

## **Policy Committee**

**Thursday, 02 September 2021 at 10:30**

**County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP**

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### **AGENDA**

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## 11 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee will be invited to resolve:-

"That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions are likely to involve disclosure of exempt information described in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information."

### **Note**

If this is agreed, the public will have to leave the meeting during consideration of the following items.

### **EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS**

## 12 East Midlands Freeport Outline Business Case -Exempt Appendix

### **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:-

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- (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 Keith Ford (Tel. 0115 977 2590) 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.
- (5) This agenda and its associated reports are available to view online via an online calendar - <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/dms/Meetings.aspx>

Meeting POLICY COMMITTEE

Date Thursday 15 July 2021 (commencing at 10.30 am)

**membership**

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

**COUNCILLORS**

Ben Bradley MP (Chairman)  
Bruce Laughton (Vice-Chairman)

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Richard Butler  
Neil Clarke MBE  
John Cottey  
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Keith Girling

Richard Jackson  
Philip Owen  
David Shaw  
Helen-Ann Smith  
Tracey Taylor  
Michelle Welsh  
Gordon Wheeler  
Jason Zadrozny

**SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

None

**OTHER COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE**

Mike Pringle

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Anthony May                      Chief Executive's Department  
Marjorie Toward  
Nigel Stevenson  
Michael Higginson  
James Silverward  
Keith Ford

Adrian Smith                      Place Department  
Derek Higon  
Matthew Neal

**OTHER ATTENDEES**

Miriam Duffy                      National Rehabilitation Centre

## **1 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting of Policy Committee held on 17 June 2021, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

## **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS**

No interests were declared.

## **4 THE NATIONAL REHABILITATION CENTRE - UPDATE**

Miriam Duffy, Programme Director for the National Rehabilitation Centre, joined the meeting remotely to introduce the latest update report on the establishment of the Centre and to respond to Members' comments and queries.

### **RESOLVED: 2021/046**

- 1) That, following Members' consideration of the report and presentation, no further information was required at this stage.
- 2) That the ongoing progress with the development of the Centre was welcomed and the revised timetable was supported.
- 3) That a further update be provided to a future meeting of Policy Committee

## **5 COVID-19 UPDATE REPORT**

In response to issues raised by Members, officers agreed to:

- raise the issue of vaccination plans for University students in a meeting with the University Vice-Chancellors taking place on 16 July and to circulate an update subsequently to Members;
- provide an update to Members on efforts to increase vaccination take up by social care staff (both those of the Council and external providers);
- give further consideration about how best to address the variance in levels of vaccination take-up amongst schools in the County.

### **RESOLVED 2021/047**

- 1) That, having considered the issues contained within the report, the continuing efforts of services to ensure effective service provision during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic be endorsed.
- 2) That a further update be submitted to Policy Committee in September 2021.

## **6      COVID-19 RECOVERY FRAMEWORK**

In response to an issue raised by Members during discussions, officers agreed to amend the wording in the 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet point of the Inequalities section (page 13 of the draft Recovery Framework document) to underline that the risk of widening inequalities has already been realised.

### **RESOLVED 2021/048**

That the COVID-19 Recovery Framework, as amended by the Committee, which outlined the support structures and flexible approaches to managing the uncertainty of the COVID19 pandemic through the remainder of 2021-22, be approved.

## **7      SMARTER WORKING – HYBRID WORKING STRATEGY FOR THE COUNTY COUNCIL**

In response to concerns raised by Members during discussions, officers agreed to share the planned guidance for Members about attending the 23 July Full Council meeting in person at County Hall, along with the risk assessment document which had informed that guidance.

### **RESOLVED: 2021/049**

- 1) That the Council's Hybrid Working Strategy be approved.
- 2) That Personnel Committee receives future reports on the implementation, progress and review of the Hybrid Working Strategy, with the first review to be undertaken after 6 months.

## **8      WORK PROGRAMME**

In introducing the Work Programme, the Leader agreed to the inclusion of the following items for future meetings (with relevant dates to be agreed by officers):

- Highways Review Working Group Update
- Economic Prosperity Committee Update, including the issue of devolution

### **RESOLVED: 2021/050**

That the work programme be updated as discussed.

The meeting closed at 12.33 pm.

CHAIRMAN



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

### **COVID-19: UPDATE REPORT**

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

1. To update Members on the impact of the Coronavirus crisis on the work of Nottinghamshire County Council, and the Council's response and recovery planning.

#### **Information**

2. This report is an update on Nottinghamshire County Council's (NCC) response to the coronavirus emergency. Five programmes of work are managing the response to the emergency both corporately and with partners county-wide. These are: -
  - Support for Vulnerable Adults
  - Support for Vulnerable Children and Families including Schools
  - Community Support and Resilience
  - Support for Business and the Local Economy
  - Corporate Resilience
3. This report provides an update on activity within these programmes, excluding 'Support for Business and the Local Economy' which is covered under a [report to the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee](#) in June 2021. A report on the Growth Hub and support to business is also due to go to the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee in September.
4. The information contained in this report is correct at the time of writing but may have changed subsequently, due to the changing nature of the emergency and government guidance. Where this is the case, updated information will be shared with Members at the Committee meeting.

#### **Support for Vulnerable Adults**

##### **Current COVID-19 situation**

5. Through July, Nottinghamshire saw a sharp increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. The high rates of transmission still appear to be driven by 12-17 year olds and 18-22 year olds in all districts; and working age groups up to the age of 40 years. This has led to an increase in the number of people in hospital with complications of COVID-19. During early August, case numbers in the youngest age group started to decline. As well as the direct impact of COVID-19 on people themselves, these admissions also threaten the NHS ability to manage routine and emergency procedures. Whilst this impact is not as significant as earlier in the year, the impact remains a considerable concern.

6. The total number of vaccinations (to 31 July 2021) in the county is just over 1.09 million and work continues to support the NHS with the vaccination programme.

#### Ongoing impact of COVID-19 on care and support services

7. The high case rate of COVID-19 is causing significant disruption for care and support services, both Council provided and commissioned services. The level of staff absence due to isolation is threatening service continuity and many services are using escalation processes to prioritise services to highest need. This inevitably impacts poorly on people's wellbeing as some services are delayed.
8. As at 29 July, there were 28 active outbreaks within care homes across the county. This again causes disruption to continuity of care and places care quality at risk where staff absence is high.
9. Within the home care workforce there is considerable service disruption. Home care is seeing increased levels of demand with reduced capacity. This is threatening the Council's ability to support hospital discharge consistently across the county. The department continues to work closely with care providers in order to manage, mitigate and reduce associated risks and concerns. Quality and Market Management colleagues are involved in incident management meetings which have been set up specifically to discuss care homes and home care to ensure that all system partners are working together and that messaging to care home and home care providers is clear. There is frequent communication and contact with care providers to ensure they are kept up to date on changes in government guidance and the implications of this, e.g. continued use of personal protective equipment (PPE), testing and visitor testing from 19 July and clarity on the implementation of guidance regarding exemption from self-isolation for social care staff in exceptional circumstances.
10. Support is also being provided to tackle issues of concern in relation to some delays in care staff receiving test results and to help to drive uptake of vaccination in the care sector. The COVID-19 Taskforce – set up to support the social care market late last year – has increased its meetings to twice weekly in response to the current situation.
11. There is extreme pressure in mental health services across the whole health and social care system, including the Council's Approved Mental Health Practitioner Team. In July the Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee approved [a report setting out the department's recovery from COVID-19](#) and the need for investment to help manage demand for support within services experiencing significant pressures, including mental health and safeguarding. This equates to just over £3.3m which will be used on a range of staffing arrangements and resources.
12. As well as a temporary increase in staffing across community teams and the Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub, the report requested staffing resources to enable and accelerate departmental plans and improvements that were paused by the pandemic response. Work is well underway with regard to getting the posts filled as quickly as possible – most likely through agency staffing – with the hope that it will help to ease the pressures faced by the department. There remains however considerable risk for mental health service capacity.



## **Support for Vulnerable Children and Families including Schools**

### **Early Years, School and College Settings**

13. During the last weeks of the summer term, school staff, supported by their governing bodies, have ensured that all children have continued their learning despite the significant ongoing challenges of an increasing number of children and young adults testing positive for COVID-19. As the summer term progressed, schools had a significant number of children and adults required to self-isolate as close contacts and this resulted in more children returning to learning at home. As of the 8 July data suggests the approximate attendance in Nottinghamshire schools was 80%, comparable to the national situation, and the number of pupils absent due to COVID was 12%, nationally this was approximately 11%.
14. Schools have faced significant changes since 19 July when Step 4 of the road map was implemented. Whilst headteachers could maintain their existing arrangements until the end of term, headteachers were no longer legally required to send bubbles home as close contacts of a positive case. This responsibility now lies with NHS Test and Trace. Also, from the 19 July, face coverings in school have no longer been required, although there is an expectation from government that they are worn in enclosed or crowded spaces.
15. Staff and secondary school aged pupils have continued to be offered Lateral Flow Tests twice weekly and urged to continue to use the tests throughout the summer period. It should also be noted that from 16 August, self-isolation for close contacts under 18 or for those who are fully vaccinated is not required although they are advised to get a PCR test. On site testing of secondary aged pupils has been planned for the start of the autumn term and schools have been required to prepare an 'outbreak management plan' to ensure that arrangements are in place should a school face multiple positive cases in the autumn term and beyond. Additional government guidance is expected as schools reopen at the start of term.
16. 37 secondary, special schools and other education establishments in Nottinghamshire have provided summer schools funded by government to support children to catch up with lost learning and transition into their next phase of education. As the academic year concluded schools were provided with further guidance on catch up. All publicly funded schools are required to publish details of the way catch-up funding is being used on their school web site. Catch-up will continue to be a clear focus of each school's curriculum going forward.
17. Support for children and young people's mental health and well-being will continue to be a key priority for all who work in education going forward. The Nottalove web site has now been designed by young people and a soft launch will commence in September 2021. Members can access more information about the web site, its layout and related information by viewing a short [You Tube video](#). Key partners include Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. A formal and wider launch is planned for November 2021.
18. The COVID Local Support Grant was extended by the Department for Work and Pensions to cover the summer holidays. NCC used this allocation to provide supermarket vouchers to all school aged children claiming Free School Meals, and 2-, 3- and 4-year olds from low income families accessing funded childcare. The scheme enabled NCC to issue vouchers to 27,174 eligible children and young people, resulting in approximately 679,350 meals. [A report regarding both the COVID Winter Grant Scheme and the COVID Local Support Grant](#) was presented to the Children and Young People's Committee in July 2021.

19. As previously reported, the percentage of eligible 2-year olds taking up their funded childcare entitlements reduced during the pandemic. It was however positive to see that the take up rates have started to increase, and rates increased from 68% in the Spring term to 74% during Summer term.

### Vulnerable Children, Young People and Families

20. The Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) continues to operate an “urgent only by phone” service, due to a need to ensure there is sufficient staffing capacity to manage the numbers of enquiries received. All non-urgent safeguarding concerns can continue to be referred to the MASH via the online referral form or through email. The MASH has continued to see an increase in referrals exceeding the level seen at the end of the first lockdown, putting more significant pressure on the service. A contingency plan is being put in place due to concerns that when schools return in the autumn, there will be a significant increase in need presenting. This will be presented to Children and Young People’s Committee on 13 September 2021.
21. During the third national lockdown, weekly “strengths-based wellbeing” calls to all families receiving early help or social work support were reinstated. Evidence from children and families suggested many benefited from these weekly contacts. As restrictions have lifted, children have returned to school, and families have been able to re-connect with family and community networks it is recognised that not all families now require weekly ‘wellbeing’ calls. From 15 May 2021 it was agreed that practitioners and managers will use their professional judgment in agreeing which children and families continue to benefit from and need weekly wellbeing calls and this has continued.
22. The government reissued its coronavirus guidance for children’s social care services on 17 August, which confirms that staff who are fully vaccinated are no longer required to self-isolate if they have been identified as a close contact of someone with COVID-19.
23. Moreover, there are very significant delays in the Family Courts, this is a consequence of COVID related delay and an ongoing lack of Judicial time. Children are having final hearings delayed by up to six months and hearings are being cancelled at short notice. As cases are not being progressed Social Worker caseloads are increasing and reassessments are being requested when there has been delay. Delays in Special Guardianship Order (SGO) and Adoption cases mean that children are remaining in care for longer.

