



**NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**  
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Wednesday, 9 March 2016

**Time:** 2.00 pm

**Place:** Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham,  
NG2 3NG

**Councillors are requested to attend the above meeting to transact the following business**

**Corporate Director for Resilience**

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**MINUTES of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 3 February 2016 from 14.00 pm - 16.02 pm**

**Membership**

Present

Councillor Leslie Ayoola  
Councillor Josh Cook  
Councillor Pat Ferguson  
Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim  
Councillor Patience Uloma Ifediora  
Councillor Glyn Jenkins  
Councillor Gul Nawaz Khan (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Ginny Klein  
Councillor Sally Longford (substitute for Councillor Anne Peach)  
Councillor Brian Parbutt (Chair)

Absent

Councillor Azad Choudhry  
Councillor Georgina Culley  
Beverley Frost (3<sup>rd</sup> Sector Representative)  
Councillor Corall Jenkins  
Councillor Neghat Nawaz Khan  
Councillor Anne Peach

**Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:**

Phillip Broxholme - Policy Officer, Crime and Drugs Partnership  
Nigel Cooke - Director, One Nottingham  
Dean Goodburn - Policy Officer  
Rav Kalsi - Senior Governance Officer  
Caroline Keenan - Policy Officer, Crime and Drugs Partnership  
Mike Manley - Chief Superintendent, Nottinghamshire Police  
Tim Spink - Head of Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership

**34 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Leslie Ayoola – other Council business  
Beverley Frost – non-Council business  
Councillor Corall Jenkins – non-Council business  
Councillor Neghat Khan – non-Council business  
Councillor Anne Peach – non-Council business

**35 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

**36 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2016 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**37 CRIME AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL PARTNERSHIP PLAN AND POLICING UPDATE**

Tim Spink, Head of Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership (CDP) and Chief Superintendent Mike Manley, Commander for the City Division at Nottinghamshire Police, delivered a presentation to the Committee, providing an overview of the CDP Partnership Plan and an update on policing in Nottingham.

During the presentation the following information was highlighted:

- (a) Nottingham has made huge strides in recent years in reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and the factors that drive them, such as the misuse of drugs and alcohol. The CDP's Partnership Plan was approved by Nottingham City Council in September 2015 and is coterminous with targets outlined by the Police and Crime Commissioner;
- (b) As part of the 2015-20 Plan, the CDP have outlined a number of headline targets, such as targeting a 20% reduction in victim-based crime by 2020, which they are currently on target to achieve, and increasing the rate of recovery from substance misuse dependency to 5% above the average for the Core Cities by 2020;
- (c) A 12 month baseline ending in July 2016 has been proposed to reduce victim-based crime by 20%. This is in order to mitigate the effect of a HMIC inspection into crime recording which has led to increased compliance of crime recording in Nottingham and across England and Wales;
- (d) Since a refresh of its 'Most Similar Family' comparator groups in October 2014, Nottingham has improved its position to its fifth highest rate of all crime and fifth highest rate of victim-based crime per 1,000 of the population which is the best population the city has ever achieved. Preston, Gateshead, Swansea and Leeds have been removed from the 'Most Similar Family' comparison group and replaced with Middlesbrough, Blackpool, Hastings and Wolverhampton;
- (e) The CDP target of successful completions as a proportion of all clients in treatment is 5% above the Core Cities average by 2020. Nottingham is currently exceeding this target, as well as the national rate and the rate in Nottinghamshire;
- (f) Anti-social behaviour is down 1% against 2014/15 baseline figures (recorded January 2015 – December 2015) and there were 115 fewer calls compared to 2014/15. There were a number of contributory factors impacting on the changing nature of anti-social behaviour, such as the diversion of Nottingham City Council calls to the Police's 101 number;
- (g) The CDP's Partnership approach for 2015/16 covers the following five themes: Anti-social behaviour, burglary, drug and alcohol misuse and other violence (described as all other violence that is not defined as 'night-time economy' or domestic violence related);

- (h) In delivering the Plan commitments, partners responsible for reducing crime, anti-social behaviour and substance misuse/reoffending in Nottingham will align with the PCC and City priorities, where possible. There have been successful examples of coordinated problem solving approaches in the City, such as solving issues around street drinking in the Arboretum and the development of a Begging Strategy.

