

# Leisure & Localities Portfolio

Performance – up to 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2018/19

**Overview & Scrutiny – 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**Portfolio Holder: Cllr Dave Trimble**

# Overall Performance Picture

- 13 Measures in Council Plan for this portfolio:
  - 11 are Green.
  - 1 is Amber. [Castle]
  - 1 is Red [Disability Sport] but we expect it to be green by the end of the Council Plan
- The following slides focus on performance for each target.

# KEY Deliverable:

Make Nottingham the fastest growing city for disability sports participation in England

- ✓ Based on usage of our facilities by people who have stated they have a disability.
- ✓ Year on year average growth of 2%.
- ✓ Current position at August 2018 – 6.5%
- ✓ Below 7% target for this point, so measure is red, but we expect to achieve the 8% target by the end of the plan, so expected outcome is green.

# KEY Deliverable

Rejuvenate Nottingham Castle and develop the Castle Quarter as a major heritage attraction.

- ✓ £31.8m scheme to redevelop the Castle
- ✓ £4.9m from City Council.
- ✓ £13.9m of Heritage Lottery Funding Secured.
- ✓ November 2016 – Full Exec Board approval given for scheme.
- ✓ July 2018 – Castle closed to the public.
- ✓ Investigative Archaeology commenced and majority completed
- ✓ Decant of the collections underway into new Collection Centre
- ✓ Contractor on site undertaking mobilisation works for site compounds.
- ✓ Completion due late 2020

# KEY Deliverable

Work with local people to deliver more Green Flag Award winning parks and open spaces than any other council in the country

- ✓ Nottingham's parks and green spaces hold more Green Flags than ever before.
- ✓ Measured by no. of Green Flag Awards, Green Heritage Awards and Green Flag Community Awards
- ✓ We have 61, against a target for the Council Plan of 54.
- ✓ Nottingham City has the highest number of Green Flag, Green Heritage and Green Flag Community awards of any Council in the UK.

# Other Priorities

- **Bring public services in your area closer together by creating 3 more joint service centres**
  - ✓ 2 - New JSCs Libraries opened:
    - Hyson Green Library – November 2015
    - The Dales Centre – May 2017
  - ✓ 1 - Strelley Road Library – opening 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 – now a stand alone Library

# Other Priorities

- Continue to improve parks used by students, including a multi million pound refurbishment of Highfields Park, a new outdoor gym at Lenton Recreation Ground and refurbishment of Radford Recreation Ground
  - ✓ Highfields Park – officially re-opened August 2018
  - ✓ Lenton Recreation Ground - outdoor gym installed in 2016/17; improvements to park signage are currently being costed.
  - ✓ Radford Recreation Ground: capital improvement works were completed in 2017/18 and Green Flag Award achieved in 2017.

# Other Priorities

- **Create Play Zones for Children – by making it possible to close residential streets for play.**
  - ✓ Traffic Order process / criteria identified to allow consents to be given for a play street event or series of events.
  - ✓ Links to Street Party process established and similar process developed.
  - ✓ Application packs and process for both event types developed.
  - ✓ Planning and coordination carried out for first 'play zone' on Cliff Road planned for April 2018.



# Other Priorities

- **Make sure every area in the city is served with high quality play grounds**
  - ✓ Target to invest in at least 15 of our play areas
  - ✓ Have invested in 19 between 2015-2019.
  - ✓ New play areas at Bilborough Park and Trafford Gardens completed Sept 2018.
- **Start the development of a new Central Library for the city**
  - ✓ Consultation completed regards inclusion of new Central Library as part of the Broadmarsh car park development, with 85% supportive.
  - ✓ Outline design and business feasibility being completed for presentation for Key Decision – Nov/Dec 2018

# Other Priorities

- **Support and promote more music and sports events in Wollaton Park and other venues**

- ✓ Diverse range of events now take place at Wollaton Hall & Park, e.g English National X-Country Champs, National and regional Archery competitions; commercial events - Jurassic Kingdom and many charitable and fundraising events. Many major events across other city venues – World Mixed Team Triathlon, Tour of Britain, Detonate Music Festival, Nature Valley Tennis Open

- **Transform our neighbourhood libraries to support residents in developing their future prospects**

- ✓ All libraries now host Job Clubs assisting citizens to apply for work.
- ✓ A range of performances with music and drama have been introduced that take place across all our libraries.
- ✓ New Lego Sessions introduced for creative play and storytelling
- ✓ Storysmash launched working with young people to code and write interactive computer games.
- ✓ Summer Reading challenge championed across all Libraries

# Other Priorities

- Protect from cuts: an annual programme of city wide events, including Splendour, the Beach and Goose Fair
  - ✓ Also includes range of community events
  - ✓ Splendour, the Beach and Goose Fair continue to be delivered.
- Protect from cuts: opening ours for Council offices and libraries
  - ✓ New opening hours introduced across the Library network from April 2017.
  - ✓ There has been no reduction in overall number of hours that libraries are open.

# Other Priorities

- Protect from cuts: our leisure centres, to enable city residents to enjoy sport and health benefits
  - ✓ Measured by no. of Leisure Centres.
  - ✓ Target of 8 maintained - None closed
  - ✓ Attendances increased year on year
  - ✓ Swimming attendances increased against the national decline