

Transport and Environment Committee

Monday, 19 July 2021 at 14:00

County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

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Notes

- (1) Councillors are advised to contact their Research Officer for details of any Group Meetings which are planned for this meeting.

- (2) Members of the public wishing to inspect "Background Papers" referred to in the reports on the agenda or Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act should contact:-

Customer Services Centre 0300 500 80 80

- (3) Persons making a declaration of interest should have regard to the Code of Conduct and the Council's Procedure Rules. Those declaring must indicate the nature of their interest and the reasons for the declaration.

Councillors or Officers requiring clarification on whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact Noel McMenamin (Tel. 0115 977 2670) or a colleague in Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

- (4) Councillors are reminded that Committee and Sub-Committee papers, with the exception of those which contain Exempt or Confidential Information, may be recycled.
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Meeting Transport and Environment Committee

Date 15 June 2021 (commencing at 2:00 pm)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Neil Clarke MBE (Chairman)
Mike Adams (Vice-Chairman)
John Ogle (Vice-Chairman)

Matt Barney **A**
Maureen Dobson
Glynn Gilfoyle
Penny Gowland

Tom Hollis
Sam Smith
Nigel Turner
John Wilmott

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Jonathan Wheeler.

OTHER COUNTY COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE

Steve Carr.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Derek Higon	-	Place Department
Gareth Johnson	-	Place Department
Pete Mathieson	-	Place Department
Sean Parks	-	Place Department
Adrian Smith	-	Place Department
Chris Ward	-	Place Department
Gary Wood	-	Place Department
Noel McMenamin	-	Chief Executive's Department

1. CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The appointment at Full Council on 27 May 2021 of Councillor Neil Clarke MBE as Chairman and Councillors Mike Adams and John Ogle Tom Smith as Vice-Chairmen was noted.

2. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee's membership and terms of reference as detailed in the report were noted.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Matt Barney – other Council Business.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Maureen Dobson declared an interest in Item 13 'Nottinghamshire County Council (New Lane, Blidworth) (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2021 (3322)' as a member of the Newark and Sherwood District Council Planning Committee that had considered a wider planning application for a new housing development off New Lane, which did not preclude her from speaking or voting.

5 MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – COMMUNITIES AND PLACE COMMITTEE DATED 4 MARCH 2021

The minutes of the Communities and Place Committee held on 4 March 2021, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

6. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – COMMUNITIES AND PLACE REVIEW AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE DATED 1 APRIL 2021

The minutes of the Communities and Place Review and Development Committee held on 1 April 2021, having been circulated to all Members, were taken as read and were signed by the Chairman.

7. HIGHWAYS REVIEW

RESOLVED 2021/001

That:

- (1) A full review of the Council's highways services take place following on from the motion at Full Council on 27th May 2021, with an estimated £20,000-£40,000 funded from existing highway budgets;
- (2) A cross-party Highways review Panel be set up to steer the review, led by the Chairman of this Committee, as detailed at paragraph 9 of the report;
- (3) The draft scope of the review as set out at Appendix 1 to the report be approved, subject to confirmation by the Highways Review Panel.

8. HIGHWAYS CAPITAL REVIEW PROGRAMMES 2021-2022

RESOLVED 2021/002

That, subject to the provisions set out in paragraphs 2 and 47 of the report, the following be approved:

- (1) The proposed capital maintenance programme for implementation as contained in the report and detailed at Appendix 1;
- (2) The proposed integrated transport block programme for implementation as contained in the report and detailed at Appendix 2;
- (3) The proposed externally funded programmes/schemes as detailed within the report and its appendices;
- (4) The proposed highway traffic management revenue programmes for implementation as contained in the report and detailed at Appendix 3;
- (5) The road safety, training and awareness programmes as contained in the report and detailed at Appendix 4;
- (6) The proposed consultation and information provision required to deliver each of the schemes and work programmes detailed in the report and its appendices.

9. NATIONAL BUS STRATEGY AND TRANSPORT UPDATE

RESOLVED 2021/003

That:

- (1) the signing of a statement of intent with the bus operators to an Enhanced Partnership arrangement from April 2022 be approved;
- (2) the Council approach to the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas scheme funding opportunity be approved;
- (3) a further update report on the National Bus Strategy be presented to a future meeting of this Committee.

10. UNDER-16 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT POLICY AND POST-16 TRANSPORT POLICY STATEMENT – 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

During debate, officers undertook to provide additional information requested by a Committee member in respect of appeals against decisions made in respect of the Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy.

RESOLVED 2021/004

That the Under-16 Home to School Transport Policy and the Post-16 Transport Policy Statement for the 2021-2022 academic year be approved.

11. PERIPATETIC COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS PERMIT

RESOLVED 2021/005

That the introduction of a peripatetic community health workers e-permit scheme be approved, and that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director, place, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, to finalise the details of the scheme.

12. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (SLACK WALK ALDERSON ROAD WORKSOP) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING AND PARKING SPACES) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2020 (1246)

RESOLVED 2021/006

That the Nottinghamshire County Council (Slack Walk and Alderson Road Area, Worksop) (Prohibition of Waiting and Parking Spaces) Traffic Regulation Order 2020 (1246) be made as advertised, subject to the amendments shown on drawing H/JAB/3334/01/B, and the objectors be advised accordingly.

13. NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (NEW LANE, BLIDWORTH) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER 2021 (3322)

A written motion to reject Traffic Regulation Order 2021 (3322) was moved and seconded. Following debate, a majority of Members voted against the motion.

The published motion was then considered and it was

RESOLVED 2021/007

That the Nottinghamshire County Council (New Lane, Blidworth) (Prohibition of Waiting) Traffic Regulation Order 2021 (3322) be made as advertised and the objectors advised accordingly.

14. A616 OLLERTON ROAD LITTLE CARLTON AND SOUTH MUSKHAM PROPOSED EXPERIMENTAL 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT ORDER (TRO 3331) FINAL

RESOLVED 2021/008

That an Experimental Traffic Regulation (ETRO) be introduced to implement a 40mph speed limit on the A616 Ollerton Road in Little Carlton and South Muskham.

15. RESPONSES TO PETITIONS PRESENTED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

RESOLVED 2021/009

That:

- (1) the proposed actions be approved, and the lead petitioners be informed accordingly;
- (2) the outcome of the Committee's consideration be reported to Full Council.

16. WORK PROGRAMME

It was explained that the Work Programme was subject to additions, amendments and deletions in response to emerging and shifting priorities on an ongoing basis, and would reflect a balance of transport and environment priorities.

RESOLVED 2021/010

That the Work Programme be approved.

The meeting concluded at 4.40 pm

Chairman

19 July 2021

Agenda Item:4

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE AND COMMUNITIES**CORPORATE ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY AND THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Transport and Environment Committee on progress with the Corporate Environment Strategy and to ensure the Council's ambitions and actions are aligned with the recent declaration of a Climate Emergency, approve the commissioning of an assessment of the carbon impact of the Council's current activities, and consider the potential for switching the County Council to a fully renewable "green" electricity tariff.

InformationBackground

2. In 2018, the Government introduced its 25-year Environment Plan to protect and enhance the environment by improving air quality, creating richer habitats for wildlife and reducing plastic waste and subsequently committed the UK to achieving a legally binding target of net-zero greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2050.
3. The latest (6th) UK Carbon Budget issued by the Climate Change Committee in 2020 has identified that in 2019 transport (22%), Industry (20%), Buildings (17%), and electricity generation and agriculture (10% each) were the main sources of CO₂, alongside aviation (7%) and Waste (6%).
4. In May 2019, the County Council resolved to bring forward proposals for a new Environment Strategy to support these national aspirations. These proposals were approved by Policy Committee in September 2019 and covered the key activities of the Council interacting with the environment, including:
 - *Use of fuel, energy and water in our vehicles and buildings;*
 - *Waste generation, treatment and disposal relating to our buildings and activities;*
 - *The management of the Council's land;*
 - *New developments and projects;*
 - *Procurement of goods and services;*
 - *Use of goods and materials and their impact on the environment;*
 - *Council projects, strategies and policies.*
5. Following this, in March 2020 Policy Committee approved the new Corporate Environmental Policy as well as thirteen proposed key strategic ambitions for the environment strategy and in December 2020 considered an Environment strategy update report plus updates against

59 actions related to the above ambitions. The 59 actions previously proposed are repeated at Appendix A for convenience.