Following questions and comments from the Committee, the following information was highlighted:

- (i) The Police are committed to high impact wards and have responded to those areas to address emerging challenges by moving a number of Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) into that area. It is not just about policing those areas of need in the City, but also the partnership work taking place with agencies and communities, such as Trading Standards to address tobacco related issues;
- (j) The Police are faced with substantial savings this year amounting to £12 million and decision to withdraw funding to the Youth Offending Team (YOT) has not been taken lightly;
- (k) The allocation of Police staff in the city is flexible and is reviewed each week to ensure that the demands are being adequately met in all areas of the City;
- (l) The Police have not witnessed a substantial change in the level of confidence Nottingham people have in their service and although the Police do not always attend every crime it is important that citizens continue to report criminal activity. It is often useful for councillors to check with their Neighbourhood Teams to see if similar issues have been reported in the past and how they have been responded to;
- (m) Nottinghamshire Police faces a significant challenge in meeting the proposed level of cuts to its funding which will see a difference in the services that can be provided for particular types of crime, for example, Nottinghamshire Police conducts an increasing number of investigations over the telephone;
- (n) The nature of criminality is changing across the country and therefore the capability of police staff will need to reflect this. Discussions are taking place across the country about emerging crimes linked to cyber activity, such as fraud and sex offences. Although work is taking place to ensure that crime and prevention techniques are adapted to safeguard online protection, the technology industry must also recognise the emerging risks and look to prioritise these.

**RESOLVED to thank the Crime and Drugs Partnership and Nottinghamshire Police for their informative presentation around the CDP Partnership Plan 2015 to 2020.**

### **38 NOTTINGHAM PLAN 14/15 ANNUAL REPORT (YEAR 5)**

Nigel Cooke, Director of One Nottingham and Dean Goodburn, Policy Officer, delivered a presentation on the Nottingham Plan Annual Report 14/15 (Year 5) detailing progress against Nottingham Plan targets for 14/15. During the presentation, the following information was highlighted:

- (a) The Nottingham Plan is a 10 year partnership plan which is currently at the halfway stage of the plan to 2020. Commitment from partners and partnerships that help to deliver the plan is strong but there is recognition that there is still some way to go to ensure that all communities in Nottingham benefit from the achievements and aspirations set out in the Plan;
- (b) Just under half of the targets outlined in the Nottingham Plan are performing well, with a small percentage classed as “Amber” and a third of targets classed as “Red” or behind target. There has been an increase in the number of targets classed as red compared to preceding years, owing to the reclassification of poverty related targets as red, following the release of the Indices of Deprivation on 30 September 2015. In addition to this, there are some ambitious targets in relation to education and poverty, both of which have proved challenging;
- (c) There have been a number of key successes reported in the Plan such as the accelerated delivery of the Growth Plan and the government has committed £58.9 million through the Local Growth Fund for a range of priority projects that will support growth;
- (d) As well as the key successes reported in the Nottingham Plan, there a number of areas have been identified for improvement. As a result of welfare reforms, the demand for emergency housing support has continued to rise. Although there has been little change in the levels of adult obesity (which is currently at 60.7%), Nottingham continues to experience high levels of alcohol-related hospital admission (954 per 100,000 population) which are significantly above the Core Cities average of 771 per 100,000 population;
- (e) Following the publication of the Indices of Deprivation, Nottingham is now ranked as the 8<sup>th</sup> most deprived authority, a worse position than the previous rank in 2010 of 20<sup>th</sup> most deprived authority. This is partly explained by the London Boroughs that had dipped sharply in the recession bouncing back quickly, therefore nothing had taken place in Nottingham to influence this;
- (f) In the future, the Plan will highlight key data in bite-size chunks. It would be appropriate for partner organisations to take charge of particular areas of relevance to them and report back on outstanding or concerning areas;
- (g) To support this approach, the newly established Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee could focus on educational attainment and has already carried out some work on school exclusions.

