

Policy Committee

Wednesday, 21 April 2021 at 10:30

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- (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:-

- (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 Jo Toomey (Tel. 0115 977 4506) 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 Wednesday 17 March 2021 (commencing at 10.30 am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Mrs Kay Cutts MBE (Chairman)
Reg Adair (Vice-Chairman)

Chris Barnfather
Richard Butler
John Cottee
Kate Foale
Stephen Garner
Glynn Gilfoyle - **A**
Tony Harper
Richard Jackson
John Knight

Bruce Laughton
Rachel Madden
David Martin
Philip Owen
John Peck JP
Mike Pringle
Alan Rhodes
Muriel Weisz

SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

Councillor Kevin Greaves substituted for Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle.

OTHER MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Councillor Neil Clarke
Councillor Liz Plant
Councillor Sybil Fielding

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May	Chief Executive's Department
Marjorie Toward	
Nigel Stevenson	
Angie Dilley	
James Silverward	
Jo Toomey	

Colin Pettigrew	Children & Families Department
Steve Edwards	
Karen Hughman	
Mike Sharpe	

Adrian Smith
Neil Gamble
Matthew Neal
Andy Evans

Place Department

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Stuart Young

Executive Director, East Midlands Councils

1 MINUTES

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 10 February 2021, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle (other reasons) was substituted by Councillor Kevin Greaves.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS.

No interests were disclosed.

4 UPDATE ON THE WORK OF EAST MIDLANDS COUNCILS

Stuart Young, Executive Director, East Midlands Councils, attended the meeting to provide the latest update on the work of his organisation and respond to Members' queries and comments.

RESOLVED: 2021/022

- 1) That no further actions were required as a result of the report.
- 2) That a further update be provided to a future meeting.

5 EAST MIDLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – UPDATE ON SETTING UP THE INTERIM VEHICLE (EM DEVCO LTD) AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CORE TEAM STRUCTURE AND ASSOCIATED POSTS

RESOLVED: 2021/023

- 1) That the establishment of the 6.5 FTE core team posts as part of the Place Department (detailed in paragraphs 12-13 and Appendix 2 of the report) be approved, subject to appropriate legal agreements being put in place.
- 2) That authority be delegated to the Service Director Customers, Governance and Employees in consultation with the Group Manager, Legal and Democratic

Services, to negotiate and finalise the legal agreements required to give effect to the secondment and support service arrangements.

6 DELIVERING MAJOR PROGRAMMES OF WORK AND BIDS FOR FUNDING – PLACE DEPARTMENT

RESOLVED: 2021/024

- 1) That up to a maximum of £430,000 be approved to support the delivery of major projects for the period 1 April 2021 to 30 September 2021.
- 2) That a request be submitted to the Finance and Major Contracts Management Committee for an allocation of up to £430,000 from contingency to fund the costs of major projects during this period.

7 A ZERO CARBON ENERGY FUTURE FOR THE UK: POTENTIAL SITES IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FOR ENERGY PRODUCTION

RESOLVED: 2021/025

- 1) That the proposal for the Council to act as the nominating body for submission of STEP Site Nomination Forms to the UKAEA promoting sites within Nottinghamshire be endorsed.
- 2) Subject to the written agreement of relevant landowners to be included as a Site for Nomination and working in collaboration with other relevant stakeholders, that authority be delegated to the Corporate Director, Place, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to approve the final content of the STEP Site Nomination forms to be submitted by 31 March 2021.
- 3) That a further report should be brought to Committee to consider any implications for the County Council should the nominations be taken forward to the next stage for any site within Nottinghamshire by UKAEA and BEIS
- 4) That a funding requirement of up to £50,000 from the major programmes delivery work budget be set aside.

8 PROVISION OF A REPLACEMENT PRIMARY SCHOOL AND NEW SECONDARY SCHOOL, WEST BRIDGFORD AND EXPANSION OF RUSHCLIFFE SCHOOL

After the report had been introduced, Councillor Liz Plant was invited to talk to this item as the local Member.

RESOLVED: 2021/026

- 1) That the relocation of Lady Bay Primary School to a new campus at Site D Regatta Way, alongside a third Secondary School for West Bridgford be approved in principle subject to further survey and design works.