### Community Support and Resilience

#### Community Support Hub

24. As reported to Policy Committee on 13 May 2020, the Nottinghamshire Coronavirus Community Support Hub went live on 23 March 2020, and is accessible over the phone, via the Council website or the My Notts app. The Hub provides a real-time online database, accessible to all partners, which enables residents in need of support to input their postcode and requirements and be ‘served up’ with a list of local groups and organisations able to meet those needs.
25. The number of hits to the Hub website reduced gradually from a peak of around 1,000 a day down to 40 a day. This figure has risen and fallen in response to key moments in the pandemic, for example the introduction of further lockdowns, changes to tiered restrictions, or more recently the increase in the number of those infected. This self-service part of the Hub has been able to deal with the vast majority of demand for help.

26. As at 29 July 2021, 1,456 more complex requests for support, requiring a partnership response, had been received since launching the second phase of the Hub. There are currently 284 voluntary groups, 163 individual volunteers, 87 charity organisations, 20 online community groups and 241 businesses offering support.

### Specific cohorts being supported

27. Committee Members will recall that the Government had placed responsibilities on the local authority to give practical support to those identified as clinically extremely vulnerable (CEV), to help them follow government shielding advice. The advice to shield ended on 31 March 2021, and with it the statutory responsibility to offer support. By the end of March, 54,300 residents were classified as CEV, and had received offers of support from the Hub.

28. On the 1 April, a new duty was placed on the system by Government to offer practical support to those who are required to self-isolate and who have indicated they require it (positive cases and their contacts). This has been accompanied by further government funding. This support offer was designed to overcome the barriers to self-isolation that were being reported, including the practical, social, and emotional consequences of self-isolation.

29. From the 1 April, where initial contact from NHS Test and Trace suggested a person may have specific support needs that cannot be met in other ways, these cases were referred through to councils through daily data feeds. The Hub is now required to make proactive contact with these people to offer help in accessing support.

30. During April, 25 cases were referred, which dropped to 12 for May, before increasing to 225 in June. As at 29 July, 1587 cases have been referred and have been sent texts with contact details for the Community Support Hub. It has transpired that few have required to telephone the Hub for help, either using the self-service part of the system, or arranging their own support. As such, demand is currently manageable within existing resources. An exercise was recently undertaken to call a sample of thirty of those referred through. 55% of those called indicated that they did have a support need originally. 85% of that need was in respect of Financial Support for Self-Isolation, a function provided by District and Borough Councils. All those called had the support needed in place.

31. Further, an additional responsibility has been placed on the system to make contact with all CEV people asked to self-isolate, whether or not they have indicated to NHS Test and Trace that they have unmet support needs. It has only been possible to cross reference data sets since 1 June, but in June, 65 were contacted, whilst as at 29<sup>th</sup> July, 441 have been contacted in July. Once again, very few, if any, have needed to contact the Hub for help.

### Corporate Resilience

#### Workforce

32. The Council's workforce continues to respond effectively to the challenges the continuing situation presents and planning is underway to support a return to offices for those colleagues who have worked from home since March 2020. The Workforce Resilience and Recovery Group, working collaboratively with the Property and Premises Recovery Group, continues to oversee the Council's work on internal communication and engagement, employee health and well-being, reward and recognition and smarter working to ensure that the Council is prepared for whatever the future of work becomes as a result of the pandemic's impact. Regular

discussions continue with the recognised trade unions and the self-managed groups and recent discussions have focussed on changes to the previous restrictions, consultation on compulsory vaccination, provision of PPE in future as well as how and where people will work in future.

33. A new Hybrid Working Strategy was approved at this Committee in July and work is ongoing to implement this in full from the end of October. Supporting guidance, toolkits and frequently asked questions have been developed along with a refreshed learning and development offer to ensure our employees and managers are supported and prepared for the future changes in how staff work.
34. The Chief Executive has asked all managers to prioritise a discussion on future ways of working with individuals and teams by the end of August to understand service imperatives, personal preferences, including addressing any anxieties, to inform the ongoing preparatory work. There will be further opportunities for employees to attend Question and Answer sessions with members of the Corporate Leadership Team as part of ongoing engagement and dates are currently being finalised before publication.
35. The Council continues to facilitate all its employees receiving the vaccine. In line with current national guidance, all members of the workforce are strongly encouraged to take up the offer to be vaccinated when they are contacted to do so. This is the best means of mitigating the ongoing risk presented.

#### Council Premises

36. As previously reported, the Property and Premises Recovery Group continues to meet weekly. The Group includes officers from across the Council looking to guide and support the safe use of Council premises during restrictions, both the central office estate and the operational portfolio, and providing safe reoccupation in accordance with Government guidance.
37. During lockdowns Council offices have remained open for staff who cannot deliver their services from working from home, or need to be in for welfare reasons, although the main message has remained for the majority of staff to continue to work from home where possible. Following the further lifting of restrictions on 19 July 2021 the Group has organised the phased reoccupation of offices thereafter based on priority need in the first instance over the summer with a more general return in the autumn as office environments are adapted to suit a hybrid working model. The Group is working with services to understand the office environments that suit their future service delivery.

#### Disruption to Services

38. In order to adhere to government guidance on social distancing and release Council resources to support COVID-19 priorities, many public-facing service areas have faced disruption or closure. The current status of these services is outlined in the table below.

Service	Status
Youth Services	The Youth Service will be on its term time only fixed closure from 2 August to 6 September 2021. On returning back in September the Youth Service will remain responsive to an evolving COVID situation, and operating plans will be refined if the circumstances and guidance change.

	In addition, the Youth Service coordinated the Department for Education funded Holiday Activity and Food programme, which offers activities in August for 5-16-year olds who are eligible for free school meals across the county, as well as an offer for vulnerable children, and a tailored offer for young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Over 24,000 places were offered to eligible children and young People.
Library Services	Since 19 July libraries are offering the majority of services. Opening hours have been returning to pre COVID levels in most locations. In person events and courses have resumed and summer reading challenge and mini challenge were provided in full. Click and collect / home delivery are still being provided. Mobile library service has returned to normal operations. Safety measures such as hand gel, additional cleaning and ventilation have remained in place.
Outdoor Education Services	Outdoor education centres and residential centres are all open for overnight stays and day visits. Activity Clubs are being offered for the summer Holidays at the Mill Adventure Base, alongside supporting the Holiday Activity and Food programme. Duke of Edinburgh groups have resumed with meeting up face to face, with training expeditions underway.
School Swimming	On the 23 July School Swimming closed for the summer in line with school holidays and will resume on 6 September when schools return. The aim is to fully reopen the service in September, which will be subject to government guidance.
Day Services	Although the Government announced a lifting of COVID restrictions on the 19 July, NCC Day Services have taken the decision in line with other providers in Nottinghamshire and across the East Midlands to continue to keep COVID-19 infection control measures in place protecting people who are clinically and extremely vulnerable to the impacts of COVID-19. Therefore the overall capacity of buildings remains reduced because of social distancing requirements. Services will review capacity in line with national guidance and community transmission rates. This service continues to offer a range of building based and community activities which provide vital respite for carers and opportunities for people to concentrate on their aspirations and engage in activity outside the home helping them remain independent and living well in Nottinghamshire.
Country Parks and green spaces	Country Parks and their facilities are now largely fully open in line with Step 4 of the Government's COVID-19 Roadmap, although some local restrictions may remain in place. Visitors are still being asked to minimise social contact with people outside their household, wear face coverings in confined spaces where possible, and to follow hygiene guidance to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.
Children's Centres	<p>The Children's Centre Service has remained available during the pandemic for virtual and face to face appointments and support. All 17 main sites remained opened throughout, unlike many other neighbouring local authorities who are only now starting to reopen. All Children's Centre satellite sites in Nottinghamshire have also now reopened to deliver service timetables.</p> <p>The service is maintaining social distancing and other infection control measures as detailed on the council's website <a href="#">Children's Centre Service: services during the pandemic   Nottinghamshire County Council</a></p>



	<p>Universal services resumed at the end of June and families are now asked to reserve places so numbers and 1m social distancing can still be maintained.</p> <p>All buildings are COVID secure and external partners continue to provide clinics and targeted services on site including midwifery clinics, health screens and assessments and social care contact work.</p>
Recycling Centres	All 12 of our recycling centres for household waste currently remain open (8am - 8pm daily). Social distancing restrictions remain in place onsite and residents are advised to avoid busy periods if possible, such as weekends and between 10am-4pm.
Registration Services	Most Registration Offices are now open to the public. In-person registration of birth and notice of marriage appointments are available. The registrations of still births and deaths continues to be available by telephone. Marriage and civil partnership ceremonies are available, including outdoor ceremonies at premises approved for civil marriage.
Music Teaching	Services continue to operate in agreement with individual schools.
Education Library Service	Services continue to operate in agreement with individual schools. Teacher visits to the showroom no longer require booking.
Inspire learning study programmes	Young people are able to access the study programme face to face.
Inspire learning adult education programme	A full range of courses are on offer both face to face and blended are programmed for the 2021 autumn term.
Archives	Online enquiry, research and reprographic services remain available. Opening hours have returned to pre COVID levels and visitors no longer require an appointment.

## **Future Reporting**

39. It is proposed that this update report will be the final one presented to Policy Committee. Service Committees will continue to receive updates as appropriate, with Policy Committee only to be presented with future reports should circumstances significantly change.

## **Other Options Considered**

40. The nature of the Coronavirus emergency is such that the Council has reviewed its priorities and use of resources to address the most critical needs of Nottinghamshire's residents. The Council must also comply with relevant Government guidance and meet its statutory duties as required during the emergency.

## **Reason for Recommendations**

41. To update members on the Council's ongoing response to the Coronavirus emergency.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

42. 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**

- 43. All Local Authorities are required by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government to report the forecast financial impact of the COVID-19 emergency on a monthly basis. The most recent submission, DELTA 15, was submitted on July 30, 2021.
- 44. The additional pressures on the 2021/22 budget are offset by general COVID-19 grant allocations received from Central Government, and a range of additional specific grants and allocations to offset lost income.
- 45. Reports setting out the latest forecast position, including the impact of COVID-19 on income and additional costs, will continue to be presented to Finance Committee on a regular basis.

### **Safeguarding of Children and Adults at Risk Implications**

- 46. The safeguarding of vulnerable children and adults is at the centre of decision making around operating models and reopening of services in Children's and Adults services and services continue to operate with the same standards of care.

### **Implications for Service Users**

- 47. While there continues to be some disruptions to services through the Council's response to COVID-19, the aim has been to maintain the welfare and safety of all services users at all times.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1) That Members endorse the continuing efforts of services to ensure effective service provision as the country transitions to recovery.
- 2) That Members consider the issues contained within the report.
- 3) That Members agree that further updates be considered by the relevant service Committee.

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

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### **Constitutional Comments (KK 03/08/21)**

- 48. This report falls within the remit of Policy Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

## **Financial Comments (KRP 03/08/21)**

49. Information on the financial implications is set out in 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.

- Progress on the COVID-19 crisis Economic Recovery Action Plan, Economic Development and Asset Management Committee, June 2021
- Adults and Health Recovery from COVID, Adult Social Care and Public Health Committee, July 2021
- Covid Winter Grant Scheme and Covid Local Support Grant Final Report, Children and Young People's Committee, July 2021

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All



**REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S  
COMMITTEE****NOTTINGHAMSHIRE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES  
(SEND) PLACE PLANNING STRATEGY 2021-2026****Purpose of the Report**

1. The report seeks approval of the Nottinghamshire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Place Planning Strategy for 2021-2026, attached as **Appendix 1**.

**Information**

2. Nottinghamshire has a long-term commitment to inclusion, resulting in most children and young people with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities receiving their education in local mainstream settings and accessing resources without the need for an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP).
3. Following the Children and Families Act 2014, there has been a significant increase in the demand for Special Educational Needs & Disabilities services and provision, as well as the need to support some young people until the age of 25 years. The increasing demand for services especially specialist educational provision has in turn placed considerable pressure on the funding for Special Educational Needs which is provided to local authorities through the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG).
4. Between 2017-2018 and 2021-2022, the High Needs Block budget increased from £59.641m to £89.070m, which is a 49.3% increase over the period. However, over the same period expenditure on specialist educational placements increased by 61.7%. This increase in expenditure is reflected in the funding of an additional 510 specialist educational placements between January 2016 and January 2021. The number of specialist educational placements increased from 1273 to 1783 placements, or by 40.0%. Independent providers accounted for 60.0% of these additional placements. The overall proportion of independent placements increased from 22.6% to just over 33.3% between January 2017 and January 2021.
5. The average costs per year of the different types of specialist provision is currently as below:

• Nottinghamshire Special Schools	£23,596
• Independent / Independent Schools	£48,132
• Alternative Provision	£26,813

- Post 16 Specialist Colleges £12,028.

