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**Councillor N Allen
Councillor A Brazier
Councillor C Brooks
Councillor S Forde
Councillor A Freeman
Councillor R Jackson
Councillor J Kellas**

**Councillor D Moore
Councillor P Rainbow
Councillor K Roberts
Councillor M Spoons
Councillor T Thompson
Councillor T Wendels**

Substitutes

**Councillor D Darby
Councillor P Farmer
Councillor J Hall
Councillor P Harris
Councillor S Michael
Councillor L Tift**

MEETING:	Policy & Performance Improvement Committee
DATE:	Monday, 25 November 2024 at 6.00 pm
VENUE:	Civic Suite, Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, NG24 1BY
<p>You are hereby requested to attend the above Meeting to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business on the Agenda as overleaf.</p> <p>If you have any queries please contact Helen Brandham on helen.brandham@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk.</p>	

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NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Policy & Performance Improvement Committee** held in the Civic Suite, Castle House, Great North Road, Newark, NG24 1BY on Monday, 28 October 2024 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor M Pringle (Chair)
Councillor N Ross (Vice-Chair)

Councillor N Allen, Councillor A Brazier, Councillor C Brooks, Councillor S Forde, Councillor A Freeman, Councillor R Jackson, Councillor J Kellas, Councillor S Michael (Substitute), Councillor D Moore, Councillor P Rainbow, Councillor K Roberts, Councillor M Spoons and Councillor T Thompson

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor L Brazier, Councillor R Cozens, Councillor S Crosby,
Councillor S Haynes and Councillor R Holloway

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor T Wendels

43 NOTIFICATION TO THOSE PRESENT THAT THE MEETING WILL BE RECORDED AND STREAMED ONLINE

The Chair advised that the meeting was being recorded and live streamed from Castle House.

44 DECLARATION OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

There were no declarations of interest.

45 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2024

The minutes from the meeting held on 2 September 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

46 CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE

The Committee considered the report of the Environmental Policy & Projects Officer which provided Members with progress of the Climate Emergency Strategy and associated Action Plan. The report set out the background to the declaration of a Climate Emergency in 2019 and the work undertaken since that time resulting in the Council's agreed target for carbon reduction and the development of the Action Plan to deliver the vision outlined in the Climate Emergency Strategy. Details were provided in relation to the initiatives which the Council were committed to which included: the Green Rewards App; Climate Awareness Training; Net Zero Accelerator Training Workshops; Solar PV Installation; Local Area Energy Plan; Energy Efficiency Improvements to Homes; and Electric Vehicle Charge Points. Paragraph 9 of the report provided detailed information as to the monitoring and measuring of the Council's carbon emissions and how this would assist in being accountable to residents. It also enabled identification of areas with high carbon emissions suitable for targeted action.

In considering the report, Members raised a number of queries in relation to; incentives for using alternative methods of travelling to work for staff; use of solar panels and battery storage on Council owned buildings; timeframe for the adoption of using Hydrotreated Vegetable Oil (HVO) fuel; supply and planting of trees in the District; the Council's own energy consumption; engagement with landowners and farmers in relation to biodiversity and tree planning. Members were provided with the information as requested with a written response also being issued.

AGREED that the Annual Update on the progress of the Climate Emergency Strategy and associated Action Plan be noted.

47 TENANT ENGAGEMENT UPDATE - EMBEDDING THE TENANT VOICE

The Committee considered the report and presentation of Tenant Engagement Officers which provided Members with a progress report on tenant engagement methodology and practices together with new activities towards maximum compliance with the new consumer regulation regime.

The report provided Members with the background to the changes to tenant engagement, highlighting that the latest changes were as a result of the introduction of the new consumer standards. Paragraph 1.5 of the report set out the new regulatory framework, listing the grading descriptions for standards compliance. Paragraph 2 of the report provided details of the Council's performance around tenant engagement for 2023/24 in comparison to previous years. Details of the existing tenant engagement framework and the review undertaken were reported together with statistical information on the tenant engagement survey carried out. Details of how the tenant voice at the Council was to be re-engineered following the appointment of the Tenant Participation Advisory Services (TPAS) were reported in paragraphs 6 and 7.

In considering the report, Members raised a number of queries in relation to: the benefits of the 'getting to know you' visits; data collection of tenants who responded with repeat issues; proportion of housing stock in the Sherwood constituency; did tenants in the Sherwood constituency engage with the Council; benchmarking with other local authorities and their engagement with TPAS; recruitment of officers in order to comply with Awaab's Law; possible training session for Members on housing issues in order for them to assist their constituents; and analysis of the type of complaints. Members were provided with the information as requested with a written response also being issued.

AGREED that the following be noted:

- a) the responsibilities of the Council as a housing authority in relation to consumer regulation;
- b) progress and planned engagement with the Tenant Participation Advisory Service on creating a new tenant engagement structure;

- c) feedback from the tenant engagement survey to be used alongside tenant satisfaction measures performance and learning from complaints to inform the workplan for service improvement for the next 18 months;
- d) the way in which the activity in c) above fits in the programme of scrutiny for the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee;
- e) the results of the TPAS re-engineering project will be reported to the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee in June 2025 to scrutinise the detailed action plan and plans for implementation; and
- f) the endorsement for approval by the Tenant Engagement Board and Cabinet.

48 RESIDENTS SURVEY TEMPERATURE CHECK - FINDINGS

The Committee considered the report and presentation of the Transformation & Service Improvement Officer which provided Members with a summary of the findings of the Resident Survey Temperature Check.

The report set out the background to the district wide consultation for the 2022 Resident Survey with details of the number of responses and how these were gathered. It was reported that in July 2024 approval was given to undertake the temperature check with the aim of aligning the survey with the Local Government Association (LGA) project of 'Are You Being Served?'. Details of the approach taken were reported in Paragraph 2 of the report with subsequent paragraphs detailing the topics covered in the questions, how the survey was conducted and the results of the Council's survey against that the LGA.

In considering the report, Members raised a number of queries in relation to: the outcome of Question 15; the demographic of the respondents to Question 9; and were the questions asked in isolation or was context given. Members were provided with the information as requested with a written response also being issued.

AGREED that the following be noted:

- a) the findings of the Resident Survey Temperature Check;
- b) that the Community Plan 2023-2027 set out that it is important to listen to the views of residents; to capture district wide views of residents, using feedback to allow the Council to drive service improvement and deliver services that meet the needs of residents; and
- c) that the Council conducts a district wide consultation every four years, with the next resident survey planned for 2026.

49 PRESENTATION BY COUNCILLOR R. COZENS - PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HERITAGE, CULTURE & THE ARTS

The Committee considered the presentation delivered by Councillor Rowan Cozens, the Portfolio Holder for Heritage, Culture & the Arts. Detailed within the presentation were a number of projects undertaken, together with information as to how these were resourced. These included: Daisy Exhibition over Newark Market Place; Book Themed Art Benches; Surfboard Art Installation; Music Around the Forest at Vicar Water Country Park; Polish Community assisting in Curating Local Exhibition at Newark Civil War Centre (NCWC); Alive with Music events; Installation of Community Designed Sculpture at Vicar Water; Photography Competition; Newark-on-Sea; Inflatable Whale Exhibition; Hidden History Walking Tours; Tour of Britain; Activities delivered by NPO; Equality, Equity & Diversity Inclusion Training for all staff; Learning and Participation Events for those with SEND; Restoration of Kidney Stones; Changing Places Style Facility; and the Castle Gatehouse.

In considering the presentation, Members raised a number of queries. Two questions to the Portfolio Holder had been submitted prior to the meeting which had focused on the location of the events and that they appeared to be Newark centric. The Portfolio Holder advised that herself and Officers were actively trying to address this issue but noted that the Palace Theatre, Newark Castle and the NCWC were all based in Newark and as major assets, attracted specific funding. She added that the Alive with Music events had resulted in the development of conversations with residents in the west of district.

A Member acknowledged that whilst the Sherwood constituency did not have the aforementioned major attractions, in terms of visitor numbers, Sherwood Forest attracted a higher volume, suggesting that events to promote the Sherwood Forest experience and Robin Hood be held at the Visitor Centre. The Member also queried whether it was possible to loan bundles of artifacts, taken from the museum's collection, to local schools. In response, the Portfolio Holder advised that she would speak with Officers in this regard.

A Member queried what the latest position was in relation to the appointment of the Senior Tourism & Visitor Economy Officer and how the Destination Management Plan was progressing. The Portfolio Holder advised that she would speak with Officers and provide a response after the meeting.

In referring to the two Alive with Music Events, a Member commented that he had attended both events and had been impressed with the subsequent discussions about the learning and practicing of music, querying how the Portfolio Holder saw the Council being able to assist in the gap created by the lack of funding for this type of activity in education. He noted that this type of learning easily transferred to skills required for future careers but not just in music. In response, the Portfolio Holder advised that there should be a celebration of what was already on offer and that this should be publicised.

In noting the presentation, a Member commented that there was no reference to the income generated by Sherwood Forest or the Showground, adding that the current spend on culture was too high. The Portfolio Holder stated that she would welcome a

fuller conversation with the Member to address his comments. She added that years of austerity had led to a lack of funding for provision of the creative industry, especially for young people and that a continuation of this neglect would be against current trends in both education and Government.

In referring to the responses received to the Residents' Survey, a Member noted that the Heritage, Culture & the Arts Portfolio was the lowest of their priorities. He also referred to the action within the Community Plan in relation to the displaying of artifacts outside of Newark and how this was progressing. In response, the Portfolio Holder commented that it was difficult to ask specific questions in the gathering of data. It was, however, possible to look at footfall and the number of views of an exhibition. It was also possible to view data captured by the Newark Towns Fund, noting that any responses to consultations were only as good as the questions asked and how the responses were interpreted. She added that there were officers who were Newark focused but that events could be held in the Sherwood constituency.

A Member noted that in the finals of the recent BBC Young Musician of the Year contest, none of the finalists had attended a state school. He queried as to what the Portfolio Holder thought was the impact on young people from the lack of funding. In response, the Portfolio Holder commented that schools had been starved of funding for music for a number of years. She added that the amount spent on sport provision should be reviewed, noting that funding would be made available if a talented athlete was identified but that this would not be the case for a talented musician.

In closing the debate, the Chair thanked the Portfolio Holder for her presentation and Members for their questions.

AGREED that Councillor Rowan Cozens, Portfolio Holder for Heritage, Culture & the Arts be thanked for her attendance.

