

Economic Development and Asset Management Committee

Wednesday, 16 June 2021 at 10:30

County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP

AGENDA

- 1 To note the appointment by Full Council on 27 May 2021 of Councillor Keith Girling as Chairman, and Councillor Reg Adair and Councillor Mike Introna as Vice Chairmen of the Committee for the 2021-22 municipal year.
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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:-

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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 Peter Barker (Tel. 0115 977 4416) 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>

16 June 2021

Agenda Item: 2

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, CUSTOMERS, GOVERNANCE AND EMPLOYEES

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP

Purpose of the Report

1. To set out the membership and terms of reference of the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee

Information

2. The following Councillors have been appointed to the committee:

Chairman: Councillor Keith Girling
Vice-Chairmen: Councillor Reg Adair
Councillor Mike Introna

Councillor Anne Callaghan (L)
Councillor Scott Carlton (C)
Councillor Eddie Cubley (C)
Councillor Kate Foale (L)
Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle (L)
Councillor David Shaw (I)
Councillor Roger Upton (C)
Councillor Jason Zadrozny (I)

3. At its meeting on Thursday 27 May 2021, the Council agreed the terms of reference for the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee, as set out below:

The exercise of the powers and functions set out below are delegated by the Full Council to the Committee in relation to economic development and asset management activity :

- a. All decisions within the control of the Council including but not limited to those listed in the Table below
- b. Policy development and approval in relation to economic development and asset management activity, subject to any necessary approval by the Policy Committee or the Full Council

- c. Review of performance in relation to the services provided on a regular basis
- d. Review of day to day operational decisions taken by officers
- e. Approval of consultation responses except for responses to day-to-day technical consultations which will be agreed with the Chairman and reported to the next available Committee following their submission.
- f. Approval of departmental staffing structures as required
- g. Approving all Councillor attendance at conferences, seminars and training events within the UK mainland for which a fee is payable including any expenditure incurred, within the remit of this Committee and to receive quarterly reports from Corporate Directors on departmental officer travel outside the UK within the remit of this Committee.

If any report comes within the remit of more than one committee, to avoid the report being discussed at several committees, the report will be presented and determined at the most appropriate committee. If this is not clear, then the report will be discussed and determined by the Policy Committee.

As part of the detailed work programme the Committee will receive reports on the exercise of powers delegated to Officers.

The Committee will be responsible for its own projects and may establish steering groups to consider projects. Where it considers it appropriate, projects will be considered by a cross-committee project steering group that will report back to the most appropriate Committee.

Table
Responsibility for economic recovery and renewal, including employment and skills, business support, visitor economy, infrastructure and place
Responsibility for infrastructure and growth including strategic infrastructure, Investing in Nottinghamshire and schools building
Responsibility for development and delivery of major infrastructure and physical development programmes including highways schemes
Responsibility for Highways development control
Responsibility for the County Council Developer Contributions Strategy and its delivery
Responsibility for Strategic Asset Management including land and property, land promotion and disposals and leases, property design and construction and related consultancy services, energy and utilities and the asset management plan

Other Options Considered

- 4. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

5. To inform the committee of its membership and terms of reference.

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 membership and terms of reference are noted.

Marjorie Toward
Service Director, Customers, Governance and Employees

For any enquiries about this report please contact:

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Constitutional Comments (KK 27/05/21)

7. The proposal in this report is within the remit of the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee.

Financial Comments (SES 26/05/2021)

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

- Report to full Council on 27 May 2021 (published)

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All

Meeting	COVID 19 RESILIENCE, RECOVERY AND RENEWAL COMMITTEE
Date	16 March 2021 (commencing at 10.30 am)

Membership

Persons absent are marked with an 'A'

COUNCILLORS

John Knight (Chairman)
Reg Adair (Vice-Chairman)

Joyce Bosnjak
Ben Bradley
Mrs Kay Cutts MBE
Stephen Garner

Michael Payne
Alan Rhodes
Jason Zadrozny

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Anthony May, Chief Executive
Adrian Smith, Corporate Director, Place
Jonathan Gribbin, Director of Public Health, Adult Social Care & Public Health
Derek Higton, Service Director, Place & Communities, Place
Jo Toomey, Advanced Democratic Services Officer, Chief Executive's

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Carter, Executive Lead for COVID-19, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG)

1. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2021

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25 January 2021, having been previously circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None.

4. COVID-19 SITUATIONAL UPDATE AND REFRESH OF THE LOCAL OUTBREAK MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Executive Lead for COVID-19 for the Nottingham and Nottinghamshire CCG gave an update on the vaccination programme while the Council's Director of Public Health gave a brief presentation setting out current COVID-19 case rates. The report also requested the Committee's endorsement of the revised Local Outbreak Management Plan for Nottinghamshire County, which was circulated following the publication of the agenda.

RESOLVED 2021/010

- 1) That, following consideration of the latest information available in the COVID-19 dashboard and the presentation delivered at the meeting, there were no further possible measures to be recommended to the Nottinghamshire County COVID-19 Engagement Board.
- 2) The Committee endorsed the revised Local Outbreak Management Plan for Nottinghamshire County and did not identify any additional considerations to be addressed in future updates.

5. COVID-19: UPDATE REPORT

Derek Higton, Service Director, Place and Communities, introduced the report, which updated Members on the impact of the Coronavirus crisis on the work of Nottinghamshire County Council and the Council's response and recovery planning.

RESOLVED 2021/011

- 1) That Members approved and endorsed the continuing efforts of services to ensure effective service provision during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2) That members considered no further action was required in relation to the issues contained within the report.
- 3) That further update reports be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

6. WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED 2021/012

That the work programme be agreed.

The meeting closed at 11.24 pm.

CHAIRMAN

16 June 2021**Agenda Item: 6****REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE****PROGRESS ON THE COVID-19 CRISIS ECONOMIC RECOVERY ACTION
PLAN****Purpose of the Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to:
 - a) Provide an update on the work the Council and its partners are undertaking in relation to the COVID-19 crisis Economic Recovery Action Plan 2020-2022, as well as the impact of the various Government schemes to support businesses, being delivered through different routes including HMRC, the British Business Bank and the district authorities;
 - b) Allow Members to consider whether there are further actions required in relation to the progress on the COVID-19 crisis Economic Recovery Plan.
 - c) Enable Members to request routine progress updates for future Committee dates.

Information

2. Launched in September 2020, the COVID-19 crisis Economic Recovery Plan outlines an ambitious plan to supercharge the Nottinghamshire economy in the wake of COVID-19. Nottinghamshire County Council recognised its role in helping repair the immediate economic and social damage brought about by the pandemic. The Council instigated swift and decisive action to ensure a post COVID-19 Nottinghamshire will be more digital, greener and resilient to both current and forthcoming challenges.
3. The COVID-19 crisis Economic Recovery Action Plan contains an unprecedented package of measures to be delivered by partners locally and nationally. These measures will restore business, boost consumer confidence and provide support to those who have lost their jobs. This plan reflects local circumstances and priorities in different areas and ensures that the Council does not take a one size fits all attitude.
4. Nottinghamshire County Council continues to make rapid progress in achieving the aims set out in the Recovery Action Plan. Since the launch of the COVID-19 crisis Economic Recovery Action Plan, over £11,403,000 of new money has been secured to help stimulate the economy and directly impact the residential and business community of Nottinghamshire. A progress update, based on the six themes of people, business, visitor economy, infrastructure, digital connectivity and place, is provided in **Appendix A**.

Action the Council and its Partners are Undertaking

5. Work has continued at pace in terms of the actions outlined in the COVID-19 crisis Economic Recovery Action Plan. Key highlights include:
- A new Employment and Skills Brokerage Platform – the Council is in the first stages of procurement for a digital platform which will be the go-to-place for Nottinghamshire job seekers, returners, those looking to increase their skills and for employers looking to recruit
 - The new Digital Innovation Centre will benefit from £592,000 from the Getting Building Fund which will be used to comprehensively upgrade the existing digital IT infrastructure of the centre, boosting the productivity of the more than 40 businesses already on site, and creating new high-skilled jobs
 - The £4.3M Warm Homes Hub programme continues to be rolled out across the County. 43 households are in the pipeline and this programme has already helped residents save an estimated £90,000 in the last quarter
 - Since the launch of the employment and skills portal there have been 902 unique users of the portal
 - The transfer of Council Levy funds to its Apprenticeship Training Agency to support the employment of further apprenticeships, with a focus on supporting Looked After Children, Care Leavers and other vulnerable groups of young people and adults. Approved to date are 33 apprenticeships with a levy transfer value of £468,500 (a 45% increase since last reported to Members)
 - The Council's Business Advisers have continued to engage with Nottinghamshire businesses. 422 individual Nottinghamshire businesses have been the subject of intensive and on-going professional advice over the past 12 months. A further 403 Nottinghamshire businesses have participated in at least one of the webinars available via an extensive programme over the past 12 months gaining knowledge and direction from over 2900 hours of expert input.
 - The Council has been identified as a 'lead authority' in developing a submission for the UK Community Renewal Fund (UKCRF) which principally offers revenue funding towards projects addressing skills, local business development, challenges within communities and place and supporting people into employment. The government has identified the areas of Bassetlaw, Mansfield and Newark and Sherwood as 3 of 100 priority areas nationally for support.
 - **Appendix A** sets out in more detail the actions which have been undertaken and are underway.