6. The analysis in the Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Place Planning Strategy identifies that between 285 to 490 additional specialist educational placements will be required over the next five years, with 243 of these required for September 2023.
7. The Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Place Planning Strategy crucially considers both the supply of high-quality provision and support, and how to reduce the demand for more specialist provision in Nottinghamshire.
8. With an increased focus on locality working and local partnerships between County Council Special Educational Needs & Disabilities services and school leaders, it is expected that fewer children and young people will require specialist educational placements in the future in line with the Council's Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Policy approved in September 2020.
9. **Appendix 2** outlines the proposals to ensure that the County Council is able to provide sufficient specialist educational placements over the next five years. The headline requirements identified in the Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Place Planning Strategy are for:
  - an additional 285 - 490 places in specialist provision by September 2026, with at least 243 places required for September 2023
  - an additional special school for children and young people with autistic spectrum disorder / condition. The County Council's Policy Committee agreed in November 2019 to undertake a site search and feasibility study for a new Special School in the Hucknall / Ollerton areas. A preferred option site in Ollerton has been identified and feasibility work is continuing, looking at the site in detail particularly in the light of potential load bearing capacity and contamination issues of the ground. There are no obvious alternative sites in Council ownership in the search areas
  - additional places to be focused on the Ashfield, Mansfield, and Gedling districts to meet these areas' current growth in demand
  - a range of provision with most of the additional placements being located either on existing mainstream school sites or new build schools (Specialist Satellite Centres), to allow opportunities for integration and access to the national curriculum. This is especially important for the cohort of children and young people with social, emotional, and mental health needs
  - the expansion of current Nottinghamshire Special School sites
  - adaptations to mainstream maintained and Academy schools to provide improved access for children and young people with Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.
10. In May 2021, the Department for Education announced the High Needs Provision Capital Allocations for 2021-2022 for local authorities. The allocation for Nottinghamshire is £5.316m.

## Other Options Considered

11. The County Council has a statutory duty to provide an educational placement according to the type of provision (i.e. specialist or mainstream) named in a child's or young person's Education, Health & Care Plan.

## Reasons for Recommendations

12. The Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Place Planning Strategy will ensure that the County Council is able to discharge its statutory duty in a timely and cost efficient way.

## Statutory and Policy Implications

13. 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

14. The attached Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Place Planning Work Programme (**Appendix 2**) will require full costing. The delivery of the additional specialist educational placements, as outlined in the Strategy, will require funding from a range of sources including: future Department for Education capital allocations, S106 contributions from new housing developments, or the County Council's own capital programme. Currently there are no indications of the size or frequency of High Needs Provision Capital Allocations from the Department for Education beyond the amount for 2021-2022.
15. It should be noted that adding to the number of specialist educational placements funded by the High Needs Block will result in further pressure on this budget. However, without the additional placements in publicly funded educational settings the Local Authority will have to use higher cost independent placements, which in turn will create even more pressure on the High Needs Block.

## Implications for Service Users

16. The Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Place Planning Strategy will enable children and young people to access specialist education placements required to meet their identified needs and to make a successful transition to adulthood.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) That Committee approves the proposed Nottinghamshire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Place Planning Strategy for 2021-2026, attached as **Appendix 1**.

**Councillor Tracey Taylor**

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### **Constitutional Comments (KK 03/08/21)**

17. The proposal in this report is within the remit of the Policy Committee.

### **Financial Comments (MDN 03/08/21)**

18. The attached Special Educational Needs & Disabilities Place Planning Work Programme (**Appendix 2**) will require full costing and the funding identified to support it.
19. Currently there are no indications of the size or frequency of High Needs Provision Capital Allocations from the Department for Education beyond the amount for 2021-2022.
20. The High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant funds the revenue implications of SEND specialist educational provision and the 2022-2023 funding allocation is expected to be announced in the Summer. Despite increases in this funding in recent years the budget remains under pressure and this will need to be managed within the overall Dedicated Schools Grant in conjunction with the Early Years and Schools Forum.

### **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.

[Feasibility for a new Special School in Nottinghamshire – report to Policy Committee on 13th November 2019](#)

[Nottinghamshire SEND Policy 2020-2023](#)

[Nottinghamshire Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Place Planning Strategy 2021 – 2026: report to Children and Young People's Committee on 26th July 2021](#)

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All.

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# **Nottinghamshire's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Place Planning Strategy (2021-2026)**

**A 5-year Strategy for Nottinghamshire**

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## 1. Foreword

I am pleased to provide a foreword to Nottinghamshire's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Place Planning Strategy (SEND) Policy for the period 2021-2026.

The Strategy builds upon the County Council's SEND Policy (2021-2023) with its commitment to most children and young people with SEND receiving their education in local mainstream settings with additional resources or when required in good or outstanding publicly funded Special Schools local to the place where they live.

Since the Children and Families Act (2014), there has been a significant increase in the demand for SEND services and provision, as well as the need to support some young people until the age of 25. In Nottinghamshire we have seen an increase in the number of children and young people in specialist educational placements by 510 places over the last five years. Expenditure on specialist educational placements has increased from £36.323m in 2017-2018 to £58.760m in 2021-2022, a 61.7% increase. An increasing amount of this expenditure has been spent on securing specialist provision from the more expensive independent sector.

Nottinghamshire has only been able to make this investment following two years of significantly above inflation increases in the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). Despite these increases, Nottinghamshire remains the worst funded local authority amongst its statistical neighbours and other East Midlands regional County Councils.

Since 2017, Nottinghamshire has been able to increase the number of pupils on roll at its publicly funded Special Schools by 169. This has included the rebuilding of Newark Orchard Special School with an increased capacity of 32% with the future potential to expand it by a further 30 places. The County Council has also committed to a feasibility study to identify a site in the Hucknall and Ollerton areas to build a new special school of 75 places.

Despite these recent investments the Strategy identifies a minimum need of 400 new places over the next five years. These places will be delivered through a mixture of provision including the expansion of the current Nottinghamshire Special School estate, the building of a new Special School, and the development of Specialist Satellite Centres on existing mainstream schools or new mainstream schools being planned to be built

The Strategy is ambitious for Nottinghamshire and its Implementation Plan will be reviewed annually with progress reports provided to the Children and Young People's Committee, as well as the local area's SEND Accountability Board.

### **Cllr Tracey Taylor**

Chairman of the Children and Young People's Committee  
Nottinghamshire County Council



## 2. Introduction

Following the Children and Families Act (2014), the landscape of SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) has changed considerably, both nationally and locally. Over the last seven years there has been a significant increase in the demand for SEND services and provision, as well as the need to support some young people until the age of 25. As a Council we must recognise and address the following issues:

- There are now more children and young people with SEND.
- Advancements in medical science means that more children and young people with life limiting conditions are living longer.
- The SEND needs of some children have become more complex, especially around social, emotional, and mental health.
- New legislation stipulates that we must now plan support for some young people with SEND until the age of 25.

The increasing demand for services especially specialist educational provision has in turn placed considerable pressure on the budget (the 'High Needs Block') for services and provision for children and young people with SEND.

Nottinghamshire has benefited from its long-term commitment to inclusion, resulting in most children and young people with SEND receiving their education in local mainstream settings and accessing resources without the need for an Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP). Nottinghamshire remains one of the lowest local authority areas in the country for the percentage of children and young people<sup>1</sup> with an EHCP. Despite this between January 2016 and January 2021 Nottinghamshire experienced an increase of 64.5% in the numbers of EHCPs, compared to a national increase of 68.0%. The impact of this increase in demand on budgets and provision will be analysed further within this SEND Place Planning Strategy.

The County Council's [SEND Policy](#) and the accompanying [SEND Strategic Action Plan](#) approved respectively in September 2020 and January 2021, set out the Local Area's priorities under six key strands of work:

- SEND Partnership
- SEND Provision
- SEND Systems
- SEND Attainment
- SEND Workforce
- SEND Communications

The focus of this Strategy will be on how the County Council will deliver sufficient provision to meet needs both in mainstream and specialist educational settings over the next five years for children and young people with SEND. It is important that this Strategy considers both the supply of high-quality provision and support, and how to reduce the demand for more specialist provision in Nottinghamshire.

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<sup>1</sup> The percentage of 0-25-year olds with an EHCP in Nottinghamshire is 1.26%, this is significantly lower than the English average of 2.23%.



### 3. Nottinghamshire County Council's Property Strategy

Nottinghamshire County Council has a significant property portfolio. The total asset value of the corporate estate, encompassing land and buildings is more than £700m. This value includes all locally managed schools but excludes academies.

Property asset management is a key part of business planning informing at a strategic level, the decisions about the Council's business needs, the deployment of land and property assets and future investment needs. This helps to ensure that we:

- provide value for money.
- meet the needs of customers and services.
- support regeneration and economic growth across the County.
- provide assets which are efficient and effective.

The Corporate Property Strategy (2018 - 2023) is part of the Council's Corporate Asset Management process and provides a framework to support the development and management of the land and property assets, to accomplish the ambition of delivering collaborative property solutions that achieve corporate objectives.

Property colleagues work in close partnership with the Council's service departments to identify service land and property needs, to ensure that departments have the property they need in the right location to deliver their services effectively.

### 4. Vision for Nottinghamshire

The 2020 Nottinghamshire SEND Policy set out the following vision for Nottinghamshire:

*"Our vision is that children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) will be safe, healthy and happy, and have a good quality of life and opportunities to fulfil their aspirations, develop their independence and make a positive contribution to society."* (September 2020).

The vision is supported by the Nottinghamshire SEND Accountability Board which represents all key stakeholders across the Local Area including health, educational settings, parents and carers.

### 5. Key values and principles

The Nottinghamshire SEND Policy also outlines the values and principles that will underpin the Local Area's approach to its work with children and young people with SEND and their families. The values and principles are as follows:

- Ensuring the child or young person's voice is central to decision making.
- Supporting collaborative relationships with key partners and services, including parents and carers, schools, colleges and other educational settings, health, and other local authority services.
- Working in partnership to ensure the co-ordination of services.
- Co-producing services with service users.

- Committing to improve the attainment of all children and young people, with a focus on the achievement and progress of those with SEND.
- Ensuring early support and timely intervention, following the identification of need, using a graduated approach to avoid escalation of difficulties.
- Maintaining inclusive practices to ensure that children and young people remain connected to their communities.
- Preparing children and young people for adulthood at the earliest appropriate stage.
- Ensuring that children and young people with SEND attend good and outstanding Early Years settings, schools, and colleges, including special schools and specialist colleges where appropriate.
- Allocating resources using processes that are simple, fair, and transparent.

The contents of this Strategy reflect these values and principles in Nottinghamshire's approach to delivering services to children and young people with SEND.

Nottinghamshire County Council has a long-standing commitment to inclusion, and for most children and young people with SEND to receive their education in local mainstream settings, and access resources without the need for an EHCP.

When mainstream settings are agreed to be unsuitable, by agencies working with the child, young person, and their family we work together with schools and colleges to provide high quality, specialist alternatives. Overall, Nottinghamshire has 11 maintained and academy special schools with a combined pupil population of 1,125<sup>2</sup>. These provide specialist placements, accessible via the statutory EHCP assessment process.

Our commitment to inclusion extends into adulthood. Nottinghamshire's post-16 Further Education (FE) footprint comprises mainstream, specialist and vocational provision that supports successful transition into adult lives of independence, choice and control, and employment, where appropriate.

