

Housing and City Development Scrutiny Committee: 22 January 2024

Response to Recommendations: Impact of the Proposed 2024-25 Budget on Growth and City Development

Portfolios: Strategic Regeneration, Transport and Communications; Skills, Growth and Economic Development; and Housing and Planning

Recommendation	Response
1) That full account is taken of the associated Equality Impact Assessments (as updated where appropriate following the results to the public consultation) in the development of the final proposals for service delivery savings within the Growth and City Development Directorate.	All proposals for the budget contained Equality Impact Assessments as part of the development process, and there were fully considered.
2) That full consideration is given to how the free use of accessible toilet facilities can be provided for the most vulnerable people in the city, such as rough sleepers and people with limited mobility.	Free toilets are provided in the Broadmarsh Bus Station and Car Park, and are therefore still available.
3) That full consideration is given to how information on public transport times can be made easily accessible to everyone travelling in the city, particularly when there is service disruption.	<p>A network of 1,500 real-time information displays have been implemented in Nottingham providing bus and tram journey times and disruption information. Local public transport operators and the Local Transport Authorities also provide disruption information and journey times through their social media channels and apps. The refreshed Robin Hood Network Website for bus and tram services will be released in the next month and includes a new journey planner. Audio-visual announcements have also been implemented on bus and tram services across the network.</p> <p>The Greater Nottingham Bus Service Improvement Plan identifies the need to improve access to information for the disabled (including those with visual impairment) and, subject to funding and policy alignment with the East Midlands Combined County Authority alongside an appropriate</p>

	technical solution, the Council will look to implement further improvements to complement existing functionality on some public transport operator apps.
4) That everything possible is done to mitigate against increasing future demand for statutory services in relation to homelessness and rough sleeping, within the current context of growing service demand both locally and nationally.	The re-design of the Housing Solutions team has been to provide more proactive support to prevent homelessness in the first instance and thereby reduce the demand on the Council.
5) That everything possible is done to maintain capacity within the Directorate to apply successfully for relevant grant funding for the support of service delivery.	The importance of the ability to be able to apply for grant funding is recognised and capacity exists to continue in this area.

Housing and City Development Scrutiny Committee: 19 February 2024

Response to Recommendations: Preparedness for the East Midlands Combined County Authority

Portfolio: Strategic Regeneration, Transport and Communications

Recommendation	Response
1) That the Council continues to work to identify the future workforce skills needs in the city and develop a vision for how investment in skills at all ages could ultimately be supported through the East Midlands Combined County Authority (CCA).	The Council is working with the CCA on all levels and will input into the emerging Employment and Skills Strategy to ensure the needs of Nottingham are reflected within it.
2) That all possible communications and engagement is carried out, working in collaboration with the relevant partners and stakeholders, to inform Nottingham people why the establishment of the CCA is important and encourage them to vote in the upcoming first Mayoral election in May.	Communication and engagement with Nottingham people was undertaken regarding the importance of the CCA and the Mayoral vote, which took place on 2 May 2024, had an overall turnout of 28%.