

**Communities and Environment Scrutiny Committee  
7 February 2024**

**Nottingham Castle**

**Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

**1 Purpose**

- 1.1 To assess the performance of the Castle following its reopening including any risks and opportunities identified, including opportunities for place marketing

**2 Action required**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider the information presented in the report and use it to inform questioning and discussion, and to make recommendations as appropriate.

**3 Background information**

- 3.1 Nottingham Castle has been a landmark attraction in the city for many years. In November 2022 the Nottingham Castle Trust initiated insolvency proceedings and the Castle closed to the public. Following the Castle's closure, the Council undertook a programme of work to establish new operating options and integration with the wider Museums and Galleries Services. Following approval by Executive Board in March 2023 the Castle reopened to the public in late June 2023. Since reopening the Castle has hosted a number of popular and vibrant events, including screening of the Coronation and Eurovision and a popular winter market. Work has also been undertaken to re-establishing links with schools and the Universities, partners and stakeholders both locally and nationally.

**4 List of attached information**

- 4.1 Nottingham Castle Presentation

**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 Nottingham Castle Strategy – Executive Board Report: 21 March 2023

**7 Wards affected**

- 7.1 All

## **8 Contact information**

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