**RESOLVED to**

- (1) thank Nigel Cooke and Dean Goodburn for their informative presentation on the Nottingham Plan 14/15 Annual Report;**
- (2) include a review of Poverty Challenges in Nottingham (Nottingham Indices of Multiple Deprivation Results) on the Work Programme for 2016/17;**
- (3) include a review of Educational Attainment levels in Nottingham on the Work Programme for the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee for 2016/17;**
- (4) refer the area of tackling health inequality to the Health Scrutiny Committee.**

**39 PROGRAMME FOR SCRUTINY**

Rav Kalsi, Senior Governance Officer introduced the report of the Head of Democratic Services setting out the programme of activity for this Committee and the Overview and Scrutiny Review Panels for 2015/16.

**RESOLVED to agree the work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Review Panels for 2015/16, as summarised in the report.**

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<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>9 MARCH 2016</b>
<b>PROGRAMME FOR SCRUTINY 2016/17 – WORKSHOP SESSION</b>
<b>REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b>

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To identify potential topics of Overview and Scrutiny for 2016/17.

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 To consider potential topics for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Review Panels for 2016/17. Members of the Committee are asked to come to the Committee with suggestions for review during 2016/17.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 One of the main roles of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is setting, managing and co-ordinating the overall programme of scrutiny work. This includes:

- mapping out an initial programme for scrutiny at the start of the municipal year
- monitoring progress against the programme throughout the year, and making amendments as required
- evaluating the impact of scrutiny activity and using lessons learnt to inform future decisions about scrutiny activity.

- 3.2 Effective work programming is the bedrock of an effective scrutiny function and can help influence work on issues of local importance. In setting the programme for scrutiny activity, the Committee should aim for an outcome-focused work programme that has clear priorities and is matched against the resources available to deliver the programme.

- 3.3 Councillor Brian Parbutt, Chair of Overview and Scrutiny and Councillor Ginny Klein, Chair of Health Scrutiny, have both sought input from all elected members at Nottingham City Council on potential topics for inclusion on the work programme for 2016/17. Responses will be collated and presented to the Committee to consider.

- 3.4 To enable an effective work programming session, it is proposed that discussion focusses on the following four themes (although discussion is not restricted to these areas):

- Transformation and Partnerships
- Environment and Regeneration
- Policy development

- Public impact & Performance management

#### **4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 **Appendix 1** – items already agreed by the Committee
- 4.2 **Appendix 2** – List of possible items for consideration, including suggestions from councillors.

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

- 5.1 None.

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

- 6.1 Overview and Scrutiny work programme workshop 2015/16, report 4 March 2015.

#### **7 Wards affected**

- 7.1 Citywide

#### **8 Contact information**

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### Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda - List of topics for 'overview' items

The following items have already been identified and agreed by the Committee to be considered in 2016/17.

Date of meeting TBC	Focus
	<b>Deprivation in Nottingham</b>
	<b>Crime and Drugs Partnership and Police Commissioner update</b> – previously considered in February 2016, opportunity to hear from newly elected PCC on priorities.
	<b>Neighbourhood Strategy</b> – allied to the Nottingham Growth Plan which was considered in December 2015.
	<b>Nottingham City Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report and actions arising from Ofsted inspection in May 2014</b> – annual report to be considered, including update on authority's response to Ofsted inspection in May 2014. Last attended in November 2015.
	<b>Flood Risk Mitigation Strategy</b> – Update on NCC's role as Lead Authority and its objectives for 2016/17. Last attended in February 2015.
	<b>Customer Access Programme</b> – An update on progress in delivering great customer services, last attended in January 2015.
	<b>Portfolio Holder for Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration</b> – Portfolio holder to report on progress of key themes this year and management of budget for particular portfolio.
	<b>Portfolio Holder for Jobs, Growth and Transport</b> – Portfolio holder to report on progress of key themes this year and management of budget for particular portfolio.
	<b>Portfolio Holder for Planning and Housing</b> – Portfolio holder to report on progress of key themes this year and management of budget for particular portfolio.
	<b>Portfolio Holder for Energy and Sustainability</b> – Portfolio holder to report on progress of key themes this year and management of budget for particular portfolio.
	<b>Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture</b> – Portfolio holder to report on progress of key themes this year and management of budget for particular portfolio.
	<b>Portfolio Holder for Community Services</b> – Portfolio holder to report on progress of key themes this year and management of budget for particular portfolio.
	<b>Portfolio Holder for Strategic Regeneration</b> – Portfolio holder to report on progress of key themes this year and management of budget for particular portfolio.