6. At this meeting Policy Committee agreed that the Place Department Leadership Team take operational oversight of the strategy, due to most of the actions sitting within the Place Department's operations, and approved the establishment of an environmental strategy manager post and a green investment fund to support delivery of the strategy. This post is currently out to advert and will be fundamental in delivering the Council's aspirations.
7. The Council's Environmental Policy is due to be reviewed and updated every 2 years, next due in March 2022.
8. At the first County Council Meeting of the current administration in May 2021 enhanced commitments were made when Members unanimously agreed that ***'This Council now formally agrees to declare a Climate Emergency, and to delegate the new Transport and Environment Committee to take the lead in considering, agreeing, and overseeing appropriate measures to achieve this authority's commitment to achieve carbon neutrality in all its activities by 2030'***.
9. And ***"All other Committees of the Council will be expected to ensure that the decisions they take within their remit adhere to this principle, and the relevant actions agreed across all of these committees will be reported to Full Council on a regular basis so that every Member has an ongoing overview of the progress being made"***.

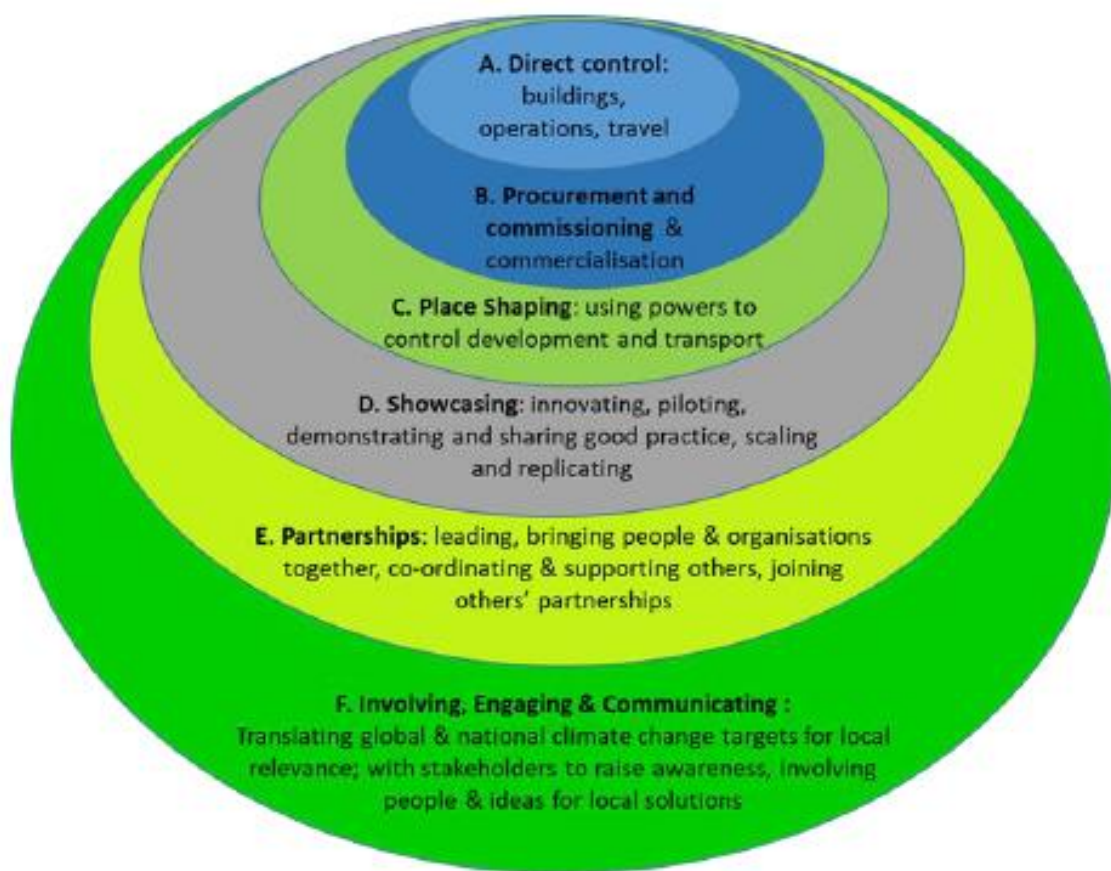
Progress to Date

10. The County Council has over the last few years made substantial progress in delivering carbon reduction measures across various service areas;
 - a. In 2019/20 less than 5% of Local Authority Collected Municipal Waste went to Landfill.
 - b. 70,000 LED street lights are now installed across the County, with a plan in place to complete the programme, saving 71k tonnes of carbon and 81m kwh of electricity overall.
 - c. We operate a £2.5m revolving interest free loan scheme with Salix Finance to support renewable and low carbon investments in schools and our estate which saves 4,500tpa of CO₂ and £1m in energy costs every year.
 - d. Numerous council offices, including County Hall now have LED lighting installations and others have low carbon and energy efficient heating systems funded through either our revolving loan fund or other capital projects.
 - e. We are working with Arc developing a new set of building design standards to deliver low emission buildings.
 - f. We currently have solar Photovoltaic Panels (PV) on over 40 Council buildings generating about 1million kWh of electricity per year and providing a net benefit of c. £300,000 p.a. from Feed in Tariff payments and saved electricity costs.
 - g. A study of potential ground mounted solar PV on Council owned sites, originally completed in 2015, is in the process of being refreshed.
 - h. We have a Trees for Climate programme in place to plant 250,000 new trees in 5 years.
 - i. The Council's Energy and Carbon Manager chairs the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Local Authority Energy Partnership (LAEP) and the council attends D2N2's low carbon growth and other climate change groups.
 - j. Officers are supporting the Midlands Engine Green Growth Action Plan and have responded to the recent consultation.

11. The actions above, together with the implementation of smarter working principles and property rationalisation have already helped the Council reduce carbon emission from its estate and highways assets by over 50% in the last 5 years.

Implications of the Climate Emergency declaration

12. The climate emergency declaration has heightened expectations further and the Council needs to confirm the scope of its declaration and decide what additional resources it intends to make available to achieve its aspirations.
13. For context it needs to be remembered that the County Council only contributes 1-5% from activities within its direct control to overall county wide GHG emissions - represented by section A in the 'spheres of influence' diagram below. The Council has varying degrees of influence over these remaining emissions, but can impact positively through policy making, place shaping, commissioning and providing wider civic leadership.



14. To move towards net zero by 2030 in our own operations will require a further step change in performance, and significant investment to deliver services in a different way and update our buildings and equipment.

Ongoing and Potential Actions

15. Understanding better the Council's current carbon impact is essential if we are to move forward in a structured and efficient way, and work is required to fully assess the best way of identifying priorities. More work will be undertaken during the summer on this by commissioning external

support to assess the carbon impacts of the County Councils current activities by producing a GHG report, subject to the approval of the recommendation below.

16. Changes in working practices resulting from the Covid 19 pandemic, such as more agile and flexible working, and remote working and teleconferencing, can be embedded to help minimise carbon impacts. Work on this is well underway by implementing a Hybrid Working Model within the Council, and this will have major local carbon, and financial benefits.
17. Staff business travel within the Council fell by around 55% during the pandemic (with commuting no doubt significantly more), and with transport accounting for over 20% of overall carbon emissions globally, making these changes permanent must be a priority.
18. The Council buys it's electricity and gas supplies through an evergreen contract with Crown Commercial Services (CCS - the former Government Procurement Service) and as a result benefits from savings and price security underpinned by the bulk purchasing power of much of the public sector.
19. The Council has investigated the potential to switch electricity suppliers within the CCS arrangements to a "green" tariff, where electricity is purchased from fully renewable sources rather than a mix of renewable and fossil fuel generation as at present. Whilst switching would not improve the Councils "Carbon Footprint" as such, it would demonstrate a clear intent to improve our environmental performance.
20. The cost of switching to a fully green tariff would be circa £50kpa for the corporate estate and highways (at current consumption levels) as an add on to the current spend of around £5m, so a 1% increase, although it expected that reductions in energy use going forward would offset these costs to a substantial degree.
21. Many schools also purchase their energy via the Councils CCS arrangements and they could also be offered the option to switch, although that would have to be their choice given the potential cost implications which they would need to manage or budget for.
22. Simply moving away from gas boilers for our buildings to air or ground source heating or biomass boilers would result in additional capital investment costs, although net savings in fuel costs would produce long term benefits, alongside significant carbon reductions.
23. How we capture these long term financial and carbon savings will be the key to making informed investment decisions, and may require changes to how we assess Value for Money when evaluating projects or service decisions through the Committee system. This will be particularly important in light of the long term impacts of the Covid 19 pandemic on the global and local economy.

