

CITY COUNCIL - 11 NOVEMBER 2019

REPORT OF THE LEADER

COUNCIL PLAN 2019-2023

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Nottingham City Council Plan 2019-23 (the Council Plan), sets out the key priorities to be delivered by the Council over the next four years of the current administration elected in May 2019.
- 1.2 The priorities set out in the Plan will steer the Council's services and collective approach to delivering our ambitions for Nottingham up to March 2023.
- 1.3 The appendix provide more detail of the Council Plan and our priorities. **Appendix 1** sets out what we hope to achieve over the next 4 years.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Full Council approve the proposed Nottingham City Council Plan 2019-23 (see **Appendix 1**).

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Council Plan will guide and steer the Council's services and approach to support the delivery of the key priorities for the city over the next four years to 2023.
- 3.2 Given the wider climate in which the Council operates and the resulting challenges it faces as an organisation, it is vital that it continues to clearly bring together and communicate its priorities (including its equalities priorities), to colleagues, citizens, partners and wider stakeholders, with clear accountability and measures of success built in.
- 3.3 In clearly setting out the Council's plans and priorities over the next 4 years, colleagues, citizens, partners and wider stakeholders are provided with an open and transparent demonstration of what we hope to achieve for Nottingham up to 2023.

4 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 No other options were considered.

5 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

Council Plan 2019-2023

- 5.1 The Labour Group's Manifesto 2019 was formally adopted as the basis of Nottingham City Council policy at City Council on 20 May 2019 following extensive consultation with the public. The commitments within the Manifesto form the basis of the Council's policies and priorities over the next four years, and have been incorporated into our strategic planning processes.

5.2 The Council Plan 2019-23 sets out a series of key deliverables and commitments to be delivered over the lifetime of the plan, in line with the vision for Nottingham set out by the ruling Labour Group in their Manifesto:

- A safer city.
- A cleaner city that we all take pride in.
- A diverse, vibrant and multicultural city.
- A city where there is lots to do for people of all ages.
- A healthy city, where people look after themselves and make healthy choices.
- A city that takes care of its residents.
- A place where there is dignity in getting older and care for those who need it.
- A city where there are opportunities for everyone and we're encouraged to prosper and be ambitious.
- A city where people from all walks of life get on well and respect each other
- A city where everyone is able to reach their full potential.

5.3 It has been developed following extensive consultation with elected Portfolio Holders on the key strategic priorities for their portfolios. Based on these, challenging targets have been set, and discussions with relevant City Council officers have taken place to agree the activities the City Council should undertake to support delivery of these over the four years of the Plan.

5.4 In common with previous plans, each of the priorities in the Council Plan has a departmental delivery plan setting out how it will be delivered, who will be accountable for delivery, and how progress will be measured. This approach allows for simplified and effective performance reporting, and ensures that there is a clear link between what we are trying to achieve, what we intend to do to achieve it, and how we will measure how we are progressing.

Performance Management and Reporting

5.5 A robust system of regular monitoring and reporting on performance against priorities and targets is in place, with Portfolio Holders will receive progress reports on performance throughout the lifetime of the Plan.

5.6 The detailed performance of the Plan will be reviewed and updated. This will allow achievements, revised improvement targets and new activities to be incorporated – and ensure that the Plan reflects the outcome of the City Council's annual budgeting cycle.

The Wider Context

5.7 Nottingham is not immune from the wider national economic and social factors that present a challenging environment in which to deliver our ambitions for the city.

5.8 These have included responding to the significant reductions in national funding for local government. Since 2013, the Government has cut the money it gives to Nottingham to pay for services by over three-quarters – a loss of £101.5 million for Nottingham.

5.9 In addition, Nottingham has experienced a demographic shift, with rising demand for council services for vulnerable adults and children occurring at the same time as funding from central government for to local government has fallen, adding £103 million to our costs since 2015. To cope with this, we have made savings of £145

million since 2015. In 2020/21, and the years following, we may face difficult decisions about further cuts to help balance the Council's budget, something we are legally required to do.

5.10 In spite of these challenges, Nottingham City Council remains ambitious for Nottingham and our residents, and over the four years of the Plan, we hope to make significant progress towards making Nottingham a safer, cleaner city, that is ambitious for its residents, and that we can all be proud of. Despite the challenges, over the last 4 years, the Council have been able to deliver in full on 178 of its previous commitments made in the 2015-2019 Council Plan.

5.11 We will continue to work hard to make Nottingham a great city, by investing in Nottingham's future, with major new developments moving forward on the South side of the city, a new Central Library, the revamp of Nottingham Castle, the establishment of a new Nottingham College, and ensuring there are opportunities for everyone in our city to prosper and be ambitious.

6 FINANCE COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY)

6.1 The Council Plan underpins the importance of effective use of resources and the need to prioritise those resources given the financial constraints the Council is operating within.

6.2 All priorities and associated activity within the Council Plan will have resource implications and will be considered as part of the MTFP process.

7 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

7.1 The Council Plan 2019-2023 is based on the policies approved by Council in May 2019. Legal advice should be sought in terms of implementation of the deliverables proposed in the delivery of the plan, as appropriate.

8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

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

No



Equalities is an integral part of the Council Plan priorities and commitments, but an EIA is not required at this stage. Individual departments will undertake an EIA as part of their delivery plans for Council Plan priorities, as appropriate, and should they propose any changes to Nottingham City Council functions, policies or services over the lifetime of the Plan.

9 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

9.1 None.

10 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

10.1 Council Plan 2015 - 2019

11. LIST OF APPENDICES

11.1 **Appendix 1: New Council Plan 2019-23**

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