Reasons for Recommendations

6. The Council recognises the need to be agile in its approach, to enable a switch from recovery to response mode and to respond to potential issues caused by the ending of Government support packages. The COVID-19 crisis Economic Recovery Action Plan is a 'live plan' with the Council responding to changing circumstances and the latest business intelligence. It is important that Members continue to monitor the situation, identify priorities and adapt so that Nottinghamshire thrives in the future.

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. There are no financial implications arising as a result of this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee:

- 1) Requests regular updates at future Committees to ensure a high level of transparency around the Council's delivery of the COVID-19 crisis Economic Recovery Plan;
- 2) Requests that the Economic Recovery Plan be reviewed in the light of evolving economic and business needs, reporting back to a future meeting on emerging issues and proposals; and
- 3) Requests that a report be brought to the next Committee meeting analysing and providing additional insight into the impact of Government schemes to support businesses.

Adrian Smith
Corporate Director, Place

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Constitutional Comments (CEH 02/06/2021)

9. The report falls within the remit of the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee under its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (RWK 02/06/2021)

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

Background Papers and Published Documents

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- Update on the economy and progress with the economic recovery action plan 2020-2022, Report to COVID-19 Resilience, Recovery and Renewal Committee, published on 25 January 2021 (Available [here](#))

Electoral Divisions and Members Affected

- All

APPENDIX A

<p>THEME</p> 	<p>Success means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Young people equipped for life ★ Increased take-up of apprenticeships to give everyone the chance to start and develop their career ★ Supporting businesses to develop and grow a skills workforce that meets their needs ★ Increased numbers of people helped to re-skill and move into new careers ★ Strengthened engagement between schools and employers
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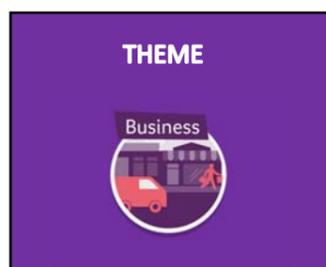
Business Goal	Specific Actions	Up until March 2021	Between April 2021 and October 2022
		Achievements	Achievements/Progress to date
Job creation: implement programme to protect family incomes and avoid mass unemployment following the phasing out of the job retention scheme	Support the hardest-hit sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ran an Online Micro Provider event 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Online Micro Provider Event: following the event in January 2021 for those looking to set up a social care business or looking for ways to grow their business, a future event is being explored alongside wider opportunities to link the business support offer to other key service areas such as to childcare providers and in maximising local procurement opportunities. ✓ Supporting the ESF Funded Pathways to Health and Social Care which provides training to unemployed and inactive individuals to secure employment in the Health and Social Care Sector by providing entry level jobs with progression potential to highly skilled roles; potentially of major benefit to those unemployed or inactive and furthest away from the labour market <p style="text-align: center;">■ STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
	Job creation and training guarantees to tackle youth unemployment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Explored the creation of a network of Nottinghamshire Youth Hubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Employment and skills portal to bring together information to help people access support whether they are working, furloughed or looking for a job was

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Surveyed young people to shape the location/provisions for other Youth Hubs and the development of Mansfield Youth Hub as a 'trail blazer' ✓ Commenced the three-year D2N2 Skills Access Hub (running until 30 September 2023) offering businesses free impartial advice from experienced Skills Advisors to help identify and address the skills gaps in their workforce <p><u>Inspire</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ supporting the Way2Work project providing employability support to unemployed and economically inactive Nottinghamshire residents. ✓ Worked with the British Library to provide a range of resources and support to new business start-ups. <p><u>Arc Partnership</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ established several local frameworks aimed at small to medium sized enterprises (SME's) local companies <p>Ahead of its April 2021 launch, Via in partnership with Business in the Community devised a work introduction placement programme for individuals who have experienced barriers to gaining employment</p>	<p>launched: https://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/jobs-andworking/employment-and-skills-portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Employment and Skills Brokerage Platform – we are in the first stages of procurement for a digital platform which will be the go-to-place for Nottinghamshire job seekers, returners, those looking to increase their skills and for employers looking to recruit ✓ Nottinghamshire Recruiting Talent online events supported and promoted by the Council, with the aim of educating local employers about the current landscape of employment in the county, advocating the benefits of inclusive recruitment, and offering advice on how to find hidden pools of talent. Individual District and Borough workshops were replaced with an online event for the whole of Nottinghamshire on March 17th. Individual events will be organised when it is safe to do so. ✓ Care2work project has been part funded to employ a work placement co-ordinator who is now in post. The first few preparation sessions for Nottinghamshire looked after children are taking place followed by a work experience placement and careers guidance. ✓ Collaboration continues with the Department for Work and Pensions on the creation of 'Youth Hubs' with a trailblazer in Mansfield and other areas to follow. ✓ D2N2 Skills Access Hub: The Council's Business Advisers continue to work closely with the Hub to ensure it offers the best services to support the County's businesses on skills, recruitment and retention issues and cross-refer where appropriate. <p style="text-align: center;"> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
<p>Lead Authority – UK Community Renewal Fund</p>	<p>Develop a submission to government replacing the local priorities and focused on the 3 Priority Areas of Bassetlaw, Mansfield and Newark and Sherwood</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Announced at the Spring Budget, the government offered a Prospectus for the UK Community Renewal Fund (UKCRF) offering principally revenue funding towards projects addressing skills, local business development, challenges within communities and place and supporting people into employment. ✓ County Councils have been identified as 'lead authorities', responsible for making a collective submission to the Government and Nottinghamshire County Council has taken on this role enabled by the Growth and Economic Development team. ✓ The government has identified the areas of Bassetlaw, Mansfield and Newark and Sherwood as 3 of 100 priority areas nationally for support. ✓ The Council has a role in developing a call for projects, in appraising and developing a shortlist into a full submission to government who will decide on which projects merit support. ✓ The deadline for submissions is the 18 June 2021, with decisions on successful bids expected from July 2021 onwards. If successful, project delivery will take place over the remainder of this financial year. ✓ In addition to the support for locally impactful projects, the UK CRF is being seen as a precursor to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund which may bring significant additional resources to the County, as well as setting out who will be the lead authorities in delivery. <p style="text-align: center;"> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>

<p>Develop the Nottinghamshire workforce to increase productivity and drive growth across our economy</p>	<p>Bolster the D2N2 LEP Redeployment Triage Service</p>	<p>Futures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Employment support has been provided to 2,332 Nottinghamshire residents since January 2020, of which 1,124 have progressed into a job or a learning outcome ✓ Leading, with the Council as a delivery partner, an £8M European Social Fund (ESF) project 'Well for Work' to support unemployed residents with health conditions into sustainable employment ✓ Secured additional funding from the National Careers Service to provide employability and skills support to those made redundant, seeking work and retraining 	<p>Futures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Futures' Employment & Redundancy Support team have, throughout 20/21, worked with multiple County employers looking to support their employees through the redundancy process, providing support sessions and skills training to all employees affected. Futures have supported approximately 6,000 County residents with careers advice and employment support in the last financial year ✓ ESF 'Well for Work': This project has started with Futures new Contract Manager in post from 21st May. A team of Business Engagement Managers and Caseload Officers is being put in place. Recruitment for project staff for all partners is ongoing, but the project will be fully resourced by July 2021. ✓ Secured delivery of the DWP Restart project in Nottinghamshire for Maximus. This programme starts in June 20221 and will see Futures open new centres in Arnold, Worksop and Newark, supporting over 15,000 long term unemployed Nottinghamshire residents over the next 4-5 years. <p>Inspire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A key delivery partner in the Way 2 Work, the I Programme, the NTU/STEM, the Pathways to Health and Social Care and the soon to be launched Back 2 Work projects that are designed to assist unemployed residents from across Nottinghamshire back into employment. ✓ Inspire will support a minimum of 1,400 new vacancies to be filled between March 2020 and December 2023. <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
	<p>Accelerate take-up of Nottinghamshire County Council's Apprenticeship Levy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Promoted the Kickstart scheme ✓ Offering 32 places under the Kickstart Scheme and promoting additional Traineeship and Apprenticeships <p>Futures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ September 2020 saw the transfer of Council Levy funds to support vulnerable groups of young people and adults into an Apprenticeship. The focus will primarily be to support Looked After Children, Care Leavers and other vulnerable groups of young people and adults to progress into an Apprenticeship 	<p>Apprenticeship Levy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 51 applications received (as of 13/05/2021) ✓ 33 apprenticeships approved. This includes 25 staff in adult care ranging from Level 2 to Level 5 across 7 companies ✓ 24 businesses supported ✓ Levy transfer value of £468,500 (the total amount currently committed for training over the next four years) <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>