Areas for Consideration

24. Members are asked to consider the information in this report and the accompanying presentation and decide whether the scope of the current draft Environment Strategy and Action plan is sufficient to meet the heightened ambitions of the Council to **achieve carbon neutrality in all its activities by 2030**, and approve the commissioning of a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) assessment for the County Council operations to establish a baseline for future decision making.

25. The oversight of the CCS energy procurement arrangements fall under the remit of the Economic Development & Asset Management Committee, and Members of this Committee are asked to recommend moving the Council onto a fully green electricity tariff, and refer this to the Economic Development & Asset Management Committee for consideration.

Other Options Considered

26. None. It is essential that the Council takes immediate action in response to the climate emergency and to minimise the impacts of its operations on the wider environment if we are to achieve carbon neutrality by 2030.

Reason for Recommendations

27. It is important that the Council takes targeted actions if it is to meet its aspirations in a timely and cost effective manner, therefore establishing priorities which will maximise carbon reduction benefits and can be delivered effectively and efficiently will be crucial to progress.

Statutory and Policy Implications

28. 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.

Financial Implications

29. The staffing costs for the Environment Strategy Manager and the £500k capital cost of the Green Investment Fund for 2021/22 was approved as part of the Councils budget setting process.
30. The costs of commissioning a GHG report to assess the carbon impacts of the County Councils current activities will be met from existing energy and carbon management budgets.
31. If Members consider that additional resources are required to deliver the enhanced ambitions of the Council this will need to be subject to further discussions and approvals as required by the constitution.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

32. Making a step change in the delivery of projects, programmes and services across the whole Council will be necessary if the County Council is to meet its enhanced aspirations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Committee:

- 1) Considers the report and presentation and identifies other priorities to be captured in the Corporate Environment Strategy and Action Plan, and identifies any other resources required to deliver those priorities within the context of the declaration of a Climate Emergency and the aspiration to achieve carbon neutrality in all its activities by 2030;

- 2) Approves a GHG report to assess the current carbon emissions from the County Councils activities being commissioned, and funded through existing energy and carbon management budgets.
- 3) Recommends that the County Council moves onto a fully renewable “green” electricity tariff and refers the matter to the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee to consider in more detail.
- 4) Agrees that a further report on the finalisation of the Environment Strategy and any enhanced actions is presented to the Committee in the Autumn.

Derek Higton
Service Director, Place and Communities

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Mick Allen, Group Manager Place Commissioning, Tel: 0115 9774684

Constitutional Comments (EP 24/06/2021)

33. The recommendations in this report are within the remit of the Transport and Environment Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SES 23/06/2021)

34. The financial implications are set out in paragraphs 29 to 31 of the report.
35. The staffing costs for the Environment Strategy Manager and the £500k capital cost of the Green Investment Fund for 2021/22 were approved as part of the budget setting process.
36. The costs of commissioning an assessment of the carbon impacts of the County Councils current activities will be met from existing energy and carbon management budgets.
37. If Members consider that additional resources are required to deliver the enhanced ambitions of the Council this will need to be subject to further discussions and approvals as required by the constitution.

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.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

Appendix A

Corporate Environment Strategy, Action Plan, December 2020

Action and Owner	Performance Measure
Nature and heritage conservation	
1. Achieve favourable condition for the 5 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) under the Council's management and ensure habitats on all sites are in a healthy state and conserved by their management.	No. of SSSI's in favourable condition, as defined/assessed by Natural England. Maintain Local Wildlife Site Status for other non-SSSI sites
2. Protect and enhance habitats and populations of species on the 46 Local Wildlife Sites (LWSs) under the Council's control and prioritised as under threat by Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act.	No. of habitats and populations of species on LWS prioritised as under threat by Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act.
3. Eradicate harmful invasive non-native species of plants on Council land and co-ordinate a wider approach with partners for Nottinghamshire.	No. of harmful invasive non-native species of plants on Council land.
4. Plant ¼ million trees in the next 5 years through woodland regeneration and woodland planting on Council land.	No. of trees planted / hectares of new woodland created
5. Designate a new tranche of Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) from the Council's Green Spaces portfolio, in addition to the 7 LNRs currently under the Council's management.	No. of new Local Nature Reserves in Nottinghamshire
6. Achieve net gains in biodiversity on Council land and highway verges, supporting the delivery of the Local Biodiversity Action Plan.	Biodiversity metric to be confirmed - Local Biodiversity Action Plan.
7. Work with partners to achieve net gains in biodiversity across the County, including co-ordinating net gain delivered through the planning system.	Biodiversity metric to be confirmed - Local Biodiversity Action Plan.
8. Work with partners and local communities to develop the proposed new 'national forest' in Sherwood, offering benefits to the environment, health and visitor economy in Nottinghamshire.	The award/creation of a 'National Forest' which would include Sherwood Forest.
9. Work with partners to establish nature recovery networks across the County to increase the resilience of biodiversity to the negative impacts of a changing climate.	No. of new nature recovery networks established across the County.
10. Safeguard and enhance built and archaeological heritage sites on Council land and for all heritage assets to be in favourable management.	No. of heritage sites categorised as in favourable management. Increase proportion of planned maintenance budget directed towards heritage.
11. Work with partners to reduce levels of heritage at risk in Nottinghamshire from neglect, decay or inappropriate development and develop and deliver programmes to safeguard and enhance heritage across the County.	Within 5 years: •25 sites will be investigated •6 sites will be progressing to developed funding solutions •10 sites will have improved •2 sites removed from 'At Risk' register
Catering and Facilities Management	
12. Achieve minimal to zero food waste for the Council's catering services, day care and other services.	TBC
13. Reduce the waste generated by the Council's offices and services.	Tonnes of waste produced by Council offices.
14. Reduce the Council's use of paper and stop the use of single-use plastic in all Council offices and services	TBC - £ spent on printing and procurement of single use plastics / items
15. Increase the Council's recycling performance, to above last year's performance of 41.246 tonnes.	Increase in tonnes recycled by the Council (as reported by Envva)

16. Procure fresh local food products for the Council's catering service, reducing the Council's food miles.	No of contracts for food products that are from locally based businesses (TBC)
17. Continue to improve the sustainability of the Council's catering offer for schools, which already includes vegetarian options, use of locally sourced ingredients and outdoor reared meat and the Schools Food Forum.	Food For Life Award (Silver/Gold)
Energy and carbon management	
18. Increase the production of renewable energy generated on the Council's estate.	Increase in kWh of renewable energy produced on Council's estate annually.
19. Increase the energy efficiency of properties in Council management or ownership.	Reduction in energy consumption (kWh) of Council properties annually / Display Energy Certificate of buildings
20. Reduce the consumption of energy of Council premises by implementing and expanding the Energy Strategy for County Offices 2019-2022, aspiring to achieve a 5-10% annual reduction.	Reduction in energy consumption (kWh) of Council properties annually / Display Energy Certificate of buildings
21. Develop and implement a carbon reduction plan to achieve the UK target of net zero carbon emissions by 2050, aspiring to deliver carbon neutrality at the earliest possible opportunity.	Reduction in CO ₂ emissions (tonnes) as reported in the Carbon Reduction Plan.
22. Develop and implement a programme to support and advise schools on actions and funding opportunities to achieve net zero carbon emissions.	No. of schools engaged with programme for advising on reducing emissions and/or improving energy consumption of schools.
23. Provide online training for members and employees on good environmental practice at work, including the principles of smarter working and energy efficiency measures in our buildings.	Development of online training offer / No of employees completing training on MyLearning
Flood risk management	
24. Implement more Natural Flood Management schemes countywide.	No. of Natural Flood Management Schemes implemented in Nottinghamshire
25. Enhance the Council's education programme for Nottinghamshire riparian owners, as well as residents and businesses, on resilience measures.	TBC
26. Work with partners and other agencies to reduce the risk of flooding to properties and businesses in Nottinghamshire.	No of properties/services that could be affected by flooding, as reported by a Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment (PFRA).
Investing in Nottinghamshire	
27. Complete and deliver the Investing in Nottinghamshire Programme, a review of the County Offices, which aims to reduce the carbon footprint of the Council's estate and incorporate renewable energy sources into new offices.	No of environmental benefits secured as outlined in liN benefits profile.
28. Achieve excellent BREEAM (Building Research Establishment Environmental Assessment Method) rating for the new offices at Top Wighay and County Hall, with the long-term ambition for the West Bridgford campus to be carbon neutral.	Achievement of Excellent BREEAM rating for new builds.
29. Develop and implement a Parking Management Strategy to incentivise staff to use 'greener' modes of transport and increase the number of members to the car sharing scheme, with the environmental aim to reduce the impact of work-related travel.	% of employees using 'greener' modes of transport (public transport/ car sharing) as captured by annual travel surveys.
Planning	
30. Reduce and sustainably manage all waste arisings from the demolition and construction of buildings from our property estate.	TBC
31. Work with partners through the planning system guided by the Spatial Planning and Health Framework to mitigate the	TBC - No. of developments that fulfil the Nottinghamshire Rapid Health Impact

