



Tuesday, 4 October 2022

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Council will be held on Wednesday, 12 October 2022 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston NG9 1AB, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To Councillors:

E H Atherton	P Lally
D Bagshaw	H Land
S A Bagshaw	R D MacRae
L A Ball BEM	G Marshall
M Brown	J W McGrath
B C Carr	J M Owen
S J Carr	P J Owen
M J Crow	J P T Parker
T A Cullen	S Paterson
S Dannheimer	J C Patrick
S Easom	D D Pringle
L Fletcher	M Radulovic MBE
J C Goold	R S Robinson
D Grindell (Mayor)	P Roberts-Thomson
T Hallam	C M Tideswell
M Handley	I L Tyler
M Hannah	P D Simpson
R I Jackson	H E Skinner
E Kerry	D K Watts
S Kerry	E Williamson
H G Khaled MBE	R D Willimott
L A Lally	

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

(Pages 7 - 12)

Council is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2022.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. LEADER'S REPORT

To receive a report from the Leader and to receive questions and answers on the report should there be any.

6. REFERENCES

6.1 Pay award and review of allowances

(Pages 13 - 22)

Independent Remuneration Panel
30 September 2022

It was noted that since the previous meeting of the Panel, a Cabinet model of governance had been adopted by the Council, which had led to a number of anomalies in rates of remuneration for Councillors.

RECOMMENDED to full Council that:

- **the allowance for the Chairs of Planning and Licensing Committee be increased in line with that of a Cabinet Member with a portfolio.**
- **the Vice Chair's allowance for Planning, Licensing and Governance, Audit and Standards Committee be increased.**
- **the allowance for the Chair of Governance,**

Audit and Standards Committee be increased in line with a Cabinet Member with no portfolio.

- **the allowances for the Members of the Licensing Committee with the exception of Chair and Vice Chair be removed.**
- **allowances for separate Scrutiny Committees be removed, as only one Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a Chair and two Vice Chairs was appointed.**
- **allowances in the form of a one off payment of £300 for the Chair and £100 for the Vice Chair of the working groups appointed from Overview and Scrutiny Committee. These roles are suggested to rotate depending on the topics chosen.**
- **the Policy Advisory Committee be removed.**
- **an allowance for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy Advisory Working Group that was appointed at Full Council 13 July 2022 be introduced, as per appendix 2.**
- **the allowance for Leader of the Opposition be increased in line with that of a Cabinet Member without a portfolio, as per appendix 2.**
- **a new allowance be introduced for the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, as per appendix 2.**
- **the two Business Manager roles and allowances be removed.**
- **there be an increase in the Outside Bodies allowance for the Police and Crime Panel in line with the Health Lead and Chair of Broxtowe Partnership Health Task Group, as per appendix 2.**
- **that the changes in allowances be back dated to 1 September 2022.**

7. DEVOLUTION

(Pages 23 - 28)

To update Council on the progress of the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham, and Nottinghamshire Devolution programme.

8. TOTON AND CHETWYND BARRACKS STRATEGIC MASTERPLAN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT (Pages 29 - 50)

To seek the resolution of Council to adopt the amended Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document.

Appendix 3 – The Consultation Statement and Appendix 4 - The Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document are circulated as supplements to this agenda.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

10. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS REPORTS

To receive reports from Cabinet Portfolio Holders and to receive questions and answers on the reports should there be any.

10.1 Report of the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Personnel Policy (Pages 51 - 54)

10.2 Report of the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Asset Management (Pages 55 - 60)

10.3 Report of the Portfolio Holder for Housing (Pages 61 - 66)

10.4 Report of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health (Pages 67 - 70)

10.5 Report of the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change (Pages 71 - 74)

10.6 Report of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety (Pages 75 - 76)

11. REPORT ON SCRUTINY MATTERS

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee will give a report to full Council and answer questions on Scrutiny matters.

12. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

13. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

The Local Government Act 1972 states that when a Councillor fails to attend any meeting for six consecutive months from the date of their last attendance, then, subject to certain exceptions, they cease to be a Member of the authority, unless the Council accepts a reason for the failure to attend before the six months expires. Councillor Eileen Atherton is currently unable to attend Council meetings and in the circumstances, it is put before Members to consider a dispensation under Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 for the period of six months from 12 October 2022 before which forfeiture applies.

Council is asked to CONSIDER a dispensation for Councillor Eileen Atherton for a period of six months from the date of this meeting and RESOLVE accordingly.

14. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Council is asked to RESOLVE that a member of the Conservative Group be appointed to the following Committees:

- **Licensing and Appeals**
- **Governance, Audit and Standards (substitute)**

15. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

The Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Local Authority Chief Executives has recently revised the Conditions of Service Handbook. The revisions state that any potential disciplinary procedure relating to the JNC should include arrangements for a politically balanced Appeals Committee of, at most, five members. The remit of the Appeals Committee would be to consider appeals against disciplinary sanctions short of dismissal. It is proposed that the responsibilities for the Committee be added to those of the Licensing and Appeals Committee, in order for arrangements to be in place should the Appeals Committee need to be utilised.

Council is asked to RESOLVE that the arrangements for a JNC Appeals Committee be incorporated into the terms of reference for the Licensing and Appeals Committee and the Constitution be amended accordingly.

16. MEMBERS' SPEECHES ON WARD ISSUES

17. QUESTIONS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

18. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

COUNCIL

WEDNESDAY, 13 JULY 2022

Present: Councillor D Grindell, Chair

Councillors: D Bagshaw
S A Bagshaw
L A Ball BEM
M Brown
S J Carr
M J Crow
E Cubley
T A Cullen (Vice-Chair)
S Dannheimer
S Easom
L Fletcher
J C Goold
T Hallam
M Hannah
R I Jackson
S Kerry
H G Khaled MBE
L A Lally
P Lally
R D MacRae
G Marshall
J W McGrath
J M Owen
P J Owen
S Paterson
J C Patrick
D D Pringle
M Radulovic MBE
P Roberts-Thomson
I L Tyler
P D Simpson
H E Skinner
D K Watts
E Williamson
R D Willimott

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors E H Atherton, B C Carr, M Handley, E Kerry, H Land, J P T Parker, R S Robinson and C M Tideswell.

13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors S Easom, D Grindell and S Paterson declared non-pecuniary interests in item 7 as they were on the board of Liberty Leisure minute item 18.4 refers.

14 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2022 were confirmed as a correct record subject to a minor amendment that Councillor M Hannah was appointed to the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee and not Councillor J W McGrath.

15 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor gave a résumé of his engagements since the last Council meeting, which included his attendance at numerous engagements and a variety of fundraising events.

16 LEADER'S REPORT

The Leader provided an update on the progress of EMDevco. The department of Transport would provide £1 million of grant funding to the EMDevco this financial year to enable the East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy to be refreshed. It was the expectation that the East Midlands Development Company would manage and coordinate the Growth Strategy refresh and would ensure that local master planning undertaken by station places including the emerging Supplementary Planning Document for Toton aligns with the overarching Growth Strategy.

Members were updated on the development of the County or devolution deal involving Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire. Positive discussions had taken place with the government around the themes of the deal in the hope that this would result in a significant amount of additional investment for Broxtowe. If negotiations were successful, a new combined authority with a directly elected Mayor could be in place from May 2024.

The Leader attended an HS2 executive board recently, six broadly defined tasks had been identified. They included agreement of post IRP train service options for intercity services on HS2, the Midland Main Line and the East Coast Main Line, identification of key infrastructure enhancements on the existing network, development of train service options, review of local transport priorities, review of EM Devco business case, and review of the wider East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy.

The success of the Stapleford Towns Fund grants scheme was producing real benefits for local businesses in Stapleford. The Leader thanked the Economic development team for the work to develop the levelling up bids for Eastwood and Kimberley.

17 PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions received.

18 PORTFOLIO HOLDERS REPORTS

18.1 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL POLICY

The Portfolio Holder for Resources and Personnel Policy presented his report. He thanked the Revenues team for providing the administration for the £150 Energy rebate payment. The Customer Services performance had improved with the additional investment and resourcing.

18.2 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT

The Portfolio Holder for Economic Development and Asset Management presented his report. Responses to comments included:

- Markets- Communication for markets had been a success. Happy to provide figures for footfall on market days and non-market days. Traders were happy. Kimberley market was not as successful and was struggling due to residents not using it. A discussion was required to see if this market was viable.
- Levelling Up Fund- Eastwood LUF, Wellbeing had been a core part of the bid and would address some of the issues related within the area Durban House was at the forefront of this. The Levelling Up Fund was not going to fix everything. Kimberley LUF Kimberley Town Council have been integrally involved in process.
- Beeston Toilets- Work had started and was proving an engineering challenge, no date for completion was provided.
- Kimberley Leisure Centre- Assurance was provided that the Eastwood pool as part of the bid was not replacing the Kimberley Leisure Centre. There was uncertainty with the short term issue of the lease.
- Planning Policy- Confirmation was provided that the 2019 Policy was being used. Issues with joint planning including building on greenbelt land for housing.

18.3 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HOUSING

The Portfolio Holder for Housing presented his report. Responses to comments included:

- Housing repairs- The Housing repairs team was undergoing a period of change to improve productivity and service delivery. Issues with properties in mining areas, too many voids and empty properties. 17 families were in bed and breakfast and 12 cases of being asked to vacate private landlord properties due to selling of property. The repairs service continued to be a busy area and poor performance of the service would not be continued.
- Resident Involvement- Inham Nook and Great Hogget Drive. There would be a redesign of the properties for 15 quality homes delivering high quality design and energy efficient to deliver a good neighbourhood with gardens, parks and recreational space.
- Private Sector Housing- There had been an issue with the lack of willingness for landlords to adapt properties in need of disabled facilities. There had been a

slowdown of funding contractors and were not performing to high standards. The Disabled Facilities Grant Policy had been updated to bring consistency across the county. All seven district Councils and the County Council had amended their policies to align several discretionary grants to ensure residents were not disadvantaged depending where they resided.

18.4 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR LEISURE AND HEALTH

The Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health presented his report. Responses to comments included:

- Mental Health – A lot of time was dedicated to supporting Mental Health by the Council. Mental Health was not a Borough statutory responsibility; this was undertaken by the County Council. There was a major commitment to support mental health including the Durban House project. The Better Mental Health Prevention Concordat Action Plan had been merged recently with the Mental Health Action Plan, The Mental Health Support webpage had been refreshed and the Mayor currently supported Mental Health in the Community of Broxtowe as one of his chosen charities.

18.5 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change presented her report. Responses to comments included:

- Air Quality - There was concern of the dust levels and response to the new monitoring system and feedback. An updated report on air quality would be presented to Cabinet in July.
- Garden Waste – Concern had been raised that residents had not had their garden waste collected. It was agreed that some bins had been missed occasionally. The Portfolio holder happy to receive calls in there are problems that need reporting. 21,000 households had subscribed to the garden waste collection for 2022/23.
- Carbon Neutral Target 2027 - The Council would keep moving forward to meet the Carbon Neutral target by 2027. If a Council tax increase was required to meet environmental needs, then this should not be a problem.

18.6 REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR COMMUNITY SAFETY

The Portfolio Holder for Community Safety presented his report. Responses to comments included:

- Food Safety Checks –The programme of food interventions was continuing that included care homes, child minders and home caterers. A new project to inspect market traders to ensure they were compliant would be undertaken. Cllr J C Goold would be updated with further information and percentage of food safety checks.
- ASB, Off Street Motorbikes – Confirmed this was a Police issue. Portfolio holder happy to receive location concerns to raise with Police.
- ASB, Beeston West- Councillor G Marshall thanked the Police for their response with the Anti-social behaviour in Beeston West. The Portfolio Holder

agreed to invite Councillor G Marshall to future meetings with the Police, Officers and Police Crime Commissioner. Agreed to look at ideas for children to engage in sport and art groups and to encourage groups to apply for funding.