**2016/17 long-list of possible future items for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and/or Scrutiny Review Panels**

<b>TRANSFORMATION &amp; PARTNERSHIPS</b>	<b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; REGENERATION</b>
<p><b>THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET PROCESS</b> New scrutiny councillors will need to have training on how to effectively scrutinise the Council's budget process prior to scheduling this item after the new Council is elected and members are appointed.</p> <p><b>COMMERCIALISM</b> With significant budgetary pressures expected for local government until 2019/20 how can Nottingham City Council engender a 'commercial culture' to help manage these pressures? How can we maximise the benefits of grants/charitable funding for the city?</p> <p><b>DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES, EXPLORING TRENDS AND CHALLENGES IN NOTTINGHAM CITY</b> Understanding our changing population and potential implications to service delivery. Need to explore the changes in demography in Nottingham and how this will impact on : The ageing population; Council services; Health Services etc</p>	<p><b>AIR QUALITY</b> A closer look at air pollution and air quality in the City, focussing on the work taking place with partners to develop and implement air quality actions to improve air quality.</p> <p><b>FRACKING</b> A closer inspection on what fracking in Nottinghamshire would mean to Nottingham citizens. Currently, there is an applicant seeking planning permission from Nottinghamshire County Council to undertake exploration for shale gas.</p>

POLICY DEVELOPMENT	PUBLIC IMPACT & PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT
<p><b>CONSULTATION</b> How effective are they and are they always cost-effective? How does the Council plan to improve engagement and participation by more residents?</p> <p><b>HOUSING IN THE CITY</b> How is the Council addressing the issue of creating family housing and social/affordable housing Given the census data showing families moving out of city to find suitable family housing?</p> <p><b>IT</b> - How is the Council ensuring its IT infrastructure is fit for purpose and meets the requirements of citizens, colleagues and councillors?</p> <p><b>TOURISM</b> – what is the Council doing to make Nottingham a tourist destination of choice and how does it know what citizens and tourists want?</p> <p><b>STAFF ENGAGEMENT</b> – how can the councillors be sure that colleagues are fully engaged with changes in work practices (commercialism) and need for leaner cost efficient services and structural changes (Good to Great). How are staff morale being measured and their views being sought? When was the last staff questionnaire and when is the next one due? What lessons have been learnt? Are these changes and austerity measures impacting on staff retention?</p> <p><b>DEVOLUTION / COMBINED AUTHORITY</b></p> <p><b>INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING</b></p>	<p><b>PARKING ENFORCEMENT</b> An assessment of officers’ ability to enforce restrictions in the city.</p> <p><b>FUEL POVERTY</b> What actions are being taken by the Council to support its citizens who in fuel poverty since the Scrutiny Review Panel published its recommendations in 2011?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• focus on enabling citizens to reduce their energy bills through insulation schemes</li> <li>• the development of the Council’s energy company</li> <li>• the pilot being run by Nottingham City Homes and Experian to enable tenants to develop a credit score by using the rent account data. This should enable tenants to move from pre-payment meters and access better energy tariffs with energy companies</li> </ul> <p><b>FIXED ODDS GAMBLING</b> – a recent article in the Nottingham Post highlighted research carried out by the Campaign for Fairer Gambling, gamblers in Nottingham spent £40,896,139 on the machines. Nottingham is amongst the 55 most deprived English boroughs which lost £470m on the gaming machines last year, against £231m in the 115 most affluent areas in the country.</p> <p><b>CREDIT UNIONS</b> - An effective way of addressing citizen’s increasing use of pay day lenders?</p> <p><b>LIVING WAGE</b></p>

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