS), fostering teams, the support after adoption team and the youth service (young people looked after team) to deliver a family learning event for fostering and adoptive families. Worksop Library was the venue for a fun day of shared activities and challenges aimed at supporting family learning, promoting health and wellbeing and benefits of reading for pleasure. An exciting programme of events for children has taken place in libraries across the County. Well known children's authors including Jonathan Meres and John Dougherty visited Mansfield, Worksop and West Bridgford Libraries during February half-term for

Pledge No.	Pledge Summary	January – June 2014
		the 'Laugh out Loud' week. We were successful in a bid to Culture 24 to host a 'Museums at Night' event on 16 May in West Bridgford Library, attracting popular children's author Jonathan Stroud.
10.	We will continue to explore new operating models to provide the best possible libraries service for Nottinghamshire.	The outline business case approved by Full Council on 27 February 2014 supports the development of an arm's length operating model for public libraries. A Cultural Service transformation board has been established to progress work to deliver the agreed business case.

6. The following table summarises progress in relation to the **10 point action plan**.

Action Number	Action	January – June 2014
1.	Investing in, developing and remodelling Nottinghamshire libraries.	Newark Library re-opened in May following essential electrical work and a major refurbishment to update the fabric and library offer. Public response has been very positive. Bingham Library closed at the end of May to allow urgent maintenance work and the remodelling of the vacant health centre to create shared premises and facilities with the Children's Centre.
2.	Locating library services in the best location for local communities and library users	Work continues to co-locate Annesley Woodhouse Library with the community centre. Initial scoping is underway in relation to the future of Collingham Library.
3.	Providing resources and access to services in partnership with local communities and customers.	The Wi-Fi project continues to roll out across libraries. There were 320,582 hours of public access computer use for 2013/14, an increase of 12% over 2012/13.

Action Number	Action	January – June 2014
4.	Continuing to develop the 'core' libraries offer to provide inspiration to read, create knowledge through access to information, learning and the Nottinghamshire story, enhance community life and stimulate cultural activity.	The core offer will be reviewed during 2014/15 to ensure that we are continuing to provide a responsive service which meets objectives. All libraries maintain an ongoing programme of displays, exhibitions, promotions and events to inspire customers and local communities. Libraries support 170 book groups and other reading activities for adults and children, including Bookstart.
5.	Maximising the use of new technology such as e-books and self-service.	The e-books service continues to grow in popularity; there has been a tenfold increase in loans since the removal of a download fee in April 2013. A greater range of titles are now available from publishers for library use and this will help to enhance the library collection. The new audio e-books collection is also growing in usage and in the range of titles.
6.	The further development of planned cultural, heritage and learning programmes.	A new programme of events is being planned at Mansfield, Worksop and West Bridgford Libraries to run from July to October, which will include jazz, Summer Reading Challenge, family theatre, young people's workshops and community events, including a football event at Mansfield Library. The Southwell Poetry Festival programme has been planned and will take place in July. The Libraries for the Future project will include cultural events at Mansfield Central Library to engage audiences with technology. Joint summer safety roadshows with firefighters, police, East Midlands Ambulance service, road safety and heritage ambulance will also take place.

Action Number	Action	January – June 2014
		Touring exhibitions commemorating World War 1 start in August, along with a programme of activities, including talks, film and a creative writing workshop. The Big Draw workshops and exhibitions, in partnership with Rufford, are also planned as part of this programme.
7.	Maintaining and further developing work with children and young people.	Family theatre continues to attract sell out audiences at Mansfield Library with Blunderbus Theatre company's performance of the children's favourite – 'Hugless Douglas' on Saturday 7 June. Building on the success of 'Creepy House', plans are well underway for this year's Summer Reading Challenge 'Mythical Maze', which will launch in July, with over 10,000 children aged 4 - 11 years projected to take part. Nottinghamshire Libraries in conjunction with Youth Services put on 'Randomfest', an indoor festival for young people at Worksop Library in March. The event included a variety of popular workshops introducing attendees to drumming, being a DJ and song writing and the opportunity to hear a selection of quality young local bands playing full sets.
8.	Supporting staff development and empowerment.	The first series of briefing sessions with all staff has been undertaken specifically to focus on new operating models. Following the very successful development course for Library Managers, a programme for the continuing development of librarians is being planned. This will enhance leadership skills and share good practice across the service.

Action Number	Action	January – June 2014
9.	Developing 'community library partnerships' (CPLs)	Volunteering in libraries has been maintained and is seeing a gradual increase. Community Partnership Libraries are developing in several locations; a full report on progress was presented to Culture Committee on 3 June 2014.
10.	Developing mobile and community based library services to those who cannot visit static library sites.	The Home Library Service continues to serve housebound readers who can no longer visit their local library. The Mobile Library Service visits 250 mostly rural communities on a monthly basis.

7. In summary the library service continues to deliver its core service to a high standard and is developing the service in line with the agreed strategy.

Other Options Considered

8. As this is a report for noting, it is not necessary to consider other options.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

9. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

10. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, 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.

