



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

### **ENGAGING ON THE COUNCIL PLAN (2017-2021) WITH PARTNERS**

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

1. To seek approval for a programme of engagement to embed the understanding and awareness of the 'Your Nottinghamshire, Your Future' Council Plan with key partners.

#### **Information and Advice**

2. At County Council on 13 July 2017 Elected Members approved 'Your Nottinghamshire, Your Future'- the County Council's strategic plan for 2017-2021.
3. The purpose of 'Your Nottinghamshire, Your Future' is to set out the Council's vision, commitments and approach, and communicate this to the public.
4. 'Your Nottinghamshire, Your Future' is an ambitious plan which aims to raise the profile of the County. It is focused on the future of Nottinghamshire as a prosperous place where people want to live, work, visit and invest.
5. The Plan is structured around four vision statements:
  - A great place to bring up your **family**
  - A great place to fulfil your **ambition**
  - A great place to enjoy your **later life**
  - A great place to start and grow your **business**
6. These four vision statements are supported by 12 commitments each of which is underpinned by success factors. Progress against these success factors will be measured by a number of performance indicators.
7. The Plan also outlines the administration's key principles for achieving these ambitions. These are to:
  - Put local people at the heart of everything we do
  - Spend money wisely
  - Be creative and work in new ways
  - Stand up for local people
  - Empower people and support their independence.

8. In supporting the delivery of these objectives, this report sets out an approach for how the Council Plan could be communicated with key partners in a way that will bring it to life and explain what it means for the people of Nottinghamshire.
9. Work is also underway to develop plans for engagement with other audiences including Elected Members, employees and the public. These plans will be reported separately as necessary.

## **Partner Engagement**

10. As part of our regular business, we have already had meetings with district councils and other partners about the new Council Plan. Over and above this, we need to engage with two other key partners. These are parish and town councils and the business community.
11. This report recommends that two events are organised during December and January to meet with representatives from these groups to:
  - Provide feedback on our plans and priorities for the future
  - Initiate a process of on-going engagement and dialogue
  - Feed partner views into our strategic planning process and the implementation of our Place Department strategy.
12. A detailed programme is currently under development, with each event being led by the Leader of the Council with support from the Chief Executive.
13. Both events will be at minimal cost to the Council, with external sponsorship being sought to contribute to the cost of hospitality for the business event. Any costs funded by the County Council will be met from within existing revenue budget provision.

## **Other Options Considered**

14. The Council could decide not to pursue these events, however partner engagement is important in contributing to the outcomes of the Council's new 4-year plan and underpinning principles.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

15. To raise awareness of the 'Your Nottinghamshire, Your Future' Council Plan with key partners.

## **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. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

It is recommended that:

- 1) Policy Committee approves the programme of engagement on the Council Plan with key partners as outlined in the report.

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**Leader of the Council**

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### **Constitutional Comments (SLB 02/11/2017)**

Policy Committee is the appropriate body to consider the content of this report.

### **Financial Comments (RWK 02/11/2017)**

The financial implications are set out in paragraph 13 of the report.

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### **Human Resources Implications**

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

All

