


## Appendix A: Recover Plan Action Plan

<b>THEME</b>  	<b>Success means:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>★ Young people equipped for life</li> <li>★ Increased take-up of apprenticeships to give everyone the chance to start and develop their career</li> <li>★ Supporting businesses to develop and grow a skilled workforce that meets their needs</li> <li>★ Increased numbers of people helped to re-skill and move into new careers</li> <li>★ Strengthened engagement between schools and employers</li> </ul>
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Specific Objectives	Achievements	Ongoing	Forthcoming
<b>1. Job creation: implement programme to protect family incomes and avoid mass unemployment following the phasing out of the job retention scheme</b>			
Support the hardest-hit sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Green Homes Grant:</b> £1 million funding secured from Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) to retrofit homes (solid wall insulation, air heat pumps, solar thermal heating, windows and doors, loft and cavity wall insulation).</li> <li>✓ <b>£4.3M Warm Homes Hub</b> two-year partnership for eligible homeowners and tenants (+500 houses) will be able to improve the warmth and comfort of their home and benefit from free services such as grid connection and first-time central heating (Partners: EoN and local authorities).</li> <li>✓ <b>Online Micro Provider Event:</b> Held in January 2021 for those looking to set up a social care business or looking for ways to grow their business.</li> <li>✓ Supported a <b>DWP/ LA partnership</b> working with the hospitality sector to promote vacancies and sector-based work academy programmes (SWAPs) (Lead partner: DWP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Enhanced business support to existing micro-providers and to maximise local procurement opportunities.</li> <li>✓ <b>Pathways to Health and Social Care ESIF project</b> This project has provided a pathway into new vacancies in the Health &amp; Social Care sector and is providing local employers with access to a supply of suitably trained young people and adults (Lead partner: Nottingham City Council).</li> <li>✓ Linking NCC recruitment team with Restart provider and exploring recruitment days and open hire processes to match restart participants to NCC Vacancies (Lead partner: Futures /Maximus)</li> <li>✓ Continued collaboration and work with DWP to bring forward Sector Based Work Academy Programmes (SWAPs) on a sector and locality basis (Lead partner: DWP)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Exploratory work across the County Council around the Health and Social care sector with the potential to deliver inclusive prosperity across the county.</li> </ul>
Job creation and training guarantees to	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Promoted the Kickstart scheme via the county councils email me, social media and other channels. Worked in partnership with</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>NCC mainstream HR activity</b> offering the following: Work Experience; Kickstart Programme; Apprenticeships; Graduate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Active promotion of Nottinghamshire</li> </ul>