- 2) That a further report be brought back to Committee following completion of the survey and design work outlining progress to date and seeking further funding for the next design stages to enable the submission of a planning application.
- 3) That a further £500,000 be allocated to ensure the further design development of the new Secondary School, West Bridgford and Lady Bay Primary School.
- 4) That, subject to agreement with the Service Director, Investment and Growth around the final design and cost of the Rushcliffe School, approval be given for the Council to enter into a Grant Funding Agreement to provide an additional £480,000 to Spencer Academy Trust for the purposes of submitting a planning application.

9 PROPOSED LEASE OF NORTH WORKSOP CHILDREN'S CENTRE (RHODESIA SITE)

After the report had been introduced, Councillor Sybil Fielding was invited to talk to this item as the local Member.

RESOLVED: 2021/027

That the grant of a lease running to 31 January 2145 of the North Worksop Children's Centre to Nottingham and Southwell Diocese Multi Academy Trust (edged black on the plan attached to the report) be approved.

10 YOUTH VIOLENCE AND CHILD CRIMINAL EXPLOITATION

RESOLVED: 2021/028

- 1) That the proposal to extend 4 FTE Professional Range Youth Workers posts and 16 x 3 hours per week part time Youth Support Worker grade posts until July 2022, as detailed in the report, be approved.
- 2) That Committee be provided with a further update on developments in tackling Youth Violence and Child Criminal Exploitation in 12 months' time.

11 DISPOSAL OF BAILEY'S FIELD, NEWARK

RESOLVED: 2021/029

That the sale of the land known as Bailey's Field, off Barnby Road, Balderton, Newark, on terms detailed in the exempt appendix to this report, be approved.

12 WORK PROGRAMME

In response to a request from Members, officers agreed to give further consideration to including the following items on the work programme of the appropriate committee:

- Review of secondary education provision in the Hucknall area

- Review of any proposed infrastructure changes to the A611 Derby Road in Annesley

RESOLVED: 2021/030

That the Work Programme be updated as appropriate

13 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

RESOLVED: 2021/031

That the public be excluded for the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the discussions were 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 outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

**14 EAST MIDLANDS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – UPDATE ON
SETTING UP THE INTERIM VEHICLE (EM DEVCO LTD) AND THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CORE TEAM STRUCTURE AND ASSOCIATED
POSTS – EXEMPT APPENDIX**

RESOLVED: 2021/032

That the information contained in the exempt appendix be noted.

14 DISPOSAL OF BAILEY'S FIELD, NEWARK – EXEMPT APPENDIX

RESOLVED: 2021/033

That the information contained in the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting closed at 1.03 pm.

CHAIRMAN

21 April 2021**Agenda Item: 4****REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF THE COUNCIL****NOTTINGHAMSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL APPROACH TO THE PREVENTION
OF MODERN SLAVERY****Purpose of the report**

1. To provide members with an overview of the Council's Procurement and Contract Management approach confirming that all the Council's service providers, partners and suppliers comply with the Modern Slavery Act 2015.

Background

2. At the Full Council meeting on 15th October 2021, a motion was passed that resolved:

This Council abhors modern slavery and human trafficking and has taken an active role in raising awareness of these crimes - which are often hiding in plain sight - with members, officers, and partners. This Council welcomes measures undertaken by our Trading Standards, Contracts Management and Procurement departments to prevent Modern Slavery, but acknowledges the importance of remaining vigilant against such appalling crimes.

3. The motion therefore instructed the Chief Executive to undertake work confirming that all the Council's service providers, partners, and suppliers comply with the Council's values, and further requested that the Chief Executive brings a report to update members on this work to a future meeting of the Policy Committee. This report provides this update.

Information

4. The Modern Slavery Act is intended to enhance support and protection for victims, to provide law enforcement tools to target slave drivers, to ensure perpetrators can be severely punished, and includes provision to encourage businesses to undertake action to ensure their end-to-end supply chains are slavery free.
5. Section 54 of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 was brought into force on 29 October 2015 and requires employers to produce a Modern Slavery statement for financial years ending on or after 31 March 2016:
 - Details of the Council's structure, business and supply chains;
 - The policy in relation to slavery and human trafficking;
 - Due diligence processes in relation to slavery and human trafficking in business and supply chains;
 - Identification of the level of risk of slavery and human trafficking and

- how the identified risk will be managed;
- How performance is measured in ensuring that slavery and human trafficking are not taking place in our business or supply chains is measured;
- The training on slavery and human trafficking is available to employees

Our Approach

The Council's Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement

6. The Council publishes an annual [Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement](#) as part of its commitment to being a good employer and as an exemplar to other employers. The statement can be found on the intranet and internet and sets out Nottinghamshire County Council's actions to understand all potential modern slavery risks related to our services and businesses and to put in place steps that are aimed at ensuring that there is no slavery or human trafficking in our own services and businesses and our supply chains.

