

**Executive Board – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

<b>Subject:</b>	Nottingham City Council's Plan 2019-2023 Annual Report – Year 1
<b>Corporate Director(s)/Director(s):</b>	Hugh White – Corporate Director for Covid Response and Recovery Colin Monckton – Director of Strategy and Policy
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	All
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<b>Subject to call-in:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Criteria for Key Decision:</b>	
(a)	<input type="checkbox"/> Expenditure <input type="checkbox"/> Income <input type="checkbox"/> Savings of £1,000,000 or more taking account of the overall impact of the decision
<b>and/or</b>	
(b)	Significant impact on communities living or working in two or more wards in the City <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Type of expenditure:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Revenue <input type="checkbox"/> Capital
<b>Total value of the decision:</b>	None
<b>Wards affected:</b>	All
<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	Various and ongoing
<b>Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:</b>	
Nottingham People	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Living in Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Growing Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Respect for Nottingham	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Serving Nottingham Better	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>	
<p>Nottingham City Council's Plan for 2019-2023 (the Council Plan) sets out the key priorities to be delivered by the Council over the four years of the current administration elected in May 2019.</p> <p>This report updates on performance against the priorities in the current Council Plan for Year 1, which ran up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020.</p> <p>The overall performance is positive, with 118 out of 184 commitments assessed as 'green' – key milestones for year one met and on track to be achieved. 47 commitments classed as 'amber', with progress made towards achieving them, and 19 classed as 'red', with issues affecting them being fully achieved by the end of the Council Plan period.</p> <p>As the scoring and commentary for the commitments relate to the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020, the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic had not yet been fully realised. Consequently, some of the commitments in the Plan may be adversely affected by Covid-19 related issues outside of the Council's control. The report for the first half of Year 2 of the Council Plan, which runs from April 2020 – September 2020, will include a fuller understanding of the impact of Covid-19.</p>	
<b>Exempt information:</b>	None.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	
<b>1</b>	To note progress made against priorities in the Council Plan during year one.

**2** To note that the ratings and commentary for Year 1 relate to the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 and, as such, the full impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown had not yet been felt. The report for the first half of Year 2 of the Council Plan, which runs from April 2020 – September 2020, will include a more comprehensive assessment of the impact of Covid-19.

## **1 Reasons for recommendations**

- 1.1 To ensure Executive Board are kept informed of the progress made towards achieving the priorities contained within Nottingham City Council's Plan for 2019-2023.
- 1.2 To ensure Executive Board are aware that several of the ratings for Year 2 of the Council Plan will be impacted by Covid-19; such an impact had not fully been felt at the end of Year 1.

## **2 Background (including outcomes of consultation)**

- 2.1 The Council Plan 2019-2023 was formally adopted by the City Council at their Full Council meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019.
- 2.2 The Council Plan was based on the Nottingham Labour Party's Manifesto for the May 2019 Local Election. The pledges within the Manifesto formed the basis of the Council's policies and priorities.
- 2.3 Based on the commitments, 184 performance indicators and actions were established, with clear measures of progress and milestones for each year of the plan. This report covers performance for all 184 performance indicators and actions for year one.
- 2.4 Each quarter, officers provide commentary to their relevant Portfolio Holder on the actions undertaken and future work planned for each of the Council Plan commitments to keep them regularly updated on performance against the targets.
- 2.5 Appendix 1 includes a list of all of the Council Plan commitments, with a 'RAG rating' (red, amber, green) for how performance against these targets is progressing. The RAG ratings are based on the following definitions:
  - Red - There are significant barriers to achieving this priority.
  - Amber - There are risks to delivery, or only partial delivery may be likely.
  - Green - Priority is on-track to be achieved by March 2023.
- 2.6 Also included in the document in Appendix 1 is brief commentary for each of the Top 5 commitments, which are the Council's most important strategic priorities, plus the 'next 20', which are the Council's other key ambitions.
- 2.7 During the lifetime of this Council Plan, there have been and will continue to be several factors which affect the Council's ability to meet all of its aims. This includes the widely felt impact of Covid-19 and its effect on people's health and wellbeing, employment rates and the local and national economy.
- 2.8 The recovery from Covid-19 will impact the Council's priorities for the foreseeable future, as will other factors including Government policies, funding for local authorities and the potential impact of Britain's exit from the European Union.

### **3 Other options considered in making recommendations**

- 3.1 No other options were considered as this report is intended to update the City Council's Executive Board on performance against the Council's priorities and key aims during Year 1 of the 2019 – 2023 Council Plan.

### **4 Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money/VAT)**

- 4.1 Delivery of the Council Plan will need to be considered in the context of the Medium Term Financial Plan.

### **5 Legal and Procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, Crime and Disorder Act and procurement implications)**

- 5.1 The annual review of Year 1 of the Council Plan for 2019-2023 covers the period up to 31st March 2020 and summarises the Council's progress towards achieving the priorities set out in the Plan. The review was undertaken at the start of COVID-19 and, thus, achievement of key objectives may be adversely impacted in subsequent reviews when the impact of COVID-19 is clearer.

### **6 Strategic Assets & Property colleague comments (for decisions relating to all property assets and associated infrastructure)**

- 6.1 The Council Plan shapes the organisation's Corporate Asset Management planning approach and decisions for both its property and land assets. The report highlights recent challenges and uncertainties created by Covid-19 and other external factors.
- 6.2 The Corporate Asset Management approach must be agile to support the Council including responding to changing priorities and market conditions in order to ensure that its assets are optimised to benefit service delivery and income generation. This includes ensuring that property and land decisions are professionally and commercially scrutinised to maximise benefit to the Council.

### **7 Social value considerations**

- 7.1 This report looks at performance against the priorities and objectives in the Council Plan 2019 – 2023. The Council Plan was based on the Manifesto of the winning party in the local election in 2019, which a majority of voters had supported. Included within the Council Plan are commitments to improve neighbourhoods, health, education, the local economy and other important aspects of citizens' lives.

### **8 Regard to the NHS Constitution**

- 8.1 Not applicable.

### **9 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 9.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because no changes to Nottingham City Council functions, policies or services are proposed in this report.

**10 List of background papers relied upon in writing this report (not including published documents or confidential or exempt information)**

10.1 None.

**11 Published documents referred to in this report**

11.1 Nottingham City Council's Plan for 2019-2023.