19 REPORT ON SCRUTINY MATTERS

The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee gave an update on scrutiny matters and the chosen topics currently being reviewed. The Chair thanked the Governance team in supporting the Committee.

20 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

There were no Members questions.

21 MEMBERS' SPEECHES ON WARD MATTERS

There were no Members speeches submitted on Ward Matters.

22 QUESTIONS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

There were no questions submitted on Outside Bodies.

23 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Leader proposed that the Policy Advisory Working Group would have a flexible membership to allow as many Members to actively engage in the democratic process. He proposed that Councillor T A Cullen as Chair and Councillor R S Robinson as Vice-Chair.

The Leader also proposed a working group to be set up to discuss Member Allowances, disabled facilities and support to elected Members who have childcare responsibilities. This working group would report to the Independent Remuneration Panel. Councillors were asked to lobby Government that standards relating to the dispensation should be in line with employees including maternity leave. Councillors wanted to feel valued in their role they undertook.

Councillor R I Jackson proposed Councillors JC Goold and P Roberts-Thompson to the Licensing and Appeals Committee.

RESOLVED that the appointments to Committees were approved.

24 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

This item was withdrawn as Councillor S Kerry was in attendance.

25 AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

25.1 LICENSING & APPEALS/CABINET

Members were updated with the changes that under the new Executive system, a number of responsibilities that were previously functions of the Licensing & Appeals Committee relating to taxi licensing, were required by legislation to be transferred to Cabinet. The responsibilities included:

- . Private hire driver, vehicle and operator licence requirements and offences
- . Transfers in vehicle interests
- . The power to require regular inspections
- . Powers to create hackney carriage stands
- . Powers to fix hackney carriage fees
- . The use of hackney carriages for private hire work
- . The power of an authorised officer to inspect a hackney carriage
- . The power to set fees for vehicle and operator licences.

RESOLVED that the powers contained in the LG(MP)A 1976 in relation to hackney carriage and private hire licensing be transferred to Cabinet under the responsibility of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety.

25.2 LOCAL JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Members were asked to remove the necessity for named substitutes to the Local Joint Consultative Committee to allow for a more flexible approach to substitutes.

RESOLVED that the requirement for named substitutes for Members be removed from the Local Joint Consultative Committee.

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

REVIEW OF MEMBER ALLOWANCES1. Purpose of report

To inform the Panel of the proposed amendments to the Member's allowances based on the Cabinet governance model that was adopted May 2022.

2. Recommendation

The Independent Remuneration Panel is asked to CONSIDER the updated allowances proposed for the roles as attached in appendix 2 and to remove the Committees and allowances no longer required and RECOMMEND accordingly.

3. Detail

The Cabinet Model of governance arrangements was formally adopted at full Council on 11 May 2022. It was agreed by the Independent Remuneration Panel to revisit the Member's allowances later in the year to ensure they met with the approved model of governance and to consider any discrepancies arising from the changes. The report is included at appendix 1.

Suggestions to rectify these anomalies include:

- Increasing the allowances of the Chairs of Planning and Licensing Committee in line with that of a Cabinet Member with a portfolio.
- Increasing the Vice Chair's allowance for Planning, Licensing and Governance, Audit and Standards Committee.
- Increasing the allowance for the Chair of Governance, Audit and Standards Committee in line with a Cabinet Member with no portfolio.
- Removing the allowances for the Members of the Licensing Committee with the exception of Chair and Vice Chair.
- Removing the separate Scrutiny Committees only one Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a Chair and two Vice Chairs were appointed.
- Introduce allowances for the Chair and Vice Chair of the working groups appointed from Overview and Scrutiny Committee. These roles are suggested to rotate depending on the topics chosen.
- Removing the Policy Advisory Committee.
- Introduce an allowance for the Chair and Vice Chair of the Policy Advisory Working Group that was appointed at Full Council 13 July 2022.
- Increasing the allowance for Leader of the Opposition in line with that of a Cabinet Member without a portfolio.
- Introduce a new allowance for the Deputy Leader of the Opposition
- Remove the two Business Manager roles and allowances.
- Increase the Outside Bodies allowance for the Police and Crime Panel in line with the Health Lead and Chair of Broxtowe Partnership Health Task Group.

The discrepancies to the Member allowances budget will be cost neutral based on the suggestions identified.

It should be noted that it was resolved to increase the Member's allowances at Full Council on 2 March 2022 at an increased cost of approximately £5619.00 per annum in line with the formally adopted Cabinet model of governance arrangements at Full Council May 2022. Appendix 2 reflects the current allowances and the changes to the allowances are in bold.

4. Financial implications

The comments of the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

The outcome of this review of Members Allowances is broadly cost neutral. The full impact on the Members Allowances budget for both the 2022/23 (revised) and 2023/24 (base) financial years will be incorporated into the budget setting process.

5. Legal Implications

The comments of the Head of Legal Services were as follows:

Under Regulation 4 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 (the Regulations), the Council has the powers to make a scheme to provide for the payment of a basic allowance and any other allowance permitted by the Regulations. Local Authorities must include in their scheme of allowances a basic allowance, payable to all members, and may include provision for the payment of special responsibility allowances.

6. Human Resources Implications

N/A.

7. Union Comments

Nil.

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

Nil.

9. Equality Impact Assessment

N/A.

APPENDIX 1

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive

PAY AWARD AND REVIEW OF ALLOWANCES1. Purpose of report

To inform the Panel of the proposed pay allowance rates for members for 2022/23 based on the proposed Cabinet governance model.

2. Background

As part of the budget setting process for 2022/23 an award of 2% per annum across the payroll has been allowed for in the budget for 2022/23.

In accordance with the Scheme of Members' Allowances approved by the Panel in September 2015, Member allowance rates should increase in line with any employee pay award. Accordingly, a proposed increase of 2% has been applied and the proposed new allowance rates are shown in appendix 1.

It should be noted that the current rates shown in the appendix relate to the proposed Cabinet model. It is expected that The Council will formally adopt the Cabinet system of governance at its full Council meeting in May 2022 in line with all other models of governance in place across councils in Nottinghamshire. The report has been based on a proposed model of governance which will require full Council approval.

Comparative data from other authorities in Nottinghamshire is included in appendix 2 to assist the Panel with its deliberations.

3. Financial implications

For comparative purposes, the impact of the proposed 2% increase is shown in appendix 1. The full impact of a 2% increase, should it be accepted, would be £5,619 per annum from 2022/23.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to CONSIDER the report and RECOMMEND accordingly.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1

Revised Members' allowances following proposed 2% increase

	<u>No. applying</u>	<u>Current rate £</u>	<u>Revised rate (£)</u>
Basic Allowance	44	3,816	3,892
Special Responsibility Allowances:			
- Leader	1	13,829	14,105
- Deputy Leader	1	6,223	6,347
Cabinet Members			
- Leader/Chair	1	4,840	4,937
- Deputy Leader/Vice Chair	1	4,840	4,937
- Portfolio/Finance	1	4,840	4,937
- Portfolio/Housing	1	4,840	4,937
- Portfolio/Environment	1	4,840	4,937
- Portfolio/Jobs and Economy	1	4,840	4,937
- Portfolio/Community Safety	1	4,840	4,937
- Portfolio/Leisure and Health	1	4,840	4,937
- Member Without Portfolio	2	3,188	3,251
Scrutiny Chairs			
- Overview and Scrutiny Chair	1	4,840	4,937
- Vice Chair	1	805	821
- Scrutiny/Finance, Housing, Environment	1	4,840	4,937
- Vice Chair	1	805	821
- Scrutiny/ Jobs and Economy, Community Safety, Leisure and Health	1	4,840	4,937
- Vice Chair	1	805	821
Quasi-Judicial Committees, Board etc.			
- Chair:			
o Planning	1	3,459	3,528
o Licensing Committee	1	2,766	2,821
o Housing Payments Committee	1	1,382	1,409
o Governance, Audit and Standards	1	2,074	2,115
- Vice chair:			
o Planning	1	692	705
o Licensing Committee	1	553	564
o Housing Payments Committee (prev. Review Board)	1	276	281
o Governance, Audit and Standards	1	276	281
- Members of Licensing Committee	12	8,304	8,470

- Independent Person	2	2,764	2,819
<u>Political Groups – Additional Allowance</u>			
- Leader of Opposition	1	1,382	1,410
- Business Manager	2	1,734	1,768
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<u>Civic</u>			
- Mayor	1	4,840	4,937
- Deputy Mayor	1	1,382	1,410
<u>Outside Bodies</u>			
- Health Lead	1	1,125	1,147
- Chair of Broxtowe Partnership Health Task Group	1	1,125	1,147
- Police and Crime Panel	1	692	706

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APPENDIX 2

	<u>No. Applying</u>	<u>Current Rate £</u>	<u>Proposed Rates (£)</u>
Basic Allowance	44	3,921	3,921
<u>Special Responsibility Allowances:</u>			
- Leader	1	14,210	14,210
- Deputy Leader	1	6,394	6,394
<u>Cabinet Members</u>			
- Leader/Chair	1	4,973	4,973
- Deputy Leader/Vice Chair	1	4,973	4,973
- Portfolio Holder Housing	1	4,973	4,973
- Portfolio/Finance	1	4,973	4,973
- Portfolio Holder Leisure and Health	1	4,973	4,973
- Portfolio/Environment	1	4,973	4,973
- Portfolio/Jobs and Economy	1	4,973	4,973
- Portfolio/Community Safety	1	4,973	4,973
- Member Without Portfolio	4	3,251	3,251
<u>Scrutiny Chairs</u>			
- Overview and Scrutiny Chair	1	4,973	4,973
- Vice Chair	2	821	821
- Scrutiny/Finance, Housing, Environment	1	4,840	0
- Vice Chair	1	805	0
- Scrutiny/Jobs and Economy, Community Safety, Leisure and Health	1	4,840	0
- Vice Chair	1	805	0
<u>Overview and Scrutiny Working Groups*</u>			
- Chair	1	0	300
- Vice Chair	1	0	100
* Payment to be made as appointed to the Working Group from Overview and Scrutiny Committee on a rotating basis.			

	<u>No. Applying</u>	<u>Current Rate</u> £	<u>Proposed Rates</u> (£)
<u>Policy Advisory Committee</u>			
- Chair	1	2,115	0
- Vice Chair	1	281	0
<u>Policy Advisory Working Group</u>			
- Chair	1	0	3,251
- Vice Chair	1	0	821
<u>Quasi-Judicial Committees, Board etc.</u>			
- Chair:			
o Planning	1	3,554	4,973
o Licensing Committee	1	2,843	4,973
o Discretionary Housing Payments Committee	1	1,409	0
o Governance, Audit and Standards	1	2,131	3,251
- Vice Chair:			
o Planning	1	711	821
o Licensing Committee	1	568	821
o Discretionary Housing Payments Committee	1	281	0
o Governance, Audit and Standards	1	284	821
- Members of Licensing Committee	13	711	0
- Independent Person	2	1,420	1,420
<u>Political Groups – Additional Allowance</u>			
- Leader of Opposition	1	1,420	3,251
- Business Manager	2	890	0
- Deputy Leader of Opposition	1	0	821
<u>Civic</u>			
- Mayor	1	4,973	4,973
- Deputy Mayor	1	1,420	1,420

	<u>No. Applying</u>	<u>Current Rate £</u>	<u>Proposed Rates (£)</u>
<u>Outside Bodies</u>			
- Health Lead	1	1,156	1,156
- Chair of Broxtowe Partnership Health Task Group	1	1,156	1,156
- Police and Crime Panel	1	711	1,156

REFERENCE

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Report of the Chief Executive

DEVOLUTION1. Purpose of Report

To update Council on the progress of the Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Devolution programme.