50 DIGITAL STRATEGY WORKING GROUP

NOTED the verbal update of the Chair of the Digital Strategy Working Group, Councillor Neil Ross.

51 FORWARD PLAN OF CABINET - OCTOBER 2024 TO JANUARY 2025

NOTED the Forward Plan of the Cabinet for the period October 2024 to January 2025.

52 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETING HELD ON 10 SEPTEMBER 2024

NOTED the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 10 September 2024.

53 MINUTES OF CABINET MEETING HELD ON 24 SEPTEMBER 2024

NOTED the Minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 24 September 2024.

54 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

AGREED that the provisional items for future Agendas be noted and that the following be brought to a future meeting of the Committee:

Presentation by Portfolio Holder for Climate & the Environment.

Review of HRA Business Plan Assumptions.

Projected General Fund and Housing Revenue Account and Revenue & Capital Outturn Report to 31.04.25 as at 30.09.24.

Newark Town Fund Update.

Update on Kerbside Glass Recycling.

Update on Outcome of Kidney Stones Consultation.

Meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

Chairman



Report to: Policy & Performance Improvement Committee – 25 November 2024
 Director Lead: Sanjiv Kohli, Deputy Chief Executive/Director - Resources
 Lead Officer: Nick Wilson, Business Manager – Financial Services

Report Summary	
Report Title	Projected General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Outturn Report to 31 March 2025 as at 30 September 2024
Purpose of Report	To update Members with the forecast outturn position for the 2024/25 financial year for the Council’s General Fund and Housing Revenue Account revenue and capital budgets. To show performance against the approved estimates of revenue expenditure and income; report on major variances from planned budget performance; and report on variations to the Capital Programme for approval; all in accordance with the Council’s Constitution.
Recommendations	That the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee note: (a) the General Fund projected favourable outturn variance of £0.719m; (b) the Housing Revenue Account projected favourable outturn variance of £0.033m to the Major Repairs Reserve; (c) the Capital Programme forecast Outturn of £49.467m.

1.0 Background

Overview of General Fund Revenue Projected Outturn for 2024/25

Current Position (as at 30 September 2024): variances

1.1 *Table 1* shows a projected favourable variance on Service budgets against the revised budget of £0.421m, with an overall favourable variance of £0.719m to be transferred to General Fund reserves. This forecast outturn position is based on meetings which took place with Business Managers during October, whereby they have analysed actual income and expenditure to 30 September 2024 and forecasted forward the additional income and expenditure expected to be incurred to the end of March 2025. Further details of the variances projected against each of the portfolio holder budgets are provided in **Appendix A**.

Table 1: General Fund revenue outturn for 2024/25 financial year as at 30 September 2024

	Original Budget £'m	Revised Budget £'m	Projected Outturn £'m	Variance £'m
Climate and the Environment	3.459	3.597	3.518	(0.079)
Health, Wellbeing and Leisure	1.981	2.319	1.673	(0.646)
Heritage, Culture and the Arts	1.079	1.105	0.968	(0.137)
Housing	0.463	0.418	0.536	0.118
Public Protection and Community Relations	2.581	2.614	2.504	(0.110)
Strategy, Performance and Finance	8.496	8.831	9.215	0.384
Sustainable Economic Development	1.728	2.483	2.532	0.049
Net Cost of Services	19.787	21.367	20.946	(0.421)
Other Operating Expenditure	4.932	4.932	4.932	0.000
Finance & Investment Income/Expenditure	(1.736)	(1.736)	(1.849)	(0.113)
Taxation & Non-Specific Grant Income	(24.578)	(24.578)	(24.662)	(0.084)
Net Cost of Council Expenditure	(1.595)	(0.015)	(0.633)	(0.618)
Transfer to/(from) Usable Reserves	0.794	(0.786)	(0.786)	0.000
Transfer to/(from) Unusable Reserves	0.801	0.801	0.700	(0.101)
Transfer to/(from) General Reserves	0.000	0.000	0.719	0.719

- 1.2 A favourable variance of £0.421m is currently being projected on service budgets managed by business managers. This represents 1.97% of the total service budgets. A variance analysis is detailed at **Appendix A**.
- 1.3 There have been significant issues in recruitment seen across the Council over the last few financial years. This has been felt across the Local Government sector, with similar issues being seen in a number of neighbouring authorities. As a result of this, the forecast vacancy savings target for 2024/25 was kept at 5%.
- 1.4 A favourable variance of £0.091m on employee related expenditure includes £1.053m of vacancy savings target, representing 5% of the total budget for employees within each Business Unit. Actual vacancies forecast currently is a favourable variance of £1.144m, which represents 5.10% (3.21% as at 30 June 2024) of the total employee budget. This is kept under regular review.
- 1.5 Non-Service expenditure is projected to have a favourable variance of £0.197m against the revised budget of £21.382m. These budgets primarily relate to income from council tax, national non-domestic rates (NNDR, or 'business rates') and investment interest. The favourable variance of £0.088m on Finance & Investment Income/Expenditure is attributed to the bank interest rate remaining higher than initially forecast. Of the £0.084m favourable variance on Taxation & Non-Specific Grant Income £0.200m relates to an expected additional surplus from the Nottinghamshire Business Rates pooling arrangements and is offset by £0.120m which relates to the reduction in Drainage Board levy support grant allocation from Government.
- 1.6 There is a forecast favourable variance of £0.101m on the transfer to unusable reserves. This is due a lower Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) charge to revenue than budgeted, due to the saving generated in interest cost in 2023/24 which meant that lowering borrowing levels were necessary as per the outturn report approved at Cabinet on 23rd July 2024.

Overview of Projected Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Outturn for 2024/25

- 1.7 With reference to the 'Variance' column in *Table 2*, the HRA accounts show a projected favourable variance on the Net Cost of HRA Services against the revised budget of £0.134m. Overall there is an increase in the forecast transfer to the Major Repairs Reserve of £0.033m:

Table 2: HRA revenue outturn for 2024/25 financial year as at 30 September 2024

	Original Budget £'m	Revised Budget £'m	Projected Outturn £'m	Variance £'m
Expenditure	22.571	22.765	22.894	0.129
Income	(30.226)	(30.251)	(30.514)	(0.263)
Net Cost of HRA Services	(7.655)	(7.486)	(7.620)	(0.134)
Other Operating Expenditure	0.027	0.027	0.027	0.000
Finance & Investment Income/Expenditure	3.955	3.955	4.056	0.101
Taxation & Non Specific Grant Income	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
(Surplus)/Deficit on HRA Services	(3.673)	(3.504)	(3.537)	(0.033)
Movements in Reserves				
Transfer to/(from) Usable Reserves	(0.027)	(0.196)	(0.196)	0.000
Transfer to/(from) Unusable Reserves	(6.269)	(6.269)	(6.269)	0.000
Transfer to/(from) Major Repairs Reserve	9.969	9.969	10.002	0.033
Total	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000

- 1.8 The unfavourable variance of £0.101m in the Finance & Investment Income/Expenditure line relates to an earlier than originally forecast need to borrow external funds due to the cash flow requirements of the Council.
- 1.9 The main reasons for the £0.134m favourable variance on services are detailed at **Appendix B**.

Overview of Projected Capital Outturn 2024/25

- 1.10 The table below summarises the position for the Capital Programme as at 30 September 2024 and is split between General Fund and Housing Revenue Account.

	Original Approved Budget £'m	Current Approved Budget £'m	Revised Budget updated for Approval £'m	Actual Spend to 30 September 2023 £'m	Forecast Outturn £'m
General Fund	25.599	34.305	28.442	5.012	28.442
Housing Revenue Account	25.808	28.927	21.025	8.459	21.025
Total	51.407	63.232	49.467	13.471	49.467

1.11 As projects are developed and spending commitments are made, budget requirements can change. It is a requirement that Cabinet approve all variations to the Capital Programme. Following the Cabinet meeting on 10 September 2024, the total approved budget was £63.232m. The additions and amendments that now require approval at Cabinet on 3 December 2024 to reduce the total (General Fund and HRA) revised budget, as summarised in the table above, to £49.467m.

Scheme	General Fund £'m	HRA £'m
Original Budget	25.599	25.808
Slippage from 2023/24	10.297	3.291
Quarter 1 approved changes reported to PPIC on 2/9/24	(1.591)	(0.172)
Current Revised Budget	34.305	28.927
Reprofiles to future years		
Leisure Provision	(2.200)	0.000
Yorke Drive Regeneration & Community Facility	(0.700)	0.000
Clipstone Holding Centre	(0.172)	0.000
Former Belvoir Iron Works	(0.845)	0.000
Jubilee Bridge Works	(0.333)	0.000
14 Market Place	(0.200)	0.000
Lowdham Flood Alleviation	(0.100)	0.000
Towns Fund – 32 Stodman Street Regeneration	(1.800)	0.000
Site Acquisition	0.000	(0.800)
Estate Regeneration	0.000	(4.900)
Phase 6	0.000	(1.922)
New Housing Management System	0.000	(0.289)
Additions/Reductions		
Carelines x1000 Mansfield Customers	0.195	0.000
Other changes Additions/Reductions	0.293	0.009
Total Change	(5.863)	(7.902)
Revised budget to be approved	28.442	21.025

1.12 A more detailed breakdown at scheme level, including some comments on projects progress, can be found at **Appendix C** (General Fund) and **Appendix D** (Housing Revenue Account).

2.0 **Implications**

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendation's officers have considered the following implications; Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability, and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Projected General Fund and Housing Revenue Account Revenue and Capital Outturn Report to 31 March 2025 as at 30 June 2024 to Cabinet on 10 September 2024.

General Fund (GF) Revenue Outturn Variance Analysis by Portfolio and Business Unit as at 30 September 2024

Favourable variances are bracketed and in red - £(0.000)m. Unfavourable variances are in black - £0.000m. All amounts are in millions of pounds (£'m).