impact of new residential, commercial minerals and waste developments on air quality including electric vehicle charging infrastructure.	Assessment Matrix (no. IV relates to Air Quality)
32. Utilise the role of the planning system for health and wellbeing outcomes and related environmental co-benefits.	TBC
Procurement	
33. Use the Council's purchasing power to positively affect the environment and ensure its investments, services and goods are environmentally responsible.	No. or % of contracts with measures to secure environmental benefits (as outlined in the Procurement Strategy, p. 10)
34. Implement the Council's new Procurement Strategy, ensuring the Council has a green and sustainable supply chain and secures environmental benefits and increasing social value from our contracts.	No. or % of contracts with measures to secure environmental benefits (as outlined in the Procurement Strategy, p. 10)
Property Asset Management	
35. Design environmental guidelines on achieving good to excellent BREEAM rating, or an equivalent environmental standard, for the design, construction and operation of all new builds and developments by the Council.	No of new builds that achieve a good to excellent BREEAM rating.
Public Health	
36. Provide leadership to the Nottinghamshire Health and Wellbeing Board on their Healthy and Sustainable Places agenda.	TBC
37. Coordinate an Air Quality Strategy for the County which includes mitigating the impact of development on air quality, enabling the shift from zero to low emission transport, reducing emissions from the built environment, engagement and communication with residents.	TBC - Air Quality Index for Nottinghamshire.
38. Work with partners to develop a food charter for the County which recognises the role of food for communities, the local economy and environmental outcomes.	Development of Nottinghamshire Food Charter
39. Work with partners to develop healthy and sustainable places as part of the Nottinghamshire and South Yorkshire / Bassetlaw Integrated Care Systems.	TBC - delivery of Healthy and Sustainable places strategic aims
Highways and transport	
40. Develop and implement a Greener Highways Plan covering the management of trees, green corridors and road verges, with targets to increase trees and wildflower planting on the highways network.	Delivery of Greener Highways Plan (with key performance targets for green corridors, trees and wildflower planting)
41. Complete conversion of all street lighting to LED by 2026.	% of street lighting converted / reduction in kWh consumed / Co2 emitted by street lighting.
42. Switch Council-owned transport vehicles to electric or alternatively fuelled models (Please refer to Travel & Transport ambitions 9 & 10).	No. of vehicles owned/leased by NCC that are electric/ alternatively fuelled.
43. Develop and implement a Staff Travel Plan to provide advice and guidance encouraging staff to take more active or public modes of transport with the environmental aim to reduce staff mileage.	Annual business mileage
44. Research and action making the Pool cars electric (or hybrid for out of county trips) and expand their rollout to other Council premises.	No. of electric pool vehicles.
45. Develop and implement a strategy to green all the Council's vehicles by 2030, including vehicles used for business travel and service provision.	No. of vehicles owned/leased by NCC that are electric/ alternatively fuelled.
46. Implement initiatives to encourage use of public and community transport and orchestrate the move towards greener modes of public and community transport.	TBC

47. Retrofit 70 buses in the Nottingham conurbation to meet Euro 6 emission standards by 2021.	No. of buses meeting Euro 6 emissions standards
48. Develop the electric vehicle charging infrastructure in Nottinghamshire.	No. of public electric vehicle charging points in Nottinghamshire (20 points currently available in early 2020)
Waste strategy and development	
49. Maintain landfill diversion to above 95%, aspiring to achieve 100% diversion from landfill for Nottinghamshire's waste.	Landfill diversion rate
50. Improve the recycling performance of the County to above current rate of 43%, aspiring to achieve 52% by 2025.	County's recycling performance
Other	
51. Organise and promote initiatives to inspire our employees and partners to become healthier and more active and consider alternative modes of transport.	No. of initiatives promoted/funded by NCC that encourage healthier and more active lifestyles for its workforce.
52. Encourage and support workforce initiatives championing positive environmental action through the newly formed Employee Green Initiatives Group.	No. of events/initiatives supported by NCC
53. Encourage and support our partners and subsidiary companies on delivery of their own environmental agendas: Via East Midlands	TBC - Involvement in delivery of partners' environmental agendas
54. Encourage and support our partners and subsidiary companies on delivery of their own environmental agendas: Arc Partnership.	TBC - Involvement in delivery of partners' environmental agendas
55. Encourage and support our partners and subsidiary companies on delivery of their own environmental agendas: Veolia UK.	TBC - Involvement in delivery of partners' environmental agendas
56. Encourage and support our partners and subsidiary companies on delivery of their own environmental agendas: Inspire.	TBC - Involvement in delivery of partners' environmental agendas
57. Identify opportunities where the Council can influence and collaborate with communities to support behaviour change and help communities become resilient to climate change.	TBC
58. Promote environmental volunteering opportunities with our workforce, community partners, schools and residents.	No. of volunteering opportunities promoted by NCC / No. of volunteers taking part
59. Set up a Green Investment Fund to provide annual funding for projects and initiatives improving the Council's environmental performance or promoting innovative solutions to mitigate against the impacts of climate change.	£ spent on green investments/projects by the Council.

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REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, PLACE & COMMUNITIES**MANSFIELD GREEN RECOVERY FLOOD RESILIENCE PROGRAMME
UPDATE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To provide an update for Members on the latest position in relation to the successful bid to OFWAT for a £76m investment in Green Recovery Flood Resilience Measures in Mansfield by Severn Trent Water.

Information

2. Severn Trent Water (STW) have secured a Green Recovery Project to be delivered in Mansfield by 2025. This industry leading project has the support of a £76m investment from the Water Services Regulation Authority (OFWAT) and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). The project will look to deliver sustainable flood resilient community wide benefits. The green recovery submission included proposals to use a nature-based approach to reduce the risk of future flooding, from all sources, whilst creating a green environment which will be of significant benefit to Mansfield.
3. The investment will see STW and multi-agency partner organisations leading the way in delivering the UK's first collaborative blue-green surface water management project with this level of innovation. Nottinghamshire County Council is the Lead Local Flood Authority with the responsibility for surface water and as such will be an integral partner in the delivery of this project. We will be facilitating a catchment-based alliance that will be able to deliver multiple outcomes (flood risk, environmental, economic growth & wellbeing). The scope of the project is to provide approx. 58,000m³ of storage through blue-green solutions, creating c15 hectares of green space and c2.5 hectares of permeable surfaces across the Mansfield catchment. As the Lead Local Flood Authority we have experience of developing and delivering this type of scheme on a smaller scale in other areas across the County which are vulnerable and at risk of flooding. Lowdham, Southwell, Hucknall, Clarbrough, Girton, Shireoaks and Retford are currently in the programme.
4. As the climate changes traditional drainage methods and drainage networks will become increasingly ineffective. Mansfield has been chosen as a pilot area due to the predicted future strain on its traditional drainage network and the increased risk of flooding this could bring. Mansfield is highlighted in the NCC PFRA (Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment) as being the most at risk town in the County from surface water flooding. Mansfield is not alone in managing the challenges of flooding, many other areas in the County are at significant risk. As a Lead Local Flood Authority, we are committed to reducing the risk of flooding across the County, providing a service for all residents, both domestic and commercial, with an aim to educate,

support, influence and empower. We look to support communities through flood resilience intelligence that is site specific and bespoke, assisting them to understand how to proactively manage flood risk and resilience measures.