2. Recommendation

That Council **NOTE** the following:

- 1. The progress to date on the devolution and joint working programme, including the announcement of a 'level 3' deal offer from Government on 30 August 2022.**
- 2. The requirement for a formal public consultation process scheduled to take place over winter 2022.**
- 3. The proposed formation of an East Midlands Mayoral Combined County Authority with a new elected Mayor, with elections expected to take place in Spring 2024.**

3. Detail

The Government has confirmed a devolution deal for Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire which includes a range of powers and over £1.14bn investment over the next thirty years. The leaders of Derby City Council, Derbyshire County Council, Nottingham City Council and Nottinghamshire County Council signed up to the deal in principle at a launch event with Greg Clarke MP, the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, on 30 August 2022.

The deal will include the first of a new type of combined authority, designed for two-tier areas, which will be established through new legislation by central government. The legislation would enable the formation of an East Midlands Mayoral Combined County Authority (EMMCCA). The devolution deal is a 'Level 3 Deal', which offers the most local powers and funding. It would mean a new elected mayor, with elections currently expected to take place in Spring 2024. Level 1 or 2 Deal options that do not involve a new elected mayor and have reduced devolved powers and funds have been considered with the (Nottingham and Nottinghamshire) Economic Prosperity Committee favouring the higher Level 3 Deal.

Governance and decision making for the EMMCCA is in the process of being determined.

The offer of a devolution deal, if approved, will bring in much needed investment, funding and powers with more major decisions being made locally and a bigger voice for the region.

The deal offer includes:

- A new guaranteed funding stream of £1.14 billion, or £38 million a year over the next 30 years, as well as an extra £16.8 million for new homes on brownfield land
- £18m capital in this spending round period to support local housing and net zero priorities (subject to business case approval)
- Control over a range of budgets at a local level to ensure they are better tailored to the needs of people in our communities. This includes the Adult Education Budget
- Opportunities to deliver more and better jobs through investment in our area
- New powers to improve and better integrate local transport and an integrated transport settlement starting in 2024/25
- A commitment from Government to work jointly with the EMMCCA and other relevant partners to tackle homelessness, domestic abuse, community safety, social mobility and to support young people through their journey to adulthood.

The full deal text can be viewed here: [East Midlands Devolution Deal \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/107222/east_midlands_devolution_deal.pdf)

The deal marks the culmination of an intensive period of negotiation between local partners, including District and Borough Councils, the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and four upper tier Councils. The appendix sets out some opportunities for Broxtowe which exist within the deal.

The agreement entered into is subject to ratification by each of the four upper tier Councils who are signatories to the deal. A period of public consultation will take place afterwards, likely to be November / December 2022 and the deal will also be dependent on the passage through Parliament of primary and secondary legislation to enable the EMMCCA to be established.

This offer of a devolution deal is deemed to be the beginning of the journey, not the end with opportunities to build and enhance it over time. Local partners have secured a number of commitments to explore further devolution in the future as set out in the deal text. Government have confirmed funding for the establishment of a new combined authority over the coming two years, and further funding would be considered as part of future national government spending reviews.

Principles of governance are set out in the deal document – four of which are already contained in the Levelling up legislation – effective leadership, sensible geography, flexibility and accountability. However, an additional four principles will be reflected in the new EMMCCA structure. These are set out below and reflect the unique nature of this deal in that it is designed to respect the existence of the district and borough councils within the deal area.

Principle 5: Inclusivity – The East Midlands Constituent Councils have committed to creating as inclusive a model of governance as possible, in pursuit of agreed outcomes. Devolution of power and responsibilities will be to the Constituent Councils, however, the importance of the continued role of the eight Derbyshire and seven Nottinghamshire district and borough councils will be respected.

Principle 6: Subsidiarity – The East Midlands MCCA will perform a role that adds value to existing governance arrangements – primarily focused on strategic place shaping functions such as plan making and strategic commissioning. The East Midlands MCCA will not create an additional layer of governance, but instead will bring the governance that currently sits at national government level down into the East Midlands, much closer to businesses and communities. Place making functions will be delivered through the existing local planning authority arrangements that are better placed to deliver functions for which they are statutorily responsible and as close to communities as is practicable.

Principle 7: Commissioning – The East Midlands MCCA will develop strategy across the geography, dealing with issues as diverse as economic growth and nature recovery. Programmes of interventions will be developed against these strategies.

Principle 8: Choice – The preferred governance model for the East Midlands MCCA will identify a mechanism for including district and borough councils in the geography. This model will respect the existing sovereignty of these lower tier local authorities. Individual councils will also be able to continue to exercise choice about participation at sub-CCA tiers of partnership working.

Discussions continue to be held with borough and districts as the deal is progressed.

4. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

Financial implications for the Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire area as a whole are set out earlier in the report. Individual financial implications for Broxtowe are not yet known.

5. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

There is no requirement for borough and district councils to endorse the devolution deal as the Agreement is between Governments and the four upper tier authorities. The deal needs to go through parliament for primary and secondary legislation to be established, in order for an EMMCCA to be set up.

6. Human Resources Implications

The comments from the Human Resources Manager were as follows:

Any new EMMCCA will require its own staffing structure. However, it is not proposed that any existing local authority will be changed as part of the proposals.

7. Union Comments

The Union comments were as follows.

N/A

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

N/A

9. Equality Impact Assessment

No adverse implications

10. Background Papers

Nil.

APPENDIX

Opportunities for Broxtowe to benefit from a County Deal.

Theme	Opportunities
Economy and Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ability to create mayoral development areas and create Mayoral Development Corporations. This could benefit areas such as Toton, and ensure the benefits of work opportunities are widely spread and not just focused on the south of the Borough. • Specific links to the levelling up agenda which may enhance the authority's prospects of success in relation to its bids for Eastwood and Kimberley.
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional funding (£9m) to advance net zero carbon ambitions. This and the following three bullet points could help the council implement its carbon management reduction plans. • Development of a local energy plan. • Support to develop clean heat networks. • Support to encourage more green jobs in the area. • A collaborative focus through the EMCCA on development of green and blue infrastructure to support nature recovery and benefits for people and the economy. This could help implement our Erewash valley/green infrastructure/ambitions.
Land and Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional funding for development of homes on brownfield land (£16.8m in 24/25). This may help deliver difficult sites such as housing on Kimberley depot. • Additional funding for decarbonisation of housing ambitions. • Easier access to CPO powers through the EMMCA. • Potential for collaboration with Homes England for a housing delivery pipeline. This could help develop Chetwynd Barracks.
Skills and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better targeting of resources for education to areas of Broxtowe where the population have lower level skills, such as Stapleford and Eastwood, through local skills improvement plans (LSIPs). • More opportunities for further education for adults and for provision to be free in certain circumstances. • Greater ability to focus on ensuring people in areas of Broxtowe without a Further Education (FE) presence still have appropriate access to training.
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated ticketing across all modes of transport in the area. • Development of a longer term transport plan for the area with a multi-year funding settlement. • Better ability to influence key route network investment for road infrastructure. • Electric vehicle infrastructure investment. • More investment for implementation of bus improvement plans. • The East Midlands MCCA will explore mass transit opportunities, including integrating and potentially expanding the NET tram system, in support of the emerging East Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy, and will work with Government to deliver this. This could secure the tram extension to Toton. • Reference is made to a rail station for Toton with commitment that the EMMCA will work with government to secure the required matched private sector funding for a new station.

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Report of The Leader of the Council

TOTON AND CHETWYND BARRACKS STRATEGIC MASTERPLAN SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENT

1. Purpose of Report

To seek the resolution of Council to adopt the amended Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

2. Recommendation

The Council is asked to RESOLVE that the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document, as amended, be adopted by the Council.

3. Detail

The Council, in conjunction with the emerging East Midlands Development Corporation (EM DevCo CLG) has prepared a SPD for the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks sites.

There are several stages in preparing an SPD. These are set out within the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and include consulting the local community for a period of not less than four weeks.

This document was published, alongside a Consultation Statement (as required by the legislation), for public consultation between 1 November 2021 and 14 January 2022 (to comply with Regulations 12 and 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The public consultation period was extended as the government's Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) was published during this time (on 18 November 2021).

The Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD was considered by members at a meeting of the Council's Policy Advisory Working Group on Thursday 28 July 2022 and then subsequently at a further meeting with Members. The document has been amended as proposed, agreed by Members at these meetings and is appended to this report (see appendix 4 circulated separately with this agenda).

Supplementary Planning Documents set out further information and guidance in relation to Local Plan policies. They are not 'policy' and do not form a part of the development plan. However, once adopted, the SPD will be a 'material consideration' in the determination of planning applications.

The Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England have been consulted on whether the SPD is likely to have significant environmental effects such that it would require Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) or Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) and a Screening Determination (see appendix 2)

made in light of their responses (see Annex to appendix 2). None of the consultees considered that SEA or HRA would be required and officers concur.

The consultation can be found at Appendix 3 circulated separately with this agenda.

4. Financial Implications

A failure to adopt the Supplementary Planning Document may affect future funding applications in respect of the subject area.

5. Legal Implications

Legislation in relation to the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents is set out within the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

Regulation 11 provides that any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt a Supplementary Planning Document may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of that decision; any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than 3 months after the date on which the Supplementary Planning Document was adopted.

The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (as amended) prohibit the adoption of plans, programmes or modifications before a determination has been made as to whether it is likely to have significant environmental effects. Furthermore, the regulations require that the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England are consulted on this.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no HR implications.

7. Union Comments

N/A.

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

N/A.

9. Equality Impact Assessment

The Equality Impact Assessment can be found at Appendix 1.

10. Background Papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1

Equality Impact Assessment

The Equality Act 2010 replaces previous anti-discrimination laws with a single Act. It simplifies the law, removing inconsistencies and making it easier for people to understand and comply with. It also strengthens the law in important ways, to help tackle discrimination and promote equality. The majority of the Act came into force on 1 October 2010.

Public bodies are required in it to have due regard to the need to:

- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act
- advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and
- foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.

The public sector Equality Duty came into force on 5 April 2011. The duty ensures that all public bodies play their part in making society fairer by tackling discrimination and providing equality of opportunity for all. It ensures that public bodies consider the needs of all individuals in their day to day work – in shaping policy, delivering services and in relation to their own employees.

The Equality Duty encourages public bodies to understand how different people will be affected by their activities so that policies and services are appropriate and accessible to all and meet different people's needs. By understanding the effect of their activities on different people, and how inclusive public services can support and open up people's opportunities, public bodies are better placed to deliver policies and services that are efficient and effective.

The new equality duty replaces the three previous public sector equality duties, for race, disability and gender. The new equality duty covers the following protected characteristics:

- age
- disability
- gender reassignment
- pregnancy and maternity
- race – this includes ethnic or national origins, colour or nationality
- religion or belief – including lack of belief
- sex
- sexual orientation.

It also applies to marriage and civil partnership, but only in respect of the requirement to have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination.

Having due regard means consciously thinking about the three aims of the equality duty as part of the process of decision-making. This means that consideration of equality issues

must influence the decisions reached by public bodies, including how they act as employers, how they develop, evaluate and review policies, how they design, deliver and evaluate services, and how they commission and procure from others.

Having due regard to the need to advance equality of opportunity involves considering the need to:

- remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by people due to their protected characteristics
- meet the needs of people with protected characteristics, and
- encourage people with protected characteristics to participate in public life or in other activities where their participation is low.

Fostering good relations involves tackling prejudice and promoting understanding between people who share a protected characteristic and others.

Complying with the equality duty may involve treating some people better than others, as far as this is allowed by discrimination law. For example, it may involve making use of an exception or the positive action provisions in order to provide a service in a way which is appropriate for people who share a protected characteristic.