Implications for Service Users

11. The detailed work undertaken in relation to the delivery of the strategy aims to improve the accessibility and quality of library and information services for our customers.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the update on implementation of the Strategy for Nottinghamshire's Libraries between January and June 2014 be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

12. As this report is for noting only, no constitutional comments are required.

Financial Comments (KLA 05/06/14)

13. There are no financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

A Strategy for Nottinghamshire's Libraries – report to County Council on 15 December 2011
A Strategy for Nottinghamshire's Libraries – six-monthly progress report: July to December 2013 – report to Culture Committee on 1 April 2014

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

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Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to Culture Committee

1 July 2014

Agenda Item: 8

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, YOUTH, FAMILIES AND CULTURE

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ARCHIVES CAPITAL PROJECT PROGRESS UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Members on the planned capital programme to extend and improve the Nottinghamshire Archives Office.

Information and Advice

2. The Development Plan for Nottinghamshire's Archives was approved by Culture Committee in October 2012 alongside the publication of the National Archives (TNA) Archives for the 21st Century in action: refreshed strategy in 2012.

3. The plan identified the need to ensure the current archives storage capacity was both renewed to meet specialist building standards and provide for another additional space for the coming years.

4. Following a rigorous options appraisal, capital programme resources were allocated to ensure the future of the service was secured on its current site.

5. The planned building works include the provision of an extension to the archive storage room across two floors, and the extension of the public access area on a single floor to include a ground floor public meeting area.

6. The customer offer will be upgraded to provide a modern environment to access records with improved rest facilities.

7. There will be an addition of a first storey plant room extension to facilitate the required new temperature and humidity control equipment, the internal re-ordering of the room layout to generate controlled storage rooms for photographic and computer media data storage along with enhanced fire detection, fire suppression and security systems.

8. A scheme was designed to meet the requirements of the new PD5454 British Standard for Archives and has gained necessary planning permission.

9. The National Archives (TNA) has also endorsed the scheme in its role as the accreditation body and national lead for archives.

10. In order for works to be completed the service will be closed for public access between October 2014 and January 2015.

11. Measures have been put in place to ensure the Freedom of Information duties of the service can still be undertaken within permitted timescales during the public closure period.

12. Temporary storage for archives displaced by the work meeting the required standards has been provided by Derbyshire County Council's records office in Matlock.

13. An official re-opening will be undertaken following completion of the works in late spring 2015.

Other Options Considered

14. As this is a report for noting, it is not necessary to consider other options.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

15. The report is for noting only.

Statutory and Policy Implications

16. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, 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.

Implications for Service Users

17. The Nottinghamshire Archives User Group, Archives volunteers, customers and Friends of Nottinghamshire Archives have been consulted during the development of the scheme and are updated on a regular basis in relation to changes and disruptions to service provision.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1) That the update on the planned capital programme to extend and improve the Nottinghamshire Archives Office be noted.

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Constitutional Comments

18. As this report is for noting only, no constitutional comments are required.

Financial Comments (KLA 05/06/14)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

Nottinghamshire Archives and Records Management Development Plan – report to Culture Committee on 2 October 2012

Archives for the 21st Century in action: refreshed 2012-15, The National Archives, 2012
http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/documents/archives/archives21centuryrefreshed-final.pdf

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

C0445

Nottinghamshire County Council

Report to Culture Committee

1 July 2014

Agenda Item: 9

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND CORPORATE SERVICES

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2014/15.

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 items will be added to the programme as they are identified.

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 finance, equal opportunities, 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.

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 (PS)

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

Background Papers

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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

CULTURE COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME 2014-15

Report Title	Brief summary of agenda item	Lead Officer
9 September 2014		
Service update	For noting	Derek Higton/ Sally Gill
Performance monitoring (Quarter 1)	For noting	Derek Higton
Future of Sherwood Forest Visitor Centre - procurement	For decision	Derek Higton
Future management arrangements for Rufford Country Park		Derek Higton
Review of the Southwell Library Poetry Festival 2014		Derek Higton
Modernisation of Nottinghamshire public libraries		Derek Higton
Work programme		
21 October 2014		
Service update	For noting	Derek Higton/ Sally Gill
The Robin Hood Festival		Derek Higton
Summer Reading Challenge 2014		Derek Higton
Cultural Services Strategic Events – six monthly review	For noting	Derek Higton
Work programme		
2 December 2014		
Service update	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill
Performance monitoring (Quarter 2)	For noting	Derek Higton
Fees and Charges 2015/16 – Country Parks and Green Estate	Annual determination	Derek Higton
2014 visitor satisfaction survey in Country Parks		Derek Higton
Work programme		
13 January 2015		
Service update	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill
A Strategy for Nottinghamshire Libraries (six monthly progress report Jul to Dec 2014)	For noting	Derek Higton
Work programme		
3 March 2015		
Service update	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill
Performance monitoring (Quarter 3)	For noting	Derek Higton
Annual review of the County Council Cultural Strategy		Derek Higton

Report Title	**Brief summary of agenda item**	**Lead Officer**
Cultural Services Strategic Events Programme		Derek Higton
Fees and Charges 2015/16 – Libraries, Archives and Information	Annual determination	Derek Higton
Work programme		
28 April 2015		
Service update	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill
ACLS Priorities for 2015/16		Peter Gaw
Work programme		
9 June 2015		
Service update	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill
Performance monitoring (2014/15)	For noting	Derek Higton
Outside bodies report	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill
Work programme		
21 July 2015		
Service update	For noting	Derek Higton/Sally Gill
Work programme		
To be placed		
Idle Valley Management Board	Report from officer group	Sally Gill
Heritage Plan		Sally Gill
Biodiversity Offsetting Pilot Project	Year 1 report on progress	Sally Gill
Conservation Management Plan for Rufford Park		Derek Higton