The following outcomes underpin this approach:

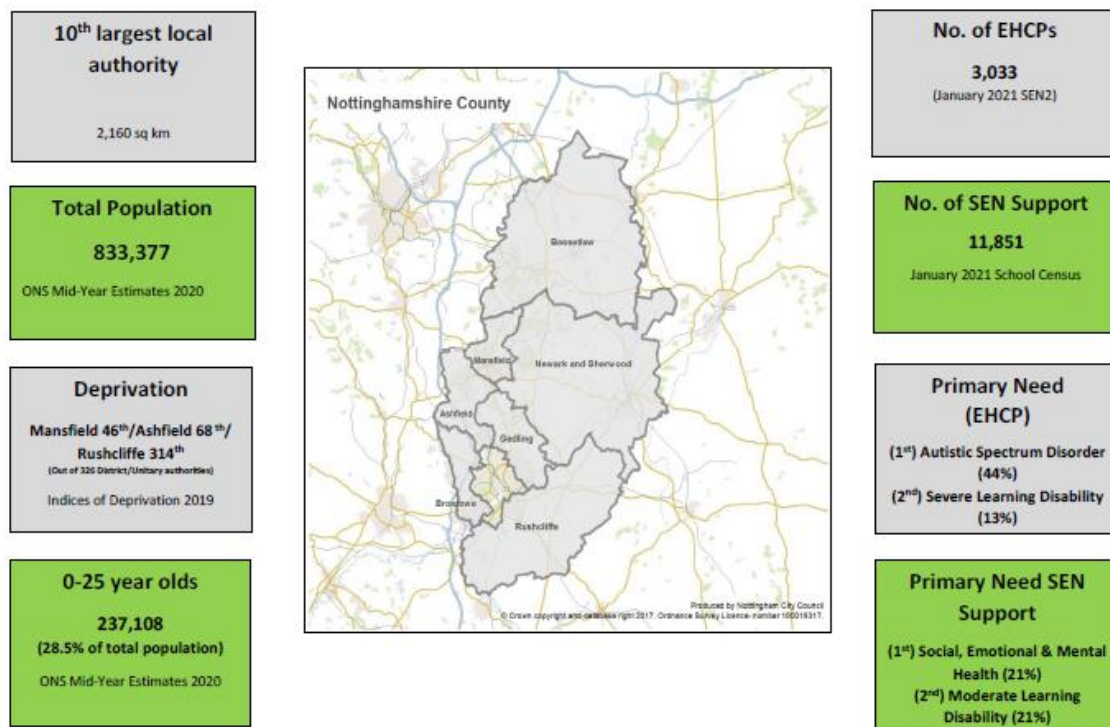
- Decisions made about the education of children and young people with SEND are shaped by their thoughts and views.
- Decision making related to placements and curriculum is of high quality, so that children and young people are better prepared for adulthood and can access educational pathways leading to the outcomes they seek.
- Decision making takes place as close to children or young people as possible to promote local accountability with a focus on early intervention.
- Our plans and services for SEND are designed with children and young people, parents, and carers, according to the principles of co-production, as outlined in Nottinghamshire's Co-production Charter and the SEND Code of Practice.

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<sup>2</sup> School Census January 2021

- Parents and carers of children and young people with SEND are confident in the decisions that are made, and in the provision their children and young people receive.
- Children and young people access appropriate educational provision as close to home as possible, with or without an EHCP, so that they make continuous and appropriate progress from their personal starting points.
- Transition arrangements across key stages and between all Children's and Adult services are seamless and smooth.
- The range of local SEND provision and educational settings is broad, so that more children and young peoples' needs are met closer to home.
- Our approach to social, emotional, and mental health concerns is consistent, so that needs are met in mainstream settings and fewer children and young people with SEND receive fixed-term or permanent exclusions.

## 6. The Nottinghamshire Context



Nottinghamshire is the tenth largest County Council in England, with a population of 833,377 (source: Mid-Year Population Estimates 2020). Levels of deprivation vary considerably across the County's seven districts and boroughs, ranging from the highest in Mansfield (46 out of 326 Districts/unitary authorities) to the lowest in Rushcliffe (314 out of 326) (source: Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2019).

In Nottinghamshire, 11.0% of pupils in maintained schools or academies have a statutory EHCP or are in receipt SEN support. This compares to an average of 15.2% across all English local authorities (January 2020), statistical neighbour average is 14.1% and the East Midlands average is 14.1% (source: School Census 2020).

The most common primary SEND needs for children and young people with an EHCP are: (1) Autistic Spectrum Condition (44%); and (2) Severe Learning Difficulty (13%). For children and young people with SEN Support the most common primary SEND needs are: (1) Moderate Learning Difficulty (21%); and (2) Social, Emotional and Mental Health (21%) (source: School Census January 2021).

The percentage of children and young people in Nottinghamshire with SEN Support varies considerably across the County. In Ashfield schools, 11.9% of all children and young people have SEN Support, whilst only 5.6% of children and young people in Rushcliffe receive SEN Support (source: School Census January 2021).

In January 2021, there were 3,033 EHCPs in Nottinghamshire. 2.4% of these plans were for children under 5 years of age; 24.9% for children aged 5-10; 39.4% for young people aged 11-15; and 33.3% aged 16-25. Nottinghamshire has a higher percentage of young people aged 16 or above with an EHCP than the English average but a lower percentage for Early Years and Primary aged children (source: SEN2 2021).

Two thirds of children with an EHCP attending a Nottinghamshire maintained or academy school are registered at a special school, compared to the English average of 47.0%, statistical neighbour average of 51.9% and East Midlands average of 50.4%. This reflects the long tradition of inclusion in Nottinghamshire, with significant numbers of children and young people with SEND attending mainstream schools without recourse to an EHCP (source; SEN2 2021).

The national percentage increase in EHCPs between January 2016 to January 2021 was 68.0%. This compares to an increase of 64.5% (1,844 to 3,033) in Nottinghamshire. Statistical neighbours increased by 61.2%, and East Midlands increased by 62.2% (source: SEN2 2021).

Despite this increase in EHCPs, the percentage of 0-25-year olds with an EHCP in Nottinghamshire at 1.28% remains significantly lower than the English average of 2.48%, statistical neighbour average of 2.47% and East Midlands average of 2.03% (source: SEN2 2021 and mid-year population estimate 2020).

## **7. The financial context**

### **a. High Needs Block**

Funding for Special Educational Needs is provided to local authorities through the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG). Local authorities must spend the funding in line with the associated conditions of grant, and School and Early Years Finance (England) Regulations.

The high needs funding system supports provision for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) from their early years to age 25, enabling both local authorities and institutions to meet their statutory duties under the Children and Families Act 2014.

High needs funding is also intended to support good quality Alternative Provision for pre-16 children and young people who, because of exclusion, illness, or other reasons, cannot receive their education in mainstream or special schools.

The High Needs Block can also fund high needs services delivered directly by the authority, or through a separate funding agreement with institutions (including funding devolved to institutions), as permitted by regulations.

Historically Nottinghamshire has been significantly underfunded when compared to statistical and regional neighbours. Table 1 below shows the High Needs Budget allocations for 2021-2022 including the amount per child or young person aged 2-18 years of age.

**Table 1** The High Needs Budget settlement for 2021-2022 for Nottinghamshire and its statistical and regional neighbours including the allocation per 2-18-year-old population.

Local Authority	Mid-2020 age 2-18 ONS Population Estimate	2021/22 Published High Needs Block (£ millions)	Published High Needs Block per 2- 18 population
Kent	334,809	247.472	£739.14
Lincolnshire	143,524	100.624	£701.09
Cheshire West and Chester	67,197	45.503	£677.16
Warwickshire	113,911	74.830	£656.91
Lancashire	243,158	151.233	£621.95
Derbyshire	148,497	91.459	£615.90
Staffordshire	164,338	99.352	£604.56
Essex	303,323	182.337	£601.13
Cumbria	88,683	53.305	£601.08
Worcestershire	115,463	69.102	£598.48
Leicestershire	140,036	83.204	£594.16
Nottinghamshire	163,061	91.152	£559.01

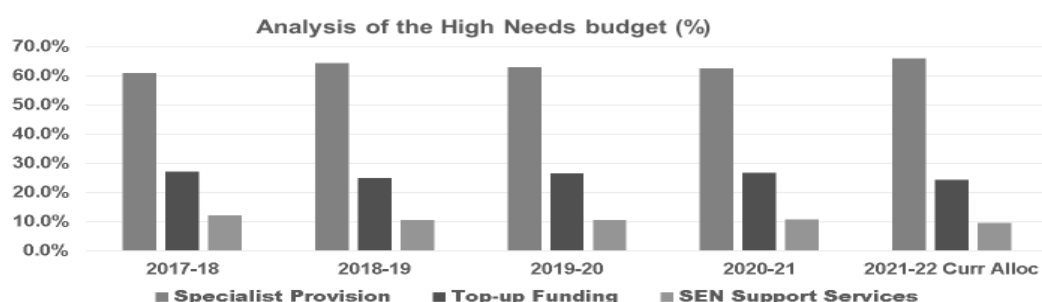
Source: Nottinghamshire County Council

If Nottinghamshire had received the same level of funding as other statistical neighbours at least an additional £6.436m (Worcestershire) would have been received, or if funded, as per Kent, the budget would have been an additional £29.373m for 2021-2022. The difference between Nottinghamshire and its statistical neighbours has reduced in the last couple of years following a successful campaign



by the County Council and local MPs, the County Council received budget increases that was amongst the highest in England.

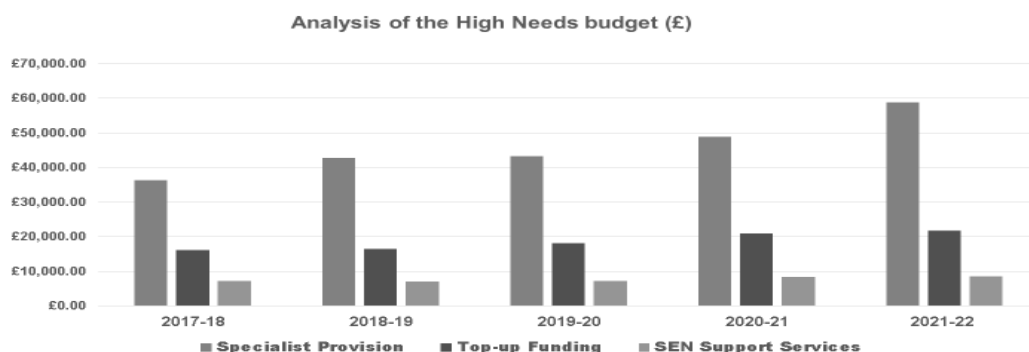
**Table 2 How we spend the High Needs budget in Nottinghamshire (%)**



**Table 2** above provides an analysis of how the High Needs Budget is spent in Nottinghamshire. The table splits expenditure between expenditure on specialist educational provision; top-up funding devolved to mainstream schools to support children and young people with SEND; and local authority SEN support services. The percentage of the High Needs Budget spent on specialist provision has increased from 60.9% in 2017-2018 to 66.0% proposed for 2021-2022.

**Table 3** below provides an analysis of High Needs Budget expenditure by actual cost rather than the percentage of the budget. Between 2017-2018 and 2021-2022 the actual expenditure on specialist provision has increased from £36.323m to £58.760m. This represents a 61.7% increase in expenditure compared to a 34.8% increase for devolved top-funding to mainstream schools. The overall increase in the High Need Budget over these five years was 49.3% or £29.429m. For further details on the High Needs Budget expenditure please see **Appendix 1**.

**Table 3 How we spend the High Needs budget in Nottinghamshire (£)**



**Source: Nottinghamshire County Council**

The percentage spent on specialist provision remains low in Nottinghamshire compared to other local authorities with a small number spending over 90% of their

High Needs Budget on specialist provision, and Nottinghamshire's High Needs Budget deficit remains relatively low (£1.02m in 2019-2020 and £2.473m in 2020-2021), when compared to other local authorities. For example, in 2020-2021 Kent had a budget deficit of £35m and is forecasting a further deficit of £24m in 2021-2022.

The changes in the expenditure patterns of the High Needs Budget reflect the following pressures on provision and services for children and young people with SEND:

- The extension of support for children with SEND up to age 25.
- The increased size of the cohort receiving support due to early identification of additional needs.
- The increase in complexity of need resulting in increased financial costs.
- A shortage of local specialist provision in relation to Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) and Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH) needs resulting in expensive out of Authority and independent non-maintained placements.
- Increases in requests for top-up funding across all settings.
- The lack of confidence in mainstream schools and settings to provide a graduated response before turning to statutory assessment.
- Increases in exclusions resulting in more costly Alternative Provision.
- Raised expectations of children and families resulting in increased parental requests for high-cost specialist placements.
- Tribunal decisions that have supported parental preference for independent placements.
- Potential impact of changes in the service offer to young adults post 18 by Adult Social Care and Health.

There are a range of factors that drive the costs associated with the High Needs Budget across all local authorities. These include the following:

- Increasing cost and scale of Specialist Provision.
- Increasing number of Independent placements.
- Exceptional Needs Funding (topping up the top-up),
- Carry forward of overspends,
- Increased cost of post 16 placements,
- Reduction in support services with schools picking up the costs themselves as a direct consequence of additional expenditure of specialist educational placements.

The average costs per year of the different types of specialist provision is currently as below:

- |                                     |         |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| • Nottinghamshire Special Schools   | £23,596 |
| • Independent / Independent Schools | £48,132 |
| • Alternative Provision             | £26,813 |
| • Post 16 Specialist Colleges       | £12,028 |

It is unlikely Nottinghamshire will continue to receive the increases to the High Need Budget experienced recently (2020-21 £11.833m, and 2021-22 £10.875m), whilst the demand for high cost specialist placements continue.