Staff Training

7. The Council has also required all staff working in supply chain management, Procurement and Human Resources professionals to have completed training on modern slavery awareness- the Modern-Day Slavery online training module is available to all staff within the authority through the 'My Learning, My Career' portal.

Procurement

8. Nottinghamshire County Council undertakes due diligence when considering taking on new suppliers. As part of every procurement process our Standard Selection Questionnaire, Section 7 focusses on supplier compliance with the annual reporting requirement as set out in the Modern Slavery Act 2015 and requests evidence. A recent example of this is through the detailed and comprehensive response submitted by The Reed Group which was awarded the Temporary Agency Worker contract in September 2020.
9. In addition, the Council has been doing considerable work to develop a corporate approach to contract management. A Contract Management Toolkit was launched in October 2020 which offers guidance and tools to contract managers on each stage of a contract's lifecycle. Modern Slavery due diligence is clearly identified in the Pre-Procurement checklist. Furthermore, dedicated HR and Procurement support is available to contract managers in areas where a service is deemed to be at a higher risk of Modern Slavery or Human Trafficking.

Contract Management

10. Regular reviews of existing supply chains and annual due diligence is the responsibility of the individual Contract Manager. The Council undertook an exercise in 2021 to seek assurance on the level of due diligence undertaken across different areas. This review also included the Council's companies namely Via, Arc and Inspire.
11. Responses were received from key service areas that are responsible for managing key contracts across the Council. This represents over 60% of our total annual contract value. The findings show many areas of good practice and awareness which include:
 - The Council's companies, partners and their supply chains provide the Council with an updated Modern Slavery annually at the request of the Contract Manager

- Comprehensive documentation in place outlining the referral process if there is an identification or concern of Modern Slavery.
 - Assurance to show that regular quality assurance visits/ checks are completed through which Modern Slavery may be identified.
12. The Council's Contract Managers could not identify any known issues surrounding human trafficking or modern slavery with their suppliers, or the supply chain; many voiced confidence in the Council's evaluation and selection process as a reliable underpinning to ensuring suppliers were compliant. Service areas across the Council demonstrated varied and tailored approaches to assuring themselves that their providers and their supply chains are compliant. These are outlined below:
13. Change, Grow, Live, a service within Public Health assure the Council that they have an online modern slavery statement as well as delivering presentations to staff which includes whistleblowing and referral process against modern slavery.
14. Adults services outlined that "we held provider forums where presentations were given to raise awareness to care homes and home care. We have also supported in sharing relevant documents and taking part in research.
15. The waste team has responsibility of contract managing one of our largest Private Finance Initiative (PFI) contracts with Veolia. The team are assured that Veolia have a modern slavery working group, updated their contracts to reflect modern slavery provisions and conduct regular audit of waste sites.
16. Some of the Council's Contract Managers were able to highlight current gaps in their area and made the Procurement Team aware of steps they are taking to address this. One Contract Manager informed us that they are in the process of recruiting a Service Manager, "One of the key tasks for this post will be to carry out regular supplier reviews and undertake the due diligence checks to satisfy ourselves that organisations we work with uphold expected standards in terms of HR policies, financial sustainability and ethics in line with what they have declared in their tenders."
17. It is evident that the Council's contract managers have knowledge of requirements regarding modern slavery. Although the processes are put in place to provide assurances, the response and approach to assurance is varied across departments. Therefore, it is proposed to undertake a series of actions to ensure consistency in the approach to assurance of the Council's modern slavery values. These will be led through the Contract Management Project Group.
18. The Contract Management Project Group Work has been newly established to lead the work on strengthening contract management within the Council and implementing the Contract Management Toolkit. The key aim will be to share best practice and embed a consistent approach to Modern Slavery. In addition, the areas this group will look at are:

Documentation

19. Identify where processes and documents can be appropriately used as a 'one size fits all' approach to establish a consistent approach across the Council for assurance. Procurement and Legal colleagues will also work together to ensure that any 'off the shelf' frameworks the Council uses include Terms and Conditions relating to Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking.