	<p>Optimise outcomes from the Council's investment in the Festival of Science and Curiosity (FOSAC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Careers events began in schools from Jan ✓ Most Festival events will now take place online 8 – 17 February, and schools work will continue for the rest of the academic year. 	<p>A range of introductions have been made to support partnership development to link the Festival with other activity and extend the reach into Nottinghamshire. The focus of the Festival was around the February half-term with many activities ongoing throughout the year. Introductions to District and Borough council colleagues have successfully converted into sponsorship and events in 5 Districts, with the promise of at least one more for 2022. Due to COVID restrictions, delivery was adapted to be mainly online, with the introduction of new resources such as a festival magazine, which will be continued in the future. Highlights were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Wollaton Watch filming: Wollaton Watch featured footage from around Nottinghamshire through collaboration with 14 partners including local groups and organisations, young people, schools and wildlife volunteers celebrating and protecting the environment in our county. These were then broadcast on Notts TV from Wollaton Hall on each day during the festival week. Contributions were included from the Miner 2 Major Project at Rainworth Heath and Strawberry Hill Heath, Sherwood Forest, Newstead Abbey and Newstead and Annesley Country Park, Skylarks Nature Reserve and Attenborough Nature Reserve, ✓ 200science busking packs providing equipment for families to take part in simple sensory science activities at home were distributed in Mansfield, particularly in the Ladybrook area, through partnership with Mansfield District Council and Mansfield Palace Theatre. Despite the effect of the pandemic, eight schools plus the Nottinghamshire EHE service took part in the Curiosity Project This project supports pupils to do their own science research project in collaboration with researchers from academic and/or industry, and covering the costs for CREST awards. Schools will continue to be supported to run Curiosity Projects throughout the academic year, and many of these schools will be delivering the programme in the summer term ✓ 5 YouTube Live Q&A sessions were delivered with a range of different topic areas covered and tying into Apprenticeship Week. These sessions reached a live audience of 155 'viewers' (individuals or whole classes) and re-watched on YouTube 666 times by the end of the festival ✓ The Festival Magazine was produced with the aim of targeting families with limited internet access and 6290 magazines were distributed directly in Nottinghamshire through food banks, supermarkets, community organisations, children's centres, mobile library vans and schools. An online version was also viewed 867 times ✓ 25 online events were delivered through Zoom for a range of audiences, which were free to access. Postcode data gathered from voluntary information provided in feedback forms and online participant registration (328 sample size) showed that 23.4% of participants came from Nottinghamshire county postcodes. ✓ Plans are now underway for the 2022 Festival to build on relationships with local organisations including Miner2Major, Nottinghamshire wildlife Trust, Captivate, Inspire, Sherwood Observatory, 5G Connected Forest and other cultural and community organisations, and to engage with more local schools. <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
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<p>Create an integrated employment and skills eco-system which has the individual and employer at its heart</p>	<p>Stronger links between schools and employers through work shadowing programmes</p>	<p>Inspire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Sector Based Work Academy Programme and expansion of Study Programme provision. Inspire is building links with local employers and the DWP to provide vocational training and guaranteed job interviews in sectors like Health and Social Care <p>Futures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ School Enterprise Coordinators working with 49 schools and have sourced 45 Enterprise Advisers (employer representatives) to work with them directly ✓ Delivery commenced in February 2021, with the Council as a delivery partner, a £3M ESF project 'Unlocking Potential Hub' which will expand the work of the CEC Enterprise Coordinators to support the careers and employability agenda amongst young people transitioning from full-time education to the world of work ✓ Delivery commencing in early 2021 of ESF funding to help vulnerable young people into further education and employment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Growth and Economic Development commissioned Futures to deliver online resources for young people. These resources start with advice/ guidance helping young people who had not yet made their decisions following competition of year 11/ 13. The resources can be found here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCu2gg3iVZzLiO4q6zLq4SPw. Schools have provided a positive response to these resources. These will be built on in coming months. <p>Inspire:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ New courses in Health and Social Care and construction have been developed to give young people the skills to gain employment in expanding local employment sectors. ✓ New team of dedicated Employability Advisers working alongside the Employability Coordinator to build effective links between our 16 to 18 and 19 + learners and the world of work. 16 to 18 and 18 to 24 Traineeships are providing opportunities for over 40 young people to access extended work experience leading to employment. ✓ Our status as a Kickstart Gateway organisation is supporting 130 young adults to access six month paid employment opportunities with a range of Nottinghamshire companies. <p>Futures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ As from September all schools in the Nottinghamshire Enterprise Advisor Network will move into a more concentrated delivery model called Careers Hubs. For Nottinghamshire there will be two Careers hubs. Within a Careers Hub, support from Enterprise Coordinators is more intensive than in the Network, with each Coordinator supporting a smaller number of schools and providing more comprehensive support than in the wider network. As part of the governance structure a steering group will be set up and co-chaired by an officer from Growth and Economic Development. ✓ Delivery of ESF funding for vulnerable young people is underway and all staff in post. 50+ referrals already made with 30+ actively engaged and working with 2 Full time advisers. <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
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Success means:

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

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Business Goal	Specific Actions	Up until March 2021	Between April 2021 and October 2022
		Achievements	Achievements/Progress to date
<p>Create a programme which sees Nottinghamshire as a place to invest.</p>	<p>Continue to work closely with partners to identify and support business needs.</p>	<p>Enhanced business support programme tailored to business needs in light of restrictions announcements.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Two Business Advisers appointed in partnership with the D2N2 Growth Hub, offering direct support and access to digital and webinar-based advice (a mix of COVID-19 related support and wider growth advice) ✓ Promotion of the D2N2 Growth Hub business survey to understand changing business needs ✓ Publicised the <i>Business Against Scams</i> online training session and web page https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/BAS ✓ By building upon links with the D2N2 Growth Hub and Better Business for All (BBfA), Trading Standards promote take up of Primary Authority Partnerships and business advice <p>Secured funding for grant applications to support local SME's, charities, local Gov and businesses that support rural tourism and farming – through the LEADER programme.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 62 organisations awarded grants to the value of £3.3m Within the County this will forecast: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 138 new jobs - Over 127,000 new day visitors - Increase of 33,000 in overnight stays - 45 new farm techniques in farm productivity, SME support, tourism, rural services and forest productivity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Growth and Economic Development Team's Business Advisers work in partnership with the D2N2 Growth Hub to maximise the resources available to the County's businesses. The following offers an overview of the different types of engagement and the support available over the period. ✓ All contact with the Growth Hub from Nottinghamshire businesses are triaged to the Council's Business Advisers who additionally generate and take direct calls. The focus to date has been on supporting businesses with the immediate implications of the COVID-19 pandemic, but over the past quarter, inquiries are transitioning towards re-positioning, growth, expansion and investment. ✓ Through links with the Growth Hub, many of the simpler sign-posting queries are readily addressed centrally, allowing the Advisers to respond to the more complex issues. 422 individual Nottinghamshire businesses have been the subject of intensive and on-going professional advice over the past 12 months. ✓ A further 403 Nottinghamshire businesses have participated in at least one of the webinars available via an extensive programme over the past 12 months gaining knowledge and direction from over 2900 hours of expert input. ✓ Recognising the intrinsic value of business to business collaboration, a range of Growth Hub Peer Networks have been introduced from January this year, with 21 cohorts commenced and 229 businesses supported to date, 77 of which were Nottinghamshire businesses from a range of sectors. Due to the success of the initial scheme, further cohorts are under development and the Team is ensuring the provision reflects Nottinghamshire sector interests. ✓ The Council continues to influence provision through its partnership with the D2N2 Growth Hub and review the emerging and changing needs in the context of evolving Government financial support and any new announcements. Key in the immediate future will be the impact of the gradual cessation of government support, the longer-term management of COVID-19 related business loans and related measures and trading conditions. ✓ Consultants have been appointed which will support the Growth Hub and its partners refresh its strategy in the immediacy of the post-COVID-19 landscape and consider the future partnership arrangements on the cessation of its current funding streams in March 2022. ✓ Whilst Trading Standards has not received many complaints from businesses regarding COVID-scams, the Business Against Scams online training session and web page which was launched by National Trading Standards at the beginning of

			<p>the pandemic through comms and our partners has been publicised: https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/BAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Trading Standards will be building upon links with the D2N2 Growth Hub and Better Business for All (BBfA) to promote take up of Primary Authority partnerships and business advice. This will support existing businesses to diversify and flourish, as well as support new start-up businesses. the service continues support to Primary Authority and other businesses in relation to interpretation and implementation of rapidly changing Coronavirus business restrictions legislation. ✓ The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) focus on key issues surrounding Government measures to protect the public during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Their recommended model will be deployed to connect Nottinghamshire businesses into Trading Standards and Growth and Economic Development business support. Trading Standards and Growth and Economic Development teams liaise regular to mutually support their activities and cross-refer queries. ✓ The Nottinghamshire food and drink sector business support toolkit continues to be promoted, to be developed further through the Visitor Economy and Business Support activities. <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
	Develop an Inward Investment Strategy to help indigenous business growth and attract new firms to the county	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A review of the options for supporting new investment from local, UK and foreign based investors, exploring how best the Council can maximise the opportunities for expansion, alongside the relationship between established investment agencies and the new Development Corporation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Via East Midlands are in the process of forming a partnership with Cheesecake Energy Ltd to demonstrate a world first energy storage system at Bilsthorpe Depot. Cheesecake Energy, a spin-out from the University of Nottingham and backed by Shell and Highways England, has developed a state-of-the-art energy storage system that could have a profound impact on the UK's transition to a greener future. ✓ A brief for supporting the Council in reviewing its options in the development of an Inward Investment Strategy has been drafted with commissioning to be progressed over the next quarter. The impact of COVID-19 and new trade arrangements will form part of this overview, alongside wider developments such as the Development Corporation and the Freeport. Aligned to this work is the existing Growth and Economic Development and Business Support activity which supports expanding and growing businesses and the commissioned webinar programme to support businesses facilitate international trade which commences this coming quarter. <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
	Align support with opportunities available via commercial developers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The D2N2 LEP launched a strategic key account management (KAM) initiative ✓ A review of employment land for the Local Planning process has been facilitated by Lichfields (a planning consultancy) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The above review of Inward Investment options will be supported by input from key commercial agents / developers bringing forward employment sites and premises. ✓ The impact of COVID-19 will be the subject of discussion with agents / developers on bringing forward development and trends in the market, reviewing short- and medium-term impacts that will support Invest in Nottinghamshire activity and the proposed Infrastructure Plan. <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>