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tackle youth unemployment	<p>representative organisations to support SMES who have less than 30 placements and signpost to support organisations such as Inspire and Futures who can offer wrap around provision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>NCC (HR&amp;WOD)</b> are a kickstart employer and have created a number of opportunities for young people.</li> <li>✓ <b>Inspire Learning</b> are also a Kickstart Gateway employer: providing Kickstart employment opportunities to over 50 young people aged between 16 and 24.</li> <li>✓ Continued working with Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) involving supporting the delivery of their employment provision and the following projects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Collaboration and support provided to DWP and LA's with the creation of a network of Nottinghamshire Youth Hubs to deliver youth services targeted to specific areas of greatest need</li> <li>○ Undertaken consultation with cohort through our Youth Council /Youth service to survey young people to shape the location/provisions for other Youth Hub (Lead partner: DWP)</li> </ul> </li> <li>✓ <b>Way2Work</b> project that provides employability support to unemployed and economically inactive Nottinghamshire residents. (Lead partner: Nottingham City Council, with Inspire and Futures)</li> <li>✓ <b>ESF Back 2 Work:</b> an employment recovery programme, providing targeted and early intervention employment support to individuals. (Lead partner: Nottingham City Council with assistance from Inspire Learning)</li> </ul>	<p>Programme, and support for the <a href="#">Leonard Cheshire Change 100</a> programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Pathways to Health and Social Care:</b> Inspire Learning is a delivery partner in this ESIF project (led by Nottingham City Council).</li> <li>✓ <b>D2N2 Recruiting Talent workshops</b> are being supported and promoted by the Council, to outline the current landscape of employment in the county, advocating the benefits of inclusive recruitment and offering advice on how to find hidden pools of talent (Lead partner: D2N2)</li> <li>✓ Part-funded a <b>Care2work project.</b> Focussed on looked after children. Initial sessions will be followed with work experience placements and careers guidance.</li> <li>✓ <b>D2N2 Skills Access Hub:</b> The Council's Business Advisers continue to work closely with the Hub to ensure it offers the best services to support the County's businesses on skills, recruitment and retention issues.</li> <li>✓ <b>Inspire Learning</b> Inspire is providing a number of 19 to 24 <b>Traineeship placements.</b> There are plans to deliver 45 additional Traineeships for this age group in the 2021/22 Academic Year</li> <li>✓ <b>STEM and iProgramme Projects:</b> focused upon providing SME employees with additional IT skills to make them more productive at work. (Lead partner: NTU)</li> <li>✓ <b>Digital Bootcamps:</b> designed to enhance the IT skills of local people to enhance their employability. Inspire Learning is a delivery partner. Lead: DfE/ D2N2 LEP.</li> <li>✓ <b>Supported Internships:</b> Inspire Learning is working with a range of partners and employers to provide up to six supported</li> </ul>	<p>Opportunities and stakeholder engagement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Identifying opportunities around in work support and over 50's.</li> <li>✓ Working across council in support of the Employment and Skills Strategy</li> <li>✓ Promotion of the benefits of supported internships to local businesses</li> </ul>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Via</b> worked with Business in the Community to develop a work introduction placement programme for individuals who have experienced barriers to gaining employment.</li> <li>✓ <b>Arc Partnership</b> has been successful in establishing several local frameworks aimed specifically at small to medium sized enterprises (SME's) local companies within both Nottinghamshire and the wider D2N2 area.</li> <li>✓ Launched the <a href="#">Employment and skills portal</a> to bring together information to help people access support whether they are working, furloughed or looking for a job / employment opportunities</li> <li>✓ <b>UK Community Renewal Fund:</b> award of £3.9m funding for four project across the nationally set identified priority areas.</li> <li>✓ The three-year <b>D2N2 Skills Access Hub</b> (running until 30 September 2023) offers businesses free impartial advice from experienced Skills Advisors to help local businesses identify and address the skills gaps in their workforce (Lead partner: Nottingham City Council)</li> </ul>	<p>Internships, which provide young people aged between 16 and 24 who have learning and physical disabilities with access to employment opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Miner 2 Major Project:</b> there has been a focus upon providing courses and provision that will help learners to enhance their wellbeing. Courses including habitat walks, mindfulness and heritage have been extremely successful (Lead partner: Inspire)</li> <li>✓ <b>Community Renewal Fund:</b> delivery of projects (East Midlands Accelerator, Volunteer It Yourself, Good Work and Newstart)</li> <li>✓ <b>Nottinghamshire Opportunities</b> launch - our online platform to support residents, designed around the needs of an individual entering or retuning to work, meeting their career aspirations and finding job opportunities/ training and support to access the vacancy.</li> <li>✓ <b>Well for Work: £8M</b> European Social Fund (ESF) project, which will see a dedicated team of employment advisers and business engagement managers to support unemployed residents with health conditions into sustainable employment (Lead partner: Futures)</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Develop the Nottinghamshire workforce to increase productivity and drive growth across our economy</b>			
Accelerate take-up of Nottinghamshire County Council's Apprenticeship Levy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Futures:</b> now an apprenticeship training agency to support vulnerable groups of young people and adults into an Apprenticeship. The focus will primarily be to support Looked After Children, Care Leavers and other vulnerable groups of young people and adults to progress into an Apprenticeship (Lead partner: Futures)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ongoing work with continued promotion of apprenticeship levy with businesses and working with key partners and stakeholders around the benefits of an apprentice</li> <li>✓ Sharing of apprenticeship vacancy data across the council to support service users.</li> </ul>	

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<p>Optimise outcomes from the Council's investment in the Festival of Science and Curiosity (FOSAC)</p>	<p>✓ <b>Festival of Science and Curiosity</b> was held February 2021 with many activities ongoing throughout the year. Introductions to District and Borough council colleagues successfully converted into sponsorship and events in 5 Districts. Highlights were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Wollaton Watch</b> featured footage from around Nottinghamshire through collaboration with 14 partners including local groups and organisations, young people, schools and wildlife volunteers celebrating and protecting the environment in the county.</li> <li>○ <b>200 'science busking packs'</b>, providing equipment for families to take part in simple sensory science <b>activities</b> at home,</li> <li>○ <b>Curiosity Project</b> eight schools plus the Nottinghamshire EHE service took part in this project. It supports pupils to do their own science research project in collaboration with researchers from academic and/or industry, and covering the costs for CREST awards. term</li> <li>○ <b>5 YouTube Live Q&amp;A sessions</b> were delivered and reached a live audience of 155 'viewers' and were re-watched on YouTube 666 times by the end of the festival</li> <li>○ <b>The Festival Magazine</b> was produced with the aim of targeting families with limited internet access and 6290 magazines were distributed directly in Nottinghamshire through food banks, supermarkets, community organisations, children's centres, mobile library vans</li> </ul>	<p>✓ Plans are now underway for the 2022 Festival to build on relationships with local organisations including Miner2Major, Nottinghamshire wildlife Trust, Captivate, Inspire, Sherwood Observatory, 5G Connected Forest and other cultural and community organisations, and to engage with more local schools.</p>	

