



COUNCILLORS

Nigel Moxon (Chairman)
Tom Hollis (Vice-Chairman) - **Apologies**

Richard Butler	John Ogle - Apologies
Anne Callaghan BEM	Roger Upton
Penny Gowland - Apologies	Jonathan Wheeler
Mike Introna - Apologies	Elizabeth Williamson
Kane Oliver	

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillor Pauline Allen for Councillor Penny Gowland
Councillor Eric Kerry for Councillor John Ogle
Councillor Francis Purdue-Horan for Councillor Tom Hollis
Councillor Nigel Turner for Councillor Mike Introna

OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Mike Adams
Councillor John Cottee
Councillor Tom Smith

OFFICERS

Mick Allen	- Group Manager, Environment and Resources
Vicky Cropley	- Programme Manager – Safer Nottinghamshire Board
Noel McMenamin	- Democratic Services Officer
Kate Morris	- Democratic Services Officer
Mark Walker	- Interim Service Director, Place and Communities
Gary Wood	- Head of Highways and Transport

1. TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT BY FULL COUNCIL ON 11 MAY 2023 OF COUNCILLOR NIGEL MOXON AS CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLOR TOM HOLLIS AS VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 2023-24 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Committee noted Council's appointment of Councillor Nigel Moxon as its Chairman and Councillor Tom Hollis as its Vice-Chairman for the 2023/24 municipal year.

2. TO NOTE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE FOR THE 2023-24 MUNICIPAL YEAR

The Committee noted its membership for the 2023/24 municipal year as:

Councillors Richard Butler, Anne Callaghan BEM, Penny Gowland, Mike Introna, John Ogle, Kane Oliver, Roger Upton, Jonathon Wheeler, Elizabeth Williamson

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15 March 2023, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Penny Gowland (Other Reasons)
Councillor Tom Hollis (Other Reasons)
Councillor Mike Introna (Other County Council Business)
Councillor John Ogle (Other County Council Business)

5. **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

6. **CRIME AND DISORDER STRATEGY**

For this item the Place Select Committee sat in its role as the Council's Statutory Crime and Disorder Committee, as defined by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.

Councillor John Cottee, Cabinet Member for Communities, and the Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities, Councillor Tom Smith attended the meeting to introduce the report updating the committee on the delivery of the Crime and Disorder Strategy (The Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement 2023-2025.) Vicky Cropley, the Programme Manager for the Safer Nottinghamshire Board gave a presentation and provided additional information. A **summary** of the presentation is detailed below:

- In the County there were 5 statutory Community Safety Partnerships at the District and Borough level, however, Gedling, Rushcliffe and Broxtowe having merged into one, Mansfield and Ashfield, and Newark and Bassetlaw had joint arrangement.
- Two Tier areas were required to have county wide strategic group, the Safer Nottinghamshire Board. The Board had responsibility for the production of the Community Safety Agreement, that identified county wide priorities and ways of coordination activity to address them.
- The current priorities identified in the 2023-25 community safety agreement included:
 - Domestic Abuse
 - Serious violence
 - Prevention
 - High Harm Offences
 - Fraud and Cyber crime

- These priorities had established programmes of work that ensured they were identified across the County and that activities to tackle them, and support their victims were in place.
- Local level Community Safety Partnerships were able to feed into the Safer Nottinghamshire Group and escalate local issues where it was apparent they had county wide significance, such as car cruising.
- Partnership development work was underway, that would develop a new operating model and identify the contributions the Board could make to the priorities. This work was due to be completed later in the year and would highlight where the Board was able to add value to partnership work.

In the discussion that followed, members raised the following points and questions:

- Members noted that the report did not reflect commitments provided as part of a Motion passed at Full Council in March 2023, and asked that an updated report be brought to the next committee meeting, to include information on performance against current strategic priorities and to review whether those currently assigned as priority leads remained suitable.
- Members highlighted the importance of reporting antisocial behaviour to ensure that resources were allocated appropriately to tackle the behaviours. Members asked if there were plans to increase or improve communication with the public to highlight this message and how partner agencies communicate across the Boroughs and Districts in order to ensure strategic and joined up work.
- Members commented that visible rural policing had not seen an increase despite the number of front-line Police staff returning to that of 2010. Members also asked whether there would be a continued increase in police numbers as seen in recent years.
- Members questioned whether the identified priorities within the strategy had an order of priority and how the work by the Board was measured in terms of efficacy.