	<p>Actions coming out of Council commissioned report into sustainable low carbon opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Via East Midlands began forming a partnership with Cheesecake Energy Ltd to demonstrate a world first energy storage system at Bilsthorpe Depot. ✓ <u>Localis</u> were commissioned to facilitate a set of stakeholder sessions on supporting the Council explore a green recovery and to offer best practice ideas. This work is being integrated into the Council's Environmental Strategy ✓ In collaboration with the University of Nottingham, scoping has commenced on the development of a low carbon toolkit, designed to help businesses bring forward low carbon, energy saving measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The work with <u>Localis</u> on supporting the Council explore its approach to low carbon growth is progressing well after delays due to the impact of COVID-19. The work remains closely aligned with the Environmental Strategy ✓ The development of a potential toolkit to help businesses adopt low carbon / energy efficiency initiatives that help minimise costs and harmful emissions remains under review, the precise scope being subject to the Localis report and wider programmes being developed by partners. However, given the new requirement of businesses to baseline their emissions and develop measures to address them, the approach remains valid and continues to be explored. <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
<p>Use of digital technologies to improve business productivity</p>	<p>Promote Growth Hub scale-up and innovation programmes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Business Advisers have supported businesses in accessing the grants and loans made available to support them over the COVID-19 pandemic, supplementing this with practical business planning, resilience and emotional support ✓ Business Advisers promoting the national and local initiatives supporting high growth, scale-up and innovation within businesses https://www.d2n2growthhub.co.uk/grow/scale-up-support/ ✓ Strong relationships have been built with wider finance providers and with specialist advisory agencies including the two universities, UK Research & Innovation and the new Manufacturing Growth Programme to ensure awareness and cross-referrals are facilitated ✓ On average, monthly liaison has been maintained with Nottinghamshire's SME community through direct contact with the various business representative groups and through supporting County Council email communications ✓ Over 40 businesses have been supported in drafting their applications to the Business Investment Fund. ✓ https://www.d2n2growthhub.co.uk/grow/managing-finance/funding-for-your-business/access-to-local-finance/d2n2-business-investment-fund/ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In addition to the <u>Scale-Up</u> and related specialist sector and university-based support available via the Growth Hub, the Growth and Economic Development Business Advisers work with Nottinghamshire companies supporting their growth ambitions with applications to the Business Investment Fund. They have worked intensively with over 30 businesses to receive Business Investment Fund grants, seeing investment into local businesses in excess of £450,000. A further six will have been supported over the previous quarter. ✓ Support is also provided to enable businesses to apply successfully to many other alternative sources of investment finance, including the COVID-19 support funds from government and the Midlands Engine Investment Fund. <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>

THEME 	Success means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ The development and launch of an events programme for 2021 and 2022 which is open to our residents and showcases the unique strengths of Nottinghamshire ★ Attracting even more families and visitors to Nottinghamshire from across the UK and overseas, bringing benefits to local businesses and our economy
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Business Goal	Specific Actions	Up until March 2021 Achievements	Between April 2021 and October 2022 Achievements/Progress to date
		Develop and promote a refreshed marketable brand for Nottinghamshire	A high-quality year-round programme that links to the Visitor Economy Strategy

Support Visitor Economy hubs with partners to generate additional income		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Holme Pierrepont: selected leisure services have been re-opened in line with Tier 3 restrictions. The Country Park continues to be very popular, with a significant increase in footfall recorded during the pandemic. Work has been ongoing to support the preparations for the return of the site's extensive programme of sport events and camps later in 2021, as COVID-19 recovery progresses locally and nationally ✓ Sherwood: have recently been successful in acquiring a license to sell Robin Hood and Maid Marion marketed alcoholic beverages from local producers. Throughout the pandemic, to maximise visitor experience in a COVID-secure environment, Sherwood have also invested in adapting the site and its facilities, such as improving hot food storage to broaden the takeaway offer available to visitors. Events have also been and continue to be adapted, with lessons from the success of the Halloween Trail being incorporated into plans for this year's Christmas Trail ✓ Good practice from the pandemic will continue to be considered in future planning ✓ Rufford: a bid has been submitted for Rural Development Programme funding to extend the Adventure Play Area and put in some toilet facilities; this would deliver additional income through increased secondary spend. Part of the Undercroft has now reopened to visitors after being closed for several months. Significantly increased footfall and demand during the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the great and continuing importance of Rufford as a heritage location and green space critical to the mental and physical wellbeing of residents and visitors ✓ Once restrictions are lifted an extensive public relations campaign has been prepared to ensure the Nottinghamshire food and drink sector business support toolkit reaches as large an audience as possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Holme Pierrepont: the site's leisure services have been re-opened in line with the Government's Roadmap. Work has been ongoing to support the preparations for the return of the site's extensive programme of sport events and camps later in 2021, as COVID-19 recovery progresses locally and nationally.. ✓ Sherwood: have recently been successful in acquiring a license to sell Robin Hood and Maid Marion marketed alcoholic beverages from local producers. Throughout the pandemic, to maximise visitor experience in a COVID-secure environment, Sherwood have also invested in adapting the site and its facilities, such as improving hot food storage to broaden the take away offer available to visitors and adding new interpretation signs and banners to the Visitor Centre to help promote the site's unique history and ecology. Scheduled conservation activities have continued throughout the pandemic, engaging local volunteers, in a COVID-secure manner, to conduct necessary works on the Forest's ancient trees and habitat. Events have also been and continue to be adapted, with lessons from the success of COVID-safe trails being incorporated into plans for Spring and Summer events. Good practice from the pandemic will continue to be considered in future planning. ✓ Rufford: work to review strategic development options for the park, in line with the objectives of the Visitor Economy Strategy, is underway with key partners, including Historic England and English Heritage. Significantly increased footfall and demand during the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted the great and continuing importance of Rufford as a heritage location and green space critical to the mental and physical wellbeing of residents and visitors. <p style="text-align: center;"> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
Programme of arts and culture in libraries through Inspire			<p>Inspire libraries are offering a service across the County with the 60 libraries open for business. Inspire is a National Portfolio organisation (Arts Council England funded) and will continue to offer a full programme of cultural activities, many of which are accessible virtually</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Inspire Youth Arts, who work with young people on a range of performing arts projects have moved their offer online and continue to provide a wonderful programme of dance, theatre and music opportunities ✓ Inspire's Music Hub and Instrumental Music Service to schools is continuing to offer a range of performance opportunities and music tuition for a wide range of instruments. They are continuing to deliver a face-to-face (socially distanced) and virtual offer, including support for several school and community-based choirs ✓ The Archives service has made many its resources available online for the public and for academic researchers <p>Inspire Learning is offering face-to-face learning for 16 to 18-year-old study programme learners. It is also offering adults access to a wide variety of e learning courses. There are face-to-face learning opportunities for adults too, including the Access to HE courses and other accredited courses.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>