Communication

20. Ensuring the effective, appropriate and timely dissemination of new information and initiatives relating to modern slavery and human trafficking. The group will be a platform to share good practice, also highlighting any gaps or issues where there will be solution-based discussions. Members of the project group will work collectively to identify the best routes to share and embed new information across their areas e.g. News items, Team Talk, Training

Other Options Considered

21. As it is a legal requirement for the Council to comply with section 54 of The Modern Slavery Act 2015, there are no other options to consider.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Policy Committee:

- 1) Recognises work undertaken on the Council's good practice on modern slavery and contract management.
- 2) Supports the actions outlined in the report to develop a consistent approach to assurance against the Council's modern slavery values.
- 3) Considers any additional information members would like to receive.

Anthony May
Chief Executive of the Council

For any enquiries about this report please contact:
Kaj Ghattaora, Group Manager - Procurement

22. Constitutional Comments (KK 08/04/2021)

The proposals in this report are within the remit of the Policy Committee.

23. Financial Comments (SES 06/04/2021)

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

24. HR Comments (JP 06/04/2021)

There are no specific HR implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Links

- [Modern Slavery Act 2015](#)
- [Nottinghamshire County Council's Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2020](#)
- [Contract Management Toolkit](#)
- [The Reed Group- Anti Slavery and Human Trafficking Statement 2020](#)

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

THE UK COMMUNITY RENEWAL AND LEVELLING UP FUNDS

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide Members with an overview of two recently announced funding streams: the UK Community Renewal Fund (UKCRF) and the Levelling-Up Fund (LUF). The report sets out the expectations and proposes next steps.

Information

2. At the Budget on the 3rd March 2021, the Government announced two new funding streams that require the County Council to do the following;
 - manage the UKCRF process to deliver bids to Government;
 - develop a bid submission for a highways and transport scheme for the LUF; and
 - provide support for any highways and transport bids proposed by local District Councils for the LUF.
3. The published details for each fund are referenced under the Background Papers and the key features and considerations of each are set out in the following paragraphs.

The UK Community Renewal Fund

4. The UKCRF offers revenue investment in one or more of the following four themes:
 - Skills
 - Local business
 - Communities and place and,
 - Supporting people into employment.
5. Further details on the themes are included at Appendix A. Nationally, 100 priority places have been identified for investment, based on an index of economic resilience and in Nottinghamshire, that includes the Districts of Bassetlaw, Mansfield and Newark and Sherwood. A total of £3M per area is being made available.
6. County Councils have been identified as 'lead authorities', responsible for making a collective submission to the Government and Nottinghamshire County Council is required to:
 - Invite bids from a range of project applicants, with any legally constituted organisation delivering an appropriate service being able to prepare proposals;
 - Undertake constructive engagement with local partners on pulling together submissions;
 - Collaborate with other lead authorities or partners, including on cross-border project opportunities that address needs in common, or to achieve efficiencies in delivery;

- Transparently and independently appraise and prioritise a shortlist of projects, including any from the County Council itself, up to a maximum of £3 million per area from which the UK government will select projects;
 - Submit a shortlist to UK Government who will assess the proposals and select projects based on the criteria set out in the published Prospectus;
 - Issue grant agreements to successful bidders once funding has been agreed by UK government, and then undertake monitoring and assurance activity.
7. The emphasis is on larger scale projects over £500,000 each to maximise impact and deliverability. A shortlist of projects is to be compiled, up to a maximum of £3 million per priority area. A competitive process applies throughout. The shortlist of projects is to be submitted to Government on 18th June 2021 with decisions around successful bids expected from July 2021 onwards. Subject to Government assessment, approved projects will be required to be fully delivered and financially completed by the end of March 2022.
8. The timescales for pulling together submissions and for actual individual project delivery is set out below. Preparations are already underway to establish a process accounting for the points summarised at paragraph 6 above and in line with Government prescribed guidance.
9. At the time of writing it is envisaged that the process and indicative timelines will be as follows:

CRF bid timeline	Week No.													
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Brief potential applicants														
Prepare bid submission documentation														
Develop bid evaluation/prioritisation approach														
Issue bid documents to applicants														
Applicants prepare bids														
Bids submitted to NCC														
Bids assessed by NCC														
Shortlist of projects confirmed														
NCC prepare CRF bid to central government														
CRF bid submitted by NCC														

10. A further report on potential bids and fulfilling the County Council role will be brought to the next meeting of Policy Committee when Members can consider and agree the bids to be submitted to HM Government.