Climate and the Environment - £(0.079)m		£'m
Public Protection	Intention is to recharge Private House Owners for the collections of Sewerage.	(0.042)
Environmental Services	Garden Waste Collection income is up due to more customers than anticipated to budget. Anticipated outturn is estimated to be 1,656 more customers than budget.	(0.062)
Environmental Services	Salaries underspends across various services within the Business Unit.	(0.103)
Public Protection	Salary underspend on Environmental Health due to current vacancy.	(0.034)
Environmental Services	Anticipated outturn saving on Fuel.	(0.020)
All	Vacancy Factor	0.223
All	Other Small Variances	(0.041)
Climate and the Environment Total		(0.079)
Health, Wellbeing and Leisure - £(0.646)m		£'m
Health, Wellbeing & Leisure	Reduction in anticipated A4T Management fee due to revised utility costs within the leisure centres and a reduction in associated irrecoverable VAT paid, however it is also anticipated that some of the saving in the management fee reduction will be utilised for income generating initiatives with a further report to be brought to the relevant committee for approval.	(0.593)
Housing Strategy & Development	Salaries underspends across various services within the Business Unit.	(0.043)
All	Vacancy Factor	0.031
All	Other Small Variances	(0.041)
Health, Wellbeing and Leisure Total		(0.646)
Heritage, Culture, and the Arts - £(0.137)m		£'m
Heritage & Culture	Overall Box Office Income is forecast to be a favourable variance due to increased ticket sales	(0.084)
Heritage & Culture	Salaries underspends across various services within the Business Unit	(0.046)
Economic Growth & Visitor Economy	Salary underspend on Promotion of Tourism due to timing lapse on vacant post being filled.	(0.029)
All	Vacancy Factor	0.052
All	Other Small Variances	(0.030)
Heritage, Culture, and the Arts Total		(0.137)
Housing - £0.118m		£'m
Housing & Estates Management	Salaries underspends across various services within the Business Unit.	(0.051)
Housing & Estates Management	A reduction in the numbers coming through the resettlement schemes.	0.114
All	Vacancy Factor	0.057
All	Other Small Variances	(0.002)
Housing Total		0.118
Public Protection and Community Relations - £(0.110)m		£'m
Public Protection	Salaries underspends across various services within the Business Unit.	(0.046)
Public Protection	Insurance premiums actuals for the financial year have come in lower than originally budgeted.	(0.022)
Public Protection	Government have now enacted the Bellwin scheme which has enabled the Council to claim for flooding costs from storm Babet and Henk.	(0.105)
All	Vacancy Factor	0.107
All	Other Small Variances	(0.044)
Housing Total		(0.110)

Strategy, Performance and Finance - £0.384m		£'m
Corporate Property	Car Parking services - Additional income forecast relating to all the car park and 10 car parking spaces for McDonalds, London Rd	(0.160)
Corporate Property	Reduction on income generated from the Lorry Park due to the continued impact on surface condition and reputation from previous flooding.	0.061
Corporate Property	Business Rates cost for the Palace Theatre and NCWC expected to exceed budget due to revaluation	0.038
Revenues & Benefits	Housing Benefit - Vacant post from July 24 no recruitment expected	(0.027)
Revenues & Benefits	Revenues - Apprentice vacant post no recruitment expected and an additional post vacant for a period of time.	(0.034)
Revenues & Benefits	Initially budgeted for the LCTS Admin support grant, however this has now been rolled into the revenue support grant which is received in the nonservice lines.	0.097
Admin Services	Salary underspend due to vacancies in the team.	(0.076)
All	Vacancy Factor	0.453
All	Other Small Variances	0.032
Strategy, Performance and Finance Total		0.384
Sustainable Economic Development - £0.049m		£'m
Economic Growth & Visitor Economy	Salary underspend Town Centre Management due to maternity.	(0.030)
Planning Policy And Infrastructure	Salary underspend on Planning Policy due to flexible retirement and a trainee planner post that was originally budgeted for as a full planner.	(0.032)
All	Vacancy Factor	0.130
All	Other Small Variances	(0.019)
Sustainable Economic Development Total		0.049
General Fund Revenue Outturn Variance for Services		(0.421)

Housing Revenue Account (HRA) Revenue Outturn Variance Analysis as at 30 September 2024

Favourable variances are bracketed and in red - £(0.000)m. Unfavourable variances are in black - £0.000m.

HRA - £(0.134)m		£'m
Housing & Estates Management	Current forecasted vacancy savings over a number of departments including Tenancy & Estates, Housing Choices, Street Wardens & Boughton Extra Care Scheme.	(0.388)
Housing Maintenance & Asset Management	Forecast vacancy savings on Responsive Repairs and Compliance Services due to a number of vacancies.	(0.209)
Housing Maintenance & Asset Management	Increase in agency costs on Responsive Repairs and Compliance Services due to a number of vacancies as per the line above.	0.271
Housing Maintenance & Asset Management	Increase in expected cost of repairs to tenanted properties. Currently running at 16% increase in demand, this trend is expected to continue, at an enhanced cost due to the need to use external contractors to cope with current volumes.	0.127
Housing Maintenance & Asset Management	Compliance Services gas appliance servicing budget understated re air source servicing and oil repairs. 7% inflationary price increases also not known at time of setting budgets.	0.175
Housing & Estates Management	Savings within the service charges from the General Fund due to a number of the recharges based on salaries where the team has vacancies.	(0.190)
Housing & Estates Management	Over achievement on budgeted income for service charges on new build.	(0.188)
All	Vacancy Factor	0.292
All	Other small variances	(0.024)
HRA Total		(0.134)

General Fund - Spend against budget - Estimated in year

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TA3062	Beacon EV Chargepoints	36,850	0	36,850	0	0	36,850	36,850	0	9.10.24 load test survey currently being carried out before capital works can start.
TB2253	Vehicles & Plant	100,400	0	100,400	21,950	0	78,450	100,400	0	12.07.24 lead in times are currently an issue but orders will be placed for planned replacement
TB2255	Glass Recycling Transfer Station	7,475	0	7,475	6,370	2,055	-950	7,475	-0	12.07.24 works complete and site in use.
TB2258	Vicar Water Improvements (SANGS)	35,556	0	35,556	0	0	35,556	35,556	0	
TB2260	Sconce & Devon Pitch Improvements	50,000	0	50,000	49,996	0	0	49,996	-4	12.07.24 works started and will continue until September 24.
TB3155	Castle - Condition Works	512,758	0	512,758	284,848	186,583	41,326	512,757	-1	12.07.24 works are underway now including ph 2 and will be complete by end of the calendar year
TC3136	Climate Change	168,300	0	168,300	0	0	168,300	168,300	0	
TC3154	Solar PV	422,591	0	422,591	125,582	107,977	189,032	422,591	0	12.07.24 5 sites, 3 almost complete and ready for handover, 2 still to do. 9.10.24 all installations complete. Just final paperwork to complete and payment schedule.
TC3158	Upgrade Charging point at Castle House	75,000	0	75,000	0	74,419	581	75,000	0	09.10.25 Purchase order to go to supplier in October. Scheme due for completion in December 25. Consultation with ICT on power.
TF3227	Lowdham Flood Alleviation	300,000	-100,000	200,000	0	0	200,000	200,000	0	12.07.24 the environment agency are completing the works. Waiting for the draft agreement. 9.10.24 Draft agreement with Legal to be finalised. Reprofile £100k to 25/26.
	CLIMATE AND THE ENVIRONMENT TOTAL	1,708,930	-100,000	1,608,930	488,746	371,587	748,592	1,608,925	-5	
TA1218	Leisure Equipment Purchase	784,230	0	784,230	0	626,196	158,034	784,230	0	12.07.24 - direct award through ESPO framework, still working through with Legal, anticipating install by October 24 9.10.24 BCLC, NSFC, DLC installations started in September.
TA1221	SLC Fire Safety Remedial Works	497,000	0	497,000	1,761	102,045	393,195	497,000	0	
TA1222	Leisure Centre Provision	2,200,000	-2,200,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	09.10.24 reprofile the budget to 2025/26
TA1225	NSFC Replacement Pool Cover and LED Lights	71,356	0	71,356	0	0	71,356	71,356	0	9.10.24 x3 quotes required on pool covers, will do a trail in the Gym for the LED lights. Scheme to be carried out in stages.
TA3097	Yorke Drive Regeneration and Community Facilities	759,677	-700,000	59,677	0	1,518	58,159	59,677	0	9.10.24 Report will be going to Cabinet in November to update Members on the scheme.
TA3098	Carelines x1000 Mansfield Customers	0	195,000	195,000	165,750	0	29,250	195,000	0	9.10.24 850 units purchased to date for the Mansfield Customers to date, with 150 remaining. Will know by Jan 25 if there is capacity to purchase the remaining units.
TB2259	Sherwood Avenue Park - Shared Prosperity Fund	520,400	0	520,400	51,500	454,613	14,288	520,400	0	12.07.24 evaluating tenders w/c 15 July some works have already started.
TB6165	S106 Community Facilities to SOT	239,620	0	239,620	0	0	239,620	239,620	0	12.07.24 deed of variation with Legal. 9.10.24 currently with the developer.