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<p>Support and enable the preservation, development and use of our assets</p>	<p>Develop and deliver heritage led regeneration projects and training programmes</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Miner2Major - Work underway with M2M partners to put in place a range of opportunities for traineeships, apprenticeships and Kickstart roles. Heritage building surveys currently paused in line with Covid-19 restrictions but could begin in the Spring. In the interim, content being created for online heritage skills training. Work underway to offer heritage skills training for Inspire 16 – 19 construction students. An on-line training programme is now being delivered, following stakeholder needs survey of heritage tourism partners. https://miner2major.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/ ✓ Townscape Heritage Initiative programme for Mansfield - specialist input and financial support continues for the Mansfield District Council-led project (Market Place and Leeming Street) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Townscape Heritage Initiative programme for Mansfield- Despite COVID restrictions the programme has managed to achieve the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Oral history training with 10 primary school students resulting in a junior reporter traineeship at Mansfield 103.2FM ✓ Working with students from Vision West Nottinghamshire College to produce an awareness-raising poster campaign, and develop heritage trails and guided tours of the THP area ✓ A presentation has been recorded for the Great Nottinghamshire Local History Fair ✓ Working with Mansfield Building Society to utilise space within the building to use as a project base/community engagement space. ✓ worked with Inspire Culture Heritage Services to provide local history library and archives training for project volunteers ✓ Schedules of work for the buildings have been drawn up <p style="text-align: center;"> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
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	<p>Success means:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Fast tracked identified investment opportunities capable of delivering new energy efficient homes, local employment and skills ★ Our new industrial development sites are resilient, enabling home working and build in places which are well located in relation to existing road and public transport networks ★ Adoption of new construction technology to deliver new homes and employment sites faster ★ An upgrading of our cycling infrastructure that allows cyclists to reach more destinations, increased take-up of cycling and reduced traffic on our roads
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Business Goal	Specific Aims	Up until March 2021	Between April 2021 and October 2022
		Achievements	Achievements/Progress to date
Prioritise investment and the development of post COVID-19 infrastructure in Nottinghamshire	Submit appropriate projects to the D2N2 LEP reserve list of future propositions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Worked with the D2N2 LEP to identify and secure funding needed to support County projects for economic growth and recovery. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The LEP Pipeline is now suspended pending a government review of its role and function. ✓ Work continues with partners to identify and secure funding needed to support County projects for economic growth and recovery. ✓ This includes aligning the vision of the Council with the emerging UK Shared Prosperity Fund (the funding to replace European Structural Funds) including the new £4 billion Levelling Up Fund. ✓ The County is working closely with the LEP, Environment Agency and Development Corporation to identify, and apply to, alternative funding. This includes the UK Community Renewal Fund, DEFRA's Natural Capital Investment Readiness Fund & the Strategic Housing and Infrastructure Fund <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
	Publish a Nottinghamshire Infrastructure Plan covering energy efficient and SMART homes; employment and skills; digital, public transport and road connectivity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Began work on a geographic information system (GIS) to gather, manage and analyse data ✓ Draft a Strategic Infrastructure Plan to set out Nottinghamshire's high-level infrastructure priorities for the next 10-15 years. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A Strategic Infrastructure Plan which will set out Nottinghamshire's high-level infrastructure priorities will be presented to Policy Committee. This will be accompanied by an online mapping tool to show housing and business growth sites and associated infrastructure projects across the County. <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>

THEME 	Success means: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Revitalising and revival of our high streets and town centres ★ Improved health, quality of life and the environment
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Develop and harness the economic opportunity programme	Develop an approach to town centre identify, branding and a shared vision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Council engaged with partners under the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Public Realm Group and the Economy Cell to support co-ordination on safely re-opening and support the longer-term sustainability of the high street and of retail and service-related businesses. This work is being steered through the LRF Economy Cell. This aligns with the engagement with the respective Town Deal partners in developing their respective strategies and potential project input, focusing on pedestrian / highways access and connectivity ✓ The N2 Town Centre programme brought forward 10 projects for development, influenced and accounting for the impact of COVID-19. In the past 6 months, the remaining 5 projects have been brought forward for consideration and approval, with final grant payments being made to all projects in line with D2N2 LEP expectations by the financial year end 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The Council has led the engagement with partners under the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) with the Public Realm Group now incorporated into the Economy Cell, working to support an on-going understanding of the impact of and a response to the pandemic. This has included overseeing measures to safely re-open the high street as measures are being progressively eased. The Cell is currently reviewing its priorities in the current circumstances, with this plan forming the basis of the Council's engagement. ✓ On town centres specifically, a review of measures to support the longer-term sustainability of the high street and of retail and service-related businesses is on-going, steered through the LRF Economy Cell. ✓ Through the Growth and Economic Development Team, the Council continues to engage with the respective Town Deal Boards covering Sutton and Kirkby, Stapleford, Mansfield and Newark. Projects which may impact on County Council services or require the approval of this Council will be addressed via the respective service Committees, including where external funding from the Town Deals is anticipated. ✓ Where capital projects are being developed through the Levelling-Up Fund, the County is engaging with the districts as lead on any submissions. ✓ The N2 Town Centre programme has now been successfully completed bringing £7.6M of investment from the D2N2 LEP alongside over £600,000 from the N2 Business Rates Pool and other co-funding to a set of projects within town centres across the County. Despite delays caused by COVID-19, the programme is seeing schemes supported in Arnold, Beeston, Bingham, Carlton, Kirkby, Mansfield, Newark, Stapleford and Worksop. As the schemes are progressed, monitoring will continue to ensure collectively the programme reaches its job creation targets. <p style="text-align: right;">  STATUS: ACTIVE </p>

	<p>Adapt homes to enable residents to live healthy lives, at home, longer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ £1 million funding secured from BEIS through the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme to retrofit homes including solid wall insulation, air heat pumps, solar thermal heating, windows and doors, loft and cavity wall insulation. The work was linked into E.ON's Healthy Ageing Programme which aims to adapt homes to enable residents to live healthy lives at home longer ✓ The £4.3M Warm Homes Hub two-year partnership with E.ON and local authority partners means eligible homeowners and tenants (+ 500 houses) will be able to improve the warmth and comfort of their home and benefit from free services such as grid connection and first-time central heating. To date, eight new gas heating system installations with a further 25 households going through the process. In addition, E.ON are planning delivery to a site of 72 Flats - designs are being drawn up for 72 individual gas central heating systems, alongside a complete district heating network. A further 837 households were supported against the 1,000 households target. An extra £1M (serving an additional 100+ homes at least) was secured for additional measures. ✓ A bid to Government to facilitate additional energy efficiency measures to more communities under the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Phase 1B for an additional £2.3M was submitted but was unsuccessful ✓ Supporting a green recovery through the £4.3 million Warm Homes Hub (a two-year partnership with E.ON and local authority partners offering first time central heating to eligible fuel poor households). Currently 36 households have had first time central heating installed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Warm Homes Hub: 43 households are in the pipeline and the programme continues to be rolled out across the county. Other services from the Hub includes supporting residents to save money on their heating costs and has helped residents save an estimated £90,000 in the last quarter. ✓ Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Scheme Phase 1A: This £1million BEIS funded project in partnership with E.ON will support over 100 households across the county to install low carbon measures including solid wall insulation, air source heat pumps and solar PV. The project is on track and all installations will be completed by the end of September ✓ Green Homes Grant Phase 2 grant will be delivered through funding which has been allocated directly to the District authorities. <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
	<p>Develop a partnership strategy to harness the economic opportunities resulting from the decommissioning of power stations sites at Cottam, Ratcliffe on Soar and West Burton</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Commence exploratory discussions with EDF Energy in relation to plans associated with the decommissioning of the stations at Cottam and West Burton by 2025. ✓ Supported Nottinghamshire bids to the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority's (UKAEA) 'Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production (STEP) fusion programme <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>	
<p>Develop an approach to innovative active travel solutions for short trips to improve health</p>	<p>Promote and enable increased active travel to our town centres to access employment and services</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 funding - The Department for Transport (DfT) allocated £2.18m towards the County Council's Active Travel Fund Tranche 2 proposals. <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>	

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	<p>Adoption of a strategic masterplan for the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks site by December 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The first part of a local connectivity study for the High Speed 2 (HS2) Hub was completed in Autumn 2019 ✓ This work, alongside a parallel masterplanning commission, resulted in a series of formal “asks” being submitted to Department for Transport (DfT) and HS2 Ltd in relation to the station design and connectivity requirements. ✓ The second phase of work has focussed on developing a strategic masterplan for the Toton and Chetwynd site, in partnership with Broxtowe Borough Council. ✓ An initial six-week consultation on Toton and Chetwynd strategic masterplan proposals closed on 22 November 2020. The responses were analysed, and a consultation report presented to the Toton Delivery Board in February 2021. ✓ The consultation report was published as part of the Broxtowe Borough Council March 2021 Jobs & Economy Committee papers <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
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Success means:

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

Business Goal	Specific Actions	Up until March 2021	Between April 2021 and October 2022
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Identify ways in which digital technologies can be used to improve business productivity across Nottinghamshire	Promote 5G Turbine Digital Hub	<p>Promote 5G Turbine Digital Hub:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A marketing communications plan finalised to promote the availability of serviced accommodation to local small businesses and act as a catalyst for skills and innovation showcasing ground-breaking 5G related technological developments ✓ The installation of the new fibre connectivity underway. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ The new Digital Innovation Centre showcasing the latest in 5G, augmented and virtual reality digital innovations will be created at Nottinghamshire County Council's Worksop Turbine Centre. ✓ The Centre will benefit from £592,000 from the Getting Building Fund which will be used to comprehensively upgrade the existing digital IT infrastructure of the centre, boosting the productivity of the more than 40 businesses already on site, and creating new high-skilled jobs. The programme of investment is being used to improve digital infrastructure; support skills and career opportunities; and the transition to a low carbon economy to drive economic growth following the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. ✓ With funding secured, work has now started to refurbish the building and create the space to showcase the county's latest innovations in augmented and virtual reality as well as providing businesses with space to trial and develop their own innovations using digital technologies. Working with local schools and colleges the Digital Innovation Centre will also provide access to the latest technology to inspire the next generation of local innovators. ✓ Upgraded high speed connectivity and enhanced wifi/telephony underway for all businesses on site. Internal 5G network planning underway for installation during 2021. ✓ Two pilots of the UK's first 5G Careers Challenge with Vision West Notts College were successful with positive coverage by the college and D2N2, as well as 5G specialist outlets. Communities Renewal Fund (CRF) bid with Futures for wider roll out with ISPB/Innovation Nottinghamshire (NCC partners for the Digital Innovation Centre). <p> STATUS: ACTIVE</p>
	Launch a gigabit broadband voucher scheme in early September 2020, running until March 2021 to increase our current county coverage of 13.66%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Launched a social media campaign around the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme ✓ 8 group schemes approved by the Government for over 1,500 premises to benefit from the vouchers towards the installation costs ✓ Gigabit coverage continued to rise, standing at 18.34% (i.e. up 5% since 3 November 2020 update). Virgin media's cable network covered 71.72% 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Social media campaign launched around the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme. ✓ 39 individual group schemes with over 2,000 premises in Nottinghamshire have been assisted and currently discussing options with their chosen internet service suppliers. ✓ Gigabit coverage continues to rise and is currently 17.11% (i.e. up 3.15% since 3 November 2020 update). Virgin media's cable network currently covers 71.72%. <p> STATUS: COMPLETED</p>

16 June 2021

Agenda Item: 7

REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE**COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY – FUNDING PRIORITIES****Purpose of the Report**

1. To consider the current position with regard to receipts of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in Nottinghamshire and to confirm the County Council's support for the projects as identified in the report to be funded through CIL as a priority.

