

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

### **RECOGNITION OF THE OUTGOING CHIEF EXECUTIVE FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE**

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

1. To thank the Council's Chief Executive, Anthony May, for his outstanding service to the Council, residents of the County and his work on behalf of the County at a regional and national level, following his resignation to take up a new post.

#### **Information**

2. The Council's Chief Executive, Anthony May, has been appointed as Chief Executive of the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. Anthony has therefore resigned from his post with the County Council and will take up his new role on 1 September 2022.
3. Anthony joined the County Council in 2004 in the post of Assistant Director in the Culture and Communities Department and was then appointed as Corporate Director for Children, Families and Cultural Services and subsequently took up the role of Deputy Chief Executive.
4. In April 2015, Anthony took up post as Nottinghamshire County Council's Chief Executive, following the retirement of the previous Chief Executive, Mick Burrows. This makes him one of the Council's longest serving Chief Executives.
5. During his tenure Anthony has provided strong and effective leadership of the County Council, improving outcomes for a population of over 830,000 residents and 30,000 businesses. Alongside his leadership of the country's 10th largest county council, he has played a major role regionally and nationally in leading economic growth and the response to Covid.
6. Some of Anthony's notable achievements are:
  - a. Providing exemplary leadership to the local authority, working with partner organisations to ensure an effective and compassionate response to the unprecedented challenges of the global pandemic and ensuring the continued delivery of the best possible services for local people.
  - b. Providing exceptional personal leadership to a fundamental review and reshaping of safeguarding services that restored public confidence in the Council's ability to keep children safe.

- c. Leading the establishment of the largest and most comprehensive Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) in the Country.
- d. Leading an ambitious transformation of the Council, setting a blueprint for a new approach. The 'Redefining Your Council' programme enabled over £240m of savings to be delivered through new models of service delivery, whilst continuing to deliver good outcomes and meet the needs of local people.
- e. Working tirelessly with Government and partners to firmly establish the Midlands Engine as a pan regional driver of social, economic, and environmental improvement recognised nationally as an exemplar of the model.
- f. Working nationally and regionally with health service partners and the Black Stork Charity to secure the required funding for National Rehabilitation Centre at Stamford Hall. The centre will provide world leading rehabilitation for people with trauma injuries, accelerating the adoption of pioneering medical care, and applying new approaches alongside the exceptional practice in the co-located Defence facility.
- g. Acting as the lead officer in developing the case for a new model of Development Corporation, which will be entered into legislation as part of the Government's Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. Locally, this new type of development corporation could generate jobs, GVA, transforming the economic landscape and improving social mobility.
- h. Working with local councils and other partners on a devolution package across Nottinghamshire, Nottingham City, Derbyshire, and Derby City. If successful, a deal of this size and nature should bring tangible benefit to local residents.
- i. Being elected as Chair of the Association of County Chief Executives (ACCE) in 2018, providing exceptional leadership for the Association and engaging with Government on its behalf throughout the pandemic until June 2021. This makes him the longest ever serving Chairman, as the role is normally a 1-year term.
- j. Being selected by Government in 2019 to act as the 'Regional Lead' representing local government in the region and acting as an interface with government – one of only 9 people in the Country representing each region across England.
- k. Playing a key role in the National Vaccination Deployment Group integrating local authorities into the delivery of vaccines as well as spearheading the Standard Operating Procedure to ensure the social care workforce was vaccinated rapidly and effectively.

### **Other Options Considered**

- 7. None.

### **Reason for Recommendation**

- 8. To recognise the Chief Executive's achievements and thank him for his service to the County Council and local people across Nottinghamshire and the region.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

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

## **RECOMMENDATION**

- 1) That the Council thanks the Chief Executive for his long-standing service to the County Council and the outstanding contribution he has made in improving the lives of residents across Nottinghamshire and the region.

**Councillor Ben Bradley MP**  
**Leader of the Council**

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### **Constitutional Comments (HD – 24/6/2022)**

10. Full Council has the authority to consider the report and its recommendations.

### **Financial Comments (NS – 27/6/2022)**

11. There are no financial implications arising from the contents of the 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.

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

- All