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TB6173	S106 Rainworth Community Facilities Improvements	90,377	0	90,377	87,274	20,162	-17,059	90,377	0	16.07.24 scheme almost complete
TB6174	S106 Rainworth Off Site Sports Transfer to Joesph Whitaker	228,315	0	228,315	0	0	228,315	228,315	0	12.07.24 side agreements require signatures, then payments can be made. 9.10.24 check update with Legal.
TB6175	S106 Sherwood Avenue Pavillion	17,993	0	17,993	17,993	0	0	17,993	0	12.07.24 complete
TB6176	S106 Clipstone PC Village Hall	0	19,077	19,077	19,077	0	0	19,077	0	12.07.24 complete
TB6177	S106 Edwinstowe PC Forth Ave Play Area	0	21,707	21,707	0	0	21,707	21,707	-0	12.07.24 side agreements being arranged, payments will be made as soon as possible
TB6178	S106 Ollerton Town Football Club	0	59,697	59,697	0	0	59,697	59,697	0	12.07.24 side agreements being arranged, payments will be made as soon as possible
TF2000	CCTV Replacement Programme	108,742	0	108,742	29,034	21,438	58,269	108,741	-0	12.07.24 currently working through the programme.
TF3232	Rural Crime and Prevention	39,000	0	39,000	0	0	39,000	39,000	0	12.07.24 forest Corner lighting - works to be agreed. 9.10.23 Currently in conversations with land owners.
	HEALTH, WELLBEING & LEISURE TOTAL	5,556,709	-2,604,518	2,952,191	372,389	1,225,972	1,353,832	2,952,192	2	
TA1223	Dukeries Changing Places	100,000	0	100,000	0	9,143	90,857	100,000	0	12.07.24 at design stage, hope to be on site Dec 24. 9.10.24 out to tender, SOS due 2 December with a 3-4 week build time.
TA3053	Museum Improvements	219,577	0	219,577	-4,655	39,938	184,294	219,577	0	12.07.24 tudor attic now back in use, plans can be put forward. 9.10.24 working through the plan
TA3056	NCWC Tudor Hall	82,380	0	82,380	74,050	5,037	3,293	82,380	-0	17.07.24 complete, only £5k retention left to pay
TA3057	Palace Theatre Emergency Lighting	0	0	0	-2,000	2,000	0	0	0	12.07.24 scheme complete
TA3058	Palace Theatre Fire Alarm Upgrade	151,145	0	151,145	3,118	85,939	62,089	151,145	0	12.07.24 due to start on site 22.07.24 5 week programme. 9.10.24 scheme complete.
TA3064	Palace Theatre Sound Desk	0	35,000	35,000	0	0	35,000	35,000	0	
TB2256	Glass Recycling Bin Purchase	378,739	76,242	454,981	378,701	38	76,242	454,981	0	12.07.24 all orders raised and bins required have been received. £74k underspend not required. 14.10.24 final invoice received, budget needs to be increased back to original.
TB3154	Castle Gatehouse Project	1,785,526	0	1,785,526	144,709	362,710	1,278,107	1,785,526	-0	12.07.24 project will be tendered during the summer for the main build which will inform the required budet profile. To be updated in Q2. Current completion date 2026. TF grant to be spent by March 2026. 9.10.24 out to tender at the moment, due back at the end of October at which point we'll have firmed up costs for the project.
	HERITAGE, CULTURE & THE ARTS TOTAL	2,717,368	111,242	2,828,610	593,922	504,805	1,729,882	2,828,609	-0	
TF3228	Homeless Hostel	0	0	0	-15,505	21,643	-6,138	-0	-0	12.07.24 scheme complete, review outstanding orders that can be deleted.
TF3267	Homes for Ukraine	227,445	0	227,445	238,479	1,439	2,892	242,810	15,365	12.07.24 works ongoing expected completion Sept 24. 9.10.24 scheme complete, finalising final invoices.
TF3268	Bridging Accomodation	0	0	0	-15,454	89	0	-15,365	-15,365	
TF6011	Private Sector Disabled Facilities Grants	1,034,848	0	1,034,848	428,569	23,640	582,639	1,034,848	0	12.07.24 25 approvals completed to date. 9.10.24
TF6012	Discretionary DFG	142,783	0	142,783	63,773	0	79,009	142,782	-0	9.10.24 Cabinet approved increase to the discretionary DFG value.

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TF6807	Warm Homes on Prescription	101,759	0	101,759	16,213	10,260	75,286	101,758	-0	16.07.24 Q1 and Q2 are quieter periods for this scheme, action taken to make the scheme more attractive by working in collaboration with Mansfield District Council to review/update the maximum household income threshold (to reflect inflationary increases and to bring criterion into line with Gov't guidance for similar grant-funded home energy efficiency schemes) and are hopeful more residents will apply going forward. 9.10.24 8 cases completed so far. improved the criteria to attract more demand, review budget in Q3.
	HOUSING TOTAL	1,506,834	0	1,506,834	716,075	57,070	733,688	1,506,833	-1	
TA3061	Beacon - LED Lights	78,640	0	78,640	0	0	78,640	78,640	0	12.07.24 had to delay the tender process, adjust required to the design, but still anticipated completion by March 25. 9.10.24 tenders will be finalised by December and SOS Jan 25 install by the end of March 25.
TA3060	Beacon - New Boiler	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	reprofile to next year
TA3286	Information Technology Investment	1,110,540	81,440	1,191,980	66,470	533,178	592,332	1,191,980	-0	12.07.24 - whole Council hardware and software
TC2006	Land at Bowbridge Road Purchase & Works	1,000	0	1,000	-14,608	15,608	0	1,000	0	12.07.24 car park works are completed, retention left to pay, no further budget required.
TC2007	Clipstone Holding Centre Purchase & Works	646,064	-172,000	474,064	72,047	184,485	217,533	474,064	0	12.07.24 planning app to be submitted by the end of July to be on site by Nov 24. will reprofile budget 9.10.24 Planning app submitted, waiting for validation, tender documents being prepared. SOS expected Feb 25.
TC2009	Former Belvoir Iron Works	1,745,376	-845,376	900,000	14,396	460	885,144	900,000	-0	12.07.24 phase 2 site investigations ongoing. 9.10.24 investigations not due to finish until January 25, expecting to spend €900k in 24/25.
TC2010	Purchase Former Ollerton Bank	161,584	0	161,584	152,744	0	8,840	161,584	0	17.07.24 purchase meant to complete at end of July 24. 9.10.24 purchased completed on 31st July.
TC3135	Works to Buttermarket	56,357	0	56,357	0	49,850	6,507	56,357	0	9.10.24 lift to be installed in 24/25. 14.10.24 lift refurbishment will be complete by the end of March 25.
TC3138	Lord Hawke Way Remedial Works & Bond	0	0	0	-2,250	2,596	-346	-0	-0	12.07.24 scheme complete
TC3142	Common Lighting at Industrial Estates	6,138	0	6,138	6,138	0	0	6,138	-0	12.07.24 remaining budget not required
TC3144	Fire & Security Rear Entrance Doors at Industrial Units	4,332	0	4,332	0	4,332	0	4,332	0	12.07.24 remaining budget not required
TC3148	RHH Units Fit Out	50,676	0	50,676	29,000	0	21,676	50,676	1	17.07.24 beamtomb cross - works still progressing budget increase request.
TC3155	Security Gates Burma Road, Clipstone, S'well, SOT, SFACC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12.07.24 remaining budget not required
TC3156	Jubilee Bridge Works	333,222	-333,222	0	0	327,561	-327,561	0	-0	12.07.24 Project delayed until negotiations with NCC have been resolved. 9.10.24 negotiations continuing with NCC and report due to Cabinet when completed. Reprofile budget into 2025/26
TC3157	Shower Block Lorry Park	24,497	0	24,497	24,383	113	0	24,497	-0	
TC3160	14 Market Place	353,000	-200,000	153,000	0	0	153,000	153,000	0	12.07.24 out to tender in July 24, to start on site end of Sept/Oct 24. may not need full budget initially due to change to recommendation, will update accordingly in Q2. 9.10.24 tender to be awarded in October. Reprofile £200k to 25/26 based on SOS in November/December 24.
TG1003	Housing Regeneration Loan Facility	8,000,000	0	8,000,000	0	0	8,000,000	8,000,000	0	25.07.27 Lowfield Lane works starting this year will spend the full budget. Will review again at Q2 incase this gets pushed back.

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	STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND FINANCE TOTAL	12,571,425	-1,469,158	11,102,267	347,789	1,118,713	9,635,765	11,102,267	0	
TE3250	Shared Prosperity Fund	231,263	0	231,263	-60,797	83,270	208,790	231,263	0	9.10.24 all funding is allocated to external projects and is due for spend by March 25.
TE3251	Rural England Prosperity Fund	654,979	0	654,979	133,908	496,118	24,953	654,979	0	9.10.24 all funding is allocated to external projects and is due for spend by March 25.
TE3268	Southern Link Road Contribution	4,660,556	0	4,660,556	2,271,823	1,373	2,387,360	4,660,556	1	12.07.24 £3m NCC money now due, budget needs to be increased to include again. 9.10.24 still waiting on NCC to send order for £3m which is due to be passed to U&C in line with Grant Agreement
TI1002	A1 Overbridge Improvements	76,000	0	76,000	31,415	3,585	41,000	76,000	0	
TT1000	Towns Fund - 32 Stodman Street Regeneration	4,620,866	-1,800,000	2,820,866	481,510	1,350,430	988,927	2,820,866	1	12.07.24 report to cabinet in July 24 to approve additional TF grant to be allocated to the scheme. Delays to programme due to archaeology. 9.10.24 chase up cashflow. Reprofile £2m to 25/26 in the meantime.
TT1002	Town Fund - Contribution to IASTI	0	0	0	-364,989	264,989	100,000	0	0	12.07.24 waiting on collateral warranties to be signed off before the final payment can be made.
TT1005	Towns Fund - Cycle Town	0	0	0	0	2,522	-2,522	0	0	12.07.24 remaining budget is in relation to S106 money.
	SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION	10,243,663	-1,800,000	8,443,663	2,492,870	2,202,286	3,748,508	8,443,665	2	
	TOTALS	34,304,928	-5,862,434	28,442,494	5,011,792	5,480,433	17,950,267	28,442,492	-2	