Levelling Up Fund

11. The LUF offers the opportunity for Councils to make individual project submissions to the Government for capital projects, typically up to £20 million, although potentially up to £50 million for transport related projects. All projects should be prioritised across the three themes of transport, regeneration and culture. Further detail is set out at Appendix B.
12. Funding will be targeted to places with the most significant need. Nationally, areas have been placed into three categories, with category 1 being the highest level of need. Bids from category 1 areas will be prioritised by Government for approval. In Nottinghamshire, the following categorisation applies:

- Category 1 – Bassetlaw, Mansfield and Newark and Sherwood
 - Category 2 – Ashfield, Broxtowe and Gedling
 - Category 3 – Rushcliffe
13. All Councils can technically make a submission, however, the prospectus invites County Councils to make “one transport submission” with Districts able to make submissions for the other investment themes. However, collaborative bids are also invited. The involvement of local MPs is set out in the guidance, and MPs will be invited to engage in the development and progression of bids in their constituency. At the time of writing, further detailed guidance is awaited.
14. While the LUF will operate over 4 years, bids for a first round must be submitted by 18th June 2021 with all funding provided to be spent by 31st March 2024, and, exceptionally, into 2024-25 for larger schemes.

Other Options Considered

15. The UKCRF requires the County Council to facilitate a prescribed bidding and assessment process and to make a submission to Government. A “Do Nothing” option would mean that the people and businesses of Nottinghamshire would miss out on the investment available and the County Council would suffer reputational damage as a consequence. It is therefore considered that the Council should actively engage and manage the process.
16. The LUF remains the subject of further guidance and clarification as referenced above. That may determine the nature of any submission under this round. However, subject to that clarity and given the opportunity to secure resources for key highways and transport projects, it is considered that proposals be analysed and that collaboration with district partners continues at this time.

Reasons for Recommendations

17. Both the UKCRF and the LUF offer opportunities to support further investment in the Nottinghamshire economy. County Councils have been invited to lead on bids to Government for UKCRF funding and if successful, are required to manage the administration of the agreed funding programme. The above referenced anticipated LUF guidance will determine the scope and number of bids the Council can make directly for transport and highways projects. Working with partners, officers will review the opportunities available through the LUF on its receipt.

Statutory and Policy Implications

18. 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

19. If approved, the Council could be in receipt of up to £9 Million of funding, alongside up to £60,000 of capacity funding to support the administration of the process through the UKCRF.

Approval to the principle of receipt of such funding is required. This will then be managed and distributed by the Council. Should the Council itself submit any subsequently approved projects into the UKCRF process, they too will require approval. The precise implications regarding the LUF are as yet unknown but may result in funding being received of up to £50 Million for a specific project alongside, potentially, a share of £125,000 of capacity funding for bid development. Approval will be required for the submission of projects submitted either to the UKCRF and/or LUF, and these will be subject of consideration at a future Policy Committee meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Policy Committee agrees that:

- a) The Council undertakes the UKCRF lead council role as set out by Government;
- b) Council Officers work with appropriate partners to prepare and accept potential projects for UKCRF for inclusion within a bid to Government, for consideration at the next Policy Committee meeting;
- c) Should the UKCRF bid to Government be successful, the Council receives and distributes the grant funding in accordance with Government guidance;
- d) Council officers work with Tier 1 District Council colleagues to develop and seek support for any appropriate potential LUF transport and highways bids, for consideration at the next Policy Committee meeting.

COUNCILLOR MRS KAY CUTTS MBE **Leader of the Council**

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Matthew Neal, Service Director, Investment & Growth ext. 73822

Constitutional Comments (AK 07/04/2021)

20. This report falls within the remit of Policy Committee by virtue of its terms of reference and the Council's financial regulations.

Financial Comments (KRP 7/04/21)

21. The financial implications are set out in the report. If additional funding is received it will be subject to appropriate approvals and reporting.

