

EXECUTIVE BOARD CITY CENTRE COMMITTEE – 19 SEPTEMBER 2013

Subject:	City Centre Time and Place Plan – Approval for Consultation		
Corporate Director(s)/ Director(s):	David Bishop, Corporate Director Development		
Portfolio Holder(s):	Councillor Nick McDonald Councillor Jane Urquhart		
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Key Decision	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Reasons: Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings <input type="checkbox"/> of £1,000,000 or more taking account of the overall impact of the decision			Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital <input type="checkbox"/>
Significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area consisting of two or more wards in the City	X Yes		No <input type="checkbox"/>
Subject to call-in <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Total value of the decision: none specific		
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:	Wards affected:		
World Class Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Arboretum, Bridge, Radford and Park	
Work in Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Safer Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Neighbourhood Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s):	
Family Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	02 September 2013	
Healthy Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Leading Nottingham	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):			
<p>This report requests approval to formally consult on the City Centre Time and Place Plan. The plan proposes a framework of City Centre Quarters, each with their own character, to be encouraged and enabled using regeneration, economic development, planning and licensing powers and functions.</p>			
Recommendation(s):			
1 That the draft City Centre Time and Place Plan is approved for consultation			
2 That a further report is made to the Executive Board City Centre Committee in the New Year 2014 to consider consultation results and a final plan for publication			
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1 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

The City Centre Time and Place Plan is intended to provide a framework of character quarters largely for enabling and promotional activities in the City Centre. It is therefore a non-statutory plan. However there are two areas where more formal procedures are involved – this is in relation to planning policies and subsequent decisions and licensing policy and applications. Therefore key elements of the City Centre Time and Place Plan are included in the Nottingham Local Plan (a consultation draft to be considered at Executive Board on 17 September) and are proposed for the Draft Licensing Policy (currently out to consultation until 04 October).

A previous version of the Time and Place Plan was discussed at the first City Centre Forum and Executive Board City Centre Committee. Since then it has been presented informally in many different situations including meetings of the Chamber of Commerce, Nottingham Trent University and alongside the Castle refurbishment proposals to different local audiences. The proposals for the Southern Gateway development area have also been discussed with relevant landowners and developers. It was also discussed by English Heritage's Urban Panel and comments from English Heritage have been taken into account.

Since those discussions the plan has been amended to include more reference to the potential for improving both the evening and daytime economy, especially in the Canal Quarter, which offers the potential for purpose built, well designed bars and clubs alongside office and commercial uses. These would all make good use of the new transport hubs in the Canal Quarter.

Whilst the plan proposes encouragement of licensed premises in suitable locations in the Canal Quarter, it also proposes a corresponding tightening up on certain types of licensed premises in the Royal and Castle Quarters, so that those buildings can be used for purposes better matching their designated characters.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To enable the Draft City Centre Plan to be approved for consultation purposes.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

Not to draft a City Centre Time and Place Plan – it was considered that a coordinating document is required to ensure the best balance of uses in the City Centre both in spatial terms and covering daytime and night-time activities.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

There are no direct financial implications to this report. Small scale costs of consultation will be contained within existing budgets.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)

The City Centre Time and Place Plan considers crime and disorder in the City Centre and proposes a framework that eventually will enable operational improvements.

6 SOCIAL VALUE CONSIDERATIONS

The City Centre Time and Place Plan provides a framework to encourage different uses in the City Centre in the daytime and evenings, providing for all sections of the population.

7 REGARD TO THE NHS CONSTITUTION

No implications

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

Has the equality impact been assessed?

- (a) not needed (report does not contain proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions, financial decisions or decisions about implementation of policies development outside the Council)
- (b) No, EIA will be completed following consultation
- (c) Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

10 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

Draft Nottingham City Council Licensing Policy – available on the Nottingham City Council website
Nottingham Local Plan (Land and Planning Policies) – available on the Nottingham City Council website

11 OTHER COLLEAGUES WHO HAVE PROVIDED INPUT