HRA - Spend against budget - Estimated in year

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PROPERTY INVESTMENT PROGRAMME										
S91100	ROOF REPLACEMENTS	1,050,000	0	1,050,000	702,991	343,077	13,932	1,060,000	10,000	10.07.24 slowing down spend in August, 77 roofing works completed so far this FY, 55 pitched 22 flat roofs. Expect to spend full budget 10.10.24 completed 146 to the end of September.
S711	ROOF REPLACEMENTS	1,050,000	0	1,050,000	702,991	343,077	13,932	1,060,000	10,000	
S91218	Kit & Bathrooms	2,115,750	0	2,115,750	960,066	238,936	916,748	2,115,750	-0	10.07.24 64 total works completed so far, out of a total of 250/300 for the FY. Predicting full budget spend. Contract runs out Nov/Dec 24. 10.10.24 117 completed to mid september. Still on target to spend the full budget.
S712	KITCHEN & BATHROOM CONVERSIONS	2,115,750	0	2,115,750	960,066	238,936	916,748	2,115,750	-0	
S91300	EXTERNAL FABRIC	378,000	0	378,000	188,409	118,720	60,872	368,001	-10,000	10.07.24 79 properties with works completed this FY 10.10.24 due to carry out 204 properties, all at 60% or more completion.
S713	EXTERNAL FABRIC	378,000	0	378,000	188,409	118,720	60,872	368,001	-10,000	
S91412	Doors & Windows Works	214,200	0	214,200	73,401	79,923	60,876	214,200	0	09.07.24 23 total works completed so far, invoice for £37k awaiting. Works speeding up, budget expected to be fully spent
S714	DOORS & WINDOWS	214,200	0	214,200	73,401	79,923	60,876	214,200	0	
S91500	OTHER STRUCTURAL	200,589	100,000	300,589	78,345	261,167	24,362	363,875	63,286	09.07.24 putting in planned schedule for the remainder of the year, 3 works fully completed so far, 20 part completed. Expecting to need additional budget to pick up backlog of works
S91535	DPC Works	60,000	0	60,000	0	20,378	39,622	60,000	0	25.07.24 works starting imminently 10.10.24 some unforeseen works found, so cost likely to be higher than expected, still within existing budget.
S715	OTHER STRUCTURAL	260,589	100,000	360,589	78,345	281,545	63,984	423,875	63,286	
S93100	ELECTRICAL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S93115	Rewires	843,728	0	843,728	344,170	110,096	389,462	843,728	-0	11.07.24 27 property rewires completed so far this FY. Contract finishes in December 24, predicting slight underspend, to review in Q2.
S731	ELECTRICAL	843,728	0	843,728	344,170	110,096	389,462	843,728	-0	
S93300	Passenger Lifts	52,500	0	52,500	14,460	38,040	0	52,500	0	
S733	PASSENGER LIFTS	52,500	0	52,500	14,460	38,040	0	52,500	0	
S93500	HEATING	1,411,174	0	1,411,174	421,583	178,335	811,256	1,411,174	0	09.07.24 hold on payments due to bad performance - expected spend actually around £310k as at end June. 69 jobs complete so far, expecting full spend this FY.
S735	HEATING	1,411,174	0	1,411,174	421,583	178,335	811,256	1,411,174	0	
S93600	ENERGY EFFICIENCY	5,495	0	5,495	0	0	5,495	5,495	0	
S93622	PV Invertors	210,000	0	210,000	35,039	35,661	139,300	210,000	0	25.07.24 using for adhoc energy efficiency works outside of Decarbonisation. Expecting an underspend. Will review in Q2.
S93624	EE Boilers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
S93625	Thermal Comfort	167,129	0	167,129	16,709	16,530	98,890	132,129	-35,000	25.07.24 using for adhoc energy efficiency works outside of Decarbonisation. Expecting an underspend. Will review in Q2. 14.10.24 works will be identified following EPCS.
S93626	Decarbonisation	1,370,260	0	1,370,260	780,497	358,542	231,221	1,370,260	-0	10.07.24 41 works completed in first year and 24 completed so far this FY. 40 jobs left to complete in scheme. On track to finish scheme early in Oct/Nov 24. 10.10.24 98 jobs completed, out of 102, waiting on some invoices to be up to date with spend, invoiced for 53 jobs.
S93627	Decarb Devolution	216,824	0	216,824	197,488	54,236	100	251,824	35,000	10.07.24 Scheme will be finished in September 24. 28 total works completed with 5 still ongoing. Scheme ongoing, expecting £20k overspend - in talks with devolution team to recover this money. 10.10.24 waiting on final invoice then will put in the final claim from Nottingham City Council.
S93628	EPC	157,500	0	157,500	1,127	30,435	125,938	157,500	0	18.07.24 stock condition survey works around £100k, and EPCs for around £90,000 are a possibility.
S736	ENERGY EFFICIENCY	2,127,208	0	2,127,208	1,030,861	495,403	600,944	2,127,208	-0	

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S95115	Resurfacing Works	61,024	0	61,024	7,420	0	53,604	61,024	0	10.07.24 plans to spend some of this budget (around £10k) at Queens Court, purchase order being raised this week. 10.10.24 works at queens court complete. Two further sites in the pipeline, at the moment.
S751	GARAGE FORECOURTS	61,024	0	61,024	7,420	0	53,604	61,024	0	
S95200	ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS	178,073	0	178,073	94,571	28,061	55,442	178,073	0	25.07.24 expecting full budget spend. May be split between other environmental codes
S95250	Communal Lighting	24,000	0	24,000	0	0	24,000	24,000	0	12.07.24 no works identified yet but confident this budget will be spent
S95252	Flood Defence Systems	32,000	-10,000	22,000	5,981	1,794	2,225	10,000	-12,000	12.07.24 no works identified yet but confident this budget will be spent, especially with the flooding we had last year.
S95254	Estate Remodelling	119,000	0	119,000	55	66,116	52,829	119,000	-0	25.07.24 £70k of the budget will be spent at Gladstone and Vale View with other works yet to be identified
S95292	Communal Areas	10,500	0	10,500	0	0	22,500	22,500	12,000	12.07.24 no works identified yet but confident this budget will be spent
S95304	Tithe Barn & Queens Court	0	0	0	145	0	-145	-1	-1	
S95305	Boughton Community Hub	8,000	0	8,000	7,184	28	0	7,212	-788	12.07.24 finalising last jobs, hub is open to the public
S95306	Ferndale Conversion	150,000	0	150,000	49,524	100,210	266	150,000	0	15.10.24 started on site in July 24, will be complete within 6 months.
S95307	PV Panels Broadleaves and Gladstone	217,000	0	217,000	92	0	216,908	217,000	0	25.07.24 out for procurement at the moment, evaluating mid August. Estimating to start on site in Q3.
S95308	Repairs to CDs from Floods 2324	341,988	18,629	360,617	340,218	4,813	15,586	360,617	-0	09.07.24 works started in July on 10 properties and will be complete by end of September 24 ready for letting. Phase 1 was complete last FY in phase 2 now, out of 5 10.10.24 works complete, waiting for final account from contractor.
S95400	Void Works	344,864	0	344,864	140,441	85,273	119,150	344,864	0	Speak to Craig. Should be larger spend on Voids due to all of the works being classified as Voids and not rev
S752	ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS	1,425,425	8,629	1,434,054	638,209	286,295	508,761	1,433,266	-789	
S97100	ASBESTOS	63,000	0	63,000	5,694	17,246	40,060	63,000	-0	17.07.24 vacant surveyor works will pick back up once someone is in post 14.10.24 new surveyor starting at the end of October
S771	ASBESTOS	63,000	0	63,000	5,694	17,246	40,060	63,000	-0	
S97200	FIRE SAFETY	288,455	0	288,455	68,328	58,208	161,919	288,455	0	17.07.24 vacant surveyor works will pick back up once someone is in post 14.10.24 new surveyor starting at the end of October
S772	FIRE SAFETY	288,455	0	288,455	68,328	58,208	161,919	288,455	0	
S97400	DISABLED ADAPTATIONS	125,000	0	125,000	0	0	0	0	-125,000	
S97416	Major Adaptations	700,000	0	700,000	371,666	277,025	166,309	815,000	115,000	12.07.24 108 completed works. Number of OT1 referrals are record highs. Expecting to spend full budget. 14.10.24 received 226 referrals to date, completed 215. Referrals are being received all the time, therefore budget review required to continue to end of March.
S97417	Minor Adaptations	60,000	0	60,000	21,232	40,876	-2,108	60,000	0	12.07.24 142 completed works. Receiving around 40/50 OT1 referrals each month now. Expected to spend full budget. 14.10.24 285 referrals received so far this financial year and completed 275 to date.
S97418	Adaptation Stair Lift/Ho	74,226	0	74,226	40,933	16,473	26,820	84,226	10,000	12.07.24 8 completed works for stairlifts/hoists. Expecting to spend full budget. 14.10.24 25 of the 226 major referrals relate to stairlifts and hoists, with 20 complete.
S774	DISABLED ADAPTATIONS	959,226	0	959,226	433,831	334,373	191,022	959,226	0	
S97500	LEGIONELLA	46,842	0	46,842	20,287	34,755	0	55,042	8,200	
S775	LEGIONELLA	46,842	0	46,842	20,287	34,755	0	55,042	8,200	
S98100	BUILDING SAFETY	390,020	-100,000	290,020	0	0	263,171	263,171	-26,849	17.07.24 currently a vacant surveyor works will pick back up once someone is in post 14.10.24 reduce expected spend to cover spend on lightning conductors and structural works
S98105	Compartmentalisation in Roof Space	34,337	0	34,337	41,380	9,109	0	50,489	16,152	
S781	BUILDING SAFETY	424,357	-100,000	324,357	41,380	9,754	262,526	313,660	-10,697	
S99100	PROPERTY INVESTMENT CONTINGENCY	60,000	0	60,000	0	0	0	0	-60,000	14.10.27 contingency to cover the overspend on structural works
S99102	Housing Capital Fees	576,690	0	576,690	0	0	576,690	576,690	0	
S791	UNALLOCATED FUNDING	636,690	0	636,690	0	0	576,690	576,690	-60,000	
	SUB TOTAL PROPERTY INVESTMENT	12,358,168	8,629	12,366,797	5,029,435	2,624,707	4,712,655	12,366,797	-0	
	AFFORDABLE HOUSING	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Project	Capital Description	Current Revised Budget	Future Proposed Variations	Revised Budget including Variations for Approval	Actuals to 30.09.24	Current outstanding orders	Additional anticipated spend in year	Total Projected spend in year	Variance Over/ Underspend	Comments - Spend to date
SA1031	Site Acquisition (Inc RTB)	979,312	-800,000	179,312	0	0	179,312	179,312	0	18.07.24 Church Circle to be acquired in the coming months aiming for completion at end of August - cost £160k. Gusto site Station Rd, Collingham is due in Cabinet for spend of £700k. Reprofile the rest of the budget. 9.10.24 Church Circle due to complete now in October. Station Road is progressing but will be a phase 6 site, so costs will be incurred in SA1092. Reprofile £800k to 25/26
SA1033	Estate Regeneration	5,099,546	-4,900,000	199,546	-28,029	82,664	144,911	199,546	0	14.10.24 Report due to November Cabinet to update Members on the scheme and seek approval to move forward. Planning permission to be determined in December.
SA1047	New Build Contingency	52,483	0	52,483	0	0	52,483	52,483	0	
SA1048	Boughton Extra Care	39,566	0	39,566	0	10,951	28,615	39,566	0	18.07.24 carrying out defects, quotes due in for works to be done before December 24. Excess budget is retention from North Midland Constructin who went under - roll £250k into Phase 6?
SA1063	Phase 3 - Cluster 3	0	0	0	-30,284	525	29,759	0	0	18.07.24 complete - just retention left to pay
SA1064	Phase 3 - Cluster 4	0	0	0	-7,553	8,828	-1,275	-0	-0	18.07.24 complete
SA1071	Phase 4 Cluster 1	0	0	0	-56,537	0	56,537	-0	-0	18.07.24 complete - Woodhead retention left to pay
SA1072	Phase 4 Cluster 2	0	0	0	-19,440	0	19,440	0	0	18.07.24 complete - Woodhead retention left to pay
SA1073	Phase 4 Cluster 3	0	0	0	-22,888	19,209	3,678	-0	-0	18.07.24 complete, some orders have been closed
SA1074	Phase 4 Cluster 4	0	0	0	-1,693	1,693	0	-0	-0	18.07.24 complete, some orders have been closed
SA1075	Phase 4 Cluster 5	0	0	0	-17,231	17,351	-120	0	0	18.07.24 complete
SA1080	Phase 5	20,909	0	20,909	59,316	32,949	-71,356	20,909	-0	18.07.24 complete, some orders have been closed, other spend can be moved to phase 6
SA1081	Phase 5 Cluster 1	1,073,099	207,100	1,280,199	1,005,969	194,472	79,758	1,280,199	-0	18.07.24 1 site complete in Gateskill, Edwinstowe, anticipate remaining sites to be complete Sept 24
SA1082	Phase 5 Cluster 2	831,118	0	831,118	448,481	330,812	51,825	831,118	0	18.07.24 1 site complete, remaining sites to be complete by the end of 2024.
SA1083	Phase 5 Cluster 3	752,836	-262,700	490,136	181,576	55,510	253,050	490,136	0	18.07.24 anticipate completion in Aug 2024 15.10.24 cluster included a site now being delivered in phase 6.
SA1084	Phase 5 Cluster 4	1,576,633	0	1,576,633	458,205	163,406	955,022	1,576,633	0	18.07.24 cluster to be complete by March 25
SA1085	Phase 5 Cluster 5	759,867	0	759,867	308,449	184,829	266,589	759,867	0	18.07.24 cluster to be complete by March 25
SA1086	Phase 5 Cluster 6	919,039	55,600	974,639	712,547	272,395	-10,303	974,639	0	18.07.24 1 site complete, final site completion around Oct 24 - move spend to phase 6
SA1087	Phase 5 Cluster 7	0	0	0	-6,601	13,037	-6,436	-0	-0	18.07.24 complete just retention left to pay
SA1090	Phase 6	3,460,000	-2,254,250	1,205,750	44,604	473,146	688,000	1,205,750	0	18.07.24 works to begin on South Crescent in Aug/Sept 24 and buying 8 S106 dwellings in Collingham that should total £771k 15.10.24 reallocate costs to correct cluster.
SA1091	Phase 6 Cluster 1	0	82,250	82,250	0	0	82,250	82,250	0	15.10.24 South Crescecent, started on site Aug/Sept 24, works to be completed by the end of this financial year
SA1092	Phase 6 Cluster 2	0	250,000	250,000	0	0	250,000	250,000	0	15.10.24 S106 Properties in Collingham approved at Cabinet on 23 July
SC2000	Careline Analogue to Digital	365,338	0	365,338	266,765	0	98,573	365,338	0	18.07.24 works are progressing well on the current replacement.
SC2002	New Housing Management System	639,333	-289,333	350,000	134,312	0	215,688	350,000	-0	24.07.24 Project is progressing at pace, the confidence level of meeting May 25 go live for phase 1 is in the 80-85% as reported to the project board. Experienced multiple risks from the risk register, mitigating to the best of abilities and capacity. It is expected that the majority of project costs will be confirmed in the next 3-4 months once the two key integrations are fully scoped with third party costs confirmed. Review in Q2 for any reprofiles. Decisions around hitting go live dates are expected to be made in late 2024 with final option for delay due in Feb 25 when final user testing is undertaken
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	SUB TOTAL AFFORDABLE HOUSING	16,569,079	-7,911,333	8,657,746	3,429,968	1,861,777	3,366,000	8,657,746	-0	
		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
	TOTAL HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT	28,927,247	-7,902,704	21,024,543	8,459,403	4,486,484	8,078,655	21,024,543	-0	



