

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
9 DECEMBER 2015
NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL PLAN 2015-19 AND DISCUSSION WITH THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To hear from the Leader of the Council about his vision for the Council; key priorities and objectives for the Council over the next few years; and the current challenges facing the Council and how these are being addressed.
- 1.2 To consider the Nottingham City Council Plan 2015-19 (the Council Plan).

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to use the information received at the meeting from the Leader of the Council to inform questioning as part of scrutiny's role in holding the Executive to account and to identify where scrutiny can most usefully support the achievement of the Council's priorities.
- 2.2 To scrutinise and comment on the Council Plan and consider whether there are particular aspects of the Plan which requires further consideration.

3 Background information

Discussion with the Leader of the Council

- 3.1 On 18 May 2015, Councillor Jon Collins was elected as Leader of the Council for a four year term ending May 2019. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has decided to invite the Leader of the Council to a meeting to discuss his vision for the Council over the forthcoming four years; his key objectives and priorities; and the current challenges facing the Council in delivery of its objectives.
- 3.2 The Committee may also wish to take the opportunity to discuss with the Leader of the Council how overview and scrutiny can support the Council in achieving its priorities and/or addressing the challenges that it faces. This can be used to inform the programme for scrutiny.

The Council Plan 2015-19

- 3.3 The Council Plan was formally approved by Full Council on 9 November 2015 and will guide the Council's services and approach to support the delivery of the key priorities for the City over the next four years to 2019.

- 3.4 The Council Plan comprises of a series of 165 key 'deliverables' to approved Council policies following adoption of the Labour Group's Manifesto 2015 as Council policy at Council on 13 July 2015.
- 3.5 In developing the Council Plan, relevant key strategic priorities contained in other plans, such as the Nottingham Plan, were also considered alongside those policies adopted by Council in July.
- 3.6 Each Portfolio Holder has been consulted on the deliverables in their area and discussions have taken place with Service Directors to agree the activities that will deliver them over the course of the next four years and how progress will be tracked.
- 3.7 The Council Plan deliverables are divided into 10 prioritised 'themes' which align with the 10 Executive portfolios as follows:
1. Strategic Regeneration and Development
 2. Schools
 3. Planning and Housing
 4. Community Services and Human Resources
 5. Energy, Sustainability and Customer
 6. Jobs, Growth and Transport
 7. Adults, Health and Community Sector
 8. Children, Early Intervention and Early Years
 9. Leisure and Culture
 10. Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration
- 3.8 Each theme highlights:
- what the Council wants to achieve over the next four years ('outcomes');
 - the key things that the Council will do ('key deliverables');
 - the Council's achievements between 2007 and 2015.
- 3.9 The Council's context for achieving the outcomes is changing, including funding reductions, and changes to the population of the City, which are outlined in the plan, as well as a clear statement on how the Council will continue to develop its approach to equalities.
- 3.10 A detailed delivery plan for all deliverables in the Council Plan has been drawn up with a series of measures and actions with which progress will be reported on a quarterly basis to both Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) and the Executive. Of the 165 deliverables, five are considered as key to the Council, with a further two to five considered as priorities within each theme.
- 3.11 Progress against the Council Plan's priorities will also be reported to citizens and stakeholders at least bi-annually via the Council's website and through the Nottingham Arrow.

3.12 Its delivery plan will be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure it remains relevant, manageable and takes into consideration any changes that may have taken place in the intervening year.

4 List of attached information

4.1 Nottingham City Council Plan 2015-2019.

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 Full Council Report, Nottingham City Council Plan 2015-2019, 9 November 2015.

7 Wards affected

7.1 All.

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