Information

2. The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) is a charge which can be levied by local planning authorities on new development in their area in order to fund projects of strategic or district wide significance. New development which creates net additional floor space of 100 square metres, or more, is potentially liable for the Levy. S106 or planning obligations, continue to be collected for site specific infrastructure and included in a legally binding agreement which forms part of a planning permission.
3. CIL only applies in areas where a local authority has an approved charging schedule which sets out its levy rates. There are presently four authorities in Nottinghamshire operating a CIL. In chronological order of adoption these are Newark & Sherwood District Council (adopted in 2011), Bassetlaw District Council (2013), Gedling Borough Council (2015) and Rushcliffe Borough Council (2019).
4. The Government has proposed through its "Planning for the Future" White Paper, to replace the Community Infrastructure Levy and Section 106 system with a new Consolidated Infrastructure Levy. Details of how the Levy would operate, including how this would be set and collected, are yet to be published, but it is anticipated that this will have an impact on the County Council's approach to securing developer contributions in the future. Details of these proposed changes will be brought to the Committee when known.
5. Developer contributions collected through the CIL are intended to fund strategic infrastructure that is required to meet the future growth needs of the area rather than site specific mitigation that would usually be secured through a planning obligation (i.e. Section 106 Agreement).
6. A proportion of CIL receipts are passed to parish councils to fund local infrastructure and is set at 15% of receipts (or 25% where there is a Neighbourhood Plan in place). This funding is known as the neighbourhood portion and cannot be used towards strategic infrastructure.
7. Details of the strategic infrastructure items that the charging authority intends to fund either partly or wholly through the CIL are set out in its annual Infrastructure Funding Statement

(which replaced the Regulation 123 List in December 2020). In Nottinghamshire, this has mainly comprised strategic highway schemes and secondary education provision.

8. The total amount of funding retained at the end of the year for strategic infrastructure is detailed in the District/Borough Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) for 2019/20.

Bassetlaw

9. The list of projects which may be funded wholly or partly through CIL is set out in the District Council's IFS and includes improvements to key junctions / roundabouts in Worksop, Retford, Tuxford and Harworth, as well as expansion of secondary education provision in both Worksop and Harworth & Bircotes. The full list of highways schemes is available at Appendix A.
10. The total amount of CIL receipts held at the end of the 2019/20 financial year was £5,492,715.
11. The County Council has already drawn down funding towards the completed scheme at the A57/B6041 Gateford Road roundabout in Worksop. Design works are also underway with respect to schemes at the A57/Claylands Avenue and A60/A619 roundabouts in Worksop.
12. To date, no funding has been committed to secondary education projects in the District. The County Council is seeking to address school place sufficiency issues at Outwood Portland Academy in Worksop where a feasibility study has been conducted to identify the potential of delivering an additional two forms of entry (300 places).
13. The County Council is also conducting a feasibility study with regards to a proposed expansion of primary and secondary provision at Serlby Park Academy in Harworth, however the additional secondary places (which would be CIL funded) are not expected to be required for several years, and will depend on the delivery rate of recently permitted housing developments.

Gedling

14. The list of projects which may be funded wholly or partly through CIL is set out in the Borough Council's IFS and includes the following three items: construction of the Gedling Access Road (GAR), additional secondary school provision associated with the Gedling Colliery / Chase Farm and Top Wighay Farm developments, and the Gedling Country Park Visitors Centre.
15. The total amount of CIL receipts held at the end of the 2019/20 financial year was £1,276,677.
16. Since Gedling Borough Council first adopted the CIL, the strategic portion of CIL receipts have been ring-fenced for the construction of the Gedling Access Road (GAR). CIL receipts for the strategic element will continue to be ring-fenced for this piece of infrastructure whilst there is a continued need for the funding. The Borough Council has agreed to contribute up to £4.48 million as stated in its December 2020 Infrastructure Funding Statement.
17. The Borough Council's Statement also confirms that, once the funding gap for the GAR has been addressed, the following priority will be the delivery of secondary school facilities associated with the Gedling Colliery / Chase Farm development. The County Council has invested approximately £3m in providing additional places at the Carlton Academy and would seek to recover this expenditure through CIL, if future CIL receipts allow. However, it is acknowledged that the current proposals to reform CIL / S.106 may impact on future reliability of this revenue.

Newark & Sherwood

18. The list of projects that may be funded wholly or partly through CIL is set out in the District Council's IFS and includes the delivery of major highways schemes such as the widening of the A1 Overbridge at Fernwood and the installation of the Kelham Bypass, as well as improvements to key junctions across the District. The list also includes the delivery of additional secondary education provision within the District. The full list of highways schemes is at Appendix B.
19. The total amount of CIL receipts held at the end of the 2019/20 financial year was £5,146,605.
20. The widening of the A1 Overbridge remains the District Council's highest priority, given its need as part of the Fernwood development highways mitigation strategy. NSDC is therefore working with Highways England to develop a detailed project brief. The estimated cost for the work is expected to be in the region of £5.2 million according to NSDC's IFS.
21. NSDC has also committed £620,000 towards the delivery of a two storey, four classroom expansion of Joseph Whitaker School in Rainworth. The project is being delivered by the East Midlands Education Trust and will help address the projected deficiency of secondary school places in the Rainworth Planning Area. There are currently no other sufficiency issues or plans to increase capacity at other secondary schools in this District.

Rushcliffe

22. The list of projects that may be funded wholly or partly through CIL is set out in the Borough Council's IFS and includes provision of a Park & Ride along the A52 corridor and bus priority measures in West Bridgford, improvements to playing pitches and leisure facilities, and the provision of new/extended secondary education and health facilities across the Borough.
23. Due to the time at which CIL was adopted within the Borough, no developments incurring a CIL charge were commenced during the last financial year. Therefore, the total amount of CIL receipts retained at the end of the 2019/20 financial year was £0.00.
24. The County Council is working with several Academies to progress projects to increase secondary education capacity in the Rushcliffe East and West Bridgford Planning Areas. Further funding may be sought through CIL to supplement existing funding for secondary education provision in the future.
25. As funding accrues, NCC will work with RBC to support delivery of the proposed public transport improvements along the A52 Corridor and in West Bridgford.

County Summary

26. Table 1 summarises the current project proposals in each of the CIL-charging authorities as described in this report and the priorities of the County Council .

District / Borough	CIL Balance at 31st March 2020	County Council Priority Projects for CIL funding
Bassetlaw	£5,492,715	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A57/B6041 Gateford Rd Roundabout: £662,742* • A57/Claylands Avenue Roundabout: Amount TBC • A60/A619 Roundabout: Amount TBC • Outwood Portland Academy Expansion: £7,200,000
Gedling	£1,276,677	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gedling Access Road: £4,480,000 • Carlton Academy Expansion: £3,000,000
Newark & Sherwood	£5,146,605	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joseph Whitaker School Expansion: £620,000 • Widening of A1 Overbridge, Fernwood: £5,200,000
Rushcliffe	£0.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Park and Ride on A52 corridor, bus priority measures in West Bridgford and secondary education projects (to be advised)

**funding drawn down*

Other Options Considered

27. Do nothing. The opportunity to deliver key infrastructure to mitigate the impact of new development in the County would be delayed.

Reason for Recommendations

28. In order for the Committee to endorse the priorities of the County Council for CIL-funded projects in Nottinghamshire.

Statutory and Policy Implications

29. 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 Committee notes the level of receipts accrued from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) in Nottinghamshire;
- 2) That the projects as identified in the report should be prioritised for funding from CIL in its current form; and
- 3) That the Committee indicates whether there are any further actions they wish to take following consideration of this report.

Adrian Smith
Corporate Director Place

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

Constitutional Comments (CEH 01/06/2021)

30. The report falls within the remit of Economic Development and Asset Management Committee under its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (RWK 02/06/2021)

31. The report sets out the balance of CIL contributions and the County Council priority projects for CIL funding for the 4 district councils with an approved CIL charging schedule in place. 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.

- None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

- All.