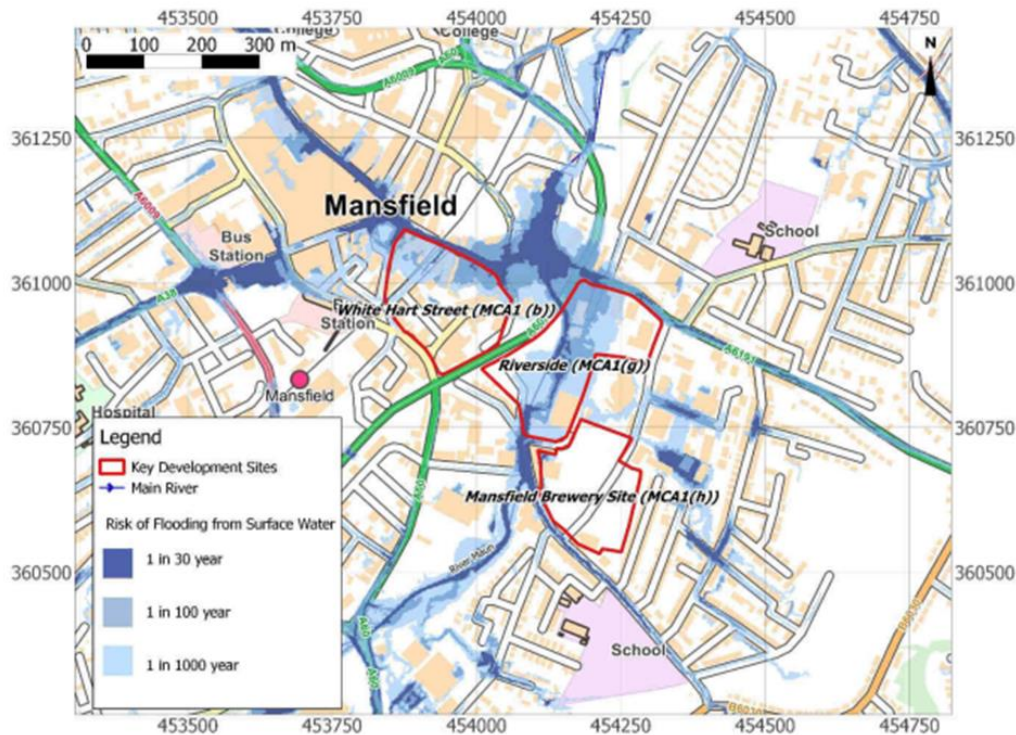
5. The current NCC flood risk investment programme is facilitating the delivery of 5 significant schemes across the county with a total estimated value of £8.3m. A further 23 schemes are being considered for feasibility and design in 2021/22. Following the significant flood events in November 2019 and February 2020, the County Council identified the need to implement Property Flood Resilience measures (PFR) for properties in areas vulnerable to flooding but not covered by Central Governments Flood Protection Grants. These resilience measures are for those most susceptible to flooding and look to reduce the likelihood of water entering properties at ground level. Schemes for parts of Jacksdale, Ollerton, Cropwell Butler, Tollerton, Beeston, Plumtree, Bramcote, Girton, Rhodesia and Sutton on Trent are all currently being developed with a view to delivering agreed measures over the coming months.
6. This project proposes to use natural solutions to store surface water in both rural and urban locations to protect the traditional drainage network and protect homes from flooding. The proposals will look to make Mansfield greener.
7. Solutions are likely to include the creation of new drainage basins or ponds, green spaces and rain gardens, tree planting, installing planters in urban areas and improving the absorption of pavement surfaces. The outcomes of this pilot project will inform and support a potential change in direction towards more sustainable and environmentally beneficial projects, to manage surface water and protect communities across the country from flooding.
8. This project aligns with the Authority's Place ambitions and emerging Environment Strategy and our commitment to Green Recovery. We have an excellent track record of working in partnership with STW, delivering many joint projects and award winning schemes. As a Lead Local Flood Authority, we are committed to reducing the risk of flooding across the County. The Flood Risk Management team provides a service for all residents within the County, both domestic and commercial, with an aim to educate, support, influence and empower. We look to support communities through flood resilience intelligence that is site specific and bespoke, assisting communities to understand how to proactively manage flood risk and resilience measures.
9. STW have identified and number of key challenges and opportunities as part of the project:-
 - **Climate Change Impacts** – Could mean more intense storms +20% peak rainfall by 2050 combined with longer drier periods.
 - **Population Growth and Urban Creep** – Additional housing, more impermeable areas - paving over front gardens and extensions.
 - **Shared Flood Management Responsibilities** – Excellent existing relationship gives a real opportunity to work collaboratively with flood risk management partners to find grey to green holistic solutions.
 - **Environmental Standards** – Higher standards will help to achieve progress and lessen detrimental impacts.
 - **Social and Economic Benefits** – Creating 385 jobs, with the ambition to recruit locally. Wellbeing and amenity benefits which is estimated to be circa >£30m in wider benefits.

10. The Nottinghamshire Local Flood Risk Management Strategy (LFRMS) was implemented in 2016. This project links to the core objectives of our strategy as follows:-

- To pursue new solutions, partnerships and alleviation schemes to manage future flood risks and adapt to climate change in Nottinghamshire.
- To increase levels of awareness and cooperation within local organisations and communities so they can become more resilient to flooding and understand their land drainage responsibilities.
- To improve delivery of flood risk management by working in partnership across functions and organisations, taking a catchment based approach.
- To integrate local flood risk management into the planning process and support sustainable growth.
- To consider the environmental impact of proposed flood risk management measures, maximise opportunities to contribute to the sustainable management of cultural heritage and landscape and deliver environmental benefits.

Mansfield's Surface Water Flood Risk Area

11. Historically, fluvial flooding has been the prominent issue from both Main River and Ordinary watercourses through the area. The River Maun flows across the district through Mansfield town centre and later joins the River Idle. Tributaries to the River Maun include Caudwell Brook, Vicar Water, Rainworth Water and Foul Evil Brook. Alongside the threat from fluvial sources the current mix of topography contributes to the increasing risk from flash surface water run-off flooding and sewer flooding. The condensed nature of the urbanised area and in particular the number of critical services and businesses in that area increases the impact of any flood event.
12. The flood hazard and risk maps for Mansfield show that there are approximately 30,600 people living in the Mansfield Surface Water Flood Risk Area (FRA) and 863 are in the high-risk category. Additionally within the FRA there are: 1,457 non-residential properties (including hospitals, schools and colleges, retail parks, community centres); 7.3 km of roads; 3.4 km of railway lines; 191 ha of agricultural land; and Areas of scheduled ancient monuments, listed buildings, parks and gardens, and water abstractions
13. The probability of surface water flooding is shown in the plan below. The surface water flows largely follows the River Maun channel. There are two significant overland flow routes within the Mansfield Central Area, from the north-west along Westfield Lane and Westgate, and from the west along the A38. Surface water is known to gravitate to an area to the west of the A6009 (Mansfield Town Centre), where it merges with overland flow associated with the River Maun itself. The existing road network throughout Mansfield also serves to convey surface water flows.



Next Steps

14. OFWAT and DEFRA are being very firm with their expectation that third parties who have the responsibility to deliver some of these benefits show a substantial commitment. To unlock the £76m contribution from Severn Trent customers (89% of total project costs) there is a need to secure 11% (£9.8m) of the total project cost from 3rd party contributions (including benefits in kind). Conditions around adoption of certain solutions and specifically Ofwat's expectation to see commitment from authorities that all permeable paving will be adopted and stay permeable will be a challenge to address. Agreements concerning maintenance and on-going responsibility for sustainable drainage solutions will need to be explored as will other measures that NCC and key partners currently undertake which could be a benefit in kind to the project or a direct financial contribution.
15. There will be a need for many of our internal authority functions to work closely together to support the delivery of this very ambitious project. The delivery and programme teams are currently being populated by STW and there is a strong desire for NCC to be involved. Our expertise and cooperation will be fundamental to this project being able to move forward to completion. The Flood Risk Management Team have been working with STW for some time now, not only on the bid submission but on the connectivity of external partners who could support the work necessary to deliver the project.
16. **SR20 (Defra Spending Review 2020)** – The County Council was successful in securing a total of £520k DEFRA funding to complete a number of hydraulic studies for catchments across the County at the end of last year. Mansfield was one of these with £100k allocated. It is hoped that the outputs from these studies will identify areas for potential further flood mitigation investment and will dovetail into the Green Recovery project. Our approach to delivering these studies and improvements will see us liaise with all other relevant Risk Management Authorities and communities where applicable and this can be as a support mechanism within the Green Recovery Project.

Scheme Delivery Partners

17. NCC are actively engaged with a number of key flood risk partners to enable better scheme delivery and communication across the county. We will be looking to utilise these networks to develop the proposed flood risk management works in collaboration.

