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**Title:** Nottingham Plan Year 4 Annual Report

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## **Summary**

This presents the Nottingham Plan Annual Report for Year 4 (2013/14) – 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 4
- Appoint at least two Councillors to the joint One Nottingham and Scrutiny Performance Panel (Friday 12 September, 2pm, 2.30)

## **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.

Annual performance of the plan is considered by the One Nottingham Board and the City Council. Targets which are not at expected position or which merit a greater understanding of performance measurement, are to be considered by a joint One Nottingham and Scrutiny Performance Panel.

Given the significant political and economic changes since the plan's launch, the One Nottingham Board and the leadership of Nottingham City Council approved a refresh of the Nottingham Plan in May 2014, to ensure the right areas of work are prioritised, that partnership resources targeted efficiently and the best measures are used to ensure it is delivering effectively for Nottingham citizens.

## **Overall performance**

Appendix 1 is the draft annual performance report using the refreshed targets, setting out progress during Year 4 (2013/14). In Year 4 around half of the targets are performing well, while a small percentage are 'amber' - just below expected levels. Just under a third remain behind target.

Key successes and challenges from the year include:

### **Positive signs of growth**

- GVA (the measure of wealth creation) and new business growth are going in the right direction and visitor offer/economy remains strong
- Our overall employment rate is holding up - while we are having considerable success in creating jobs in the city, we are also seeing quite a significant increase in the overall working age population (in part is due to our large student population within the city as well as due to migration into the city) which affects the calculation of the employment rate

BUT

- Levels of children living in poverty remains stubbornly high. This is measured by the percentage of children living in workless households. Poverty is driven by a range of factors and despite glimmers of economic growth, issues such as low wages and low income levels remain.

### **Cohesive communities**

- Satisfaction with local area – 88% citizens are satisfied with their local area, up from 84% last year, this is an all time high. 90% of people from different backgrounds are getting on well together.
- The net number of new homes being built in the city is progressing well and has moved from red to amber.

BUT

- Fuel poverty rate compared to the Core Cities has worsened, despite our progress in energy efficiency investments for homes and businesses. The cost of fuel and income levels have negatively impacted here.

### **Supporting families and young people**

- Teenage conceptions continue to decrease – down from 49.5 last year, to 37.6 per 1,000 females aged 15-17 this year.
- Continued reduction in pupils leaving school with no qualifications, just 1.5%.

BUT

- 50.3% of pupils achieved 5 A\*-C GCSEs including English and Maths, our best result ever. However, the aim is to raise attainment to above the average of all Core Cities. Nottingham is below the current Core Cities average of 55.4%, meaning the city is ranked 8<sup>th</sup> out of the 8 Core Cities for GCSE results.
- Levels of child obesity at age 10-11 (Year 6) remain significantly higher than the England average of 18.9%. However, the rise in obesity appears to have levelled off; since the start of the plan, at approximately 22% and is comparable to the average of the Core Cities.

### **Safer Nottingham**

- There has been a modest fall in crime compared to last year. Crime has reduced by 16.5% since 2010/11. Similar cities have experienced an increase in 2013.
- The number of people successfully completing drug treatment continues to increase with 18.4% of clients completing which is significantly above the national average and the level of other similar cities. However, this is not quite on track to meet the current target.

### **Tackling health inequality**

- Results from the Nottingham Citizens Survey 2013 show smoking prevalence has decreased by 3 percentage points (31% to 28%) from the previous year and continues a downward trend.
- 52% of adults are taking part in some form of physical activity. This is good progress towards achieving our target of 56% adults participating in 150 minutes of physical activity per week.

- The proportion of people with poor mental wellbeing has decreased to its lowest level since 2010.

BUT

- There has been little change in levels of adult obesity in Nottingham, currently at 60.7%, but prevalence is below the England average of 63.8%.
- Nottingham continues to experience high levels of alcohol-related hospital admissions, which are significantly above the England average. This area will require significant long term change in lifestyles and behaviours to buck this trend.

### **Cleaner and greener**

- CO<sub>2</sub> emissions continue to fall and our levels of energy from low or zero carbon emission technology has risen.

BUT

- Recycling rate performance remains challenging due to the inability to sustain the level of investment to achieve a greater level of recycling and affect a behaviour change amongst citizens.

### **Performance Panel**

Targets which are not at expected position or which merit a greater understanding of performance measurement, will be considered by the joint One Nottingham and Scrutiny Performance Panel on Friday 12 September (2pm). 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. Suggested focus is on the following targets:

- By 2020 Nottingham will have reduced fuel poverty below that of any other Core City.
- Child obesity will be reduced to 18%
- Reduce alcohol related hospital admissions to 771 per 100,000 population, the average rate for Core Cities (2012/13)
- Increase the city's employment rate to 70%
- By 2020 Nottingham will have greater proportion of its population working in the knowledge economy than any other Core City.

### **Communications**

When the final version of the report has been approved, it is proposed that it is published online, with external communications via a press release, social media, the Arrow, the One Nottingham Bulletin and One Nottingham Partnership network. Internal communications are also suggested via Impact, cascade and the plasma screens at Loxley House. It is proposed that a summary version of the report is also produced, aimed at citizens.

### **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](#)

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