## **b. Capital Funding**

Between 2018 and 2021, the County Council has received a total of £4.321m from the Department for Education (DfE) from its Special Provision Fund. This funding has been used to complete the rebuilding of Orchard Special School (£2.545m); the development of 4 Enhanced Provision Units on mainstream school sites and a Special School Hub at the Beech Academy. Some of the funding (£253.000) has also been used to support adaptations in Academies.

There have been several opportunities for the County Council to bid for the funding for a new Special Free School. The last bidding round (Wave 2) in 2018 resulted in one new Special Free School being agreed in the East Midlands in Leicestershire.

In May 2021, the DfE announced the High Needs Provision Capital Allocations for 2021-2022 for local authorities. The allocation for Nottinghamshire is £5.316m.

## **8. The demand for specialist provision**

### **a. Number of places**

Between January 2016 and January 2021, the number of children and young people attending specialist educational settings increased by 510. Table 4 below outlines this increase over the last five years.

**Table 4** Changes in the numbers of specialist educational placements between January 2016 and January 2021

Type of placement	Jan 2016	Jan 2021	Difference between Jan 2016 and Jan 2021)
LA Maintained and Academy Special Schools (Nottinghamshire and Out of County)	985	1190	+205
Independent / Independent Specialist Schools	184	268	+84
Alternative Provision	41	126	+85
Post 16 Specialist Provision	63	199	+136
<b>Total</b>	<b>1273</b>	<b>1783</b>	<b>+510</b>

Source: SEN2 2021

During the same period the net increase in EHCPs was 1,189. The increase in special educational placements represents 43% of the net increase in EHCPs.



The number of new EHCPs each year have averaged of 370 over the last five-year period, however the increase during 2020, 465, was the highest thus far recorded. Currently in 2021, numbers of requests for EHCPs and new EHCPs issued is in line with the same period during 2020. With the assumption that 43% of these EHCPs require a specialist educational setting, the number of additional places required each year would be within the range between **159 to 200**.

It should be noted that Nottinghamshire Special Schools have on average 102 young people leaving Year 13 /14 each year over the next five-year period (please see Appendix 2). As a result of this, the actual number of new specialist educational placements required is within the range between **57 to 98** per year, or a total of **285 to 490** over the next five-year period from September 2021.

## b. Type of provision

Table 5 below provides an overview of the changes in Primary Special Educational Need (SEN), since January 2017. Children and young people with a Primary SEN of Autistic Spectrum Disorder / Condition currently account for 49.0% of all EHCPs in Nottinghamshire. This has increased from 37.7% since January 2017. This increase is replicated nationally.

**Table 5** The Primary SEN of children and young people in Nottinghamshire with an EHCP

Primary SEN	Jan-17	Jan-18	Jan-19	Jan-20	Jan-21
Autistic Spectrum Disorder / Condition	793	1003	1217	1396	1486
Hearing Impairment	39	43	47	46	35
Moderate Learning Difficulty	204	225	234	215	225
Multi-Sensory Impairment	7	10	15	16	18
Other Difficulty/Disability	80	202	295	340	300
Physical Disability	191	219	418	393	367
Profound & Multiple Learning Difficulty	77	83	27	30	29
Severe Learning Difficulty	207	216	86	82	67
Social, Emotional and Mental Health	361	330	321	340	384
Speech, Language or Communications Difficulties	94	112	129	106	94
Specific Learning Difficulties (Dyslexia)	29	30	12	9	8

Primary SEN	Jan-17	Jan-18	Jan-19	Jan-20	Jan-21
Visual Impairment	22	26	24	18	20
Total	2104	2499	2825	2991	3033
Source: SEN2 2021					

The second largest Primary SEN is Social, Emotional and Mental Health. The increase has been much less (23 children and young people over 4 years) than Autistic Spectrum Disorder / Condition, and 12.7% of the total number of EHCPs in January 2021. When considering new EHCP's only, the increase has been 20.6% since 2016. However, in 2020 the increase in EHCPs for this Primary SEN group accounted for 26.5% of all new EHCPs.

However, it should be noted that the majority (**53.8%**) of children and young people with an EHCP and a Primary SEN of Social, Emotional and Mental Health attended independent / independent specialist or alternative provision, this is significantly higher than any other Primary SEN. For example, the respective figure for children and young people with an EHCP and a Primary SEN of Autistic Spectrum Disorder / Condition is 34.0%.

Most of any future provision should focus on the two Primary SEN types of autism and social, emotional, and mental health. Different provision will be required for the two groups with children and young people with social, emotional, and mental health who benefit from small environments, whilst being able to access the national curriculum.

### c. Location

Table 6 below provides details of the location of children and young people with EHCPs in Nottinghamshire. Ashfield district has considerably more EHCPs compared to the other six districts. The main areas of growth in the County over the last four years have been: Ashfield, Mansfield, and Gedling. It is important that any new provision reflects the growth in numbers in these areas.

**Table 6** Details of the location of children and young people with EHCPs in Nottinghamshire

Home district	All current plans		New Plans	
	January 2021		2017-2020	
	Number	%	Number	%
Ashfield	596	19.7	329	21.4
Bassetlaw	398	13.1	174	11.3
Broxtowe	331	10.9	175	11.4
Gedling	398	13.1	216	14.0

Home district	All current plans		New Plans	
	January 2021		2017-2020	
	Number	%	Number	%
Mansfield	455	15.0	267	17.3
Newark and Sherwood	472	15.6	205	13.3
Rushcliffe	350	11.5	161	10.4
Out of County	33	1.1	14	0.9
Total	3033	100.0	1541	100.0

Source: SEN2 2021

#### d. Age

Table 7 below provides information on the ages of children and young people with EHCPs in Nottinghamshire. Between January 2017 and January 2021, there has been the following changes in the age profile of all children and young people with an EHCP:

- Under 5 years of age – **9.0% increase**
- Aged 5-10 – **10.2% increase**
- Aged 11-15 – **10.9% decrease**
- Aged 16-19 – **1.55 decrease**
- Aged 20 - 25 – **73.0% increase**

The significant increase in the age group 20-25 reflects changes in legislation and the extension of the age group up to 25 years of age. The numbers in this age group remain small and 49.7% are aged 20, and there is a considerable reduction in numbers for older young people, with only 19 aged 23-25.

The growth in the numbers of new EHCPs has been greater in the 5-10 age group, accounting for over 4 in 10 of all new EHCPs during 2020. When planning future provision, it will be important to provide additional provision capacity at both primary and secondary phases. **Appendix 3** provides further detail of the age profile for all EHCPs in Nottinghamshire.

**Table 7** Details of the ages of children and young people with EHCPs in Nottinghamshire

Age group	All current EHCPs (%)		New EHCPs (%)	
	January 2017	January 2021	2016	2020
Under 5 years of age	2.2	2.4	11.4	10.1
Aged 5-10	22.6	24.9	35.7	43.9
Aged 11-15	44.2	39.4	34.3	34.6
Aged 16-19	27.3	26.9	15.7	10.1
Aged 20-25	3.7	6.4	2.9	1.3

Source: SEN2 2021

## 9. Our response

The Nottinghamshire SEND Place Planning Strategy recognises that building additional specialist provision will not alone resolve the pressures on the High Need Budget. Additional specialist provision brings further costs, and as other local authorities have experienced any additional provision is very quickly filled. In Nottinghamshire our approach needs to focus on both reducing the demand in line with the County Council's Policy that most children and young people with SEND receive their education in local mainstream settings with additional resources, and providing additional high-quality provision in publicly funded educational settings.

### a. Reducing the demand for specialist provision

Nottinghamshire's long-term commitment to inclusion has almost certainly assisted to reduce numbers of EHCP requests and subsequent Plans, and the demand for specialist provision. The High Needs Review published in 2018 made the following recommendations:

- Engagement with parents and carers should be increased.
- The quality of mainstream SEND offers should be improved and made more consistent.
- Decision making should be based more in local areas.
- A more focussed strategy around High Needs Block spend should be developed.
- Reduced reliance on high cost Independent placements.
- The County Council should make the case to National Government for an increase of Nottinghamshire's share of available funding.

The County Council's SEND Policy, approved in September 2020, and the Local Area Strategic Action Plan (please see **Appendix 4** for further details) articulates these recommendations in greater detail.

Along with the Council's ongoing commitment to inclusion, demonstrated by the continuing devolvement of a substantial amount of the High Needs Budget to mainstream schools to support children and young people with SEND, the Council is developing structures required for decisions to be made as local as possible. Based upon three localities: North (Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood), Central (Ashfield and Mansfield) and South (Broxtowe, Gedling, and Rushcliffe), locality groups of key local authority services together with school representatives will:

- Develop a stronger understanding of localities through analysis of data and shared expertise.
- Promote a more effective and joined up response to children and young people's special educational needs.
- Focus on local solutions to local challenges.
- Help partners make better use of diminishing resources e.g. reduce duplication.

Over time it is anticipated that these Locality Working Groups will take ownership and responsibility for the proportion of the High Needs Budget for their own locality. The aspiration is that these groups will develop provision within mainstream educational settings to support children and young people with SEND, rather than higher cost specialist educational placements.

Finally, the County Council has been successful in securing one of the highest increases in the High Needs Block Budget for the last two years.

#### **b. Increasing the supply of high-quality provision**

Despite the planned actions to develop locality working, and the ongoing commitment to inclusion, the analysis of the continuing demand for specialist educational placements in section 8 will require the County Council to increase provision over the next five years. This pressure for additional placements exists now and therefore expansion needs to be front loaded for delivery during the first three years.

The headline requirements identified in this Strategy are for:

- An additional 275-490 places in specialist provision by September 2026, with up to 239 places required for September 2023.
- An additional special school for children and young people with autistic spectrum disorder / condition.
- Additional places to be focused on the Ashfield, Mansfield, and Gedling districts to meet these areas current growth in demand.
- A range of provision with most of the additional placements being located either on existing mainstream school sites or new build schools (Satellite Centres), to allow opportunities for integration and access to the national curriculum. This is especially important for the cohort of children and young people with social, emotional, and mental health needs.
- The expansion of current Special School sites.
- Adaptations to mainstream maintained and Academy schools to provide improved access for children and young people with SEND.

This additional provision will deliver high quality learning opportunities for children and young people with SEND in Nottinghamshire, without the need for higher cost independent provision.

## **10. Our commitments – the implementation of the Nottinghamshire SEND Place Planning Strategy**

The County Council is committed to developing a range of high-quality specialist provision in Nottinghamshire. The detailed proposals are set out in in Appendix 5.

These commitments will be reviewed and updated annually and reported to the County Council's Children and Young People's Committee.