- The Environment Agency
- Mansfield District Council
- Local Flood Forums
- Local Residents and Businesses
- Canal and River Trust
- Trent Valley Internal Drainage Board
- Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee
- Association of Drainage Authorities
- Trent Rivers Trust
- National Flood Forum
- Nottingham Trent University
- Via East Midlands Ltd.
- Department for Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
- Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport (ADEPT)
- Midland Service Improvement Group (MSIG)
- Specialist Service Providers

Summary

18. Flooding devastates communities and since taking on the role of Lead Local Flood Authority, Nottinghamshire County Council has strived to protect and serve our vulnerable communities. There is a good level of partnership working between STW and the Flood Risk Management Team in NCC, with regular discussions and opportunities to explore collaborating to achieve good outcomes for our customers and residents. The relationship with STW is one of the strongest partnerships we have in our role as Lead Local Flood Authority.

19. There is a lot of common ground between the two organisations. We share commitment and desire for better services, better value for our customers and strive to help create a healthier environment. Although our business drivers and cultures come from different worlds, we share many common values and our skillsets and resources benefit one another's, allowing delivery of mutually beneficial outcomes. As organisations we bring together a range of services to meet the needs and aspirations of the people of Nottinghamshire. There is an awareness of each partner's strategies and operating context which helps land good outcomes.

20. The Flood Risk Management team have been working closely with STW in the planning of the Mansfield Green Recovery proposals and will continue to do so as the Lead Local Flood Authority, as proposals are further developed. The draft determination is very positive and the final determination is due at the end of July. The level of support needed for this project will require an additional Principal Officer Flood Risk Management (Band C) to be added to the establishment for the duration of the project.
21. The outputs and learning from this project will help inform the future delivery countywide of natural flood mitigation measures and help to lessen the impacts of flooding on our communities.

Other Options Considered

22. To do minimum works which would leave communities at a significant risk of future flooding.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

23. The recommendations are designed to ensure the most effective and efficient route towards the management of surface water flood risk across the County.

Statutory and Policy Implications

24. The County Council has several statutory duties and powers under the Flood and Water Management Act 2010 and the Flood Risk Regulations 2009 including duties to manage and co-ordinate local flood risk management activities.
25. 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.

Financial Implications

26. The cost of the additional staffing resource mentioned in paragraph xxx will be met by STW. The County Council is currently exploring our potential contribution to the 11% third party funding as detailed in paragraph xxx including options around benefits in kind. It is intended that our contributions is kept within the current capital approvals (£600k) per year.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

27. It is anticipated that the recommendations will ultimately result in delivery of sustainable projects that reduce flood risk across the county whilst also reducing the negative impacts the flooding has on the environment, the economy and our communities.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) The Committee endorses the work outlined in the report and supports the recruitment of a temporary Principal Officer post which will be funded by the Green Recovery Project bid.
- 2) Committee approves a regular six-monthly update on countywide flood risk matters.

Adrian Smith
Corporate Director, Place

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Constitutional Comments (SJE – 21/06/2021)

28. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Transport & Environment Committee to whom responsibility for a) the exercise of the Authority's functions relating to flood risk management and statutory flood risk management scrutiny; and b) for approval of the relevant departmental staffing structures, have been delegated.

Financial Comments (RWK 21/06/2021)

29. The report provides an update on the latest position in relation to the successful bid to OFWAT for a £76 million investment in Green Recovery Flood Resilience Measures in Mansfield by Severn Trent Water. As part of the implementation of these measures the County Council will need to employ an additional Principal Officer Flood Risk Management (Band C) for the duration of the project at an estimated cost of £56,000 per annum. The costs of this post will be funded by STW.

30. The County Council may also be required to make contributions to the £9.8M third party funding required for the project to proceed. These contributions can be either cash or in-kind contributions. Any cash contribution made by the County Council will be met from the annual allocation of £600,000 included within the Capital Programme up to 2024/25.

HR Comment (JP 28/06/2021)

31. This initiative will require the establishment of an addition temporary post as noted at para 20 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.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- Mansfield East – County Councillor Robert Corden and County Councillor Nigel Moxon
- Mansfield South – County Councillor André Camilleri and County Councillor Stephen Garner
- Mansfield North – County Councillor Ben Bradley and County Councillor Anne Callaghan

- Mansfield West – County Councillor Sinead Anderson and County Councillor Paul Henshaw
- Warsop – County Councillor Bethan Eddy



REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

JOINT WASTE LOCAL PLAN UPDATE

Purpose of the Report

1. To inform the Committee of the statutory duties of the County Council in relation to the production of a Waste Local Plan and to update the Committee on the progress of the Joint Waste Local Plan.

Information

2. The County Council is a planning authority for mineral and waste developments across Nottinghamshire and is statutorily required to maintain up to date Minerals and Waste Local Plans which provide the basis for decisions on planning applications. The Waste Local Plan is prepared jointly with Nottingham City Council. The adopted Joint Waste Core Strategy (2013) is now dated and in 2017 a decision was made to prepare a replacement Joint Waste Local Plan. Given the County Council's priority to revise the Minerals Local Plan, it was decided to postpone development of the Joint Waste Plan until 2019/20.

Progress with the Joint Waste Local Plan

3. The two Councils commenced work on the Joint Local Plan in 2019. The consultation on the Waste Issues and Options for the Joint Plan (including a "call for sites") took place between 29 February and 7 May 2020. (extended by a month in light of the COVID-19 outbreak)
4. The consultation exercise generated 270 representations on the Waste Issues and Options document and nine potential waste management sites were put forward for consideration as part of the Call for Sites. The representations received are being assessed and will inform the next stage of the Joint Waste Local Plan.
5. In summary, the key issues arising from the Issues and Options were of general support for the approach taken with many suggesting that the overall vision for the plan be strengthened. Support was given for the timeframe of the plan and the proposed waste scenarios. The sites proposed during the Call for Sites will be assessed in due course and the results will be fed into the next stage of the Draft Joint Waste Local Plan.
6. In March 2021 AECOM was commissioned to carry out a Waste Needs Assessment (WNA) on behalf of both councils. This is a technical assessment to assess the likely future levels of waste being produced in Nottinghamshire and Nottingham, the proportions of recycling recovery and residual waste to be expected by 2038 and to assess the capacity or otherwise

for waste management facilities in light of future changes to waste flows. AECOM have now completed this work. The conclusions from the study indicate that

- For local authority collected waste and commercial/industrial waste there is surplus capacity provided by the recycling/composting facilities in the plan area. The capacity available for energy recovery and landfill sites is insufficient now and declines even further until the end of the plan period.
 - For construction, demolition and excavation waste, the capacity for recycling/composting/recovery remains at a surplus during the plan period. The capacity available for landfill sites starts off as a large surplus in 2019, but declines as the void space in the landfill sites is used up.
 - It is predicted that 42,896 tonnes of hazardous waste will be generated within the plan area in 2038. Although there is sufficient capacity within the plan area to manage hazardous waste arisings (196,234 tpa capacity), the responsibility to provide infrastructure to manage hazardous waste is a national requirement and does not form part of the WPAs role.
 - Only a small amount of agricultural and mining waste was generated by the plan area over the past 10 years (respectively less than 1.5% and 0.5% of the total waste arisings), and is considered insufficient to justify the identification of specific future waste management capacity for the agricultural and mining waste streams within the plan area. There are similarly low levels of radio-active waste produced in the area and facilities for treatment are managed at the national level.
 - the plan area imported more waste than was exported over the years 2010 to 2019.
7. The Draft Joint Waste Local Plan is now being prepared which is intended will be consulted on in Autumn 2021. A further report will be brought to this Committee in October 2021 seeking approval for the Draft Plan to be published for comment. A Joint Councillor Working Group has been formed with Nottingham City Council for the purposes of briefing members of both Councils on the emerging Plan and two members need to be nominated by the Committee to join this Working Group
8. Following consultation on the Draft Plan stage and after considering the feedback received, the Joint Waste Local Plan will be revised as necessary and then finalised. It is intended that it will be published for formal representations during the latter part of 2022 before being submitted to the Secretary of State for examination by the Planning Inspectorate. It is currently expected the Plan will be adopted by the middle of 2023.

Other Options Considered

9. None – the County Council has a statutory responsibility to prepare an up to date Waste Local Plan.

Reason for Recommendations

10. To brief the Committee on progress with the Joint Waste Local Plan and enable the Committee to nominate two Councillors to join a Joint Councillor Working Group with Councillors from Nottingham City Council.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. 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.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Committee:

- 1) notes the progress on the preparation of the Joint Waste Local Plan;
- 2) nominates two Councillors to serve on a Joint Councillor Working Group;
- 3) indicates whether there are any further actions they wish to take following consideration of this report.

Adrian Smith
Corporate Director, Place

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Nina Wilson, Principal Planning Officer, Planning Policy - 0115 977 3793

Constitutional Comments (SG 24/06/2021)

12. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Transport & Environmental Committee to whom responsibility for the preparation of the Waste Local Plan.