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	<p>and schools. An online version was also viewed 867 times</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>25 online events were delivered through Zoom</b> for a range of audiences, which were free to access. Postcode data gathered from voluntary information <b>provided</b> in feedback forms and online participant registration (328 sample size) showed that 23.4% of participants came from Nottinghamshire county postcodes.</li> </ul>		
Bolster the D2N2 LEP Redeployment Triage Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>D2N2 Redeployment Triage Service</b>, matches those recently made redundant with new work in sectors experiencing a surge in employment demand such as food retail, care, and distribution. The service also engages with employers needing to make redundancies to ensure a smooth transition for employees into new work. (Lead partner: Futures /NCS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The <b>Futures' Employment &amp; Redundancy Support team</b> have, throughout 20/21, worked with multiple County employers looking to support their employees through the redundancy process, providing support sessions and skills training to all employees affected. Futures have supported approximately 6,000 County residents with careers advice and employment support in the last financial year (Lead partner: Futures)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ongoing support and promotion of the D2N2 Redeployment and Triage service in the light of the termination of the Furlough Scheme.</li> </ul>
New Government Initiatives and local impact		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Connecting, simplifying and promoting multiple national employment, training, skills and economic growth initiatives</li> <li>✓ <b>DWP Restart project</b> programme started in June 2021 and will see new centres in Arnold, Worksop and Newark, supporting over <b>15,000</b> long term unemployed Nottinghamshire residents over the next 4-5 years (Lead partner: Futures and Maximus)</li> <li>✓ Multiply - The government's new £560 million programme to help transform the lives in Spring 2022. Understand the funding opportunities to deliver bespoke adult numeracy programmes and employers being able to work with their Local Authority and training providers to deliver Maths GCSEs or work-ready Functional Skills.</li> </ul>	

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<b>3. Create an integrated employment and skills eco-system which has the individual and employer at its heart</b>			
Stronger links between schools and employers through work shadowing programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Futures</b> commissioned to deliver online resources for young people. These resources start with advice/ guidance helping young people who had not yet made their decisions following competition of year 11/ 13.</li> <li>✓ <b>Careers Hubs:</b> funded two Enterprise co-ordinators up to July 2021 until the transition to a more concentrated delivery model called</li> <li>✓ <b>Inspire Learning's</b> dedicated team of in-house Information Advice and Guidance Advisors are arranging a programme of employer visits across the County designed to enhance residents' understanding of their career opportunities. They are delivering a range of Sector Based Work Academies in IT and in Health and Social Care.</li> <li>✓ <b>Employability Advisors:</b> new advisors are working with the Employability Coordinator to build effective links between our 16-18 and 19 + learners and the world of work (over 40 young people to access extended work experience leading to employment).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Working with the EMEG Group and employers to showcase the range of opportunities to schools and young people.</li> <li>✓ Supporting the roll out of <a href="#">D2N2 Start platform</a> (Lead partner: D2N2)</li> <li>✓ <b>Employability Advisors:</b> Encouraging businesses to consider becoming Enterprise Advisors and supporting schools with their careers strategy.</li> <li>✓ <b>Unlocking Potential Hub:</b> £3M ESF project which will expand the work of the CEC Enterprise Coordinators and provide an online portal to link schools, colleges and youth services with local employers and support the careers and employability agenda amongst young people transitioning from full-time education to work. (Lead partner: Futures)</li> <li>✓ ESF funding secured (£500k) to support young people that are NEET (i.e. a person who is unemployed and not receiving an education or vocational training) and have additional support needs in D2N2 called 'Skills for the Future' (Lead partner: Futures)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Careers Hub launch event planned for early 2022.</li> </ul>
Utilising our wide-ranging functions to making the skills and employment system work for our local communities and economies		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Working directly with existing and incoming businesses, representative bodies (Chambers of Commerce, the Federation of Small Businesses) and further education providers, to develop and connect growth, infrastructure spend, inward investment, SME, employment and skills strategies</li> <li>✓ Supporting people with complex barriers to be training or work ready through wrap-around support services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Establish need for a Local Skills Investment plans working with ERBs and other local partners, by ensuring they take a holistic view of the whole local skills and employment system, to create a joined-up offer with clear pathways of progression.</li> </ul>



