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**Title:** Nottingham Plan Year 3 Performance

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## **Summary**

This presents the Nottingham Plan Annual Report for Year 3 (2012/13) – set out in Appendix 1. This shows the progress in achieving the ambitions in the Nottingham Plan to 2020.

Councillors are requested to:

- Agree any comments for the One Nottingham Board on the progress made during Year 3
- Appoint at least two Councillors to the joint One Nottingham and Scrutiny Performance Panel (25<sup>th</sup> September, 1.30pm in Ground Floor Committee Room)

## **Background**

The Nottingham Plan to 2020 is our Sustainable Community Strategy, setting out a 10 year plan to get us half way to achieving the vision of what Nottingham should look like in 2030.

## **Overall performance**

In Year 3 we have achieved the best percentage of targets showing 'green' (i.e. at or beyond expected position). Despite this, the national economic climate continues to present a challenging environment in which to deliver many of our ambitions. Added to this, we have some particularly ambitious targets are proving increasingly hard to achieve.

## **Performance (green)**

In Year 3 we have achieved the greatest number of targets showing 'green' – at or beyond expected position. Key successes from the year include:

- Internationally significant events – linked to Olympics and Jubilee events e.g. Olympic Torch Relay, Jubilee Royal visit and hosted second stage of Tour of Britain
- Satisfaction with local area – 84% citizens are satisfied with their local area, little change from last year (85%)
- Teenage conceptions – down 9% from last year to 49.5 per 1,000 females aged 15-17. The England average is 30.7 and the average for our statistical neighbours is 45.1 per 1,000 females aged 15-17
- GCSEs – 49.6% of pupils achieved 5 good A\*-C GCSEs (including English and Maths) in 2012, our best GCSE results ever. We are now around 10 percentage points below the national average of 59.4%. (The Nottingham Plan target is for Nottingham to be in the top 20% most improved local authorities. This year we were 38<sup>th</sup> most improved out of 147 local authorities, in the top 26%)
- Skills – 71.6% working age citizens have Level 2 (equivalent to 5 A\*-C GCSEs) or above, a 10 percentage point rise partly due to the better qualifications of school-leavers and people with no/low qualifications reaching retirement age, but also because the data now includes overseas qualifications which were not previously included. This means that the EU migrants and international students who arrive with qualifications can be included. The England average is 71.8%.
- Employment rate – our employment rate is 59.7%, up from 55.5% last year. However this is still well below the East Midlands rate of 71.5%.

## **Performance (red)**

The following targets are where performance is behind the expected position and the economic climate plays a significant role:

- Children living in poverty – This is measured by the percentage of children living in workless households. There are fewer children living in poverty compared to last year, but the numbers are still disappointingly high. Poverty is driven by a range of factors and the current economic climate does not help the situation.
- Net new homes and proportion of family housing outside the city centre – Although both these targets have improved since last year, their achievement continues to be hit by the poor performance of the housing market. In addition, new housing this year has mainly been apartments and conversions which tend to be smaller dwellings, which has not helped the family housing target.

The targets are where performance is behind the expected position simply because they are very challenging targets are as follows:

- Increasing the number of new business starts and creating more jobs in the science and technology sector – Although the Growth Plan should help to deliver progress towards these targets, they remain very ambitious particularly in such a difficult economic climate and will be a challenge to achieve.
- Reducing the number of alcohol-related hospital admissions – This will require significant long term change in lifestyles and behaviours, and bucking the national trend.
- Child obesity – Levels in Nottingham are significantly higher than the England average. Although Nottingham is second lowest when compared to our statistical neighbours, this remains a very challenging target.

Some targets are going in the right direction but this year missed achieving 'green'. These are:

- Successful drug treatment completions – The target was missed by only 19 people. There has been positive performance for much of the year but the target has been affected by the transition to the new treatment system.
- Smoking – Although levels of smoking have increased since last year, this needs to be seen in the context of a consistent downward trend over the last few years.
- Overall number of crimes – While performance is not at the expected position and this year has seen a larger reduction in crime in similar areas compared to Nottingham, crime continues to fall and the long-term gap between Nottingham and similar partnerships has reduced.
- Children developing well at foundation stage – The target focuses on our national position, which has dropped, but in Nottingham the number of children developing well at foundation stage has risen compared to last year and our performance is slightly above the average of our statistical neighbours. Due to the introduction of a new Early Years Foundation Stage framework, this target will not be available in the future.

## **Performance Panel**

The targets which are not at expected position will be considered by the joint One Nottingham and Scrutiny Performance Panel on 25<sup>th</sup> September (1.30pm). This gives Scrutiny Councillors and One Nottingham partners the opportunity to look in more depth at particular targets, to understand the causes behind the performance position and invite the Lead Officers responsible for delivery to provide more detail.

## **Communications**

It is proposed that the final annual report is published online, with external communications via the Arrow and the One Nottingham Bulletin and internal communications to all One Nottingham partners via internal bulletins. It is proposed that a summary version of the report is also produced, aimed at citizens.

## **Looking ahead**

The national economic climate continues to present a very challenging environment in which to deliver our ambitions. Over the coming year One Nottingham partners will take stock of the Nottingham Plan and look at whether the targets are still right for Nottingham.

## **Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information**

None

## **Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

The Nottingham Plan to 2020 -

<http://www.onenottingham.org.uk/index.aspx?articleid=19782>

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