Report to: Policy & Performance Improvement Committee – 25 November 2024

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Report Summary	
Report Title	Review of HRA Business Plan Assumptions
Purpose of Report	This report provides Members with an overview of the key assumptions to be made within the production of the 30-year HRA Business Plan.
Recommendations	That Members endorse the assumptions presented, to be utilised in the update of the 30-year HRA Business Plan.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 The Council maintains a 30-year HRA Business Plan to ensure that the HRA is viable and sustainable over a 30-year period.
- 1.2 The Business Plan therefore covers a large time period where many external factors can affect the sustainability of the overall plan.
- 1.3 This report sets out some of the key assumptions which will affect the Business Plan from an external perspective, in order for various scenarios to then be considered looking at the internal factors (such as the setting of rent, capital improvements or revenue services).
- 1.4 The agreed assumptions will then be fed into the overall HRA Business Plan, which will form the basis of the HRA Budget and Rent setting report to be taken to Cabinet on 21 January 2025 and approved at Council on 11 February 2025.

2.0 Proposals

- 2.1 **Appendix A** sets out the various external factors that could affect the Business Plan over the 30-year period. This next section of the report will look at each in turn:
 - Void Allowance – This percentage is set as a proportion of the gross rent receivable and will therefore reduce the total amount of income due to the Council. This figure has been benchmarked against Housemark data to set a stretching target.

- Bad Debts – This percentage will be generated against the net rent receivable. The balance will be forecast to be maintained at 4% of the net rent, hence where rent increases, there will be a charge to revenue to increase the bad debt provision. This is just for forecasting purposes, in reality money will be set aside based on actual rent outstanding as at 31 March 2025 in any given year together with assumptions over its collectability.
- Right to Buy sales – This assumption sets the amount of right to buy sales in any given year, hence reducing the stock and therefore the total amount of income receivable.
- Borrowing and Interest Rates – These assumptions set the forecast interest rates to be incurred for interest payable on loans taken by the HRA in order to fund capital expenditure where further borrowing is required, but also interest receivable on funds that are held (eg the HRA working balance). These are based on the latest assumptions from the Council’s Treasury Advisors. Should more timely information become available closer to setting the budget, these percentages will be updated.

2.2 Once the assumptions within **Appendix A** have been set, these will be fed into the HRA Business Plan, together with the forecasts of expenditure for both Capital and Revenue over the 30-year period and scenarios can then be modelled to review the effect of different rental values depending on Council’s decision setting the rental charge for 2025/26.

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability, and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

None

Newark & Sherwood District
HRA Business Plan
Assumptions Summary

Assumption	Notes
Base Year	2025-26
Voids & Bad debts	
Void Allowance on main housing stock:	
1	2.00%
2	1.75%
3	1.50%
4	1.50%
5 onwards	1.50%
Allowance for Bad Debts:	
All years balance of Bad Debt provision as a % of overall rent receivable	4.00%
Right to Buy Sales:	
Year 1	10
Year 2	6
Year 3	6
Year 4	6
Year 5 onwards	6
Borrowing & Interest Rates	
Average interest Rate on Borrowing	
1	4.00%
2	4.00%
3	4.00%
4	4.00%
5 onwards	4.00%
Average interest Rate on Investments	
1	3.50%
2	3.25%
3	3.00%
4	3.00%
5 onwards	3.00%



Report to: Policy & Performance Improvement Committee: 25 November 2024
 Director Lead: Matt Lamb, Director - Planning & Growth
 Lead Officer: Neil Cuttall, Business Manager - Economic Growth & Visitor Economy
 Elaine Poon, Town Programme Manager

Report Summary	
Report Title	Newark Towns Fund Update
Purpose of Report	To provide an update on the progress and achievements of Newark Towns Fund projects.
Recommendations	That the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee note and welcome the progress made in the delivery of the various Newark Towns Fund projects.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that in November 2019, Newark was selected as one of the 101 towns that would be eligible to apply for an up to £25m Town Fund Grant. In July 2020 the Council submitted a five-year Town Investment Plan on behalf of the Newark Town Board (formed in January 2020) that identified ten priority projects it advocated should be funded by the available grant. The [Town Investment Plan](#) (TIP) was approved in May 2021 and the full award of £25m grant was offered by the Government. The funding has to be committed by 31 March 2026.
- 1.2 The TIP identified priorities by harvesting data, opinion and strategy from a range of sources to develop the following 4 pillars of change for Newark as outlined in the below chart:



- 1.3 It was through these pillars that proposed interventions were assessed in order to select the ten priority projects. The ten priority projects in the Newark TIP were identified as:
1. **Newark Construction College** – offers training, re-training and work experience placements to facilitate Newark residents obtaining jobs in high-demand, stable sectors such as plumbing, bricklaying and gas engineering.
 2. **YMCA Community & Activity Village** – offers leisure facilities, education and training, and access to services such as integrated health care and wellbeing to residents and young people.
 3. **Air & Space Institute (ASI)** – a state-of-the-art educational facility offering further and higher educational pathways in highly paid, future-proofed sectors: aviation engineering, cyber security and pilot studies.
 4. **20 Minute Cycle Town** – a Town-scale trial with Brompton Bikes to provide a cycle hire offer alongside a national brand within the town.
 5. **32 Stodman Street** – repurposing a significant and vacant retail space to create high quality town centre residential homes, ground floor commercial opportunities, and new public realm improvements.
 6. **Newark Cultural Heart** – a proposal to encourage footfall within the town through a combination of town centre events and animation alongside some physical enhancements of Newark Market Place in order to increase feelings of vibrancy and civic pride.
 7. **Castle Gatehouse** – a new Visitor offer for the Town, recreating and reanimating the original entrance to the Castle and unlocking visitor and educational experiences to enhance the cultural offer and drive footfall.
 8. **Relocation of Newark Police Station** (subsequently withdrawn) – proposals to co-locate public services at Castle House and redevelop the existing site for a new residential offer on the edge of the town, close to Newark Northgate rail station.
 9. **Smart Innovation Supply Chain & Logistics Enterprise Zone (SISCLOG)** – working with the University of Lincoln to establish at a key Gateway logistics-led gateway into Newark comprising business space and starter units within a greener setting in order to allow access to better paid jobs into the town. Proposals would also have seen the relocation of Newark Lorry Park to the north of the Town.
 10. **Newark Southern Link Road (SLR)** – a long-standing aspiration to unlock growth and ease congestion, connecting the A1 and A46 to the south of the Town.
- 1.4 The Newark Town Deal signed with Government made clear that it was for the Newark Town Board in collaboration with NSDC to determine how the spend of the £25m grant would be split. Any funding would also need to be subject to Green Book Business case assessments, the Government’s chosen methodology to assess value-for-money and BCR’s (Benefit Cost Ratio’s) – a metric which offers an indication on the ‘fundability’ of

a project using public sector grant. NSDC and Newark Towns Board quickly determined that splitting the Towns Fund grant across 9 of the identified projects would likely see them delivered. This was not the case with the Newark Southern Link Road which had a much larger funding gap. It was determined that NSDC and the Board should explore alternative funding sources to make this happen. NSDC and the Board also identified the need for an Assurance process in order to ensure transparency of decision-making.