**Success means:**

- ★ A single reference point for the most up-to-date information, guidance and support for businesses across our county
- ★ Investors are kept up-to-date with key opportunities
- ★ Closer partnerships are forged with business who want to invest in Nottinghamshire in order to show we are ‘open for businesses and investment’
- ★ Businesses across Nottinghamshire enabled and encouraged to adopt renewable energy and helped to innovate and grow, or diversify into the low carbon sector

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<b>1. Create a programme which sees Nottinghamshire as a place to invest.</b>			
Continue to work closely with partners to identify and support business needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Fit2Supply</b> - being a series of events enabling Nottinghamshire businesses to engage with supply opportunities, especially those related to large scale construction developments and projects. 8 sessions have been run so far, with a further 2 in the pipeline, with just under 300 companies benefiting to date. (Lead partner: East Midlands Chamber)</li> <li>✓ <b>International Trade Support</b> - offering 5 specialist workshops sessions to date on new trading arrangements with the EU. A total of 42 businesses have participated to date. A monthly Nottinghamshire International Trade Forum commenced in June 2021 with an average of 24 attendees per session (Lead partner: East Midlands Chamber)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The county council supports several additional opportunities. The following figures relate to the April-June (Quarter 1) 2021-22               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Business Adviser Professional advice</a>. New total of 520 leads for Nottinghamshire since April 2020; Businesses Advisers have provided in excess of 180 hours of one to one advice and guidance to new and existing SME's over this period.</li> <li>• <a href="#">GH Webinar support</a>. 450 Nottinghamshire SME's attended GH Webinars since April 2020, totalling over 3600 hours.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Growth Hub Peer Networks</a>. Phase 2 has now commenced following the success of the previous programme. 17 cohorts were contracted and 23 have been organised which would involve 187 participants. 146 SME's have registered so far, of which 33 are from Nottinghamshire.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Business Investment Fund</a>. BIF has now closed pending additional funding to the programme. 89 Nottinghamshire SME's expressed an interest, of which 68 have been supported in drafting their applications. 44 have now been contracted with projects totalling over £1.5m with grants in excess of £540k.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
Develop an Inward Investment Strategy to help		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The county council lends its support to a strategic approach to inward investment.</li> </ul>	

indigenous business growth and attract new firms to the county		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A brief for supporting the Council in reviewing its options in the development of an Inward Investment Strategy has been drafted to initially reflect support to a number of key specific sites with which the Council has a specific interest, including those included within the Invest in Nottinghamshire programme.</li> </ul>	
Align support with opportunities available via commercial developers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The D2N2 LEP launched a strategic key account management (KAM) initiative, and the Council is engaged in supporting this work where Nottinghamshire businesses are involved.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A review of employment land for the Local Planning process has been facilitated by a planning consultancy. This has led to a proposed study of the logistics sector.</li> </ul>	
Actions coming out of Council commissioned report into sustainable low carbon opportunities		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Localis were commissioned to facilitate a set of stakeholder sessions on supporting the Council to explore a green recovery and to offer best practice ideas. This work is being integrated into the Council's Environmental Strategy</li> <li>✓ In collaboration with the Universities, scoping has commenced on the development of a low carbon toolkit, designed to help businesses bring forward low carbon, energy saving measures.</li> </ul>	
<b>2. Use of digital technologies to improve business productivity</b>			
Promote Growth Hub scale-up and innovation programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Business Advisers have promoted the national and local initiatives supporting high growth, scale-up and innovation within businesses</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Strong relationships have been maintained with wider finance providers and with specialist advisory agencies including the two universities to ensure awareness and cross-referrals are facilitated</li> <li>✓ Regular liaison has been maintained with Nottinghamshire's SME community through direct contact with the various business representative groups and through supporting County Council "emailme" communications.</li> </ul>	



Visitor Economy



Success means:

- ★ A refreshed Visitor Economy Strategy to better reflect the needs of businesses, residents and visitors post COVID-19
- ★ The development and launch of an events programme for 2021 and 2022 which is open to our residents and showcases the unique strengths of Nottinghamshire
- ★ Attracting even more families and visitors to Nottinghamshire from across the UK and overseas, bringing benefits to local businesses and our economy