The Equality Duty also explicitly recognises that disabled people's needs may be different from those of non-disabled people. Public bodies should therefore take account of disabled people's impairments when making decisions about policies or services. This might mean making reasonable adjustments or treating disabled people better than non-disabled people in order to meet their needs.

There is no explicit requirement to refer to the Equality Duty in recording the process of consideration but it is good practice to do so. Keeping a record of how decisions were reached will help public bodies demonstrate that they considered the aims of the Equality Duty. Keeping a record of how decisions were reached will help public bodies show how they considered the Equality Duty. Producing an Equality Impact Assessment after a decision has been reached will not achieve compliance with the Equality Duty.

It is recommended that assessments are carried out in respect of new or revised policies and that a copy of the assessment is included as an appendix to the report provided to the decision makers at the relevant Cabinet, Committee or Scrutiny meeting.

Where it is clear from initial consideration that a policy will not have any effect on equality for any of the protected characteristics, no further analysis or action is necessary.

Public bodies should take a proportionate approach when complying with the Equality Duty. In practice, this means giving greater consideration to the Equality Duty where a policy or function has the potential to have a discriminatory effect or impact on equality of opportunity, and less consideration where the potential effect on equality is slight. The Equality Duty requires public bodies to think about people's different needs and how these can be met.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

Directorate:	Chief Executive	Lead officer responsible for EIA	Steve Simms
Name of the policy or function to be assessed:	Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)		
Names of the officers undertaking the assessment:	Steve Simms		
Is this a new or an existing policy or function?	New		
<p>1. What are the aims and objectives of the policy or function?</p> <p>Provide a Strategic Masterplan as a high-level overarching framework to co-ordinate the delivery of the Toton (land in the vicinity of the proposed station) and Chetwynd Barracks site allocations, including up to 4,500 homes, thousands of jobs, and the community facilities, services and infrastructure to support them.</p>			
<p>2. What outcomes do you want to achieve from the policy or function?</p> <p>Comprehensive and co-ordinated development across Chetwynd Barracks and the land in the vicinity of the station at Toton and high-quality design outcomes.</p>			
<p>3. Who is intended to benefit from the policy or function?</p> <p>The whole existing and future community and the wider regional economy.</p>			
<p>4. Who are the main stakeholders in relation to the policy or function?</p> <p>The whole existing and future community and the wider regional economy.</p>			
<p>5. What baseline quantitative data do you have about the policy or function relating to the different equality strands?</p> <p>Equality impact assessment for the Aligned Core Strategy and Part 2 Local Plan.</p>			
<p>6. What baseline qualitative data do you have about the policy or function relating to the different equality strands?</p> <p>Consultation responses to the draft SPD.</p>			

7. What has stakeholder consultation, if carried out, revealed about the nature of the impact?

Concerns about risk of road traffic accidents involving people travelling to local schools, gradients complying with standards, encouragement of walking, cycling and public transport links.

8. From the evidence available does the policy or function affect or have the potential to affect different equality groups in different ways? In assessing whether the policy or function adversely affects any particular group or presents an opportunity for promoting equality, consider the questions below in relation to each equality group:

People travelling to schools are mostly younger, gradients affect people with limited mobility or who use pushchairs to a greater extent, and walking, cycling and public transport are used more by older people, women and people with caring responsibilities for children or older people.

Does the policy or function target or exclude a specific equality group or community? Does it affect some equality groups or communities differently? If yes, can this be justified?

No.

Is the policy or function likely to be equally accessed by all equality groups or communities? If no, can this be justified?

Yes.

Are there barriers that might make access difficult or stop different equality groups or communities accessing the policy or function?

Young people travelling to school often have no choice and must use the footways or paths serving the school. Steep gradients may exclude people with limited mobility or who use pushchairs. Poor walking, cycling and public transport may exclude older people, women and people with caring responsibilities.

Could the policy or function promote or contribute to equality and good relations between different groups? If so, how?

Yes, by creating shared social and sporting spaces and by facilitating a choice of modes of transport suitable for as wider a range of people as possible.

□ What further evidence is needed to understand the impact on equality?

Further information on transport and facilities will be submitted with the planning applications, in respect of which the SPD will be a material consideration.

9. On the basis of the analysis above what actions, if any, will you need to take in respect of each of the equality strands?

Age: Have regard to pedestrian safety standards and public transport accessibility.

Disability: Have regard to gradients and accessibility.

Gender: Have regard to community safety and public transport accessibility.

Gender Reassignment: None.

Marriage and Civil Partnership: None.

Pregnancy and Maternity: None.

Race: None.

Religion and Belief: Consider accessibility to places of worship.

Sexual Orientation: None.

Executive Director:

I am satisfied with the results of this EIA. I undertake to review and monitor progress against the actions proposed in response to this impact assessment.

Signature:

APPENDIX 2

**Strategic Environmental Assessment
(SEA) / Habitats Regulations
Assessment (HRA) Screening Report
prepared in relation to the Toton and
Chetwynd Barracks Strategic
Masterplan Supplementary Planning
Document**

**Prepared by Broxtowe Borough Council
September 2022**

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This Screening Report has been prepared by Broxtowe Borough Council (BBC) in relation to the final version of the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).
- 1.2 This SPD was published, alongside a Consultation Statement, for public consultation between 1 November 2021 and 14 January 2022 (to comply with Regulations 12 and 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The public consultation period was extended as the government's Integrated Rail Plan (IRP) was published during this time (on 18 November 2021).
- 1.3 The requirement for a Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) is set out in the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (as amended, including through EU Exit legislation) which implements the requirements of the European Directive 2001/42/EC. Regulation 5 of the Directive sets out the types of plans that require an environmental assessment, which includes those that set the framework for future development consent. Regulation 5 (6) provides an exemption and states that an environmental assessment need not be carried out: (a) for a plan or programme which determines the use of a small area at local level; or (b) for a minor modification to a plan or programme, unless it has been determined that the plan, programme or modification, as the case may be, is likely to have significant environmental effects.
- 1.4 Section 39 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires local authorities to undertake a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) for Development Plan Documents and SPDs. However, the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2009 removes the automatic need for an SA of SPDs. This is because SPDs do not normally introduce new policies or proposals or modify planning documents which have already been subject to Sustainability Appraisal. National Planning Practice Guidance confirms that SPDs do not require a sustainability appraisal but may in exceptional circumstances require a strategic environmental assessment if they are likely to have significant environmental effects that have not already been assessed during the preparation of the Local Plan.
- 1.5 SEA/SAs are undertaken during preparation of plans or programmes and their purpose is to assess the sustainability of emerging plans or programmes. EU Directive 2001/42/EC requires the Strategic Environment Assessment (SEA) of the environmental effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment.
- 1.6 The SEA Directive '*seeks to provide a high level of protection of the environment by integrating environmental considerations into the process of preparing plans and programmes.*' The SEA Directive is transposed into UK law through the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (the 'SEA

Regulations') and it is these regulations that the SPD will need to be compatible with.

- 1.7 EU law has ceased to apply in the United Kingdom under the terms of the Withdrawal Agreement and EU Treaties. The European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 (EUWA) has established a new body of domestic law known as retained EU law. Beyond the transition period, the SEA Regulations, which previously implemented the requirements of the SEA Directive in England, will continue to apply as before, unless and until new legislation is introduced.
- 1.8 Further guidance on applying European Directive 2001/42/EC 'on the assessment on the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment' is set out within a '[Practical Guide](#)', published by the former Office of the Deputy Prime Minister in 2006.

2.0 Screening Process

- 2.1 There are three steps to the screening process. These are:
 1. Prepare a screening report
 2. Request a screening opinion from the consultation bodies in light of this report
 3. In light of their responses, determine whether the SPD is likely to have significant effects on the environment (and therefore requires an SEA).
- 2.2 When determining whether an SPD requires an SEA, the SEA Regulations require that the criteria set out in Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations be considered.
- 2.3 These are the criteria '*for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment*'.
- 2.4 These criteria are split into two categories:
 - those relating to the characteristics of the plan; and
 - those relating to the characteristics of the effects and area likely to be affected.

Plan Characteristics

- the degree to which the plan or programme sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources
- the degree to which the plan or programme influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy
- the relevance of the plan or programme for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development
- environmental problems relevant to the plan or programme

- the relevance of the plan or programme for the implementation of [European] Community legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection).

Effects and Area Characteristics

- the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects
- the cumulative nature of the effects
- the transboundary nature of the effects
- the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)
- the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)
- the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to:
 - o special natural characteristics or cultural heritage
 - o exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values
 - o intensive land-use
- the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, community or international protection status.

2.5 The assessment of effects should be undertaken in a proportionate way and it is acknowledged that at this stage there may be gaps in data. That should only be a problem if the gaps or uncertainties are such that it is not possible to reasonably assess the likely significant effects of a Plan. Enough information needs to be included so that the consultation bodies can take a view on the likely significant effects of implementing the plan. The SEA Regulations set out a range of issues that could be addressed in the environmental report if SEA is required.

3.0 Key Information on the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD

3.1 The Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD sets out additional planning guidance for the development of the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks sites, but does not include additional policy requirements over and above those contained within the strategic policies of the development plan for the area, which comprises the [Broxtowe Aligned Core Strategy \(ACS\)](#), which was subject to SEA ([Sustainability Appraisal](#)) during its preparation, and the adopted [Broxtowe Part 2 Local Plan](#), which was also subjected to a full process of [Sustainability Appraisal](#).

3.2 Policies 3.1 and 3.2 of the Broxtowe Part 2 Local Plan (LP), adopted in October 2019, are of particular relevance to this SPD, as these set out the main policy requirements for the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks sites, which this SPD provides additional guidance in relation to.

3.3 The final version of the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD was produced by Broxtowe Borough Council in September 2022. Additional supporting information, including the Consultation Statement, and other background documents can be viewed on Broxtowe Borough Council's website

at the following link: <https://www.broxtowe.gov.uk/for-you/planning/planning-policy/toton-and-chetwynd-barracks-strategic-masterplan-supplementary-planning-document-spd/>.

4.0 SEA Screening Assessment

4.1 Broxtowe Borough Council, as the 'responsible authority', considers that the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD is within the scope of the SEA Regulations since it is a plan that:

- is subject to preparation or adoption by an authority at national, regional or local level (Regulation 2)
- is prepared for town and country planning or land use and it is a plan that sets the framework for future development consent of projects generally (Regulation 5, para. 4)

4.2 A determination under Regulation 9 is therefore required as to whether the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD is likely to have significant effects on the environment.

4.3 The screening requirements set out in Regulation 9 and Schedule 1 of the SEA Regulations include two sets of characteristics for determining the likely significance of effects on the environment:

- the characteristics of the plan itself, and,
- the characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected by the plan

4.4 This screening assessment is structured in the following table according to the criteria specified in Schedule 1 of the Regulations:

Criteria (Schedule 1 SEA Regulations)	Are significant environmental effects likely? Yes/ No Justification and evidence	
1.The characteristics of plans, having regard, in particular, to:		
(a) the degree to which the plan sets a framework for projects and other activities, either with regard to the location, nature, size and operating conditions or by allocating resources	No	The SPD does not allocate any sites for development or introduce additional policy requirements over and other those set out within the development plan. It provides additional guidance to development plan policies, including Part 2 LP Policies 3.1 and 3.2, both of which were subjected to extensive processes of Sustainability Appraisal and were tested through the LP Examination stage; additional significant environmental effects are therefore considered to be unlikely. Any additional growth at the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks sites, over and above that allocated within the Broxtowe Aligned Core Strategy (ACS) and Part 2 LP will only be allocated within a review of the Local Plan (for example as a part of the review of the ACS, the Greater Nottingham Strategic Plan) and not through this SPD.
(b) the degree to which the plan influences other plans and programmes including those in a hierarchy	No	This SPD is a lower tier document which provides additional guidance to LP policies. It does not seek to influence other plans, such as those at a higher level, including the Broxtowe ACS and Broxtowe Part 2 LP.
(c) the relevance of the plan for the integration of environmental considerations in particular with a view to promoting sustainable development	No	The SPD seeks to promote the objectives of sustainable development. It is not specifically relevant as a plan for integrating environmental considerations. Any development proposed must also be in accordance with the environmental protection policies in the adopted Broxtowe ACS, adopted Broxtowe Part 2 LP and the NPPF.
(d) environmental problems relevant to the plan	No	There are no existing specific environmental problems relevant to this SPD that have not been identified and assessed through the higher-level ACS and the adopted Broxtowe Part 2 LP and their accompanying processes of SA/SEA.
(e) the relevance of the plan for the implementation of Community legislation on the environment (for example, plans and programmes linked to waste management or water protection).	No	This SPD is not relevant as a plan for implementing community legislation on the environment. It does not relate to waste management or water protection.