Financial Comments [RWK 24/06/2021]

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

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

FUTURE CASUALTY REDUCTION TARGET FOR 2030

Purpose of the Report

1. To seek approval for the proposed target to reduce preventable road traffic casualties resulting in Killed or Serious Injuries (KSIs) by 40% by 2030.

Information

2. For the last 20 years, NCC has recognised the devastating effect serious injury from road traffic collisions has on the lives of individuals and families. As a result, they have had safer roads as one of their top priorities and has engaged with stretching targets for the reduction of road traffic collisions in two decades of action. The first was set by central Government and the second was devolved to local highway authorities. The most recent 10 year target set by Nottinghamshire was to reduce KSI casualties by 40% and child KSI casualties by 40% by 2020, measured from an average 2005-2009 baseline. These targets were surpassed with 45% fewer people killed or seriously injured and 63% fewer children being killed or seriously injured on Nottinghamshire's roads in the last 10 years (Appendix 1).
3. All accident data is based on reports submitted by the Police on STATS19 forms when they attend a road traffic collision where injuries have occurred. Officers record various details relating to the location, road conditions, vehicles and drivers involved and a sketch and description of how the accident occurred. Via's Data & Information Team validate the accuracy of this data and submit it to the Department for Transport (DfT). Via's Casualty Reduction Team examines the data to look for treatable patterns at specific locations to address with highway engineering measures as part of the Integrated Transport Measures annual programme. Via's Road Safety Team likewise examine the data for overall trends to target with campaigns and educational exercises. The data is also provided to the Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership to inform and direct their work using a multi-disciplinary approach across all the partners of Nottinghamshire County Council, the Police, the Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service, the East Midlands Ambulance Service, Highways England and Nottingham City Council.
4. Although the DfT have not currently set national road safety targets for the next 10 years, Highways England and some local highways authorities have set their own targets to drive progress in improving safety on their roads. Within Nottinghamshire, consideration has been given to a target that would be achievable whilst also being challenging. Whilst all collisions are of concern, it is recommended that incidents arising from deliberate actions, which could not be influenced by road safety measures and therefore were not preventable, are removed from the annual totals. It is felt that a further 40% reduction in preventable KSIs would be a stretching target for Nottinghamshire to aspire to by 2030, using the average casualties from

2015-2019 as a baseline. This is consistent with Nottinghamshire's previous targets but is increasingly difficult to achieve as accident levels decrease.

5. A few highway authorities have adopted the European Union's target of 'Vision Zero' by 2050, the principle being that all fatal and serious highway injuries will be eradicated by this time. While this will always be the aspiration of road safety professionals, it is felt that placing a finite date on this concept is not practical, realistic or motivating at present. If future technological advancements make greater progress in eliminating human error, this can be reconsidered in later years when there may be better information to base an achievable target on this aim.

Methodology

6. Via's Casualty Reduction Team identify the annual programme of highway safety schemes that specifically target accident sites. These schemes range from traffic calming, safety cameras and new traffic signals to more modest schemes to improve road surfacing, drainage, lighting, signing and road markings. The Road Safety Education Team analyses the accident data for wider accident trends not involving specific locations, such as ages, highway user types, speeds, winter months and they create road safety campaigns and education courses to target these trends to achieve accident reductions by behavioural change. The 'Fatal Four' main themes in road traffic collisions were identified by this method, namely seatbelts, mobile phones, speeding and drink/drug driving, and are targeted with partners to reduce casualties.
7. A full programme of Road Safety education is targeted to each year group in schools, to ensure our young people are equipped to walk and cycle safely on the road network. The Road Safety Education team deliver education to over 22,000 young people per year on average and tailored educational package are also provided to schools where specific issues have been identified. The team also deliver Bikeability training, and level 1-3 courses are aimed at riders gaining practical skills and understanding how to cycle on today's roads. Over 9,000 young riders have been trained during each of the last two full years of delivery. To compliment these safety initiatives, the School Crossing Patrol service ensures over 10,000 young people cross the road safely to school each day.
8. The Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS) has put forward a best-practice Safe System approach which takes into account human error and tolerance to injury. It states that road safety is a shared responsibility between all parties, e.g. road users, road managers, enforcement authorities, emergency services and vehicle manufacturers.
9. The Safe Systems five pillars are outlined as:
 - **Safe Road Use** – Improving the behaviours of road users through training, campaigns and education, e.g. Speed limit compliance, seatbelt use, non-use of mobile phones, not drink/drug driving (known as the 'Fatal Four').
 - **Safe Speeds** – Speed enforcement, Community Speedwatch schemes, vehicle activated signs, safety cameras, speed management highway improvement schemes.
 - **Safe Roads & Roadsides** – Casualty reduction schemes, safety auditing, passively safe roadsides, maintenance regimes, safety barriers.
 - **Safe Vehicles** – Child seats/restraints, Partnership fleet ratings, Police construction/use checks, driving for work risk analysis.
 - **Post Crash Care** – Emergency response times, first aid training, victim support.
10. Working as part of the Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership complements this methodology, and the Safe System approach will be adopted to coordinate efforts amongst Partners to drive down casualties across Nottinghamshire.

11. A series of Safety Performance Indicators will be formulated with the Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership to measure progress towards achieving the overall goal of reducing preventable road traffic collision casualties resulting in KSIs by 40% by 2030.

Other Options Considered

12. Lower percentage reductions in KSIs were considered. However, as the two previous targets were both 40%, it was felt that a lower percentage would be seen as a retrograde step and indicate less commitment to improving road safety. The continuation of the 40% target is increasingly challenging though as the baseline it is measured from is lower than ever before.

Comments from Local Members

13. The safety strategy proposal is countywide, so individual Members have not been consulted.

Reasons for Recommendation

14. The proposed casualty reduction target and strategy will protect the public and save lives, will save costs benefiting the wider economy and is in line with national guidance and methodology.

Statutory and Policy Implications

15. 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.

Crime and Disorder Implications

16. Nottinghamshire Police are part of the Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership and have agreed to and support the proposed target.

Financial Implications

17. The target will be met using the budget allocations for safety schemes in the annual Highway Programme and the annual road safety budgets. Additional funding may also be obtained for specific activities from the Nottinghamshire Road Safety Partnership members.

Human Rights Implications

18. The implementation of the proposals within this report might be considered to have a minimal impact on human rights (such as the right to respect for private and family life and the right to peaceful enjoyment of property, for example). However, the Authority is entitled to affect these rights where it is in accordance with the law and is both necessary and proportionate to do so, in the interests of public safety, to prevent disorder and crime, to protect health, and to protect the rights and freedoms of others. The proposals within this report are considered to be within the scope of such legitimate aims.

Public Sector Equality Duty implications

19. As part of the process of making decisions and changing policy, the Council has a duty 'to advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not' by thinking about the need to:
- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation;
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share protected characteristics (as defined by equalities legislation) and those who don't;
 - Foster good relations between people who share protected characteristics and those who don't.
20. Disability is a protected characteristic and the Council therefore has a duty to make reasonable adjustments to proposals to ensure that disabled people are not treated unfairly.

Implications for Sustainability and the Environment

21. It is anticipated that making improvements using the Safe Systems model will improve safety and encourage the use of cycling and walking. The needs of vulnerable road users will also be specifically targeted and supported as part of this approach.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is **recommended** that:

- 1) The proposed target to reduce preventable road traffic casualties resulting in people being killed or serious injured by 40% by 2030 is approved.
- 2) A further report and presentation are brought to Committee in the autumn which details all aspects of road safety and casualty reduction carried out within Nottinghamshire.

Adrian Smith
Corporate Director, Place

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Constitutional Comments (SJE – 24/06/2021)

22. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Transport & Environment Committee to whom responsibility for the exercise of the Authority's functions relating a) to the planning, management and maintenance of highways and pavements; and b) to traffic management and traffic regulation orders, has been delegated.