APPENDIX A: BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIST

Infrastructure required	Approximate cost of	Funding already acquired £	Status
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	improvement £m		
A614/Scrooby Road/Bawtry Road, Harworth	0.75	0.45m Sheffield City Region 0.45m D2N2 Design fees drawn down 05/04/17 £11,000	Completed
A620/A638 roundabout, Retford	3.00		Not Commenced
B1164/A6075 Junction, Tuxford	0.75		Not Commenced
A57/A60 Sandy Lane roundabout, Worksop A57 arms and Highgrounds arm only	1.50	0.5m Sheffield City Region 1.83m D2N2 Design fees requested drawn down 08/04/15 £12,500	Completed
A57/Claylands Avenue roundabout, Worksop	1.50	Amount requested on draw down form 18/10/19 - £19,250	Project Underway
A60/A619 roundabout, Worksop	3.00	In discussions over design works	Project Underway
A57/B6041 Gateford Road roundabout, Worksop B6041 arm only	1.50	£12,000 on 27/07/17 for design fees £20,000 on 14/08/18 for further design fees £630,742 on 24/08/18 for capital project £662,742 total CIL drawn down £1.15m Sheffield City Region Funding	Completed
Secondary school provision in Worksop	4.50	n/a	Not Commenced
Secondary school provision in Harworth Bircotes	4.40	n/a	Not Commenced
Total cost	23.90		

APPENDIX B: NEWARK & SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL INFRASTRUCTURE LIST

Highways Projects				
Location	Estimated Cost	CIL /Other Public Contribution	Required works	Status/funding source
Barnby Gate, Sherwood Avenue Junction, Newark	£60,000	£60,000	Signal control	Completed 2018 (Local Transport Plan)
Beacon Hill Road, Northern Road Junction, Newark	£144,000	£144,000	Signal control	Completed 2018 D2N2 – Cycling Strategy
Lincoln Road, Brunel Drive Junction, Newark	£300,000	£300,000	Junction improvements	Completed (Newark Cycle Strategy)
Lincoln Road, Northern Road Junction, Newark	£240,000	£240,000	Signal control	Completed (Local Transport Plan)
A1 Overbridge widening, Fernwood, Newark	£5,200,000	£5,200,000	Widening of A1 overbridge	To be implemented
London Road, Portland Street Junction, Newark	£60,000	£60,000	Signal control	To be implemented
Northern Road / Brunel Drive Junction	£500,000	£500,000	Signal control	To be implemented
Castle Gate, Lombard Street Junction, Newark	£300,000	£300,000	Junction improvements	To be implemented
Sleaford Road / Friary Road Junction, Newark	£300,000	£300,000	Junction improvements	To be implemented
Queens Road / North Gate	£240,000	£240,000	Junction improvements	To be implemented
Kelham Bypass	£15,000,000	£5,000,000	New bridge over River Trent and a bypass to the village	To be implemented Suggested funding split 33% CIL-67% D2N2 LEP
A614, C1 Junction White Post Roundabout	£600,000*	Details remain unclear until NCC's business case is finalised	Junction improvements	MRN funding bid to DfT, part funded by CIL contributions
A6097 / A612 Lowdham Junction	£1,500,000*	Details remain unclear until NCC's business case is finalised	Junction improvements	MRN funding bid to DfT, part funded by CIL contributions
A614 Mickledale Lane Junction	£300,000*	Details remain unclear until NCC's business case is finalised	Junction improvements and signal control	MRN funding bid to DfT, part funded by CIL contributions
A614, C13 Eakring Road Junction	£120,000*	Details remain unclear until NCC's business case is finalised	Speed reduction measures and signal control	MRN funding bid to DfT, part funded by CIL contributions
A614/A6097 Oxton Bypass	£1,500,000*	Details remain unclear until NCC's business case is finalised	Junction improvements	MRN funding bid to DfT, part funded by CIL contributions
Education Projects				
Secondary Education Provision within the District	£11,339,820	£11,339,820	Increase schools capacity	To be implemented
Joseph Whitaker School, Rainworth	£620,000	£620,000		To be implemented

Table 8: NSDC CIL Priority Project Status (* Figures requiring review)

16 June 2021

Agenda Item: 8

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE**DEFRA INVESTMENT READINESS FUND****Purpose of the Report**

1. This report seeks Members approval and support for the applications submitted by Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) to the Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund (NEIRF). The report also seeks agreement from Members to provide additional supporting documentation in relation to the four applications if requested by the Environment Agency. Finally, the report seeks approval to undertake a procurement process should the bids have a successful outcome.

Information

2. The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs launched the Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund (NEIRF) to explore how to bring forward greater private investment into natural assets, alongside public investment. This is to take advantage of a growing demand to invest in green financial markets, with potential for public sector savings and a share of profits to be re-invested into the public purse.
3. This fund will provide grants of £10,000 to £100,000 (inclusive of VAT) to pay for technical and specialist market advice. The purpose is to take learning from environmental projects and inform new investment models to help fund future environmental interventions. This will explore how the private sector can be supported through financial markets in a way that increases benefits for the public and private sector. This exploratory work into green finance must be associated with the delivery of a funded environmental project delivered within two years and capable of being applied at scale to other places in the future.
4. Projects must support the 25 Year Environment Plan, for example, with outcomes for green places:
 - i. sustainable UK developments including improving the quality of urban developments, non fossil-fuel energy and preventing flood risk;
 - ii. growth in sustainable supply chains. For example, off-site manufacturing in construction, sustainable forestry, carbon offset industries;
 - iii. protecting environments of public value and increasing biodiversity and improving the future quality of our air, water and food supplies.
5. Our current sites meet the above criteria and offer unique opportunities to set a national benchmark for building greener to safeguard our natural environment. The project also provides scope to support mental health, the visitor economy and

employment outcomes.

6. The work will support the County aims to deliver a green recovery in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and will help the Council strive towards an ambitious future to benefit all residents. This work will also enable us to lead the debate on how public and private finance can be best applied at scale towards environmental and placemaking interventions, including feeding directly into Government's Green Finance, Planning Reform, Green Growth and Infrastructure funding agendas. If successful investment models are identified, then there is scope to scale these up via external partners who support the project.
7. Following approval officers explored the potential application of this fund, collated evidence and submitted bids. Four applications were made on the 29th March and are currently undergoing consideration. Each application covered a separate, ambitious investment model to be explored.

I. Green Transport Options: Green & Active Investment Models

Green and sustainable transport will be a focus across several sites. The fund will help develop models to support benefits to all for investing in ecosystem services at sustainable transport locations. This will boost biodiversity, improve water and air quality and support environmentally friendly travel for work and leisure. This application requested £100,000 in grant funding.

II. 5G Connected Forest: Investment models for the new 5G Technologies

Exciting 5G technologies are currently being piloted in Nottinghamshire with the 5G Connected Forest Programme. This application requested £100,000 in grant funding.

III. Low Carbon Buildings: BREEAM Investment Models

The County Council is developing high quality environmentally beneficial buildings across our estate including; social housing decarbonisation, meeting head on the Government's challenge to build back greener and better. This fund will enable models to be explored that can both invest in and generate funds to serve commercial and public needs for clean air, water & energy in urban habitats. This application requested £100,000 in grant funding.

IV. Investigating investment models at landscape scale in Sherwood and Trent Valley

The model will seek to identify the current market factors influencing investment decisions in the Sherwood, Trent Valley Washlands and Trent & Belvoir Vales National Character Areas in Nottinghamshire. This fund will help identify opportunities for re-purposing existing investment mechanisms and attracting new forms of investment to deliver habitat restoration and re-creation on a planned basis at a landscape scale. This application requested £87,625 in grant funding.

8. Internal and external partners were engaged on the potential investment models and provided letters of support. They have agreed that if funds are awarded to NCC, they will collaborate to develop and support NCC's exciting vision for a green and sustainable future. Key stakeholders include D2N2 LEP, Midlands Connect, Greenwood Community

Forest, Local Universities and East Midlands Chamber.

9. The proposed applications are currently being sifted by the Environment Agency. The NEIRF Project Board will then assess the content of the bids and will decide on the outcome. The Board may request further detail over the assessment period. The outcome is expected to be announced in **July 2021**. Annex A outlines a breakdown of quarterly milestones should the bid outcome be successful.

Other Options Considered

10. To not approve the use of additional resource from this fund would impact on the Council's ability to explore the opportunities presented by green finance.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

11. In order for the Committee to continue to support the progress of our application and endorse that Officers' undertake a procurement process in respect of the fund as quickly as possible should the funding application be successful.

Interdependencies

12. This grant funding only requires NCC to share the learning outcomes of the project report commissioned. It does not create any obligation to engage with any finance model in return for the fund and does not commit NCC to success or implementation of the investment model(s) explored.
13. The total value applied for each project was justified based on an estimate of the cost for market specific advice. NCC may be asked to obtain detailed quotes and a specification of the procurement for the work if funding is awarded. Any commission would seek to maximise value for Nottinghamshire County and for DEFRA. Some claim back has been requested for project administration; up to 20% of the fund may be claimed against evidenced and justified staff salary. It is proposed that for any projects awarded, this could be re-invested into supporting research to achieve the Fund outcomes.

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.

Financial Implications

15. This report highlights a bidding process for a potential £387,625 to be made available for the four proposed investment models. No match funding will be required, but it can be used should the opportunity arise. S151 officer approval will be sought for any funding that is secured (in line with Constitutional requirements).

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Economic Development and Asset Management Committee:

- 1) Provide endorsement of the four proposed applications.
- 2) Agree to Officers providing any additional supporting documentation if requested by DEFRA in relation to the four proposed applications.
- 3) Agree to Officers undertake a procurement process should the bids have a successful outcome.