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# Appendix 1 - Analysis of the High Needs budget expenditure in Nottinghamshire between 2017-2022

	2017-18 (£m)	2018-19 (£m)	2019-20 (£m)	2020-21 (£m)	2021-22 (£m)	Change 2017-22 (£)	Change 2017-22 (%)
Specialist Provision	£36,323	£42,809	£43,310	£48,903	£58,760	£22,437	61.7%
Top-up Funding	£16,132	£16,564	£18,237	£20,943	£21,753	£5,621	34.8%
SEN Support Services	£7,186	£7,051	£7,274	£8,349	£8,557	£1,371	19.0%
Total	£59,641	£66,424	£68,821	£78,195	£89,070	£29,429	49.3%

	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	3-Year Average
Specialist Provision	60.9%	64.4%	62.9%	62.5%	66.0%	63.8%
Top-up Funding	27.0%	24.9%	26.5%	26.8%	24.4%	25.9%
SEN Support Services	12.0%	10.6%	10.6%	10.7%	9.6%	10.3%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Nottinghamshire County Council



## Appendix 2 - Nottinghamshire Special Schools Leavers from Year 13/14 between 2022 and 2026

Name of school	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Ash Lea	9	8	8	7	7
Beech	10	7	16	12	15
Brackenhill	8	14	15	14	14
Carlton Digby	7	6	4	6	8
Derrymount	2	5	12	10	13
Fountaindale	6	4	10	7	6
Foxwood	10	10	16	10	14
Newark Orchard	14	11	11	15	16
Redgate	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
St Giles	18	18	13	10	7
Yeoman Park	14	10	9	6	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>110</b>

Source: NCC School Moderation Spring 2021

### Appendix 3 - All Education, Health and Care Plans by age

Age	Jan-17	Jan-18	Jan-19	Jan-20	Jan-21
2	5	1	3	4	4
3	21	21	8	19	26
4	21	39	35	32	42
5	54	48	64	60	67
6	56	72	71	94	86
7	68	92	104	91	135
8	76	93	120	122	122
9	104	97	120	142	150
10	118	147	148	164	196
11	177	157	189	198	217
12	166	205	188	215	208
13	196	199	249	213	245
14	172	225	228	276	240
15	219	189	249	239	285
16	213	235	210	260	264
17	186	218	235	209	250
18	111	186	211	201	169
19	64	116	178	186	134
20	53	73	108	136	96
21	8	60	54	81	53
22	12	9	37	37	25
23	4	13	7	11	16
24	0	4	9	1	3
25	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2104</b>	<b>2499</b>	<b>2825</b>	<b>2991</b>	<b>3033</b>

Source: SEN2

## **Appendix 4 – Nottinghamshire SEND Strategic Action Plan (2021-2022) Priorities**

The relevant priorities for the SEND Place Planning Strategy within the Nottinghamshire SEND Strategic Action Plan (2021-2022) are as below:

- **Complete a needs analysis of specialist provision to predict future needs and support bids for capital funding.**
- **Develop and embed a wider range of specialist education provision to meet local needs.**
- **Work with mainstream school leaders to ensure SEND is a priority and to support them to develop a strategic approach to developing SEND Provision.**
- **Review funding formula for SEN Support to improve incentives for inclusive practice.**
- **Support settings to apply a whole setting approach to SEND.**
- **Implementation of the Locality Model is supported by strategic leaders across the Local Area.**
- **Support settings to accurately identify SEND needs across all educational settings including Early Years and Further Education.**
- **The impact of transition arrangements at all Key Stages are reviewed to ensure robust communication of need and ongoing consistency of support.**
- **Establish a geographical pilot to develop pathways and the curriculum to support Preparation for Adulthood (PfA) outcomes.**
- **Further develop Supported Internships and review access to Traineeships by young people with SEND.**
- **Ensure the commissioning framework for education and care placements includes Preparation for Adulthood (PfA) outcomes related contractual expectations, that link to relevant annual review processes.**
- **Improve the destination information available for young people with SEND (EHCP and SEN Support) post Year 13 (age 18 and above).**

## Appendix 5a - Nottinghamshire's SEND Place Planning Work Programme (2021-2026) summary

Year	Number of places required	Special Educational Primary Need	Type of provision	Estimated number of places
September 2021	84	50% of new places need to be for children and young people with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)  15-20% of new places need to be for children and young people with Social, Emotional and Mental Health (SEMH)	New Nottinghamshire Special School for children and young people with ASC	75
September 2022	84		Expansion of existing Nottinghamshire Special Schools	120
September 2023	75		Specialist Satellite Centres (SSCs) on existing mainstream school sites – for provision for children and young people with SEMH (5 Centres)	108
September 2024	48		Specialist Satellite Centres (SSCs) on new mainstream school builds – focused on provision for children and young people with SEMH (3 Centres)	72
September 2025	48			
September 2026	36		Enhanced Provision Units (non EHCPs)	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>375</b>			<b>375</b>

## Appendix 5b - SEND Place Planning Work Programme (2021-2026) – Property Options

New Nottinghamshire Special School					
District	Location	Details and potential work required	Places	Special Educational Needs (SEN)	Anticipated timescale
Newark & Sherwood	Special School at Ollerton	New build. Ground investigation works currently being carried out.	75	Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)	September 2023

Expansion of existing Nottinghamshire Special Schools					
District	Location	Details and potential work required	Places	Special Educational Needs (SEN)	Anticipated timescale
Rushcliffe	Ash Lea Special School, Cotgrave	Modular building currently used by NHS staff/school clinic. Needs to be fit for purpose. Work to be determined.	62	Predominantly Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)	TBC
Gedling	Derrymount Special School, Daybrook	Potential surplus land. Investigating new modular building to create 2 classrooms.		Predominantly Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)	TBC
Ashfield	Bracken Hill Special School, Kirkby in Ashfield	New modular building to create to additional classrooms		Predominantly Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)	Easter 2022
Mansfield	Yeoman Park Academy, Mansfield Woodhouse	Potential refurbishment or replacement new build by DfE	28	Predominantly Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)	September 2024

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Newark and Sherwood	Newark Orchard School	Expansion to current building (previously planned for as an option when the new school was built)	30	Predominantly Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)	September 2024

### Potential Satellite Centres on existing County Council properties

District	Location	Details and potential work required	Places	Special Educational Needs (SEN)	Anticipated timescale
Newark & Sherwood	Former Manners Sutton, Averham	Former primary school. Work to make fit for purpose to be determined.	24	Predominantly Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)	
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Gedling	Former Hawthorne Primary School, Bestwood	Former primary school. Needs to be fit for purpose. Work to be determined.	60	Predominantly Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC)	
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Rushcliffe	Chapel Lane, Bingham	New residential development which includes a new primary school site with potential to provide SEN space.			September 2022
Rushcliffe	Rempstone Road, East Leake	New residential development which includes a new primary school site with potential to provide SEN space.			September 2024
Rushcliffe	Newton	New residential development which includes a new primary school site with potential to provide SEN space.			
Rushcliffe	Fairham Pastures, Barton in Fabis	New residential development which includes a new primary school site with potential to provide SEN space.			
Rushcliffe	Toothill School, Bingham	Proposed expansion which could have potential to provide appropriate space.			
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Gedling	Top Wighay, Hucknall	Land allocated for primary school as part of mixed development			



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<b>Rushcliffe</b>	<b>Third West Bridgford Secondary</b>	<b>NCC owned land in Lady Bay</b>			<b>September 2024</b>
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## **REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

### **EAST MIDLANDS FREEPORT OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE**

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

1. This report seeks Committee approval for the support in principle and endorsement of an Outline Business Case (OBC) for the East Midlands Freeport, subject to certain conditions set out in the recommendations.

#### **Information**

2. On 13 January 2021 Policy Committee endorsed the submission of an Expression of Interest to Government for an East Midlands Freeport (the Freeport). The submission was successful and the East Midlands Freeport Board must now submit an Outline Business Case by 10 September 2021. The OBC will be evaluated by MHCLG and successful OBC will progress to a Full Business Case (FBC), for submission on 12 November 2021.
3. Some information contained in this report is not for publication by virtue of paragraph 3 of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as it contains information relating to the financial and business affairs of partners collaborating with the County Council (including the Council) to develop the OBC. Having regard to all the circumstances, on balance the public interest in disclosing the information does not outweigh the reason for exemption because the information would add a limited amount to the public understanding of the issues but would significantly damage the Council's and partners commercial position. The exempt information is contained in the Exempt Appendix. The version of the OBC in the Exempt Appendix is subject to amendment at the Freeport Board on 2 September, ahead of submission to Government by 10 September 2021.

#### **What is a Freeport?**

4. Within Freeports, trade is facilitated by reducing the direct and administrative costs of trading goods with the rest of the world. Goods entering a Freeport zone are not subject to typical import procedures. The goods can be processed and re-exported from the zone without being considered to have entered the host country. Import duties and procedures are only borne at the moment that goods enter into the domestic economy.
5. In the UK, Freeports are a flagship government programme that are expected to play an essential part in the UK's post-Covid economic recovery and contribute to realising the levelling up agenda, bringing jobs, investment and prosperity across the four nations of the UK through benefits and incentives. The report to the January 2021 Policy Committee (listed as a background document to this report) set out in some detail what Freeports are and how they work in terms of their purpose and incentives. In addition, the January report set out how Government will offer financial support to successful Freeports, particularly in respect of the costs of infrastructure, planning and attracting inward investment.

6. In summary, the objectives of the Government's Freeports Policy are to create national hubs for global trade and investment across the UK, promote regeneration and job creation, and to create a hotbed of innovation. Set in the context of these objectives, securing a Freeport could bring significant benefits to Nottinghamshire, particularly when combined with the newly established East Midlands Development Corporation, of which the County Council is part owner.

### **Progress with the East Midlands Freeport Bid Since January 2021**

7. The Freeport bid is centred on East Midlands Airport as the port of entry, with two additional key sites, at the Ratcliffe on Soar power station site in Rushcliffe, Nottinghamshire and at the East Midlands Intermodal Park site in South Derbyshire.
8. Following the announcements in March 2021, the Government produced guidance for each Freeport partnership. That guidance included a requirement that a lead local Council was identified to lead the development of the OBC. Leicestershire County Council provide that function for the Freeport given the port of entry is in Leicestershire. Under their leadership, progress has been made including:
  - a. The confirmation of interim Governance for the Freeport Board – the County Council is represented by the Leader.
  - b. The appointment of an independent Chair (Penny Coates), who has an extensive background in the commercial sector, including in the aviation industry.
  - c. The appointment of external specialist support. Leicestershire County Council has provided their own resources as match funding to resources provided by Government and have procured Ernst Young (EY) to provide consultancy support to develop the OBC.
  - d. The appointment of an interim Programme Director (David Leighton) to provide programme management support, David has a background in the commercial sector, including in port industries.
  - e. Creation of a work programme with 9 working groups focusing on a wide range of components required to complete the OBC, including Operating Model, Tax and Customs, Skills, Infrastructure, Risk Management.
9. At the time of publication of this report, the final version of the OBC was not available. The final draft of the OBC will be circulated separately to members of Policy Committee, on 27 August 2021.

### **County Council Support for the Freeport**

10. The January report to Policy Committee set out in detail the key considerations for the County Council, specifically, infrastructure requirements and impact on road and rail networks, planning requirements, financial implications (including the use of business rates) and economic benefits.
11. The Outline Business Case addresses these matters through the means of a Treasury five case model. There are separate cases for the strategic, economic, financial, commercial and management aspects of the OBC. Officers leading the work on the Freeport bid have been sighted on the key developments within the OBC as they have emerged and are satisfied that subject to the final version being reviewed, the proposals deal with the Council's key considerations sufficiently at this stage. The OBC does not commit the Council to expenditure at this stage and the risks in respect of the Council's key considerations are either dealt with in the OBC or will be the subject of further detailed work in the FBC. The Council is properly

represented in the working groups and at the Freeport Board so this report recommends that Policy Committee gives support, in principle for the OBC by endorsing its content and submission and receives a separate report to consider the FBC. Assuming the FBC is submitted on 12 November 2021, it may be necessary to bring forward the December meeting of Policy Committee to accommodate that timetable. That decision can be made when the Government provides feedback on the OBC.

12. The Outline Business Case provides proposals on future governance. The proposed model is based on a non-constituted partnership body that is unincorporated. It is proposed that Leicestershire County Council will continue to play the role of lead authority and support the Freeport Board. The County Council will not cede any power or responsibility to the Freeport Board as it is currently proposed and will retain sovereignty over relevant powers. The Leader of the Council will continue as the Council's representative at the Freeport Board.
13. In January 2021, the County Council gave in principle support for the Freeport EOI. At that point the County Council reserved its position on the final proposition until such point that the Full Business Case is complete, this continues to be the case and our support remains non-binding.

### **Other Options Considered**

14. To not support the Outline Business Case submission, but this would prevent the benefits and opportunities outlined in the report from being achieved and utilised; the freeport will fail a key criteria in the Government assessment without ongoing support of key local authorities.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

15. The reasons cited in the January 2021 report remain. In addition, now the Freeport has proceeded to the OBC stage, it is important that partners reaffirm support for the bid. In the case of the County Council, there are clear synergies between the Freeport and the work the Council leads on the East Midlands Development Corporation, HS2, STEP and its wider economic development and Covid recovery ambitions.

### **Statutory and Policy Implications**

16. 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. The Council will continue to seek appropriate advice as each stage of the Freeport proposals emerge and will undertake any consultation as may be necessary and relevant to the stage and the issues involved.

### **Financial Implications**

17. There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report. There is no financial contribution of resources required at this stage. If the OBC is successful, the County Council will work closely with local partners to develop the FBC. During that process, the County Council will have a role in shaping the financial and commercial case for the Freeport. It will then be a matter for a future Committee to consider the FBC, including any financial implications.

## **Implications for Sustainability and the Environment**

18. Core components of the East Midlands Development Corporation and Freeport bids are focused on enhancing natural capital, environmental sustainability and our journey to a zero carbon future. The proposition at Ratcliffe on Soar includes the 'ZERO' facility, bringing research, innovation and enterprise together with industry and investors on one site to accelerate the design and delivery of new zero carbon technologies and manufacturing. Similarly, the proposals at EM Intermodal Park and the Airport sites in the Freeport bid will include low carbon industries.