Financial Comments [RWK 24/06/2021]

20. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from the report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

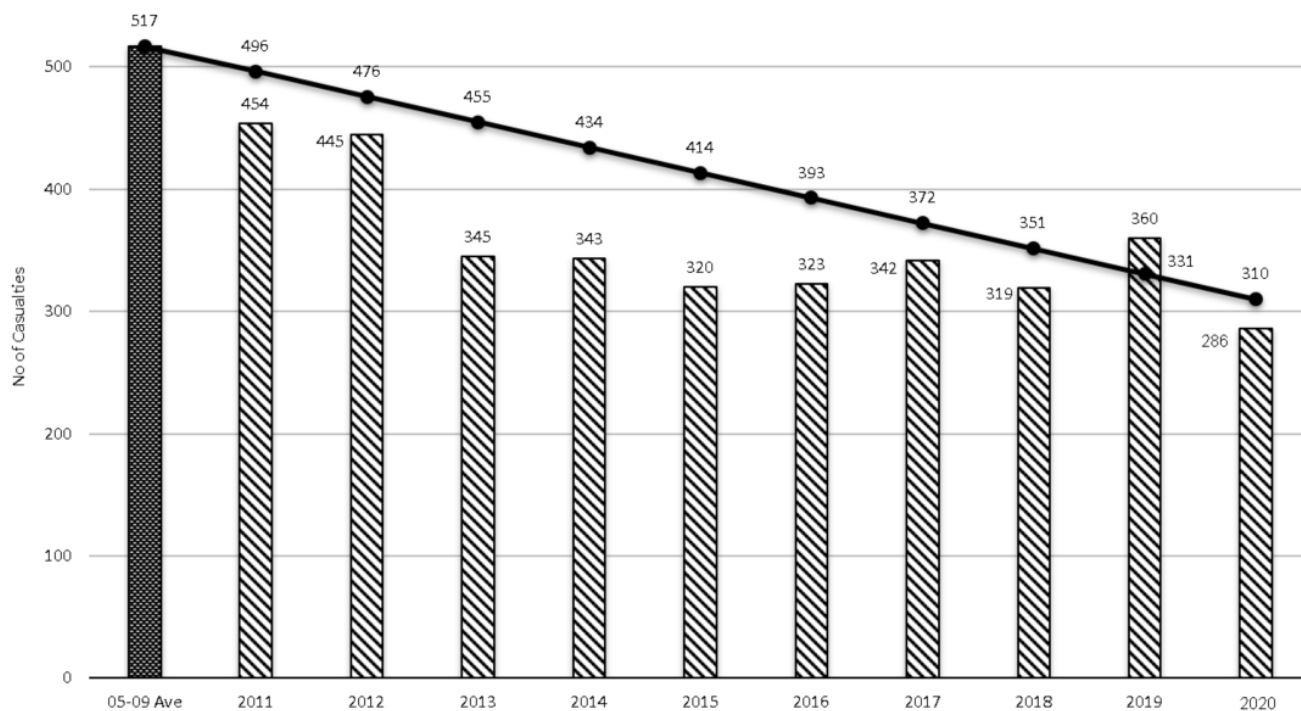
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Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

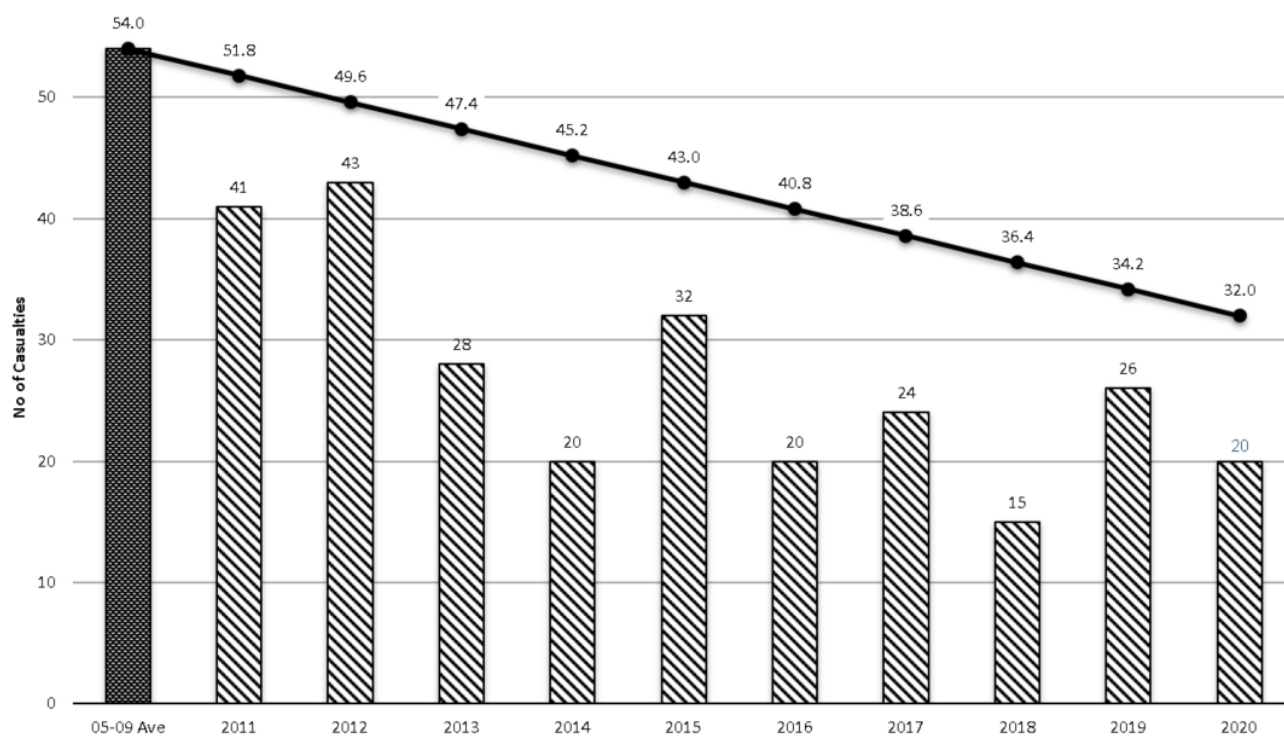
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APPENDIX 1

PROGRESS ON NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY 2020 TARGET FOR A 40% REDUCTION IN KSI CASUALTIES



PROGRESS ON NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY 2020 TARGET FOR A 40% REDUCTION IN CHILD KSI CASUALTIES



19 July 2021

Agenda Item:8

REPORT OF SERVICE DIRECTOR, GOVERNANCE AND EMPLOYEES

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2020-2021

Information

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.
4. As part of the transparency introduced by the new committee arrangements, each committee is expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. The Committee may wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions where relevant.

Other Options Considered

5. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

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

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. 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 as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee's work programme be agreed, and consideration be given to any changes which the Committee wishes to make.

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Constitutional Comments (CEH)

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

Financial Comments (SES)

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

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

Place Department Committee Forward Plan - Transport and Environment (T&E)

Month	Committee	Report Title	Report Author
19 JULY			
July	T&E	Joint Waste Local Plan	Stephen Pointer/Nina Wilson
July	T&E	Mansfield Green Recovery Flood Resilience Bid Update	Gary Wood/Sue Jaques
July	T&E	Cultural Service Strategy Refresh	Mick Allen
July	T&E	Future Casualty Reduction Target for 2030	Gary Wood
Sept	T&E	Highways Environmental Maintenance	Gary Wood
Sept	T&E	Protocol on Planning Consultations	Stephen Pointer
Oct	T&E	Finance and performance report (Q1- delayed from July due to changed which need to be made on BMS)	Chris Williams/Stephanie Shardlow
Oct	T&E	Highways Winter Maintenance 2021/22	Gary Wood
Oct	T&E	EV Charging Update	Gary Wood
Oct	T&E	LCWIP Priorities for Future Investment	Gary Wood
Nov	T&E	Flood Risk Management Update	Gary Wood/Sue Jaques
Nov	T&E	National Bus Strategy	Gary Wood/Chris Ward/Pete Mathieson
Nov	T&E	Civil Parking Enforcement and Permit Scheme Update	Gary Wood/Gareth Johnson
Dec	T&E	Finance and performance report Q2	Chris Williams/Steph Shardlow
Dec	T&E	Flood Risk Management Strategy 2021 -	Gary Wood/sue Jaques
Dec	T&E	Highway Drainage Programmes	Gary Wood/Martin Carnaffin
Dec	T&E	Gedling Access Road	Gary Wood/Via
Jan	T&E	Provisional Highways Capital & Revenue Programmes 2022/23	Gary Wood
Feb	T&E	Charging for Highways and Transport Services	Gary Wood
Mar	T&E	Finance and performance report Q3	Chris Williams/Steph Shardlow
Apr	T&E	Highways Capital & Revenue Programmes 2022/23 - April 2022	Gary Wood
Apr	T&E	LTP Implementation Plan	Gary Wood/Sean Parks

May			

Highways Environmental Maintenance’, ‘Responses to Strategic Consultations’ (or similar wording).