In response to the points raised the Cabinet Member for Communities, the Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities, and officers present provided the following responses:

- The Communication Strategy, currently under development, was due to publicly report on performance against the current strategic priorities of the Board later in the year. Whilst undertaking the annual review of priorities, the Safer Nottinghamshire Board took into account self-assessment, as well as the Motion and other partnership feedback, which should have been reflected in the report. The priority leads were assigned to specific roles from across the partnership, including Chairs of other boards such as the Reducing Reoffending Board. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board was not in a position to reassign leads.

- The Communication Strategy had been looking at how best to ensure that the public were aware of the various ways to report anti-social behaviour, both to the Police and to the Local Authority, and would also look at how to feed back the impact of reporting. Anti-Social behaviour was dealt with as a cross cutting and county wide issue with both the Police and Districts and Boroughs to ensure a coordinated response as different partner organisations had different powers and resources available to tackle the issue. The Safer Nottinghamshire Board drew together the different elements to bring a uniformity of response.
- Funding for Policing came from central government, which had indicated support for increasing investment in police numbers nationally.. The Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities, who also sat on the Safer Nottinghamshire Board, confirmed that the desire to see more funding for frontline staff was echoed through partners and within the Police.
- The five priorities identified by the Safer Nottinghamshire Board did not have an order of priority. Each of them had equal weighting in respect of improving lives of Nottinghamshire residents. . The Safer Nottinghamshire Board sat within a complex landscape of partners, and monitoring performance could be complicated. Performance of the Safer Nottinghamshire Board was measured against a delivery plan, currently in development for each priority which set out the specific tasks the Board was responsible for. These were due for ratification in September 2023 which would lead to better transparency and reporting around performance of the Board.

The Chairman thanked the Cabinet Member for Communities, the Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities, and the Programme Manager for the Safer Nottinghamshire Board for the attending the meeting and answering members' questions.

RESOLVED 2023/010

1. That the report be noted.
2. That a further progress report on the delivery of the crime and disorder strategy be received at the July 2024 meeting of the Place Select Committee in its role as the as the Council's Statutory Crime and Disorder Committee, as defined by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009.
3. That the following issues raised by the Committee in its consideration of the report on the delivery the crime and disorder strategy (The Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement 2023-2025) be progressed:
 - a) That the Safer Nottingham Board's Communications Strategy should have a focus on activities to make it clearer and easier for residents to report crime and anti-social behaviour incidents to both local authorities and the Police (as appropriate), in order to help provide assurance that residents' concerns are being addressed and to ensure that resources are being allocated effectively.
 - b) That a further report be submitted to the September 2023 meeting of the Place Select Committee that:

- i. acknowledges the commitments of the Motion of Full Council in March 2023.
- ii. includes information around performance issues under the current strategic priorities of the Nottinghamshire Community Safety Agreement.
- iii. provides information on the suitability of those assigned to lead on priorities.

7. **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE STRATEGIC REVIEW**

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment attended the meeting to introduce the report describing the progress of the Household Waste and Recycling Centre Strategic Review. The Group Manager Place Commissioning presented the report, a summary of which is detailed below.

- Work had been commissioned through AECOM to review the existing network of recycling centres in light of proposed changes to the Environment Act and the National Resources and Waste Strategy 2018 and in terms of the changing to housing and growth across the County.
- There had been no final steer from central government around a new policy or when it would be implemented, however it was likely that areas affected would be recycling centres, kerb side collection and more responsibility for sustainability put on manufacturers. Any changes were likely to see an impact on the type and amount of waste taken by recycling centres, and impact on the responsibilities of both Borough and District Councils as well as the County Council and the service offered by recycling centres.
- The Government had recently released the outcome from one consultation around DIY waste and were looking to change the legislation to compel recycling centres to take DIY waste free of charge.
- Work had taken place to look at access to sites and showed that 98% of the population of Nottinghamshire lived within a 20 minute drive of at least one of the 12 recycling centre sites across the County. The existing sites were old and were located where it was appropriate at the time they were established, but not necessarily in line with housing development currently underway
- Any changes to the network would need to be subject to contract negotiation with the long-term contractor Veolia and would need approval from DEFRA and the Treasury.