Criteria (Schedule 1 SEA Regulations)	Are significant environmental effects likely? Yes/ No Justification and evidence	
2. Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to:		
(a) the probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the effects	No	Additional development is not proposed by the SPD. The guidance within the SPD applies to the main built-up urban area and is consistent with the higher level policies of the Broxtowe ACS and Part 2 LP, which were subjected to processes of SA. Additional significant environmental effects are therefore considered unlikely.
(b) the cumulative nature of the effects	No	Cumulative effects are unlikely as new policies are not proposed.
(c) the transboundary nature of the effects	No	There will be no trans-boundary effects as a result of the guidance set out within the SPD.
(d) the risks to human health or the environment (for example, due to accidents)	No	<p>Significant risks to human health or the environment are considered to be very unlikely, due to the nature of the area, which is largely greenfield. The Chetwynd Barracks site is currently in use as a Ministry of Defence (MOD) base, but this will be released from the MOD estate within the next few years. Large parts of the original (larger) MOD base (to the south) have already been released from the MOD estate and are now in residential and office uses. Large parts of the Chetwynd Barracks sites are effectively greenfield in nature and large parts of the site are in residential use (for MOD staff). Other parts of the site are used for storage by the MOD. The development allocated by the development plan and to be guided by the SPD includes housing, and buildings for employment, retail and community uses, all of which would be low risk to both human health and the environment.</p> <p>Parts of the Toton site (primarily within the railway corridor) are within Flood Zones 2 or 3. The majority of the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks sites is located outside of these zones.</p> <p>Electricity lines cross parts of the Toton site, but neither major gas pipelines nor trunk water mains cross the sites.</p> <p>In conclusion, the risk of accidents is therefore considered to be very low.</p>

Criteria (Schedule 1 SEA Regulations)	Are significant environmental effects likely? Yes/ No Justification and evidence	
2 (continued). Characteristics of the effects and of the area likely to be affected, having regard, in particular, to:		
(e) the magnitude and spatial extent of the effects (geographical area and size of the population likely to be affected)	No	The SPD applies only to the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks sites, rather than the wider borough and so the magnitude and spatial extent of any effects is likely to be very limited.
(f) the value and vulnerability of the area likely to be affected due to— (i) special natural characteristics or cultural heritage; (ii) exceeded environmental quality standards or limit values; or (iii) intensive land-use;	No	There is a Conservation Area (Sandiacre Lock), which is located to the north west of the Toton site, largely outside of the site. It is considered that guidance within the SPD will provide additional protection to this area. Part of the area is within or adjacent to the Nottingham Urban Area Agglomeration Zone, but is not within or adjacent to any Air Quality Management Areas. The SPD contains guidance to provide additional protection to the natural and built environment of the area and to facilitate the development of public transport infrastructure. The sites, in common with the entire southern part of the Borough, are within a 'Smoke Control Area'. In summary, no significant environmental effects are considered likely.
(g) the effects on areas or landscapes which have a recognised national, Community or international protection status.	No	No parts of the area are within or adjacent to any internationally or nationally designated areas. There is no AONB (Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty) nearby. A small part of the Toton Fields Local Nature Reserve is located within the Toton site, along its southern and eastern boundary. However, the guidance within the SPD should facilitate the protection of this area. There are Local Wildlife Sites within and adjacent to the western part of the Toton site and a smaller (1.27 hectare) Local Wildlife Site adjacent to the eastern boundary of the Chetwynd Barracks site. Guidance within the SPD will facilitate the protection of these Sites. There are no Local Geological Sites or Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs) within the boundaries of the sites.

		<p>There is a Conservation Area (Sandiacre Lock), which is located to the north west of the Toton site, largely outside of the site. It is considered that guidance within the SPD will provide additional protection to this area.</p> <p>The 'Memorial to workers of the National Filling Factory No.6, Chilwell', located within the Chetwynd Barracks site, is Grade II listed. The SPD also identifies a number of Non-Designated Heritage Assets within the Chetwynd Barracks site. These assets will be afforded further protection by guidance within the SPD.</p>
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5.0 SEA Screening Decision

5.1 Regulation 9 of the SEA Regulations requires that the responsible authority shall determine whether or not a plan is likely to have significant environmental effects.

5.2 The responsible authority shall:

- (a) take into account the criteria specified in Schedule 1 to these Regulations, and:
- (b) consult the consultation bodies.

5.3 Where the responsible authority determines that the plan is unlikely to have significant environmental effects (and, accordingly, does not require an environmental assessment), it shall prepare a statement of its reasons for the determination.

5.4 Having taken into account the views of the consultation bodies (see Annex), Broxtowe Borough Council considers that the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD is unlikely to have significant environmental effects and thus does not require a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

5.5 This decision (as confirmed following by the consultation bodies: the Environment Agency, Historic England and Natural England) has been made for the following key reasons:

- The Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD does not allocate any sites for development or introduce new policy requirements. As an SPD, it is a lower tier document which provides additional guidance to adopted Local Plan policies, which were subjected to rigorous processes of Sustainability Appraisal.
- The guidance set out within the document is considered to be unlikely to influence development in ways which would be harmful to the environment.
- The emphasis of the guidance within the SPD is generally towards the conservation, protection and enhancement of the environment and protection of the heritage of the area and to facilitating sustainable development. There is also considerable emphasis on the transition to 'Net-Zero Carbon' development.

6.0 Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening

6.1 The Borough Council has also 'screened' to assess whether the SPD requires an 'appropriate assessment' under the Habitats Regulations in accordance with Regulation 105 of the [Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017](#), as amended by the [Conservation of Habitats and Species \(Amendment\) \(EU Exit\) Regulations 2019](#).

- 6.2 Regulation 105 requires that where a land use plan:
- (a) is likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site (either alone or in combination with other plans or projects), and
 - (b) is not directly connected with or necessary to the management of the site,
- the plan-making authority for that plan must, before the plan is given effect, make an appropriate assessment of the implications for the site in view of that site's conservation objectives.
- 6.3 In determining whether an 'appropriate assessment' is required, the Local Planning Authority has taken a number of factors into consideration. These are considered below.
- 6.4 There are no Special Protection Areas (SPAs), Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) or Ramsar sites within the boundary of the SPD area.
- 6.5 The Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD only applies to a small geographical area and provides additional guidance to adopted Local Plan policies, rather than new policy.
- 6.6 A [Habitats Regulations Assessment \(HRA\)](#) accompanied the Broxtowe Borough Aligned Core Strategy, for the period until 2028. An updated [HRA](#) was undertaken and published in November 2018, in relation to the Submission Version of the Broxtowe Part 2 Local Plan. This was produced following the European Court of Justice ruling on the 'People Over Wind' case (Case C-323/17 People Over Wind & Peter Sweetman v Coillte Teoranta), which provided a new interpretation of when and how mitigation measures should be considered. The judgment clarified that when making screening decisions for the purposes of deciding whether an appropriate assessment is required, competent authorities cannot take into account any mitigation measures.
- 6.7 The HRA that accompanied the Broxtowe Borough Part 2 Local Plan for the period until 2028, concluded that the development proposed in the Part 2 Local Plan will not lead to likely significant effects either alone or in-combination with other plans or programmes.
- 6.8 The HRA took a precautionary approach and assessed the prospective Special Protection Area (SPA) of Sherwood Forest (which does not represent a formal European site (defined by Regulation 8 of the Habitats Regulations)) as though fully classified. The SPA extends across a wide expanse of land to the north of the borough (located within the Gedling Borough and Ashfield District Council administrative areas).
- 6.9 This HRA (for the Part 2 Local Plan) assessed the impact of the allocations for 7,249 new homes (across the entire Borough) over the plan period and whilst this increased to 7,512 overall (including a 300 dwelling windfall allowance) following the Main Modifications, the broad locations and distribution for new

housing remain unaltered from those in the Aligned Core Strategy. There has been an increase in the urban south of the Borough (Main Built up Area of Nottingham) and a decrease of dwellings proposed for the Key Settlements in the north of the Borough.

6.10 This HRA update concluded that the conclusions in the HRA remain valid and were further strengthened through the Main Modifications to the Part 2 Local Plan, including from the fact that numbers for the three (Part 2 Local Plan) allocations within 5km of the only vulnerable site, Sherwood Forest prospective SPA, had actually fallen. Toton and Chetwynd Barracks are located further away from this site.

6.11 Broxtowe Borough Council is satisfied, (subject to any representations which may be received by Natural England in relation to this Screening Report), that the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD will have no likely significant effect on sites applicable to HRA.

Conclusions

6.12 In consideration of the small geographical area affected by the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD, the fact that this document provides guidance to adopted Local Plan policies rather than additional policy requirements, and the significant distance from the one (unconfirmed) European site well outside the SPD boundary, the HRA screening concludes that the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD is not likely to have significant effects on any EU designated sites, either alone or in combination with other plans and projects.

6.13 It has therefore been concluded, taking into account representations received from Natural England, that the Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD will have no likely significant effect on sites applicable to HRA, and so an 'appropriate assessment' would not be required.

Broxtowe Borough Council
September 2022

Annex: Opinions of the Consultation Bodies

Date: 16 September 2022
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Dear Mr Simms,

**Planning consultation: Broxtowe Local Plan - Toton & Chetwynd Barracks Masterplan
Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): SEA & HRA Screening Consultation**

Thank you for your consultation on the above dated 01 September 2022 which was received by Natural England on the same date.

Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development.

Natural England welcomes the Screening Report which assesses the requirement for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) for the Toton & Chetwynd Barracks Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

We can confirm that it is considered unlikely that any significant environmental effects will result from the implementation of SPD that were not identified and assessed through the adopted Aligned Nottinghamshire Core Strategy and Broxtowe Part 2 Local Plan and their accompanying SA/SEA. As the SPD is unlikely to have significant environmental effects it would not require further Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).

Natural England also agrees with the report's conclusions that the Toton & Chetwynd Barracks Masterplan SPD would not be likely to result in a significant effect on any European Site either alone or in combination and therefore no further assessment work under the Habitats Regulations would be required.

If you have any queries relating to the advice in this letter please contact me on 02080268500

Yours sincerely

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Steve Simms

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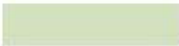
Dear Mr Simms,
Thank you for your message consulting Historic England on the SEA screening for Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD.

On the basis of the submitted information, Historic England advise that SEA should not be required for historic environment reasons. We note however that buildings taller than the 6 storey upper end of the range are cited as a possibility around the station, but that this isn't quantified. This brings with it the potential for impacts that will be dependent on the height of such development, and we advise that separate assessments for any such proposals may be necessary in future.