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 UK Community Renewal Fund Prospectus* alongside wider technical and methodology notes and the *Assessment Criteria* are available at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-community-renewal-fund-prospectus>
- The *Levelling Up Fund Prospectus* is available at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/levelling-up-fund-prospectus>

Electoral Divisions and Members affected

- Principally members across the district areas of Bassetlaw, Mansfield, Newark & Sherwood for the UKCRF
- All members for the LUF

Appendix A

UKCRF Investment Priorities

1. Skills

To include initiatives which equip people with the skills they need to capitalise on the opportunities and needs of their local area and meet the needs of an increasingly green and digital economy. Proposals should form part of the broader local growth bid and be clearly distinct from funding provided through other funding streams. Examples given:

- **Work-based training**
- **Retraining, upskilling or reskilling members of the workforce**
- **Promoting the advancement of digital skills and inclusion**

2. Local Business

To include targeted support for local business can help local residents through increased employment, better training and in-work opportunities and creating new entrepreneurial ventures. The Fund is interested in projects that target support for under-represented groups and community-level interventions that can increase opportunity for all, including coastal and rural enterprises. Examples given:

- **Supporting entrepreneurs and helping businesses with potential to create more job opportunities for current employees or take on new employees**
- **Encouraging businesses to develop their innovation potential**
- **Supporting decarbonisation measures**

3. Communities & Place

Looking to maximise opportunities to bring people together, build our social fabric and boost recovery and resilience, creating places where people want to work, visit and live. The Fund is looking for proposals for innovative pilots and projects that address community needs and support local places. Examples given:

- **Feasibility studies for delivering net-zero and local energy projects**
- **Exploring opportunity for promoting culture-led regeneration and community development**
- **Improving green spaces and preserving important local assets**
- **Promoting rural connectivity**

4. Supporting People into Employment

Geared towards providing local, tailored, wrap-around support to those furthest from the labour market – focusing on individuals who find it difficult to engage with mainstream provision. This will support people in overcoming a variety of additional barriers to employment or mainstream programmes. This should be additional to other public support and may support but not duplicate, other government initiatives and core departmental provision

Pilots should draw upon and enhance multi-agency delivery teams, including the community and voluntary sector along with public provision. They should bring together a range of service

providers. These pilots should support those most disengaged from the labour market. Examples include:

- **Supporting people to engage with local services which support them on their journey towards employment**
- **Identifying and addressing any potential barriers these individuals may face in gaining employment or moving closer to the labour market**
- **Raising aspirations, supporting individuals to access Plan for Jobs employment support, jobs and find sustainable employment**
- **Supporting people to gain the basic skills they need to develop their potential for sustainable work**
- **Testing what works in helping people move towards work**

They should test ways of working collaboratively at a local level, taking a multi-agency approach, working with Jobcentre Plus and including the community and voluntary sector to provide the complete suite of support that those with additional or complex barriers might face.

All proposals within each theme should demonstrate evidence as to their strategic fit.

Appendix B

First Round Levelling Up Investment Themes

1. Transport

Up to £50M schemes led by Highway authorities, including up-grading of bus and cycling infrastructure to improve access to jobs whilst supporting cleaner air and greener, healthier travel, targeting local road enhancements at congestion pinch points, and repairing bridges to ensure that communities are not isolated from key services. NOTE – the LU Fund supersedes the Pinch Point programme. Project examples:

- New or existing cycling provision
- Improved or new priority schemes for local bus services
- Enhanced public transport facilities, such as bus stops and stations
- Accessibility improvements
- By-passes and junction improvements
- Structural maintenance works to local roads, including bridges
- Multi-modal proposals which combine two or more interventions

2. Regeneration

Building on the approach and investments made so far through the Towns Fund. Examples include:

- Regenerating key leisure and retail sites and improving their security, in order to encourage new businesses and public services to locate there.
- Removing derelict buildings and other eyesores to make way for new developments.
- Site acquisition and remediation of abandoned or brownfield sites, for both commercial and new residential use.
- Improving the public realm including high streets, parks and green spaces, designing out opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Creating better connectivity between and within key retail and leisure sites.
- Putting forward 'Town Deals' for individual or groups of smaller towns that did not receive investment from the Towns Fund

3. Culture & Heritage

Investment in cultural assets to rejuvenate places, leading to positive economic and social outcomes at a local level, with examples including:

- Upgrading and creating new cultural and creative spaces including sports or athletics facilities, museums, arts venues, theatres, libraries, film facilities, prominent landmarks or historical buildings, parks or gardens
- New, upgraded or protected community hubs, spaces or assets (and associated green spaces)
- Acquiring and refurbishing key cultural and heritage sites including hotels and historic buildings

Bids can be packages or individual projects.

REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL

OPERATIONAL DECISIONS QUARTERLY UPDATE DECEMBER 2020 - FEBRUARY 2021

Purpose of the Report

1. To update Members on the Operational Decisions taken between December 2020 to February 2021.

Information

2. From December 2020 to February 2021, there have been 15 decisions.
3. Relevant Electoral Division Members have been invited to comment on appropriate Estate Practice decisions that are progressed via operational decisions (except where Committee have been specifically advised otherwise).
4. Care was taken with disposals and the granting of leases, licences and the like to ensure best consideration has been achieved by reference to and tested against market value(s) and rates. All charges and other fees levied were appropriate and commensurate with the transaction.
5. Details of the decisions taken are shown below:

SP	Electoral Division(s)	TITLE	DESCRIPTION (extract from Operational decision)
3748	West Bridgford North	A Tri-partite wayleave agreement NCC, City Council new data cable into County Hall	A tri-partite wayleave agreement has been agreed with the City Council and their supplier at County Hall to replace an existing wayleave enabling City and County staff from Registration and Celebratory Services to continue to access shared media services.
3756	Blidworth	62008 - Land at Rufford Colliery - Surrender of part for tree planting scheme and regrant of new Farm Business Tenancy	Surrender of part (16.82ha) of an existing Farm Business Tenancy to enable Nottinghamshire County Council new woodland creation under the UK Government's 'Trees for Climate Project.' The remaining part (9.23ha) of the tenancy is being re-let to the existing tenant on a new five-year Farm Business Tenancy, with a rolling 12 month notice provision to allow the remainder to be taken back for future years' planting.
3758	Stapleford and Broxtowe Central	01338 William Lilley Infant and Nursery - Cared 4 Ltd	A Deed of variation to extend the ground lease to Cared 4 Children's club for siting of portable building for Wraparound Childcare and storage unit.
3765	Southwell	Land at Riverside, Gunthorpe - New Lease	Terms agreed to lease land at Riverside, Gunthorpe to Gunthorpe Parish Council.

3770	Mansfield East	01951 Wynndale Children's Centre - Cherubs	The grant of a 5 year lease of the Children's Centre building to Cherubs Nursery for Early Years Childcare Provision with effect from 1 st September 2020 following expiry of their existing lease
3772	Sutton West	Fulwood View Unit 2, Huthwaite - Lease renewal	Approval for a lease renewal at Unit 2 Fulwood View, Huthwaite
3773	Newark East	Chuter Ede Primary School - Lease for Early Years Childcare provision to Balderton Pre School	The grant of a 5 year lease of the Early Years building to Balderton Pre School for Early Years Childcare Provision with effect from 1 st January 2021 following expiry of their existing lease.
3779	Balderton	John Hunt Primary & Nursery School- Academy Conversion	Conversion to Academy status
3780	Balderton	John Hunt Primary & Nursery School - lease of caretaker's bungalow	The grant of a lease of the caretaker's bungalow to Shine Multi-Academy Trust on a 10 year Contracted Out lease together with an option to renew for a further 10 years subject to the continued use of the property as a Caretaker's residence.
3784	Warsop	Meden Court Unit 2, Netherfield Lane - Lease Renewal	Renewal of a lease at Unit 2 Meden Court, Netherfield Lane, Warsop for a term of five years.
3740	Radcliffe on Trent	00095 Barrows Cottage, Bassingfield Lane - New Letting	The grant to the existing tenant a new 2 Year Farm Business Tenancy at a new market rent.
3793	Warsop	Western Power Easement - High Street, Warsop	An Easement has been granted to Western Power to cross Council land to access a substation at High Street, Warsop NG20 0BZ
3794	Keyworth	Willow Brook Primary School, Licence to WB's wraparound	To grant a new 4 year Licence of shared rooms and outside play area to Willow Brook's wraparound After School and Breakfast Club, following expiry of their existing agreement.
3801	Worksop North	James Hince Court - Proposed Demolition	Approved to progress with the demolition of James Hince Court with a view to the sites' sale for redevelopment with housing.
3799	Sutton Central and East	Fountaindale School - Conversion to Academy Status	Conversion to Academy status