## **Public Sector Equality Duty implications**

19. The Freeport policy is clearly targeted at 'levelling up' and improving employment, productivity and prosperity outcomes in poorer performing regions of the UK. Given the impact of COVID19 on the economy, it is more important than ever that the region has an economic plan and programmes of activity such as the Development Corporation and the Freeport which would accelerate the creation of new higher value jobs, and provide access to skills and training so that local people can benefit from these new opportunities.

20. A key element of the emerging bid is a logic model that sets out how people across the region will benefit from the new jobs and prosperity and how any negative displacement effects will be mitigated and prevented.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that Policy Committee:

- 1) Endorses the current draft of the East Midlands Freeport Outline Business Case, which is an Exempt Appendix to the report.
- 2) Subject to due consideration of the final draft, delegates authority to the Corporate Director Place, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to endorse the Outline Business Case, ahead of submission to Government by 10 September 2021.
- 3) Agrees to receive a further report to consider the Full Business Case and any implications for the County Council, should the bid be taken forward by Government.

**COUNCILLOR BEN BRADLEY MP**  
**Leader of the Council**

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0115 977 3680**

## **Constitutional Comments (HD – 24/8/2021)**

21. The decision falls within the delegation to Policy Committee. At this stage, the report confirms that the endorsement of the OBC is an important facet of the bid proceeding to the next stage but is ultimately non-binding on the Council. The impacts of a Freeport proposition will require more detailed consideration at the stage of submission of a full business case, should the initial proposition bid be successful. Currently it is understood that impacts may include changes to business rates and business rate retention arrangements within a Freeport area. If a separate legal entity is established for the Freeport then consideration of what that means for the Council will also be required at the FBC stage. Consideration will

also have to be given to any impacts on the Council's statutory roles and responsibilities. In the meantime, the Council's statutory functions in respect of planning, highways, economic development and transportation remain unaffected and the submission of the bid will not fetter the Council's discretion in exercising those functions in accordance with legislation, policy and guidance at a national and local level although if a Freeport is created such impacts may arise at that stage.

## **Financial Comments (KRP 24/8/21)**

22. As set out in the report, there are no direct financial implications at this stage. There are potential financial implications arising from Business Rates decisions and any interaction with the Development Corporation proposals. The financial implications of these and of the full business case will be included in the future report to Policy Committee.

## **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.

- Freeport Bidding Prospectus
  - a. [https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/935493/Freeports\\_Bidding\\_Prospectus\\_web\\_final.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/935493/Freeports_Bidding_Prospectus_web_final.pdf)

## **Electoral Divisions and Members affected**

- All





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

### **DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNCIL PLAN AND PARTNER ENGAGEMENT**

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

1. To enable Committee to consider the emerging vision and priorities for the Council Plan and to seek Committee's approval to engage with partners on these priorities in the early autumn.

#### **Information**

2. As reported to this Committee in June 2021, the County Council is in the process of developing a new Council Plan. Through the Council Plan, the County Council will set out a long-term strategic vision for Nottinghamshire, and identify priority actions over the next four years, which will support Nottinghamshire's communities to recover from the socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and will enable the authority to deliver services in a responsive, efficient, financially sustainable and forward looking way.
3. The County Council's engagement with communities, [The Big Notts Survey](#), is underway and will remain open until 19 September 2021. This survey will enable the County Council to understand from communities what they consider to be the key challenges and opportunities as we recover from the pandemic as well as what changes they would like to see for future generations. Alongside the residents' survey, two other versions of the survey have been developed to specifically target young people and businesses. Feedback from these will help ensure that the actions prioritised in the Council Plan, are those that will work towards delivering the future for Nottinghamshire that residents want.
4. As of 23 August, there have been a total of 6,136 responses to the survey across its varying forms. This represents a strong appetite among residents to share their views on Nottinghamshire's future, with it expected that this strong response will continue in the weeks ahead, prior to the survey's closure.
5. In parallel to this engagement activity the County Council has been working to articulate those broad themes that will build resilience in our communities into the future, as we build back from the impacts of COVID-19. For communities to be strong and sustainable long-term, people must enjoy good health and supportive communities, a prosperous economy that enables a good standard of living, and all this must be achieved in a way that protects our environment and natural resources for future generations. Sustainable communities must also be inclusive and ensure that everyone enjoys the best that Nottinghamshire has to offer, with no-one left behind.
6. This is a broad vision for Nottinghamshire, that cannot be delivered by the County Council alone and will be influenced by the wide range of public, private and voluntary sector organisations working in Nottinghamshire as well as communities themselves. Alongside our

resident engagement, in the early autumn the County Council will seek to engage with partners to consider this vision and the emerging Council Plan priorities and how they reflect the outcomes we want to deliver jointly to the benefit of our residents and communities. It is intended that this engagement be conducted online, as well as through existing partner networks and meetings.

7. The County Council is also continuing to monitor the socio-economic impact of COVID-19 on our communities to ensure the Council directs its resources towards those activities that will make the most difference to residents and businesses and secure a strong recovery.
8. The table below outlines those emerging key outcomes that working with our partners the County Council would want to see for Nottinghamshire communities.

A healthy, prosperous and greener Nottinghamshire for everyone	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. People are healthier and live independent lives for longer</li> <li>2. People have the education and skills they need to get good local jobs</li> <li>3. Communities and families are resilient and well-supported</li> <li>4. Our children, vulnerable adults and communities are kept safe</li> <li>5. Nottinghamshire businesses are stronger with more high-quality jobs</li> <li>6. Nottinghamshire attracts investment in the economy, infrastructure and green growth</li> <li>7. Nottinghamshire is a vibrant and attractive County</li> <li>8. Nottinghamshire protects its environment and reduces its carbon footprint</li> <li>9. Nottinghamshire enjoys improved transport and connectivity</li> </ol>
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9. The vision and outcomes will be tested against the feedback received from communities through The Big Notts Survey, partner engagement and our ongoing monitoring of the socio-economic impact of COVID-19. The County Council's approach will then be refined to target those activities that will bring the most benefit to Nottinghamshire's residents and businesses.

### Other Options Considered

10. It is important that the Council engages with all stakeholders on the development of the Council Plan, to ensure the plan addresses key issue for Nottinghamshire. No other options have been considered.

### Reason for Recommendations

11. To enable the County Council to consider the emerging Council Plan vision and priorities with partners in the early autumn.

### Statutory and Policy Implications

12. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty,

safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATION/S**

It is recommended that Policy Committee:

- 1) Considers the emerging Council Plan vision and outcomes as set out in paragraph 8.
- 2) Agrees that an engagement exercise be undertaken with partners in the early autumn, which alongside The Big Notts Survey will inform the priorities in the Council Plan.

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

**For any enquiries about this report please contact:** Derek Higton, Service Director, Chief Executives Department, Tel: 0115 9773498

### **Constitutional Comments [SG 17/08/2021]**

13. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of the Policy Committee.

### **Financial Comments [RWK 10/08/2021]**

14. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from 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.

- 'The Council Plan and Resident and Stakeholder Engagement', Policy Committee, June 2021

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

- All



**REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL****COUNTY COUNCILS NETWORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of the report is to seek approval for relevant Member and officer attendance at the County Councils Network (CCN) Annual Conference to be held in Marlow, Buckinghamshire between 21-23 November 2021.

**Information and Advice**

2. This Committee's terms of reference include approving councillors' attendance at relevant conferences for which fees are payable. It is proposed that approval be given for the Leader, Deputy Leader and Leader of the Main Minority Group to attend the annual CCN Conference, along with one chief officer.
3. The conference is organised by the CCN which is a cross-party special interest group of the Local Government Association which speaks, develops policy and shares best practice for the 'County family' of local authorities. The benefits of attending the Conference are that it is a key forum for county councils and county unitary authorities to share good practice and to hear from Government Ministers and sector leaders. The event will be held in line with relevant Government COVID-19 regulations
4. As one of the first major public sector conferences since the start of the pandemic, this will be a high-profile event with engaging speakers, discussing the main issues facing local government, including levelling up, county devolution, social care reform and the Spending Review. Confirmed speakers include:
  - Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Rt.Hon. Robert Jenrick, MP
  - Shadow Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, Steve Reed MP
  - Chair of the Health and Social Care Select Committee, Rt.Hon. Jeremy Hunt MP
  - Former Health Secretary and former Social Mobility Commission Chair, Rt.Hon. Alan Milburn
  - The government Levelling Up Advisor, Neil O'Brien MP
  - Chair of the Independent Review of Children's Social Care, Josh MacAlister
  - UK100 Chief Executive, Polly Billington

## **Other Options Considered**

5. None.

## **Reason/s for Recommendation/s**

6. It is recommended that approval is given for attendance at the conference so that the County Council's representatives can continue to share best practice and network with colleagues, MPs and other partners in related fields.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

7. 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**

8. The costs of the event for 2021 are £780 plus VAT per delegate, including accommodation at the venue (there will also be costs relating to travel to and from the event). Full refunds will be provided should the event be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
9. The costs of conference attendance, accommodation and travel for the Leader, Deputy Leader and Leader of the Main Minority Group will be met from the budget for Members' Conferences for which there is an allocation of £6,000 in 2021/22.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That approval be given for the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, the Leader of the Main Minority Group and one Chief Officer to attend the County Councils Network's Annual Conference in Marlow, Buckinghamshire from 21-23 November 2021, together with any necessary travel and accommodation arrangements.

**COUNCILLOR BEN BRADLEY MP**  
**LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

**For any enquiries about this report please contact Keith Ford, Team Manager, Democratic Services, Tel 0115 9772590**

## **Constitutional Comments (SG – 6/8/21)**

10. This decision falls within the Terms of Reference of Policy Committee

## **Financial Comments (RWK 10/08/2021)**

11. The cost of 3 Members attending the CCN Annual Conference is estimated at around £2,340 plus travel costs. These costs can be met from the budget for Members' Conferences for which there is an allocation of £6,000 in 2021/22 revenue budget.

## **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.

- CCN Annual Conference Website page - [Conference - County Councils Network](#)

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All





**REPORT OF THE RULING GROUP BUSINESS MANAGER****OUTSIDE BODIES REGISTER UPDATE REPORT****Purpose of the Report**

1. To agree the removal of organisations from the Outside Bodies Register and to note the updated Register.

**Information**

2. At its meeting of 22 May 2019, Policy Committee agreed the findings of the Governance and Ethics Committee's Review of the Outside Bodies Register, including a new process for dealing with changes to the Register.
3. The review outcomes included agreement that update reports be submitted to Policy Committee on a six-monthly basis rather than individual changes being reported on an ad hoc basis. This is the latest of these update reports.
4. The review divided the Register into the following categories of outside bodies:
  - a. Category A – organisations which have been established or are owned /partly owned by the Council
  - b. Category B – local or national organisations that are linked to the strategic focus of the Council
  - c. Category C – local community groups, charities and partnerships whose primary focus is on local community issues.

**Addition of Outside Bodies to the Register**

5. Under the revised approach, the Team Manager – Democratic Services has delegated authority to add Category B bodies to the register, subject to endorsement by Policy Committee. Following Policy Committee's agreement to the submission of a Freeport Proposal for the East Midlands on 13 January 2021, the East Midlands Freeport Board has been added to the Outside Bodies Register by the Team Manager – Democratic Services (subject to endorsement by Policy Committee).
6. In approving the Transforming Cities Fund – Scheme Update and Funding Agreements report on 10 February 2021, Policy Committee agreed to add the Transforming Cities Programme Steering Board to the Register and to make an appointment. The Board and the appointment of Councillor Keith Girling is now also included in the Register.

7. Policy Committee retains authority to approve the addition of Category A and C bodies – no such bodies have been proposed for inclusion during this latest period.

### **Removal of Outside Bodies from the Register**

8. Policy Committee approval is needed for the removal of any outside bodies from the Register. Following correspondence during this period, it is recommended that the following organisations, as listed in Appendix A, be removed from the Register:
  - a. East Midlands Councils Lead Member Network – East Midlands Councils has informed the Council that this particular group is no longer running and therefore a representative is no longer required.
  - b. Mansfield and Ashfield Economic Development Partnership – the Council was informed in March 2021 that this Partnership no longer exists.
  - c. Marketing Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Limited – the Council no longer plays an active part in this organisation. In line with the planned approach of working more closely with Nottingham City Council and the various District and Borough Councils on this agenda, the intention is to cease the Council's existing arrangement, pending the outcome of this work.
  - d. Nottinghamshire Skills and Employment Board – the Council was informed in March 2021 that this Board no longer exists.
9. The proposed updated Register is attached at Appendix B for information.
10. The appointments listed within the Register have been agreed by the Ruling Group Business Manager, in consultation with the Group Business Manager of the Main Minority Group where appropriate, in line with the usual practice.