We welcome the commitment to maintaining and revealing the significance of the site's heritage assets in the plan, and advise that in order to deliver this ongoing historic environment curatorial advice will be needed.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Fletcher


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Dear Mr Simms

SEA/HRA Screening Consultation: Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on the SEA/HRA screening consultation and please find our comments detailed below.

Environment Agency position

Please note that we gave our feedback on the draft Toton and Chetwynd Barracks Strategic Masterplan SPD in December 2021. It appears that our comments have been taken on board in the latest iteration published in September 2022.

The SEA/HRA Screening Report published September 2022 confirms that the SPD does not include any additional policy requirements over and above those contained within the relevant strategic documents.

The Broxtowe Aligned Core Strategy (ACS) was subject to SEA and the adopted Broxtowe Part 2 Local Plan was subject to the full process of Sustainability Appraisal.

The gov.uk website within the Strategic environmental assessment and sustainability appraisal guidance in paragraph 008 states:

Supplementary planning documents do not require a sustainability appraisal but may in exceptional circumstances require a strategic environmental assessment if they are likely to have significant environmental effects that have not already been assessed during the preparation of the relevant strategic policies.

Bearing this in mind and having read the information presented within the SPD we do not believe that there is likely to be any significant environmental impacts that have not already been addressed through the relevant strategic documents as highlighted above.

Yours sincerely

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Resources and Personnel Policy Portfolio**Councillor Greg Marshall****Portfolio Holder's Report to Council – 12 October 2022****Finance Services Update**Audit of the Statement of Accounts

After reporting the financial outturn to Cabinet in July, the draft Statement of Accounts for 2021/22 has now been produced and is available on the Council's website. The accounts are currently being subjected to scrutiny by Mazars, the Council's external auditors, with the audit expected to conclude shortly and the accounts signed off by 30 November. In the meantime, an update was provided by Mazars to the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee on 26 September.

Launch of Budget Setting 2023/24

The Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer has recently launched the budget setting process for 2023/24. Officers are busy preparing new business plans, revenue and capital budgets and reviewing their fees and charges lists.

The proposed business plans and financial estimates will be scrutinised by Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 and 31 January 2023, in advance of being considered at Cabinet on 7 February 2023 with a recommendation onto Full Council to approve the budget on 4 March 2023.

Medium Term Financial Strategy and Business Strategy

Cabinet also recently considered and approved the updated Medium Term Financial Strategy and the refreshed Business Strategy for 2023/24.

As reported to Cabinet in July, there was an underspend of £1.9m on the General Fund revenue budget in 2021/22 resulting in an increase of General Fund balances to £7.4m as at 31 March 2022. This was due to a variety of underspends, additional income, budget carry forwards, changes in provisions, government grants and effective financial management across the Council.

The latest MTFs shows that the Council is experiencing significant budgetary pressures that will impact on its 2022/23 and 2023/24 budgets. These include the cost of pay awards, high price inflation including the rising cost of energy and fuel and construction costs, also linked to issues with the supply chains.

The impact of these pressures on the General Fund in 2022/23 is currently estimated at around £800k and could increase the draw on reserves to £1.5m.

The potential budget gap on the MTFs for 2023/24 is £2.1m. This current projection assumes that no additional financial support is received from Central Government.

The refreshed Business Strategy presented to Cabinet identified £690k of potential revenue savings and additional growth and income to meet the projected shortfall.

This is inevitably going to be another challenging budget round, particularly in view of the impact of high inflation and ‘the cost of living crisis’ on the Council budgets and with uncertainties surrounding what extra central government funding support may be made available to local authorities.

Officers will continue to review the situation as part of the budget setting process and update the MTFS accordingly.

Budget Consultation

Cabinet recently agreed the content of the Budget Consultation for 2023/24. The survey includes questions relating to a resident’s method of access of Council services, the preferred means of interaction with the Council and the impact of the ongoing cost of living crisis.

The web-based questionnaire, which is open until 30 November 2022, is being promoted through social media, ‘email-me’ bulletins, press releases, website and direct engagement with those on the Council’s stakeholder map. All responders will be entered into a prize draw.

The Council received a good level of response last year and is looking for similar levels of public engagement again to feed into the latest budget round.

Revenues, Benefits, Quality & Control and Customer Services

Revenues

The Revenues Team are responsible for the administration of Council Tax and Business Rates, including the recovery of these.

Council Tax is the main source of income for the Council and the other main major precepting authorities, such as Nottinghamshire County Council, Nottinghamshire Police and Crime Commissioner and Nottinghamshire Fire as well as the Parish Councils. In 22/23, the net charge is £76m, with 8% of this being retained by Broxtowe.

Business Rates is a significant income generator for the Council with us being able to retain 40% of the amounts collected, with the remaining amounts being split between central government, NCC and Nottinghamshire Fire. A business is evaluated on its Rateable Value, as determined by the valuation office agency, and this has increased by over £3m since April 2020. This council now collects over £28m in business rates.

Both the Business Rates and Council Tax collection rates continue to improve following the pandemic, there is still some work to go achieve pre-pandemic levels. It is likely that these levels could be impacted again as a result of the cost of living increases. Currently, the Council Tax collection rate is 1.1% below pre-pandemic levels.

The Revenues Team are concluding the Business Support provided during the pandemic and the additional work as a result of the Rising Cost of living.

Energy Rebate

The Revenues Team are also providing the administration of the £150 Energy Rebate payment. This scheme is drawing to a close and the Council is no longer accepting applications. All those that did not apply have had their Council Tax accounts credited with the £150, or if they were entitled to the Discretionary Scheme, the £170. The Council has a remaining balance of £4,170 of its Discretionary Fund to utilise before the end of November.

Benefits

The Benefits Team is responsible for the administration of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Support. Both of these are designed to support the most vulnerable in our community. With the introduction of Universal Credit (UC) we have seen a reduction on the number of Housing Benefit claims processed, however, most of those receiving UC will still be required to apply for assistance on Council Tax Support.

The Team has provided some additional resource to support the Energy Rebate payments but have been able to maintain excellent performance with New Claims taking on average 7 days to process and Change of Circumstances taking 4 days during the month of August.

Quality & Control

Q&C is a small team that is responsible for the recovery of Sundry Debtors, Housing Benefit Overpayments and the Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP's).

DHP's are to assist those receiving Housing Benefit or the Housing Element of Universal Credit and experiencing hardship. This pot of money is received by Central Government but is reducing year on year. This year's balance is £88k, which is down over £36k from 2021/22. A report will go to Cabinet in October, was originally scheduled for the now postponed September Cabinet, to request a top up of £36k to allow the team to support the most vulnerable in the community.

Customer Services

The Customer Services Team is responsible for handling phone calls and face to face interviews for the following 8 services as well as the switchboard. Outside of these, it is the responsibility of the back office team

- Council Tax
- Housing Benefits & Council Tax Support
- Business Rates
- Housing Rents
- Housing Repairs
- Grounds Maintenance
- Street Cleansing

- Refuse

During the year, the Council receives over 115.000 telephone calls. During the pandemic, this team provided valuable information to the public on aspects such as the Business Grants and the restrictions based on the governments tiers. Currently, this team is supporting those that need help applying for the Energy Rebate, in addition to their usual tasks.

The Customer Services Team are currently working with the Overview and Scrutiny Working Group in relation to call answering. This working group is coming to an end with recommendations expected to Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the near future.

The Team has seen turnover with two members of the team moving to Erewash BC. They are currently out to recruit for replacements. This has impacted the service marginally during August, due to holidays, but September performance appears to be returning to expected levels of 10% abandonment rate or lower.

An updated Customer Services Strategy will be put to Members in a Cabinet meeting before Christmas. It is expected to include the recommendations provided by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ASSET MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO
COUNCILLOR T HALLAM****Portfolio Report to Council – 12 October 2022**Planning

Development Control Recently recruited 2 new planning and enforcement officers, to help with the ever increasing workload.

- 2021 – applications were up 20% on the year before
- At the point in 2022 we are 15 planning applications less than last year, but have received more formal planning enquiries and enforcement cases than at the same time last year. Overall work received is therefore higher than last year and shows no signs of abating.
- Several major applications received this year including Field Farm Phases 2 and 3, Boots, Chilwell College, West of Coventry Lane, St Johns College, Beeston Square, Ellis Grove, Chewton Street and large scale housing allocations in Brinsley and Awsworth.

Planning PolicyStrategic Plan

Following previous consultation on the 'Issues and Options' ('Growth Options') document, a 'Preferred Approach' document has been prepared. This will be considered by the Joint Planning Advisory Board (JPAB) on September 27. It will then be considered by each of the authorities: for Broxtowe, provisionally, this would be by the Cabinet in November. Subject to Members' decisions, consultation on this document will take place before the end of the year. Following consideration of responses to the consultation, a full draft of the Strategic Plan would be prepared, for consultation next year, to be followed by an examination by a Government inspector. The 'Preferred Approach' document focuses on the preferred strategy, housing and employment. It proposes that each authority other than the City should meet the housing need identified by the Government's 'standard methodology'. For Broxtowe the 'Preferred Approach' would involve focusing housing development at Chetwynd and at the land previously removed from the Green Belt at Toton. No further Green Belt releases would be proposed. Further details are included in item 4 of the attached JPAB agenda available at the website below

<https://www.gnplan.org.uk/media/3375234/jpab-agenda-27-september-2022docx.pdf>.

Neighbourhood Plans

The Awsworth plan was adopted this year. The Independent Examination of the Chetwynd: The Toton and Chilwell Neighbourhood Plan has commenced and it is anticipated that a public hearing will be held in November. In addition, the Regulation 14 consultation of the Cossall Neighbourhood Plan is currently underway for the period until 1 November'.

Economic Development:

Key for Acronyms

BCR- Benefit Cost Ratio

CIO- Community Interest Organisation

DLUHC- Department levelling Up Housing Communities

LUF- Levelling Up Fund

Levelling Up Fund Bids were submitted for Kimberley & Eastwood on the 2 August 2022 as per the council's press release - Both contained 3 projects which are as follows:

Kimberley Levelling Up Fund Grant Request £16.6M

Project Name	DLUHC Grant (£m)	BCR	Value for money
Cycle Ways and Bennerley Viaduct	8.7	2.9	High
Industrial units and improved sports	4.3	2.3	High
Town Centre Regeneration	3.5	2.7	High

Eastwood Levelling Up Fund Grant Request £19.99M

Project Name	DLUHC Grant (£m)	BCR	Value for money
Cycle Ways	1.3	2.2	High
Durban House CIO and Retrofit	1.4	3.4	High
DH Lawrence Library and Life Chances Centre	17.3	2.4	High

Nationally around 540 bids were made which equates to about a 25% chance of success. No date has been set for the announcement of successful applications, but suggestions are that it should occur in late Autumn, perhaps November.

The team continues to monitor news items and any change in inference for Levelling Up following the new prime minister. An announcement about 35 low-tax investment zones across the country to "level-up" lagging areas is expected before the end of September.

Both Levelling Up Fund programmes commit the Council and its partners to delivering significant spend this financial year. This would almost be impossible from a "cold start" in November, so we are exploring some areas of early activity including:

Cycle link into Panattoni Park
Land options in Kimberley
Grant Scheme in Kimberley

Durban House planning application
Bennerley Viaduct planning application and next steps.

All work done on these projects will have a dual purpose: accelerate the LUF delivery if successful and undertake actions which strengthen the projects chances of delivery either through future funding opportunities; private sector investment or in smaller packages of work that Broxtowe could do; in effect strengthening the Borough's future project pipeline.

Shared Prosperity Fund

The UK Shared Prosperity Investment Plan was submitted on 1 August 2022. It is a three-year plan where the Borough can prioritise a range of actions and interventions similar to those being supported by EU structural funds.