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<b>1. Develop and promote a refreshed marketable brand for Nottinghamshire</b>			
<p>A high-quality year-round programme that links to the Visitor Economy Strategy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>COVID-19 Tourism Survey 2020</b> undertaken (Partner: Visit Notts)</li> <li>✓ <b>Mayflower 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary:</b> A Pilgrim Adventure is an exciting new augmented reality activity book aimed at children.</li> <li>✓ <b>Mayflower 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary:</b> Bassetlaw Museum welcomed representatives of the Wampanoag Nation for a cultural exchange visit 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The visit included a cultural showcase of traditional music and dance, construction of a wetu (a traditional home) working with visitors and school groups and an evening seminar which was recorded to form a learning resource (Lead Partners: Bassetlaw Museum/Pilgrims Gallery).</li> <li>✓ <b>Living Memories project</b> completed, to encourage visits to heritage sites by older residents</li> <li>✓ <b>Nottinghamshire Day:</b> The County held its first ever on 25 August 2021. It was a resounding success with #NottsDay and “Nottinghamshire” trending on Twitter in the UK on the morning of the day and all day locally. Comments to Notts CC social media channels were significantly higher than usual with the vast majority positive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>New COVID-19 Tourism Surveys</b> being prepared to seek the views of businesses and consumers (Partner: Visit Notts)</li> <li>✓ <b>Remaining Mayflower 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events</b> taking place include preparations for an art installation in Scrooby, apple tree planting and special Pilgrim school assemblies taking place in November and December 2021 (Collaborating Partners: NCC Conservation team/Scrooby Parish Council).</li> <li>✓ <b>Remaining Mayflower 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events</b> International virtual conference on inclusion to take place in January 2022 as follow up to the Wampanoag visit (Lead Partners: Bassetlaw Museum/District Council).</li> <li>✓ Reviewing the <b>Nottinghamshire Visitor Economy Strategy</b></li> <li>✓ Developing a programme of engagement with district and borough council partners and operators of attractions, <b>about priority projects and interventions (Partner: Visit Notts)</b></li> <li>✓ <b>The LEADER programme</b> is forecast to create 127,000 new day visitors and an increase of 33,000 overnight stays</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Miner2Major - People of Sherwood project</b> ready to deliver but currently paused. Pop-up exhibition finalised</li> <li>✓ Nottingham Festival of Science &amp; Curiosity will be taking place 7-16 February 2022</li> <li>✓ <b>Nottinghamshire Day</b> will become an annual event with a much larger event anticipated for August 2022 linking in with our key visitor attractions and businesses.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The Nottinghamshire food and drink sector business support toolkit continues to be promoted.</li> <li>✓ <b>Miner2Major- Sherwood Retold Project:</b> Working in partnership with Nottingham Trent University to map the stories of Sherwood's heritage and nature through the <b>project</b></li> <li>✓ <b>Sherwood Destination Management Partnership</b> established to connect stories, share and expand events and resources and offer a coordinated visitor experience for the wider Sherwood area</li> </ul>	
Support Visitor Economy hubs with partners to generate additional income	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Sherwood</b> have been successful in acquiring a license to sell Robin Hood and Maid Marion marketed alcoholic beverages from local producers. Sherwood have also invested in adapting the site. (Lead partner: RSPB/Notts CC is commissioner):</li> <li>✓ <b>Sherwood:</b> delivered an adapted Robin Hood Festival held over five weeks rather than one. Initial feedback has been very positive with excellent engagement from participants and local businesses. Local products and businesses were showcased. This successful pilot could potentially be a template for future extended events.</li> <li>✓ <b>Holme Pierrepont:</b> The site has reinstated an extensive programme of sport events and camps in 2021, including elite sport events. The site was a training base for successful Tokyo Olympic water sport athletes – demonstrating its strengths as an asset despite the challenges faced during Covid-19 (Lead partner: Holme Pierrepont Leisure Trust/Notts CC is commissioner)</li> <li>✓ <b>Bestwood Country Park</b> continues to be very popular, with a significant increase in footfall</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Sherwood:</b> Events have been and continue to be adapted, with lessons from the success of the Halloween Trail being incorporated into plans for this year's Christmas Trail. Good practice from the pandemic will continue to be considered in future planning. (Lead partner: RSPB/Notts CC is commissioner)</li> <li>✓ <b>Rufford:</b> work to review strategic development options for the park, in line with the objectives of the Visitor Economy Strategy, is underway with key partners, including Historic England and English Heritage. Significantly increased footfall and demand during the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the great and continuing importance of Rufford as a heritage location and green space critical to the mental and physical wellbeing of residents and visitors (Lead partner: Parkwood Leisure/Notts CC is commissioner)</li> <li>✓ <b>Holme Pierrepont</b> planning underway to provide a full events schedule for 2022, building on the success seen in 2021 (Lead partner: Holme Pierrepont Leisure Trust/Notts CC is commissioner)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Cultural Strategy -</b> Consultation will be taking place with contracted partners on the draft (2022-2032), with a view to adoption in Spring 2022.</li> <li>✓ <b>Tour of Britain 2022 –</b> set to return to Nottinghamshire next year</li> </ul>