- 1.5 For awareness, the Newark Southern Link Road project was subject to a joint NSDC, Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) and Urban & Civic (Master developer) bid in June 2021 under the then-Governments Levelling Up Fund Round (LUF) 1 competitive funding process. The Government confirmed that we had successfully secured the funding in December 2021. For completeness this project is still captured below given that it remains one of the Newark TIP priority projects but was funded from the Levelling Up Fund (LUF) rather than Towns Fund.

2.0 Assurance Process

- 2.1 An Assurance Framework was developed by NSDC and Newark Town Board which introduced a number of steps any Project Sponsor would need to undertake in order to secure the funding as outlined below*. Full details of the Assurance Framework can be found [here](#).

Step 1 – Green Book Business Case Development

The process for completion of the Green Book assesses a range of measures in order to understand the impact of particular proposals. It also offers a Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR). Depending on the size and maturity of the project they would produce an Outline Business Case (OBC), Full Business Case (FBC) or both. All OBC's and FBC's were subject to the steps described here. Project Sponsors were all given access to a relevant Green Book specialist (Hatch consulting) to develop their Business Cases.

Step 2 – Independent Review of submitted Green Book Business Case

The Council is required to perform the role of Accountable Body on behalf of Government for the purposes of administering the Towns Fund grant (and the subsequent LUF grant). In order to support this role, Green Book specialists (Quad) were appointed to work closely with the Council's s151 Officer to independently review any submitted OBC or FBC's. This included producing a critical report which also challenged and/or identified any risks. Any Business Case which failed this assurance test was returned to the Project Sponsor for further clarification.

Step 3 – Approval of Final Green Book Business Case by NSDC via the Council's S151 Officer

Informed by the review at Step 2 the Council's s151 Officer would then come to a determination on whether to recommend supporting release of the Towns Fund grant to Government.

Step 4 – Submission of a Summary Document to Government

If supported by the Council's s151 Officer a Summary Document on the Government's template was produced and submitted for approval.

Step 5 – Grant Funding Agreement with the Project Sponsor

Subject to successful completion of Steps 3 and 4 above grant funding would be made available to Project Sponsors via a Grant Funding Agreement. This effectively tied the outputs to be delivered to the approved Business Case.

Step 6 – Project Adjustment Requests (PAR)

As Members will be aware, capital projects of the scale of some of those in the Towns Fund are such that additional funding changes are required over the lifetime of a project. If a change is required there is a process which is followed with NSDC which re-appraises the impact of any request. A formal PAR is then submitted to Government which, if approved, then allows a variation to any Grant Funding Agreement. As detailed below there have been a range of approved PARs across the Towns Fund projects.

*For awareness the Newark Construction College was not required to follow the above process as it was funded through ‘accelerated funds’, released in advance of confirmation of receipt of the full £25m of Towns Fund.

- 2.2 The Policy & Performance Improvement Committee will be aware from the previous report to Committee (on 26 June 2023) that grant funding spend (specifically the Towns Fund and LUF1) has been subject to an internal audit report which identified ‘reasonable assurance’ in January 2024 after a review in Autumn 2023. The level of assurance is graded from No assurance; limited assurance; reasonable assurance; and substantial assurance. The report provided some suggested improvements that could be undertaken. The assurance process remains the same, with NSDC continuing to perform the role of accountable body. The separation between NSDC in this role as opposed to NSDC as Project Sponsor remain important, as does securing, when required, independent advice. Updates on all projects are detailed below at 3.0.
- 2.3 The Newark Town Board has had a refresh of membership in March 2024. Following Tom Cartledge’s resignation as Chair in April 2024, Penny Taylor MBE (representing Newark Town Centre Partnership and Newark College) and Louise Casey-Simpson (representing Newark and Sherwood CVS) were elected as Co-Chairs on 30 May 2024, with Tony Aspbury (representing Newark Showground) as Vice Chairman.
- 2.4 The Newark Town Board has met on several occasions over the last year to consider principally Towns Fund project updates and the development of proposals for the Newark Long Term Plan for Towns Fund (known now as the ‘We Are Newark Town Investment Plan’), the latest grant funding opportunity potentially available. This fund is subject to separate reports to Cabinet and is pending further guidance from the newly elected Government.

3.0 Funding Update

- 3.1 As of 30 September 2024, a total of £19,099,000 of the £25m Town Fund Grant has been received equating to 76.4%. It is forecast that the full £25m Grant will be contractually committed by 31 March 2026 and spent by 31 March 2027.

3.2 The programme has attracted £27,961,340 in Grant match funding thus far equating to 59.3% matched funds. It is expected that a further match funding will be attracted by the time the full £25 million funding has been fully drawn down for spend. This means that as at November 2024, for every £1 Towns Fund money spent, it is expected to attract at least £1.46 in match funding. The following table shows the total Towns Fund and Match Funding ratio to date, per project, as existing.

Project	Town Fund Grant	Match: Direct Investment
Stodman Street	£3,980,000	£8,900,000
Air & Space Institute	£10,600,000	£5,000,000
Newark Heart	£4,303,737	£600,000 (revenue over 3 years)
Community Activity Village	£2,000,000	£11,200,000
Cycle Town	£200,000	£50,000
Castle	£3,310,000	£2,679,955
SiScLOG	£106,263	£0
Programme Management	£500,000	£0
TOTAL	£25,000,000	£27,961,340
Construction College*	£389,000*	£133,100

* Accelerated project (in addition to the £25m)

4.0 Project Progress

4.1 The following table shows the progress of the projects, including changes to grant profiles following the aforementioned Project Adjustment Request (PAR) approvals:

Project	Key Dates & Milestones	Original Grant Allocation	Revised Grant Allocation
Newark Construction College	Opened in September 2021. Significantly over-subscribed prompting ongoing discussions with Newark college on potential ability to expand.	£389,000	No Change
YMCA Community and Activity Village	Opened in July 2022, with sports pitches and athletics track having been open and available prior to that date. Community Activity Village now supports and engages thousands of children, young people and their families daily in creative, sport, outdoor and experiential activities.	£2,000,000	No Change

Air and Space Institute	Completed in March 2024, with students having been on-boarded in the previous 2 academic years. The first time we have had Further and Higher Education in the Town.	£10,600,000	No Change
20 Minute Cycle Town	Completed on a phased basis by April 2022. Brompton looking to expand provision via Newark Hospital, Middlebeck and individual discussions with local employers as part of their active travel aspirations.	£200,000	No Change
Stodman Street Redevelopment	Demolition completed; contractor appointed for the construction with expected completion in March 2026.	£2,200,000	£3,980,000
Newark Cultural Heart	NSDC took on responsibility for the project following a request from Newark Town Council in February 2023. Events program has continued since, and animation activity has continued since with a commission to enhance Newark Market Place due to be presented to market for a Design & Build contract prior to Christmas 2024. Work on the Market Place expected to start in 2026.	£2,200,000	£4,303,737
Castle Gatehouse	Funding and relevant consents secured with build contractor expected to be appointed by Christmas 2024. Start on site expected spring 2025.	£3,000,000	£3,310,000
Relocation of Newark Police Station	Request to remove from the programme in September 2021 by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Removal agreed on 26 November 2021 by the Newark Town Board.	N/A	N/A
SISCLOG/ Newark Gateway	Report taken to Cabinet on 14th May 2024 which explored interdependencies with relocation of lorry park, the A46 Bypass and cost challenges of delivering a scheme. Project paused by the District Council for the purposes of the Towns Fund programme, with a request that Newark Towns Board reallocate funding to other Towns Fund projects.	£4,400,000	£106,263

Southern Link Road	<p>Levelling Up Fund 1 secured and spending, as detailed to Cabinet on the 4th October 2022.</p> <p>Two contractors now delivering the SLR (at the A46 and A1 ends).</p> <p>The SLR will unlock the remaining homes (taking total to up to 3,150), country parks, open space, local centre and employment land.</p>	<p>£20m LUF1 £7m D2N2 LEP £2.5m NSDC</p>	<p>£20m LUF1 £7m D2N2 LEP £5m NSDC £3m NCC</p>
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5.0 Project Outputs

5.1 The following table shows the outputs of the projects to date. As with Towns Deal projects nationally there are varying degrees of success and legacy with each of the Newark Towns Fund projects. The next section explores not only what contractually is/was required of each project, but the additional outputs achieved by partners beyond the contractual requirement.