Adrian Smith
Corporate Director, Place

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Matthew Neal, Service Director for Investment and Growth, Place Department, Matthew.Neal@nottscc.gov.uk Tel: 0115 977 3822

Constitutional Comments (AK 01/06/2021)

15. This report falls within the remit of the Economic Development and Asset Management Committee by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (RWK 02/06/2021)

16. The report informs committee of 4 applications that have been submitted to the Natural Environment Investment Readiness Fund (NEIRF). The applications, if successful, could bring in additional grant funding of £387,625. As no match funding is required 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.

- [NEIRF background information \[gov.uk\]](#)

Electoral Divisions and Members Affected

- All

ANNEX A

<u>July- Nov 2021</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Undertake procurement process	<u>Dec 2021- Feb 2022</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Specialist market advice procured.- Grant agreement in place- Project inception.- Early review: Barriers and Incentives report
<u>March 2022- July 2022</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mid-term review: Investment Model report.	<u>Aug 2022- Nov 2022</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- End of Grant report: Governance report.- End Date: Evaluation report.



REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR, PLACE

RIVER TRENT PARTNERSHIP UPDATE AND SUPPORT FOR THE SUBMISSION OF AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) TO 'PARTNERSHIPS FOR PEOPLE AND PLACE' PROJECT

Purpose of the Report

1. This report seeks to provide Members with background information on the River Trent Partnership; and seeks support for the submission of an Expression of Interest by the Environment Agency to the MHCLG 'Partnerships for People and Place' project.

Information

2. Nottinghamshire County Council is exploring with the Environment Agency and other regional partners, the potential to form a new catchment wide partnership that will deliver both economic and environmental gains known as the River Trent Partnership (See Annex A). The Partnership will focus on pooling resources to take better advantage of funding opportunities, in particular those arising from the Government's National Infrastructure Strategy.
3. On 25th November 2020, the Chancellor set out Spending Review 2020 and published a National Infrastructure Strategy. He also announced plans for a new infrastructure bank to catalyse private investment in projects across the UK. In total the Spending Review will deliver £27bn devoted to transport, energy and digital communications infrastructure in 2021-22. The Treasury has also updated its Green Book guidance on investment decisions to include taking into account wider policy objectives such as levelling up the UK and achieving net zero and up to 250,000 UK green jobs. The National Infrastructure Strategy will allocate funds from an interdepartmental budget.
4. The Environment Agency have approached Nottinghamshire County Council with a view that the authority would have a key leadership role in the formation and co-ordination of the River Trent Partnership (RTP). This work aligns closely with County aims to deliver a green recovery in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic and will help the Council strive towards an ambitious future that will unlock the full economic potential of the catchment area.
5. Local authorities and LEPs have been contacted to gather information to build a vision and baseline for the RTP. This work involves analysing the partners strategic priorities, understanding the type of projects that are planned and confirming baseline metrics of the economic value to be harnessed through environmental interventions across the catchment. Terms of reference for the partnership are currently being developed. This

will put the partnership in a strong position to approach the Environment Agency for funding towards further business case development and to identify priority projects across the catchment.

6. The River Trent Partnership seeks to learn from the recent success of the River Severn Partnership which was able to secure millions of pounds of funding from DEFRA and the Environment Agency, based on demonstrating the economic benefits of alternative flood defence interventions. The River Trent Partnership vision will aim to go further than flood defence potential in order to access other areas of budget within the National Infrastructure Strategy.
7. One source of funding for the partnership is the MHCLG 'Partnerships for People and Place' project. This project is focused on 'place-based' initiatives which are defined, informed and delivered locally through collaboration to develop inclusive and flexible local solutions. The learning from this can then be applied to any other place facing similar issues. This project has the backing of the Treasury-funded Shared Outcomes Fund to analyse the interventions and impacts of 'place-based' policies in up to 15 pilot places in England. Results from the pilot projects will be shared across all government departments to shape the national Levelling Up policy.
8. The Environment Agency on behalf of the partners in the River Trent Partnership are seeking to submit an expression of interest to the 'Partnerships for People and Place' project in June. The Shared Outcomes Fund will help the partnership achieve strategic alignment across local delivery partners and will ensure that communities across the pan-regional catchment area will be supported to have the same levels of accessibility to quality services. MHCLG will use the expression of interest process to identify potential pilot places for funding in July.

Other Options Considered

9. To not work at this catchment wide scale will make it difficult to enable new outcomes and access funding opportunities which can only be unlocked through this partnership. This is an opportunity for the County Council to shape regional agendas which would be lost if the County Council did not take a lead role.

Reason for Recommendation

10. In order for the Committee to provide support for a bid for funds to support place based initiatives under the RTP.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. 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

12. There are no financial implications currently arising as a result of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Economic Development and Asset Management Committee:

- 1) Support an expression of interest submission to the 'Partnerships for People and Place' project by the Environment Agency.

Adrian Smith
Corporate Director, Place

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Matthew Neal, Service Director for Investment and Growth, Place Department, Matthew.Neal@nottscc.gov.uk , Tel: 0115 977 3822

Constitutional Comment (EP 07/06/2021)

13. The Economic Development and Asset Management Committee is the appropriate body to consider this report.

Financial Comment (RWK 02/06/2021)

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

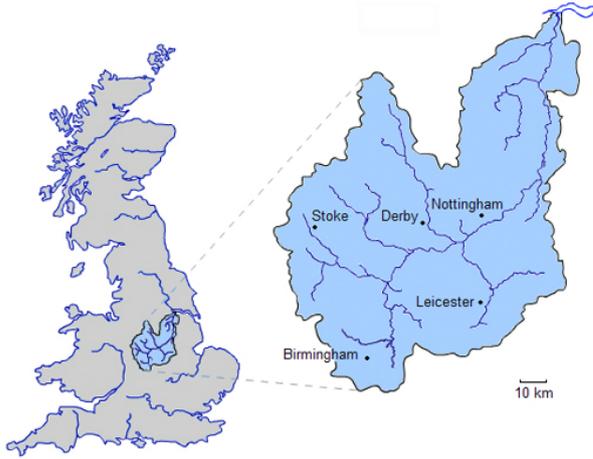
Background Papers and Published Documents

- [National Infrastructure Strategy](#)

Electoral Divisions and Members Affected

- All.

River Trent Partnership Scale & Geography:



The Trent catchment is one of the biggest river catchments in England and it is certainly one of the most diverse. From the cities of Leicester on the Soar and Nottingham on the Trent to the Upper Derwent draining the remote moorland of the Peak District, the Trent and its tributaries encompass almost every land use and landscape. This means the partnership will significantly increase the ability to collaborate and influence large scale funding programmes and achieve economies of scale and bigger benefits from programmes awarded

16 June 2021

Agenda Item: 10

REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR - CUSTOMERS, GOVERNANCE AND EMPLOYEES

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider 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 has been drafted in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chairs, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.
4. As part of the transparency introduced by the revised committee arrangements from 2012, committees are expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. It is anticipated that the committee will wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions. The committee is therefore requested to identify activities on which it would like to receive reports for inclusion in the work programme.
5. The meeting dates and agenda items are subject to review in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Other Options Considered

6. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

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

Statutory and Policy Implications

8. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (Public Health only), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults, service users, sustainability and the environment and ways of working 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

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

Marjorie Toward
Customers, Governance and Employees

For any enquiries about this report please contact: Pete Barker, x74416

Constitutional Comments (HD)

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

Financial Comments (NS)

10. There are no direct financial implications arising from the contents of this report. Any future reports to Committee on operational activities and officer working groups, will contain relevant financial information and comments.

Background Papers

None.

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME

<u>Report Title</u>	<u>Lead Officer/Report Author</u>
28 July 2021	
Update on Visitor Economy	Matthew Neal
Review of Transport Programme Delivery Team Structure	Matthew Neal/Sally Gill/Kevin Sharman
Property Operational Decisions Quarterly Update Report	Sue Blockley
Approval of Top Wighay	Matthew Neal/Neil Gamble/Steve Keating
Recycling Centre Newark	Neil Gamble
Depot at Gamston	Neil Gamble
Economic Review Strategy	Matthew Neal/Adrian Smith
Land Review Purchase	Neil Gamble
September 2021	
Strategic Infrastructure Plan for Nottinghamshire	Sally Gill/Stephen Pointer
Growth and Development team Restructure	Matthew Neal
Finance and performance report (Q1- delayed from July due to changes which need to be made on BMS)	Chris Williams/Stephanie Shardlow
Minerals Local Plan	Sally Gill
Developer Contributions Strategy - to approve a Draft revision to the County Councils Developer Contributions Strategy for the purposes of public and stakeholder consultation.	Stephen Pointer
October 2021	
Draft Joint Waste Plan for Nottinghamshire and Nottingham	Stephen Pointer, TM
Property Operational Decisions Quarterly Update Report	Neil Gamble/Sue Blockley
December 2021	
Finance and Performance Report Q2	Chris Williams/Steph Shardlow
Property Operational Decisions Quarterly Update Report	Neil Gamble/Sue Blockley
March 2022	
Finance and performance report Q3	Chris Williams/Steph Shardlow
July 2022	
Finance and performance report Q4	Chris Williams/Steph Shardlow