In the discussion that followed, members raised the following points and questions:

- Members felt that a Task and Finish review to look more closely at the emerging issues would be the best way to progress scrutiny work on this issue.
- The view was expressed that pausing work on the issue until the new legislation had been published would be more beneficial as it would be clear

what the requirements set out in law would be and would mean that officers have a clear direction of travel.

- Members enquired about the nature of commercial issues described within the report that needed to be resolved with the commercial PFI partner.
- Members noted the importance of upgrading certain sites that currently suffered from long queues and bringing extra capacity into the network and acknowledged that placement of the current sites was based on historical population spread.
- Disabled access at sites and assistance for disabled users was highlighted as an issue, and members asked that this be considered as part of any review.
- Members expressed frustration at the apparent lack of progress on the review, despite the lack of steer from central government and wanted to know what communication had been taking place with central government.
- Members asked whether conversations were taking place with neighbouring authorities regarding forming a partnership around the use of recycling centres within adjoining authorities..

In response to the points raised the Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and the Group Manager Place Commissioning provided the following responses:

- A task and finish review was welcomed as it would provide an opportunity to consider a wide range of information, working through the complex relationships within the system, and discussing different options for a sustainable and cost effective systems moving forward to ensure a future proofed network
- The commercial issues mentioned in the report related to the type of materials accepted at each site and the subsequent disposal or sale. Changing the way materials were dealt with on site, or which materials were accepted would impact provider contracts within the complex network of sites..
- Any new sites would be designed to be fully accessible. Existing sites had been assessed by the Disability Access Officer and staff were on hand to offer assistance if needed. A consistent programme of staff training had been implemented across the sites.
- Work had been carried out around the West Bridgford site, including traffic analysis. The site had a history of traffic queuing, and this had been a source of frustration for residents, partners, officers and members. There had been a number of attempts over the years to find and establish a new site in the Rushcliffe area. A number of limiting factors had made the task more difficult, including planning law, land availability and cost. Work was ongoing continued to find a solution to the issues at the West Bridgford site.

Conversations had taken place with both Derbyshire and Leicestershire Councils around the use of sites by residents but in the context of residents from those authorities using Nottinghamshire sites. Derbyshire County had a smaller number of

sites for residents to access. Although some sites in neighbouring authorities were geographically closer for Nottinghamshire residents, those often operated with more restricted opening times. The Chairman thanked the Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and the Group Manager Place Commissioning for the attending the meeting and answering members' questions and encouraged members from all groups to be involved with the Task and Finish group and reiterated that if members of the committee were unable to participate, they could nominate a member of their group to attend in their place.

RESOLVED 2023/011

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the following issues raised by the Committee in its consideration of the progress report on the Household Waste Recycling Centre Strategic Review be progressed:
 - a) That a scrutiny task and finish working group be established to carry out further scrutiny on, and to feed into the work being carried out on the review of Household Waste Recycling Centre provision.
 - b) The Chairman and Vice-Chairman, in consultation with officers create a scope that will determine the work of the task and finish working group.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SCRUTINY REVIEW OF CONCESSIONARY TRAVEL

The Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment attended the meeting to present the Cabinet Member's response to the Committee on the recommendations that had arisen from the review of Concessionary Travel. The Group Manager Highways and Transport also attended.

In the discussion that followed, members raised the following points:

- The Chair thanked officers and members who were involved in the review group.
- Members raised concerns about the access to bus routes for residents across the County.
- Members asked what communication had taken place with the Department of Transport regarding concessionary travel for veterans.

In response to the points raised the Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment provided the following responses:

- The Chair reminded members of the committee that the purpose of the item was to consider the recommendations made by the review group.
- Details and feedback of concessionary fares were included in the formal response to the Concessionary Fares review that the government was currently undertaking.

The Chairman thanked the Deputy Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment and the Group Manager Highways and Transport for attending the meeting and answering members' questions.

RESOLVED 2023/012

1. That the response of the Cabinet member be noted.
2. That the Place committee continues to monitor the implementation of the recommendations arising from the review of Concessionary Travel.

9. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered its Work Programme. Items on EV charging points and quality of free school meals were suggested by members for consideration.

RESOLVED 2023/013

1. That the Work Programme be noted.
2. That committee members make any further suggestions of items for inclusion on the work programme to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman (subject to consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s) and senior officers and the required approval by the Chairman of the Overview Committee).

The meeting closed at 12:09pm

CHAIRMAN