All SPF have three Investment priorities:

- Communities and Place: Broxtowe's Key investments include library community services, financial advice to address the cost of living crisis and projects encouraging cycling.
- Supporting Local Business, the focus is on spend on nurturing pre-start businesses, town centres and business networks, helping existing SMEs to grow, grant schemes and programmes encouraging BAME and women entrepreneurship.
- People and Skills: spend is focussing on Not in Employment Education or Training people and those with multiple complex barriers to employment. Some of these programmes will be joint commissioned with other local authorities to continue existing service offerings.

Year One spend is £313,650 and at least 50% must be defrayed this financial year. Again it is unclear when the funding will be received but it is declared funding (i.e. not bid for) and would be unwise to wait too long before projects get started:

Early actions include:

- A feasibility study into internet and mobile connectivity in the North of the Borough;
- Community measures to reduce the cost of living;
- Communities and Place Good Ideas Fund;
- Entrepreneurial support;
- Recruitment of a programme support officer (potentially shared with another Borough)
- Seminars with local businesses explaining what SPF means.

Stapleford Town Deal

The Council has 5/6 projects green-lighted, with the 6th being the Traffic Management & Street Scene for which a Business Case is being targeted for submission in December; VIA East Midlands are doing this work together with Focus.

Grants Fund

We have applications for £1.18million from over 80 businesses. 38% of the fund has been paid and a further 53% is committed to approved applications. Outputs and spent targets are on course.

Cycle Hub and Cycle Routes

The Hub building has been ordered and planning permission applied for on Ilkeston Road, a contract for designing a cycle training track is going out shortly and more work is required to tie in with Notts County Council on the substantive routes.

Community Pavilion at Hickings Lane

Faithful & Gould have been engaged to develop the next stage of design and support there is an opportunity for co-funding from the FA to widen the project scope and build some new facilities for displaced clubs. A new Master Plan is being prepared.

Town Centre Enterprise Hub

Tiles UK is currently being demolished and targeted to be operating as a car park by Q1 23/24.

Work has started on early site exploration at Victoria Street and re-design of the ground floor of the Enterprise Hub is under consideration. There is a need to go to market very soon for consultants to design and develop the facility for planning submission.

Library and Learning Centre

This project has been split into two sub projects for internal & external elements. Commissioned an architect company for next stage design – focussing on building the three library learning spaces this financial year.

Other Economic Development Activity

Markets in Stapleford and Beeston are to be performing well and the officer is implementing some service changes in relation to use of the Welcome Back Fund equipment and by way of an internal audit report.

The team is following up a decision made by Jobs and Economy in 2021 to recruit an apprentice to support the department's substantial workload.

Following Cabinet's endorsement of the Economic Development Strategy Framework there is a need to bring forward a final version of the full strategy early next year.

Asset Management Strategy

The Asset Management Strategy has been reviewed by GMT and will be finalised and presented to Cabinet in November.

Parking Services

Car Park Usage and Income

Whilst recovery from the effects of the pandemic on the visitor numbers has been steady, the Council is now seeing income and usage of the car parks slowly increasing towards pre-COVID levels. The Parking Services team will continue to carefully monitor data and be proactive in encouraging customers into the Council's town centre car parks.

Usage Trends

The majority of visitors to the Borough's Pay & Display car park take advantage of the free one-hour period. Whilst this may not improve the overall parking income, it does encourage a high turnover within the car parks so the Council can be confident that visitors have a high chance of finding a parking space and will then return on multiple occasions. Most car parks have a turnover of between 2-3 cars per space per day (Monday to Saturday).

Parking Charges Payment Options Update

The Council introduced the PayByPhone option in July 2020 which has been well received by customers using the car parks. Currently, the payment methods are averaged as below:

- 61% of customers using coins
- 11% of customers using card or contactless
- 28% of customers using PayByPhone

The Council will continue to encourage customers to use the PayByPhone option going forward as this can save the costs of Pay & Display machine maintenance and ticket rolls.

Safer Parking Award

In 2022, the Council was once again successful in achieving the PARK MARK Safer Parking Award in 15 car parks across all town centres. Car parks that have this prestigious award have been fully assessed for their quality management, effective surveillance, appropriate lighting and clean environment which all helps to reduce the levels of crime and fear of crime in that car park.

Scargill Walk car park in Eastwood is the latest car park to benefit from the Council's rolling programme of continued improvements having been fully resurfaced and re-marked in 2021.

Electric Vehicle Charging

The Council has now successfully installed 32 charging points in public car parks as detailed below to ensure future proofing for motorists as sales in electric and hybrid vehicles continues to increase. This is also a big part of working to fulfil the Council's environmental commitments and strategies.

- 8 in Beeston – Portland Street car park

- 12 in Stapleford – 8 at Cliffe Hill Avenue car park and 4 at Victoria Street car park
- 8 in Eastwood – Victoria Street car park
- 4 in Kimberley – Victoria Street car park

**HOUSING PORTFOLIO
COUNCILLOR M RADULOVIC MBE****Portfolio Report to Council – 12 October 2022**Resident Involvement

Receiving feedback on our services and offering opportunities for people to share their views is very important to the housing service. Officers have been attending events over the summer to engage with tenants, leaseholders and applicants, in locations that are local to them and to try and make engagement with the service as easy as possible.

For the first time this year, the Housing Engagement team arranged sixteen 'Pop-up' events within areas where the Council own the majority of the housing. Employees such as Neighbourhood Coordinators and Financial Inclusion Officers were available to discuss any issues or ideas for improving our neighbourhoods. We have received very positive feedback and will organise similar events next summer. Rather than hold our Resident Involvement Meetings at the Council offices we have begun to hold them in the evening at different locations in the borough. The latest meeting was held at Glebe Housing in Eastwood, and was attended by 25 tenants who provided their views on current projects and complaints.

The team have also attended events organised by other organisations, such as the Hope Café, Stapleford Job Fair and Leisure Play Days. These events have enabled the team to engage with 205 residents, who we would not usually hear from, who received information about housing services and advice on housing related matters. More events are planned for the remainder of the year, including the 'Money Sorted Drop In' at Eastwood Library and Kimberley Job Fair.

Independent Living

In October the housing department have arranged four Open Days at some of our Independent Living schemes: Gutersloh Court, Cloverlands Court, Templar Lodge and Southfields Court. Schemes where we currently have properties available have been chosen.

Applicants and their family and friends can meet with tenants and the Independent Living team to find out more about the properties and service. Guided tours are available showing available properties, the guest rooms and communal facilities. Visitors will also be able to participate in a selection of activities, to demonstrate the services on offer. The Lettings team also provide advice on how to apply.

Income Management

The Income Team are continuing their hard work to ensure that tenants are feeling supported with the cost of living crisis. Our Financial Inclusion Officer continues to process applications for the Housing Support Fund, which is being delivered in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council. A second Financial Inclusion Officer will be starting work with the team in November to increase the level of support the team can provide.

The team have also worked to ensure that all tenants claiming Universal Credit have had their rent increase verified, so that the payment of their housing entitlement is correct. This is key to ensuring that tenants claiming Universal Credit do not build up arrears on their rent account. Only 1.67% of tenants claiming Universal Credit have over 8 weeks of arrears.

So far this financial year our performance each month has been better than in 2021. The arrears outstanding have been lower each month when comparing the amount outstanding to the same months in 2021. The percentage of rent collected has also been higher each month, which given that rent levels are higher this year than last year, shows that the team are actually collecting more rental income this year than they did last year. As at 18 September, the arrears were £287,128.

Homelessness and Allocations

The Housing Options Team have had a challenging period with a rise in the number of landlords serving notices on their tenants, which has led to more approaches to the team from people at risk of homelessness. The number of households in temporary accommodation has fallen recently, which is positive, and a trend we hope to continue for the rest of the year.

Rough sleeping numbers in the borough continue to be among the best in the County, there were 2 at the last count. It has been a challenging period in terms of staffing, but recent improved numbers within the team have led to a reduction in cases being managed within the team by around a third, to around 122 at end of August.

The Lettings Team have been working hard to reduce the number of difficult to let properties and proactively manage the customers waiting for housing. This in turn has reduced both measures considerably. The number of properties classed as Difficult to Let is below 20, with many historically hard to let schemes attracting new tenants. The waiting list has reduced by around 700 applicants in the year to date, to around 1800. Regular reviews of our waiting list ensure that we have a true picture of the level of housing need in the borough.

Housing Delivery

Planning Applications have been approved for the following Chilwell garage sites:

- 4x2 bed houses & 2x1 bed flats at Felton Close, Chilwell,
- 2x3 bed houses at Gayrigg Court, Chilwell,
- 2x2 bed houses & 1x3 bed house at Selside Court, Chilwell,

These schemes are in the Housing Capital Programme for 2022-2024 and the building works will be tendered later this year. Homes England funding will also be applied for in the Autumn. It is anticipated that these 3 sites will start Spring 2023 with completion a year later.

Planning Applications have also been submitted for the following Watnall garage sites:

- 2x3 bed houses at Chilton Drive/Spring Close, Watnall,
- 2x2 bed houses at Chilton Drive Watnall,

These schemes are in the Housing Capital Programme for 2022-2024 and the building works will be tendered early next year. Homes England funding will also be applied for in the Autumn. It is anticipated that these 2 sites will start after April 2023 with completion a year later.

On New Build opportunities on section 106 sites, the Council is working with two house builders to build circa 77 new rented homes and shared ownership units on 2 allocated housing sites west of Coventry Lane, Bramcote (35 x 1/2/3/4 bed houses for rent and 17 x 2/3 bed houses for shared ownership) and at Field Farm, Stapleford (22 x 2/3 bed houses for rent and 4 x 2/3 bed houses for shared ownership). The proposed acquisition of the affordable housing on these 2 sites has been subject to several committee/cabinet approvals in 2021/22 and all the required contracts are expected to be entered into later this year with the first phase of handovers in 2024. These schemes are in the Housing Capital Programme for 2022-2026.

The Council bought the Inham Nook pub in 2022. The pub building has been demolished and the planning application for the 15 new homes (12 x 2/3 bed houses and 3 x 1 bed flats) was approved at the September planning committee. These new homes are in the Housing Capital Programme for 2022-2024 and the building works will be tendered in the Winter subject to the section 106 agreement being signed. It is anticipated that the work will be on site in late Spring 2023 with completion a year later.

This is part of the ongoing work to meet the Council's commitment to build 230 new social homes over the next 10 years.

A summary of pipeline schemes is as follows:

Scheme	Tenure	Completion date
Fishpond Cottage (5 houses/flats)	To be reviewed	To be reviewed
3 Chilwell garage sites (9 houses/flats)	All for Affordable rent	Winter 2024
2 Watnall garage sites (4 houses)	All for Affordable rent	Spring 2024
Inham Nook Pub site and Barn Croft garage site – (15 houses & flats)	All for Affordable rent	Spring 2024
Crematorium site, Bramcote – 34 rented houses/flats & 17 Shared ownership units	Affordable rent and shared ownership	Estimated March 2024 to March 2026
Field Farm Site, Stapleford – 22 rented & 4 shared ownership houses	Affordable rent and shared ownership	August 2023 to August 2025

Repairs

The Housing Repairs Team is undergoing a period of change to improve productivity and service delivery. This is an ongoing process taking place over the next six months.

Within the general repairs area, the team continue to be busy. To illustrate:

Jobs completed, (not including Gas or Electrical servicing)

1 June 2022 – 27 September 2022 – 3780 (including 589 completed by Contractors)

1 April 2021 – 31 March 2022 – 14234 (including 1945 completed by Contractors)

Received per month on average - 945 jobs

Tasks waiting to be carried out - 915 Contractor jobs (includes other jobs contracted not previously counted)

Tasks waiting to be carried out - 263 DLO jobs (weekly)

Tasks booked in with an allocated future date - 189

With regard to Void repairs as at 27 September the picture is summarised as follows:

From 1 April 72 void properties have been returned for re-letting. Currently there are 70 voids on the books for repair.