### **Information on the work of outside bodies**

11. Policy Committee continues to receive regular updates in relation to the work of those outside bodies in the Register that are pertinent to the work of the Committee – for example East Midlands Councils.

### **Other Options Considered**

12. None – the Committee receives updated versions of the Register in line with the new approach agreed through the Outside Bodies Review of May 2019.

### **Reasons for Recommendations**

13. Updates are provided to the Committee for Members' information, and approval where necessary.

## **Statutory and Policy Implications**

14. 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**

- 1) That the organisations listed in Appendix A be removed from the Outside Bodies Register for the reasons outlined in the report.
- 2) That the addition of the East Midlands Freeport Board to the Register be endorsed.
- 3) That the updated Register as detailed in Appendix B be noted.

**Councillor Chris Barnfather**  
**Ruling Group Business Manager**

**For any enquiries about this report please contact:** Keith Ford, Team Manager, Democratic Services, Tel: 0115 9772590

### **Constitutional Comments (KK 4/8/21)**

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

### **Financial Comments (RWK 10/08/2021)**

10. 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.

- Supporting a Bid for an East Midlands Freeport – report to Policy Committee 13 January 2021 (previously published).

### **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All



## Outside Bodies to be removed from the Register

<b>Cat</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Previous Appointees</b>	<b>Relevant Committee for Reporting To</b>
B	East Midlands Lead Member Network: Adult Social Care and Health & Wellbeing	Cllr Tony Harper Cllr Francis Purdue-Horan	Adult Social Care & Public Health
B	Mansfield & Ashfield Economic Development Partnership	Cllr Keith Girling	Economic Development and Asset Management
A	Marketing Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Ltd	<b>VACANT</b>	Policy
B	Nottinghamshire Skills & Employment Board	Cllr Neil Clarke MBE	Personnel



### Outside Bodies Register

Cat	Organisation	Appointees	Relevant Committee for Reporting Purposes
A	Arc Partnership	Cllr Reg Adair Officer - Derek Higton	Economic Development and Asset Management
C	Arnold Old People's Welfare Committee	Cllr Pauline Allan	Communities
C	Brunts Charity	Cllr Stephen Garner	Children and Young People's
C	Chesterfield Canal Partnership	Cllr Sybil Fielding Officer - Heather Stokes	Communities
C	Clayworth Education Foundation	Cllr Tracey Taylor	Children and Young People's
B	County Councils Network (CCN)	Cllr Ben Bradley MP Cllr Bruce Laughton Cllr Chris Barnfather Cllr Kate Foale	Policy
B	Creswell Heritage Trust	Cllr John Cottee	Communities
B	D2N2 European Structural Investment Fund (ESIF) Sub Committee	Cllr Keith Girling	Economic Development and Asset Management
B	D2N2 Investment Board	Cllr Keith Girling	Economic Development and Asset Management
B	D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership	Cllr Keith Girling	Economic Development and Asset Management
C	Diana Eyre's Educational Foundation	Cllr John Ogle	Children and Young People's
C	Doncaster Sheffield Airport Consultative Committee	Cllr Nigel Turner	Transport and Environment
C	East Midlands Airport Independent Consultative Committee	Cllr Matt Barney Cllr Reg Adair (sub)	Transport and Environment
B	East Midlands Councils	Cllr Ben Bradley MP 'added place' given to: Cllr Bruce Laughton Cllr Tracey Taylor Cllr Kate Foale Cllr Mike Pringle	Policy
B	East Midlands Councils Employers' Board	Cllr Kate Foale	Policy
B	East Midlands Councils Executive Board	Cllr Ben Bradley MP	Policy
B	East Midlands Councils Regional Migration Board	Cllr Tracey Taylor	Policy

## Appendix B

Cat	Organisation	Appointees	Relevant Committee for Reporting Purposes
B	East Midlands Freeport Board	Cllr Ben Bradley MP	Policy
B	EM Devco Limited (Oversight Authority)	Cllr Ben Bradley MP	Policy
C	Faith Clerkson Trust	Cllr Stephen Garner	Communities
C	Focus on Young People in Bassetlaw	Cllr Callum Bailey	Children and Young People's
A	Futures Advice, Skills and Employment Ltd	Cllr Boyd Elliott Cllr Sinead Anderson Officer TBC	Children & Young People's
C	Grantham Canal Partnership	Cllr Jonathan Wheeler	Communities
B	Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board	Cllr Richard Jackson Cllr Neil Clarke MBE	Transport and Environment
A	Greater Nottingham Light Rapid Transit Ltd	Cllr Neil Clarke Cllr Eric Kerry Cllr Gordon Wheeler	Transport and Environment
C	Greenwood Community Forest Partnership	Cllr Tom Smith	Communities
C	Groundwork Greater Nottingham  * A review of this organisation's inclusion in the Register is pending until the Council receives confirmation of the outcome of the Trust's proposals to restructure (subject to approval by the Charity Commission).	Cllr Jim Creamer*	Communities
C	Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield  * A review of this organisation's inclusion in the Register is pending until the Council receives confirmation of the outcome of the Trust's proposals to restructure (subject to approval by the Charity Commission).	Cllr Jim Creamer*	Communities
A	Holme Pierrepont Leisure Trust	Cllr John Cottee sub: Cllr Tom Smith	Communities
B	HS2 East Midlands Strategic Growth Board	Cllr Ben Bradley MP Cllr Bruce Laughton	Policy
B	HS2 Skills and Supply Chain Board	Cllr Keith Girling	Economic Development and Asset Management



## Appendix B

<b>Cat</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Appointees</b>	<b>Relevant Committee for Reporting Purposes</b>
A	Inspire	Cllr John Cottee Cllr Glynn Gilfoyle	Communities
C	Lamb's Charity	Cllr Sam Smith	Children and Young People's
C	Lilley & Stone Charity Trust	Cllr Sam Smith Cllr Keith Girling	Children and Young People's
B	Local Authorities Energy Partnership (LAEP)	Cllr Mike Adams	Transport and Environment
B	Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF)	Cllr Eric Kerry Officer - Nigel Stevenson	Nottinghamshire Pension Fund Committee
B	Local Government Association (LGA) General Assembly	Cllr Ben Bradley MP Cllr Bruce Laughton Cllr Kate Foale Officer - Anthony May	Policy
B	Local Government Flood Forum	Cllr Roger Jackson Officer - Sue Jaques	Transport and Environment
B	Lowland Derbyshire & Nottinghamshire Local Nature Partnership	Cllr John Cottee	Communities
C	Manor Park Residents Association Limited	Cllr Reg Adair	Planning and Rights of Way
C	Mansfield BID	Cllr Keith Girling	Economic Development and Asset Management
C	Mansfield Educational Foundation	Cllr Sinead Anderson Cllr Bethan Eddy	Children and Young People's
C	Mansfield Woodhouse Community Development Group (Executive Forum)	Cllr Ben Bradley MP	Communities
B	Midlands Engine Development Corporation Alchemy Board	Cllr Ben Bradley MP Officer - Anthony May (Chair)	Policy
C	Municipal General Charity	Cllr Sam Smith	Communities
C	Norwell Educational Foundation	Cllr Bruce Laughton	Children and Young People's
C	Nottinghamshire Building Preservation Trust	Cllr Richard Butler	Planning and Rights of Way
C	Nottinghamshire Clubs for Young People	Cllr John Lee	Children and Young People's
B	Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr Dr John Doddy	Health and Wellbeing Board

## Appendix B

<b>Cat</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Appointees</b>	<b>Relevant Committee for Reporting Purposes</b>
B	Nottinghamshire Local Access Forum	Cllr Richard Butler Cllr Sybil Fielding Cllr Jim Creamer	Planning and Rights of Way
B	Nottinghamshire Roosevelt Travelling Scholarship	Cllr Mike Quigley MBE	Communities
C	Nottinghamshire Young Farmers Clubs	Cllr Roger Jackson	Children and Young People's
C	Platt Lane Management Committee	Cllr John Cottee	Communities
C	Portland College	Cllr Samantha Deakin	Children and Young People's
C	Queen Elizabeth's Endowed School Trust	Cllr Stephen Garner Cllr Sinead Anderson Cllr Andre Camilleri *Hon Ald John Carter *Hon Ald Terry Butler	Children and Young People's
C	Rural Community Action Nottinghamshire (RCAN)	Cllr Jim Creamer	Communities
B	Rural Services Network	Cllr Bruce Laughton	Communities
B	SACRE (Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education)	Cllr Boyd Elliott Cllr Tracey Taylor Cllr Richard Butler	Children and Young People's
B	Safer Nottinghamshire Board	Cllr Tom Smith	Communities
A	Scape Group Ltd	Cllr Reg Adair Cllr Richard Jackson Sub: Cllr Roger Jackson Sub: Cllr Keith Girling	Economic Development and Asset Management
B	Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	Cllr Dr John Doddy	Health and Wellbeing Board
B	Sustainable Urban Development Strategic Advisory Committee	Cllr Reg Adair	Economic Development and Asset Management
C	The Crossing SEC Ltd	Cllr Nigel Turner Sub: Cllr Callum Bailey	Communities
C	The Magnus Educational Foundation	Cllr Sam Smith	Children and Young People's
B	Transforming Cities Programme Steering Board	Cllr Keith Girling	Economic Development and Asset Management
B	Transport for the East Midlands (TfEM) Board	Cllr Neil Clarke MBE	Transport and Environment

## Appendix B

<b>Cat</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Appointees</b>	<b>Relevant Committee for Reporting Purposes</b>
B	Transport for the North (TfN) Board	Cllr John Ogle	Transport and Environment
B	Trent Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	Cllr Roger Jackson	Transport and Environment
A	Via EM	Cllr Reg Adair Cllr Richard Jackson Officer - Derek Higton Officer - Keith Palframan	Economic Development and Asset Management
B	Waste Partnering Agreement Board (Joint Waste Management Committee)	Cllr Mike Adams	Transport and Environment



**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, CUSTOMERS, GOVERNANCE AND  
EMPLOYEES****WORK PROGRAMME****Purpose of the Report**

1. To review the Committee's work programme for 2021-22.

**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 includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.

**Other Options Considered**

4. None.

**Reason for Recommendation**

5. To assist the Committee in preparing and managing its work programme.

**Statutory and Policy Implications**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

That the Committee considers whether any amendments are required to the Work Programme.

**Marjorie Toward**

**Service Director, Customers, Governance and Employees**

**For any enquiries about this report please contact:** Keith Ford, Team Manager, Democratic Services, Tel: 0115 9772590

### **Constitutional Comments (EH)**

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

### **Financial Comments (NS)**

8. 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

## **POLICY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME (AS AT 24 AUGUST 2021)**

<b><u>Report Title</u></b>	<b><u>Brief summary of agenda item</u></b>	<b><u>Lead Officer</u></b>	<b><u>Report Author</u></b>
<b>14 October 2021</b>			
Council Plan	To consider the outcomes of the Public Engagement exercise agreed by Policy Committee in June 2021.	Anthony May	Derek Higton / Katrina Crookdake
Fair Access Protocol	To agree a revised version of the Council's Fair Access Protocol, to reflect the requirements included in the new Admissions Code published by the Department for Education on 13 July 2021.	Colin Pettigrew	Sarah Whitby
Gamston Highways Depot	To seek approval to proceed with the redevelopment of Gamston Highways Depot.	Adrian Smith	Gary Wood / Chris Wood
<b>2 December 2021 – DATE TO BE CONFIRMED</b>			
Working with Nottinghamshire's Universities	To update on the Council's work with Nottingham Trent University and University of Nottingham.	Anthony May	Derek Higton / Katrina Crookdake
Highways Review Working Group Update	To share the initial outcomes from this working group.	Adrian Smith	Derek Higton
Economic Prosperity Committee Update	To feedback from the Economic Prosperity Committee, including around the issue of devolution.	Adrian Smith	Matt Neal
<b>13 January 2022</b>			
Use of Urgency Procedures	Six Monthly Update report on the use of the Council's procedures for taking urgent decisions in the period July-December 2021.	Marjorie Toward	Keith Ford
<b>10 February 2022</b>			
<b>24 March 2022</b>			
Outside Bodies Register - Update Report –	To notify Committee, on a six monthly basis, of any changes to the Council's Outside Bodies Register and to seek approvals where appropriate.	Marjorie Toward	Keith Ford