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	<p>recorded during the pandemic. The campsite has been very popular during 2021.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Rufford</b> successfully improved their wedding offer and seen a very high level of bookings. A number of large scale events have been held since the removal of Covid-19 restrictions including new Halloween trails and the popular Spectacle of Light (Lead partner: Parkwood Leisure)</li> <li>✓ <b>Bestwood Country Park:</b> for the second consecutive year, has been recognised with a Green Flag award (Partner: Gedling BC)</li> </ul>		
<p>Programme of arts and culture in libraries through Inspire</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Inspire libraries</b> are offering a service across the County with the 60 libraries open for business. Inspire is a National Portfolio organisation (Arts Council England funded) and will continue to offer a full programme of cultural activities, many of which are accessible virtually</li> <li>✓ <b>Inspire Youth Arts</b>, who work with young people on a range of performing arts projects have moved their offer online and continue to provide a wonderful programme of dance, theatre and music opportunities</li> <li>✓ <b>Inspire’s Music Hub and Instrumental Music Service</b> to schools is continuing to offer a range of performance opportunities and music tuition for a wide range of instruments. They are continuing to deliver a face-to-face (socially distanced) and virtual offer, including support for several school and community-based choirs</li> <li>✓ The <b>Archives</b> service has made many its resources available online for the public and for academic researchers (Lead partner: Inspire/ Notts CC Commissioner)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Inspire Learning</b> is offering face-to-face learning for 16 to 18-year-old study programme learners. It is also offering adults access to a wide variety of e learning courses. There are face-to-face learning opportunities for adults too, including the Access to HE courses and other accredited courses.</li> <li>✓ Re-established a varied events programme including the Inspire Poetry festival and the forthcoming “An Inspired Christmas Concert” (Lead partner: Inspire/ Notts CC Commissioner)</li> <li>✓ Inspire-led Captivate Cultural Education Partnership is developing Arts Council funding application to continue work in the Ashfield and Mansfield areas. Focus on improving access &amp; participation of young people most in need and encourage visits and interest in local cultural destinations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Inspire intend to provide an extensive programme in 2022 (Lead partner: Inspire)</li> </ul>

Specific Objectives	Achievements	Ongoing	Forthcoming
<b>2. Support and enable the preservation, development and use of our assets</b>			
Develop and deliver heritage led regeneration projects and training programmes	<p>✓ <b>Townscape Heritage Initiative programme for Mansfield-</b> Despite COVID restrictions the programme has managed to achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Oral history training with 10 primary school students resulting in a junior reporter traineeship at Mansfield 103.2FM</li> <li>○ Working with students from Vision West Nottinghamshire College to produce an awareness-raising poster campaign, develop heritage trails and guided tours</li> <li>○ A presentation has been recorded for the Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair</li> <li>○ Working with Mansfield Building Society to utilise space within the building to use as a project base/community engagement space.</li> <li>○ Worked with Inspire to provide local history library and archives training</li> <li>○ Schedules of work for the buildings have been drawn up</li> </ul>	<p>✓ <b>Miner2Major</b> - Work underway with partners to put in place a range of opportunities for traineeships, apprenticeships and Kickstart roles. Work underway to offer heritage skills training for Inspire 16 – 19 construction students. An on-line training programme is now being delivered, following stakeholder needs survey of heritage tourism partners.</p>	

Infrastructure



Success means:

- ★ Fast tracked identified investment opportunities capable of delivering new energy efficient homes, local employment and skills
- ★ Our new industrial development sites are resilient, enabling home working and build in places which are well located in relation to existing road and public transport networks
- ★ Adoption of new construction technology to deliver new homes and employment sites faster
- ★ An upgrading of our cycling infrastructure that allows cyclists to reach more destinations, increased take-up of cycling and reduced traffic on our roads

Specific Objectives	Achievements	Ongoing	Forthcoming
<b>1. Prioritise investment and the development of post COVID-19 infrastructure in Nottinghamshire</b>			
Submit appropriate projects to the D2N2 LEP reserve list of future propositions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Worked with the D2N2 LEP to identify and secure funding needed to support County projects for economic growth and recovery including £3m for Top Wighay.</li> <li>✓ £3.6m secured from the MHCLG Getting Building Fund including £3m secured from to build the spine road for phase 2 of the development</li> <li>✓ £597K was also secured from the same fund to the Turbine Centre towards digital innovations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The LEP Pipeline is now suspended pending a government review of its role and function. Work continues with partners to identify and secure funding needed to support County projects for economic growth and recovery.</li> <li>✓ Ongoing housing led infrastructure projects with associated employment sites include our County Gateway and Major redevelopment sites into digital and green places: Top Wighay employment site, Newark Southern Link Road mixed use development and the Lindhurst Development employment sites.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Future housing led infrastructure projects include our County Gateway and Major redevelopment sites into digital and green places.</li> <li>✓ Round 2 of the DEFRA Investment Readiness Fund is open to Feb 2022 – to enable feasibility of investment models for environmental outcomes.</li> </ul>
Publish a Nottinghamshire Infrastructure Plan covering energy efficient and SMART homes; employment and skills; digital, public transport and road connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Draft plan has been prepared.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Finalise the draft Strategic Infrastructure Plan to set out Nottinghamshire's high-level infrastructure priorities for the next 10-15 years.</li> <li>✓ A review of employment land for the Local Planning process has been facilitated by Lichfields (a planning consultancy).</li> <li>✓ The North Nottinghamshire Logistics study to meet the need for market advice on low carbon and digital functions</li> <li>✓</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The review of Inward Investment options will be supported by input from key commercial agents / developers bringing forward employment sites and premises.</li> </ul>
<b>2. Deliver plans in relation to the future of mobility to be better prepared for growth</b>			