The Capital Works team are continuing to roll out improvements to the housing stock to satisfy the requirements of the Decent Homes Standard and our asset management plans. The work plans include some or all of the following, structural remedial repairs, external repairs and repainting, fire risk assessment improvements, asbestos surveys & remedial work, heating and energy efficiency measures including government funded plans, modernisations to kitchens & bathrooms, replacement doors and windows, electrical testing and repair, external paths & paving, garage replacements and disabled adaptations to improve independent living for residents which can include extensions.

The team also works with other stake holders to deliver improvements and renewals within the Council's commercial building portfolio. For example, the building of the new public toilets in The Square, and improvements to both Bramcote Leisure Centre and Bramcote Crematorium.

Private Sector Housing

Grants

We are continuing to process a range of grant applications, some of which involving complex projects for disabled facilities. The Warm Homes on Prescription Scheme has now strengthened links with organisations to identify potential recipients.

HIMO Licensing.

We are continuing to inspect Houses in Multiple Occupation that require licensing.

Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards

We have just received some funding to do enforcement work in private rented properties to improve minimum energy efficiency standards in this sector.

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**LEISURE AND HEALTH PORTFOLIO
COUNCILLOR S J CARR****Portfolio Holder's Report to Council– 12 October 2022**Leisure centres update

The footfall and patronage at our leisure centres continues to steadily improve. Fitness memberships have grown by 9.5% since the beginning of April and now stand at 4,004 which is 83.3% of pre-pandemic numbers. Swim School numbers are still above pre-pandemic figures with 3,483 people (104% pre-pandemic figures) receiving swim lessons every week.

The cost of living crisis is affecting the operating costs across all aspects of our leisure centre operations. The company has revised its budgets to mitigate for pay awards, utilities and other expenditure increases. Liberty Leisure Limited has reduced its fitness membership prices for Chilwell Olympia and Exercise Referral only to try and support local people who have reduced income but still wish to exercise in a leisure centre environment.

Liberty Leisure Limited commenced operating under the new arrangements at the Kimberley School site on 1 September this year. Kimberley Gym and Swim continues to provide an extensive fitness and swim programme for the residents in the local community.

The company continues to develop opportunities to target different groups of people in the community. The Get Active team are working with the Broxtowe Women's Project to engage with vulnerable women to enable them to begin exercising. Through external funding 30 women are able to access a full fitness membership free of charge for a six-month period.

Ukrainian refugees can gain free access to the gym, exercise classes, swimming and swim school for a six-month period at our leisure sites. The Leisure staff are aware and will support a Ukrainian refugee to get started.

Events programme

The events team completed a successful summer of Play Days and Cinema Events with more than 6,000 people attending across the summer.

Around 5,000 people attended the Hemlock Happening Saturday 4 June 2022 and enjoyed a range of activities including jubilee themed activities, live music and performance, fairground rides and community activities.

Following the sold out Gin and Gaslight event at the museum on 3 June 2022, further events are being held on 30 September and 14 October with ticket sales going well! The museum is also hosting an exhibition exploring 'Eastwood: Coal, Community and Change' that is taking place between 2 September and 26 November 2022.

Refugees

The Communities Team are continuing to undertake refugee arrival and safeguarding and welfare checks as well as providing signposting to support for the Homes for Ukraine scheme. 100% checks have been carried out on arrivals we are aware of however we are reliant of sponsors informing us of arrivals as central government systems do not facilitate this.

Safeguarding

23 safeguarding referrals have been made since the start of 2022, 18 of which were for adults and 5 for children. The Complex Case Panel is multi agency and meets monthly to discuss cases and identify support to reduce risk.

Dementia

Interviewing carers and people living with dementia to see what is working well and what can be improved to support them as part of the Primary Care Network 100-day Community Transformation challenge.

Supporting Inspire Libraries who have a knitting challenge to create Twiddlers. 764 Twiddlers have been made and will now be shared with partners across Nottinghamshire that support those living with dementia

Mental Health

Working with partners on suicide awareness and sharing new suicide awareness materials / media pack across the partnership.

Supporting the creation of a South Nottinghamshire Population Health Management task and finish group that focuses on children and young people with mild common mental health problems.

Supporting Mental Health Communications to develop an adult version of the Nott Alone website <https://nottalone.org.uk>

Investigating if there is a psychosis e learning package that could be used by Broxtowe Borough Council staff following the outcomes of a DHR where psychosis was not recognised.

Exploring the idea / concept of delivering community group mental health awareness training in Broxtowe in partnership with Forces in the Community.

Following a private screening of a short film called Hamster, which successfully introduces the viewer to the subject of PTSD in soldier's work will take place with partners who may help with awareness raising.

As the cost of living crisis deepens the concept of creating Heat Banks / Warm Rooms is being explored which would provide residents with accessible warm spaces where they cannot afford to heat their homes.

Children and Young People

The Children and Young People's post is currently vacant. The post has been re-recruited and a start date will be confirmed once Police vetting has been successfully completed.

The Children's and Young Peoples Group of the Local Strategic Partnership (Brox-towe Partnership) has a new Chair Richard Macrae.

The HAF was delivered again throughout the summer with 9 providers delivering 311 places in 14 locations across the borough. The County Councils link worker for south notts started in September to work directly with providers and develop the offer.

Veterans

HR are planning to upgrade the Boroughs Community Covenant Employee Recognition status to Silver next year.

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Environment and Climate Change Portfolio**Councillor Helen E Skinner****Portfolio Holder's Report to Council – 12 October 2022****Environment:**

The Environment team has been working very hard on its commitment to engage with residents on green issues and increase biodiversity in the Borough. A number of good things have been taking place which demonstrates the commitment to improving the Borough for our residents. A flavour of the good work which has happened includes:

Climate Change Strategy Review

As we all should be well aware the Council has committed to being carbon neutral by 2027. The Council's Climate Strategy and Green Futures programme was written in 2020. It contains a Carbon Management Action Plan that has 15 themes containing 145 actions. Over 90% of the actions are completed or in progress.

Given the progression and in light of the ever changing circumstances. The strategy requires a review. It is anticipated that a draft document will be complete for review by the end of the calendar year. The Council's carbon emissions for 2021/22 will also be reported to Members in due course following final data verification.

Free Trees

As part of the Council's continued commitment to tree planting a further 750 fruit trees will be on offer to Broxtowe residents from the beginning of October, as the Council's successful free tree giveaway returns for 2022.

Broxtowe residents can apply for an apple, pear or plum tree to plant in their own garden. In order to qualify for the free tree, householder must have signed up to Green Rewards platform.

Residents who have previously received a free tree from the Council are kindly asked to not apply again, as this allows other residents the chance to get a free tree.

This is the fourth year that the Council have run the scheme, which is part of the Council's Green Futures and Climate Change Campaign and is one of many initiatives that will help tackle Climate Change.

Since it began in 2019, 2250 trees will have been given away for residents to plant at home. These trees bring the total of trees the Council has planted since 2008 to over 130,000 – that's more than one for every resident in the Borough.

Green Rewards

Green Rewards now has 4,249 members. 1,182 households within Broxtowe have signed up to Green Rewards accounting for 28% of the platforms users. Broxtowe has the more households subscribed to Green Rewards than any other Nottinghamshire District, including the Nottingham City area.

I am pleased to report that to date Broxtowe residents have undertaken 24,456 actions and have avoided emitting 58 tonnes of carbon.

As we move into year 2, the group over-seeing the Green Rewards project will be looking to include further incentives, such as travel and retailer discounts, to encourage member sign ups and continued engagement. The group are also looking to include local businesses as well as schools on the platform.

Green Festival Events

The last Green Festival event of the year took place on the 24 September 2022 at Hall Om Wong in Kimberley. The events throughout the year have proved popular and form a key part of the Councils commitment to engage with our residents on green issues. This is the first year the Council has held Green Festival events across the Borough. As part of the continual improvement process an event review meeting is planned for the near future so that these events can be enhanced for our residents next year.

Community Litterpicks

Since April 2022 the Environment team have organised 33 green events across the borough. These events include presentations to local groups and schools and community litter picks. If Members are interested in arranging a local litter pick for their area then please contact neighbourhood.wardens@broxtowe.gov.uk or waste@broxtowe.gov.uk

New Pocket Park

On 28 September 2022 the Mayor of Broxtowe officially opened the new Ghost House Lane Pocket Park, Chilwell. The new 'pocket park' includes seating and a picnic area and complements the adjacent green space at Inham Nook Recreation Ground. The story of the Ghost House is well known locally, following a series of strange happenings that led people to believe the area was haunted.

A local chainsaw sculptor has created a special log carving to reflect the site's spooky history and wildflowers were planted at the site with the help of pupils from local primary schools.

Garden waste

From 1 October, the price of the garden waste subscription is reduced for the remainder of the garden season. Whilst garden waste tonnages have been impacted this year by the restricted growing season, with tonnages being down by 15% primarily due to the dry hot summer we have had, this mid-season offer provides a great opportunity for our residents who may want to take advantage of an additional bin at a reduced rate to help with additional garden waste which is generated in the autumn due to the leaf fall.

Fuel Prices

As you will be aware nationally there is an issue with fuel and energy prices. Fuel prices are currently on average around 32% higher than the previous year. The impact of the additional cost of fuel is being reviewed with revised budgets being calculated for the year.

Air Quality

DEFRA has approved the Air Quality Status Report submitted in June 2022 and approved by Cabinet.

In anticipation of the possible increased use of open fires and wood burners over the coming months as people try to minimise fuel bills, we have done some communications on this to try and minimise the adverse impact on neighbours and try and reduce complaints that we have to deal with in respect of this.

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**COMMUNITY SAFETY PORTFOLIO
COUNCILLOR R D MacRae**

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Food Safety

The food hygiene inspection programme is continuing with the trend in new food businesses registrations increasing - which require inspection within the first 28 days of operating.

Licensing

Officers are continuing to complete the qualification in Animal Activity Licensing which is an intense course required by all officers carrying out inspections of licensed animal activities (including pet shops, catteries and kennels, dog sitters, dog breeders and riding establishments).

Domestic Abuse, White Ribbon, and Sanctuary

The post of Communities Officer Violence and Domestic Abuse has recently been filled and the post holder is working up plans to deliver the White Ribbon 16 Days of Action in November.

20 Sanctuary referrals have been received in the first of 6 months of the post transferring to Communities.

Domestic Homicide Reviews

There are two Domestic Homicide Reviews underway in the Borough both of which will hopefully be completed this financial year.

Violence

The Violence and Domestic Abuse post has recently been filled and work to deliver the violence action plan will start after the White Ribbon 16 Days of Action has completed.

ASB

Licensing Enforcement have carried out a Taxi enforcement operation at East Midlands Airport on 23/09/2022.

Licensing Enforcement visits are being conducted at Massage and special treatment venues whose licenses need renewal.

Pub watch meetings are taking place monthly with both Licensing and ASB officers in attendance. Online training to raise awareness of spiking is being arranged.

Taxi Knowledge and safe guarding training and tests are being done weekly. An ASB enforcement operation was carried out on the Trams.

ASB / CCP meetings

The ASB team have continued to attend cycle marking events some alongside the Police.

The ASB Team attended an evening Tram Op in Beeston with NET & Police to be a presence for the public and deter ASB.

Night Angel operations have continued to be carried out

The ASB Team have attended Cloverlands Court, Watnall with Housing to discuss ASB/crime and will attend Templar Lodge, Beeston in the near future.

Crime

The bid for Officer of Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) funding for the Broxtowe Crime Reduction Action Plan 22/23 was successful with £26,418 being secured for actions within the plan.

Safer Streets

Projects are starting to be delivered and the OPCC Communications officer will be providing communications as part of the funding package.