Other Options Considered

6. Reduce the number of transactions that can be progressed by means of operational decisions, this would lead to a loss of the current advantages outlined within the report which could prove problematic from a governance perspective. Lack of clarity on operational decisions may create uncertainty on whether a legal contract can be concluded without a committee decision.
7. An alternative option is to provide officers with delegated powers on routine estate decisions. This would require a significant change in the Council's constitutional arrangements and brings few added benefits beyond a clear and functioning operational decision process.

Reason for Recommendation

8. The decision-making process requires a quarterly update and annual review to Policy Committee.

Statutory and Policy Implications

9. 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

- 1) To update Members on the Operational Decisions taken December 2020 to February 2021.

Councillor Mrs Kay Cutts MBE

Leader of The Council

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Matthew Neal, Service Director, Investment and Growth, Tel: 0115 9773822

Constitutional Comments (CEH 06/04/2021)

10. The report is for information purposes only. Members should consider if they have any questions on or require any further information about anything contained in the report.

Financial Comments (SES 06/04/2021)

11. There are no specific financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

- None.

Electoral Division and Member Affected

- All.

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SP: 3814

Properties affected: 09998 - Various NCC Properties/non-property item

**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.

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. The meeting dates and agenda items are subject to review in light of the ongoing COVID-19 period.
4. The Policy Committee will be asked to determine policies, strategies and statutory plans developed or reviewed by other Committees of the Council. Committee Chairmen are invited to advise the Policy Committee of any additional policy reviews that are being considered.

Other Options Considered

5. None.

Reason for Recommendation

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

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.

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: Jo Toomey, Advanced Democratic Services Officer, Tel: 0115 9774506

Constitutional Comments (EH)

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

Financial Comments (NS)

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

Background Papers

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

None

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All

POLICY COMMITTEE - WORK PROGRAMME (AS AT 13 APRIL 2021)

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Brief summary of agenda item</u>	<u>Lead Officer</u>	<u>Report Author</u>
16 June 2021			
Via East Midlands and Cheesecake Energy Partnership Limited	To receive an update on progress and financial implications of the emerging partnership.	Adrian Smith	Derek Higton
Update on the work of the Violence Reduction Unit	Dave Wakelin, Director of the Violence Reduction Unit, to provide a progress update.	Anthony May	Natalie Baker-Swift (Nottinghamshire Police)
Working with Nottinghamshire's Universities	To update on the Council's work with Nottingham Trent University and University of Nottingham.	Anthony May	Nicola McCoy-Brown
Community Renewal Fund	To review bids ahead of the 18 June 2021 submission deadline. To be confirmed at the meeting on 21 April 2021	Adrian Smith	Geoff George
Levelling Up	To review bids in respect of the Levelling Up funding prior to submission. To be confirmed at the meeting on 21 April 2021	Adrian Smith	Geoff George
Planned Maintenance Programme 2021-22	Establishing the Planned Maintenance programme for 2021-22. Establishes programme and approves progression to feasibility / design stage.	Derek Higton	Phil Berrill
Strategic Infrastructure Plan for Nottinghamshire	To approve an initial Strategic Infrastructure Plan for Nottinghamshire which summarises the key projects that the County Council is promoting, enabling or delivering to support regeneration and growth across the county.	Adrian Smith	Stephen Pointer
14 July 2021			
Adult Social Care and Public Health Digital Strategy 2021-24	To agree this departmental Digital Strategy	Melanie Brooks	
Property Operational Decisions Quarterly Update Report	To consider the latest update on operational decisions taken by officers.	Adrian Smith	Sue Blockley
Use of Urgency Procedures	Six Monthly Update report on the use of the Council's procedures for taking urgent decisions.	Marjorie Toward	Keith Ford
The National Rehabilitation Centre Update	Miriam Duffy, Programme Director to give an update on progress following the initial report to Policy Committee in January 2020.	Anthony May	Miriam Duffy

Outside Bodies - 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
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