Specific Objectives	Achievements	Ongoing	Forthcoming
<p>Develop pathways in close collaboration with stakeholders to foster exchanges of experience, ideas and proposals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>River Trent Partnership:</b> has been established</li> <li>✓ <b>Midlands Engine Green Growth Action Plan:</b> comments provided.</li> <li>✓ <b>Midlands Energy Hub Regional COP 26 roadshow:</b> £27,850 grant revenue funding was secured to deliver a COP26 regional roadshow,</li> <li>✓ New Midlands Engine Natural Capital Monitor launched.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>River Trent Partnership:</b> An economic report has been commissioned through the Environment Agency, to measure the value of environmental and economic interventions across the whole catchment area and feed into the Midlands Engine Green Growth Action Plan.</li> <li>✓ <b>D2N2 Funding Finder, Resident and SME Net Zero Apps:</b> case studies identified are now being reviewed for scale up potential by us and partners. Work is needed to confirm the core set of stakeholders to engage from the event attendees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Midlands Energy Hub Regional COP 26 roadshow:</b> The event will be analysed by the and next steps identified.</li> </ul>

Digital Connectivity



Success means:

- ★ Start up and early stage businesses helped to discover, develop, and test next generation connectivity with 5G enabled products with access to facilities and experts.
- ★ Targeted increased coverage of Gigabit capable broadband infrastructure
- ★ Sherwood Forest being the world's first 5G connected forest featuring 3D and 4D virtual reality experiences, and drones and robots to help survey and monitor the health of the ancient woodland

Specific Objectives	Achievements	Ongoing	Forthcoming
<b>1. Identify ways in which digital technologies can be used to improve business productivity across Nottinghamshire</b>			
Promote 5G Turbine Digital Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>The new Digital Innovation Centre</b> showcasing the latest in 5G, augmented and virtual reality digital innovations was created at Worksop Turbine Centre. The programme of investment was used to comprehensively upgraded the existing digital IT infrastructure of the centre, boosting the productivity of the more than 40 businesses already on site, and other local businesses who use the casual facilities. 230 learners have already been engaged and given an opportunity to explore the potential offered by 5G and its associated technologies.</li> <li>✓ COP26 Regional Roadshow East Midlands was hosted at the Digital Turbine Centre.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ It is envisaged that by end of 2021, the deployment of 5G network will be complete providing businesses with space to trial and develop their own innovations using 5G related technologies.</li> <li>✓ Two pilots of the UK's first 5G Careers Challenge with Vision West Notts College were successful with positive coverage by the college and D2N2, as well as 5G specialist outlets.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Roll out of 5G Careers/Digital Innovation programme across the County</li> </ul>
Extend the gigabit broadband voucher scheme to increase our current county full fibre coverage of 24.38%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Launched a social media campaign around the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ So far more than £350,000 of top-up funding has been 'issued and paid'</li> <li>✓ 28 community or 'group' schemes in total registered suppliers to deliver full-fibre connectivity to 6,120 Nottinghamshire premises in Nottinghamshire.</li> <li>✓ Gigabit coverage continued to rise, standing at 37.56% (i.e. up 20% since March 2021 update).</li> <li>✓ Gigabit coverage is expected to rise to 50% in the next 6 months according to</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Remaining £350,000 will be invested vouchers for further broadband delivery in additional community schemes</li> </ul>

		the successive waves of private sector innovation and investment.	
<b>2. Preservation, development and use of our assets</b>			
Maximise benefits of the 5G Connected Forest project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ A forest ranger robot dog has been developed and launched as part of the project using cutting edge technology to boost tourism and help protect the environment in Nottinghamshire's legendary woodland, Sherwood Forest.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Augmented reality (AR) projects at Rufford and Sherwood</b> - A Robin Hood augmented reality experience 'An Arrow Through Time' is on target to be fully trialled later this year using mixed reality headsets.</li> <li>✓ <b>Environmental Management/Health of Forest</b> - undertaking core academic research into the potential for 5G to support the environmental protection of woodland areas.</li> <li>✓ Nottinghamshire school children aged 5-11 are set to name the UK's first forest-protecting robot dog as part of a new competition</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Exploratory meetings continue around <b>testing semi-autonomous vehicles to transport visitors</b>, particularly those with mobility issues to Sherwood Forest.</li> </ul>
Digital Pathfinders	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Secured £20,000 from LGA to develop mobile coverage mapping too to independently benchmark mobile coverage via the process of connectivity mapping, to produce qualitative, real-time data, to identify gaps in mobile coverage to gauge an overall picture of mobile connectivity across Nottinghamshire.</li> <li>✓ This project will help to use the data to align future plans to its strategy, influence internal governance/policy decisions and aid in high-level discussions with local mobile operators to address mobile coverage gaps across the county.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Grant agreement signed. Ongoing discussions with various academic partners to set up a collaboration to prototype a mapping technology device to collate the required data. This will be done via Vehicle Transportation Connectivity Mapping, whereby mapping technology device will be installed to district and borough councils owned refuse collection vehicles.</li> <li>✓ Project design conversations are planned with the relevant District and Borough councils.</li> </ul>	





Success means:

- ★ Revitalising and revival of our high streets and town centres
- ★ Improved health, quality of life and the environment

Specific Objectives	Achievements	Ongoing	Forthcoming
<b>1. Develop and harness the economic opportunity programme</b>			
Develop an approach to town centre identify, branding and a shared vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Local Resilience Forum:</b> The Council has engaged with partners under the (LRF) Public Realm Group and the Economy Cell to support co-ordination on safely re-opening the high street.</li> <li>✓ <b>N2 Town Centre</b> programme brought forward 10 projects for development (Arnold, Beeston, Bingham, Carlton, Kirkby, Mansfield, Newark, Stapleford and Worksop), LEP£7.6M of investment from the D2N2 LEP, over £600,000 from the N2 Business Rates Pool and other co-funding.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Town Deal Boards:</b> (Sutton and Kirkby, Stapleford, Mansfield and Newark). Projects that impact on County Council services will be addressed via the respective service Committees.</li> <li>✓ <b>Levelling-Up Funding:</b> Where capital projects are being developed, the County is engaging with the respective districts as lead on any submissions.</li> <li>✓ <b>N2 Town Centre programme:</b> with the financial completion of the programme, monitoring of the impact on the programme continues, managing returns from the individual projects and to the D2N2</li> </ul>	
Adapt homes to enable residents to live healthy lives, at home, longer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Green Homes Grant (GHG):</b> Local Authority Delivery Scheme (Phase 1a) remains operational, now ceasing late October 2021. Under the terms of the agreement, the programme delivers retrofit homes including solid wall insulation, air heat pumps, solar thermal heating, windows and doors, loft and cavity wall insulation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Warm Homes Hub:</b> The programme continues to be rolled out across the County, with a target of 380 homes.</li> <li>✓ <b>Warm Homes Hub</b> supporting residents to save money on their heating costs and helping residents with associated benefits. Across the City and County, the WHH has saved residents an estimated £1.2M so far, with £.0.5M being secured for Nottinghamshire residents in increased benefits.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Identify follow up actions to the COP 26 event.</li> </ul>
Develop a partnership strategy to harness the economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production (STEP) fusion programme.</b> Supported Nottinghamshire bids to the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ RoS Power Station nominated for the final 5 sites to be taken through to the next stage of the bid process.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Ongoing support to the bid process.</li> </ul>

opportunities resulting from the decommissioning of power stations sites	United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority's (UKAEA)		
<b>2. Develop an approach to innovative active travel solutions for short trips to improve health</b>			
Promote and enable increased active travel to our town centres to access employment and services	✓ <b>Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 funding</b> - The Department for Transport (DfT) allocated £2.18m towards the County Council's Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 proposals.	✓ <b>Emergency Active Travel fund</b> to improve cycling infrastructure for active travel to our town centres to access employment and services.	✓ Further work on consumer behaviour to enable the shift to active travel - options to be developed with Sustrans and Nottingham Trent University following the COP 26 event.
Adoption of a strategic masterplan for the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks site by December 2021	✓ <b>Toton and Chetwynd strategic masterplan consultation:</b> An initial six-week consultation on proposals closed on 22 November 2020 (Lead partner: Broxtowe BC).	✓ Adoption of the strategic masterplan as a supplementary planning document (SPD) by Broxtowe Borough Council.	