Project	Required Output, per Contractual Commitment	Output Achieved to Date (Q2 24/25)	Additionality Achieved
Newark Construction College	<p>Contract and output monitoring until 2026/27:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 142 students - Plumbing Level 1 & 2. • 48 students - Bricklayers Level 1 & 2. • 24 students - Gas Testing. • 12 x Joinery Degrees completed (3 years). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 133 students - Plumbing Level 1 & 2. • 90 students - Bricklayers Level 1 & 2. • 6 students - Gas Testing. • Joinery degree has been written and is going through the validation process with Hull University. 	
YMCA Community and Activity Village	<p>Contract and output monitoring until 2026/27:</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 95 members on discounted concessions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 136 FTE new jobs by 2024/25, of which 14 directly from Towns Fund grant. • 38 Apprentices by 2024. • 1200 learners by 2024. • 57,400 annual visits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 157 FTE Jobs created (55% re young people) • 15 Apprentices by 2024. • 1273 Learners by 2024. • 38 scholarships. • Visitors to the site in 2023/24 = 208,000. • Visitors to the site in 2024/25 = 158,238. • Total Members = 5432 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concessions are Students, Corporates, Ages 65+, Adult packages, Youth packages, Adult packages (and Scholarships).
Air and Space Institute	<p>Contract and output monitoring until 2031 but the overall stated 2038/39:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 38 jobs. • 2570 learners. • 370 Level 2 qualifications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 24 jobs • 1060 learners. • 3 Level 2 qualifications (To achieve level 2 a student would have to complete a full academic year. The first cohort are now studying in the building and numbers at the end of each year will be higher i.e. 20+) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Education Pathways created with NTU.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,304 Level 3 qualifications. • 632 Level 4-6 qualifications in engineering, aviation, cyber, Contract is for 5 years to March 2027 robotics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12 Level 3 qualifications (To achieve level 3 a student would have to complete 2 academic years. The first cohort are now studying in the building and numbers at the end of each year will be higher) • Two Level 4 qualification (24/25). (To achieve level 4 a student would have to complete 2 academic years. The first cohort are now studying in the building and numbers at the end of each year will be higher) 	
20 Minute Cycle Town	<p>Contract and output monitoring until 2027</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 500 monthly hires. • 4 Cycle rental docks in town centre locations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2725 cycle hires as of March 24, averaging 227 hires a month. • 4 bike rental docks installed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 additional Cycle rental dock in Middle Beck committed to upon completion of the SLR.
32 Stodman Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 29 new residential units. • Improved public realm. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demolition completed. • Construction contractor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved Community engagement, consultation

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhanced linkage and visibility between Stodman and Lombard Street. Redevelopment of brownfield site at key town centre location. 40 new jobs 590sqm of new retail space (2 new retail units). 	<p>appointed and works are underway with completion expected by March 2026.</p>	<p>and involvement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archaeological discoveries found during work
Newark Cultural Heart	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved public realm Increased footfall and visitor spend. Improved perceptions of town by residents/businesses/visitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved Public realm in market place - work anticipated to commence in early 2026. Footfall and event figures can be found at Annex 3. 	
Castle Gatehouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new access bridge. A new Community hub. Multifunctional space capable of hosting event and exhibitions. A visitor welcome pavilion. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning consents achieved. National Heritage Lottery Funding confirmed. Tendering exercise being undertaken with expected commencement early 2025. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation work to protect the building fabric. • A projected increase in visitor numbers to Newark Castle of 21,000 each year. • Up to 100 additional regular volunteers at the Castle. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bid to HLF. 	
SISCLOG/ Newark Gateway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hotel and coffee shop development. • 5660 sqm flexible commercial units. • 1460sqm high-tech offices. • Redeveloped Brownfield Land. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project paused and has been removed from Towns Fund programme. 	
Southern Link Road (SLR)	<p>Funding Contract from 2022-2025 with output monitoring is for 5 years after opening which is 2031.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6.7km of new cycle ways. • 1.7km of new pedestrian paths. • 5.2km of newly built roads. • 2651 new residential units. • Approx. 700,000m² of new green and blue space created. 	<p>Since inception of the project there have been monthly monitoring meetings to assess progress (meeting 17 having concluded in September 2024). The project is 21 months behind original programme (the date from which the LUF1 application was made) due to a combination of contractor negotiation, poor weather, design changes to accommodate links to the A46 bypass and archaeology.</p> <p>The first phase of the SLR is not open to traffic. The full SLR including the A46 connection will be open by August 2026.</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 185,000 m2 of new industrial space created. 	
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6.0 Qualitative Information

6.1 Whilst the above table and published outcomes remain important to monitor, it is critical to remember that the above projects are about people and legacy. Work is ongoing to capture this, and it is an intention to do a longitudinal study over a period of time that extends beyond the delivery timeline of the projects to ensure lasting impact for the local community and the Town Investment Plan. For individual case study references refer to Annex 3.

7.0 Monitoring and Evaluation

7.1 The monitoring and evaluation process plays an important role in delivering each project and provides future learning opportunities about what could be improved for future programmes and what works for the benefit of the existing Towns Fund programme.

7.2 Monitoring data is submitted to MHCLG on a 6-monthly and annual basis for the duration of the Towns Fund projects to track progress, enable learning and manage risk. The monitoring of each project enables engagement with project leads and stakeholders for understanding the project delivery and is a MHCLG obligation.

7.3 The monitoring data comprises financial information and planned expenditures, key outputs, risks and delivery milestones and how these are to be achieved, ensuring funding meets the agreed contractual terms, and understanding how project delivery is operating with each delivery partner.

8.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Financial Implications (FIN24-25/1822)

8.1 The funding presented in this report has been provided jointly with Financial Services, therefore there are no additional financial implications.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

Annex 1 – Newark Town Investment Plan

The full document is available [online](#).

Annex 2 – Newark Cultural Heart Footfall Figures and Event Dates

The below table shows the correlation between event dates and town centre footfall.

Event Name	Event Date/s	Footfall no. increase / decrease	Percentage of Average Day
2022			
Platinum Jubilee	2nd - 5th June	255	6%
Newark Book Festival	7th - 10th July	61	1.5%
Town Centre Cycle Races	29th July	1,910	39%
Newark on Sea	6th - 21st August	17	0.5%
Newark Festival	26th - 29th August	148	3.5%
ScareFest	29th - 30th October	-408	-10%
Christmas Lights Switch On	27th November	1,627	57%
Christmas Markets	10th - 11th December	965	23%
2023			
Kings Coronation	6th May	2,428	64%
Neurodiversity Umbrella Installation	May - September	40	1%
Food & Drink Festival/Steampunk	27th - 28th May	673	13%
Newark Book Festival	6th - 9th July	-1,222	-22%
Town Centre Cycle Races	28th July	1,823	29%
Newark on Sea	4th - 13th August	816	14%
Newark Festival	25th - 28th August	1,500	27%
Tour of Britain	6th September	2,177	35
ScareFest	28th - 29th October	1,951	37%
Christmas Light Switch On	26th November	3,462	91%
Steampunk/Christmas Market	9th - 10th December	3,215	61%
2024			
Small Business Showcase	27th April	491	7%
Streets Ahead	16th June	-23	-0.5%
Newark Book Festival	11th - 14th July	1,349	24%
Fish Boy	27th July	328	4%
Newark on Sea	7th - 19th August	119	2%
Cloudscapes in the Castle	11th August	-137	-3%
Newark Festival	24th - 26th August	1,564	30%
Tour of Britain	6th September	1,295	16%
The Brick Show	7th September	-688	-10%
Festival of Creativity	5th - 6th October	1,636	32%

Annex 3 - Individual Case Studies

The following section details case studies from a number of the Towns Fund projects highlighting qualitative impacts and real-life experiences from members of the community benefitting from the projects.

Newark Construction College

Ethan Armstrong, then 17, a Level 2 bricklaying student from the Newark Construction College has been recognised locally at the Rotary Awards, winning the Award of Courage in 2023 due to his hard work and dedication to his studies. Newark College provided him with a new toolkit which helped him throughout his work placement. His confidence has grown with the support of the Construction College and after 18 months of training, Ethan has secured a part-time job with a construction firm on the days he is not at college. The press release about his award could be found [here](#).

YMCA Community & Activity Village

A video showcasing the YMCA's facility can be found [here](#). A video of young children using the facility and climbing wall can be found [here](#) and another video case study of individuals with disabilities participating in health and sports classes can be found [here](#).

An example of additional activity at the YMCA is included below in the graphic tile:



Air and Space Institute

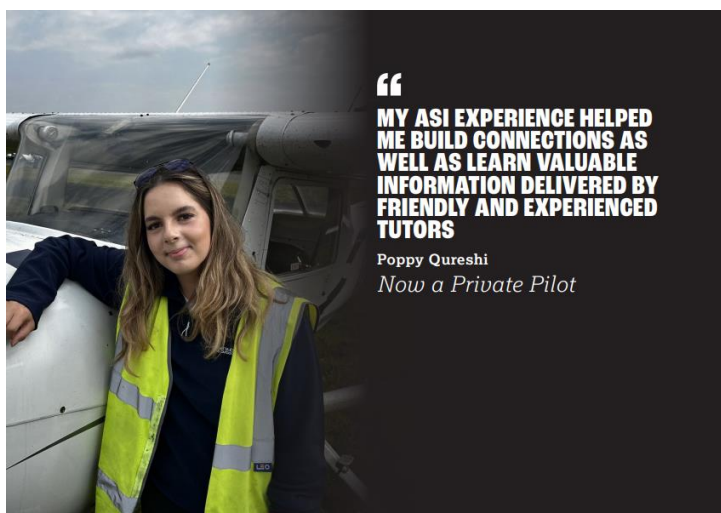
With the confirmation of Towns Fund commitment to the project, Newark College started a temporary training facility for ASI students in existing Newark College campus prior to the new building being constructed. As such, the first cohort of students have now graduated

and have successfully found careers within the aviation industry. Some video case studies of student experiences can be found below.

Video Case Studies:

Emily Evans, Search and Rescue Pilot student graduate – video can be found [here](#). Freddie and Amy, Engineering (Military and Defence) Level 2 students – video can be found [here](#). Kian Deighton, Pilot student graduate succeeded to TUI Cabin Crew member – video can be found [here](#).

Further student case studies and success stories can be found on the [ASI website and within the graphic tiles below:](#)



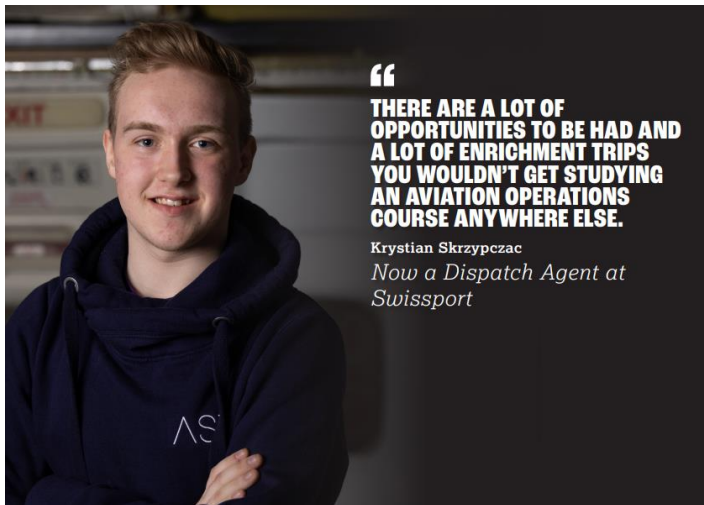


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DURING MY TRAINING AT TUI, ALL THE PROCEDURES AND AVIATION-RELATED TERMINOLOGY THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW - I HAD PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF FROM ASI - IT HAS PROVEN USEFUL AND PUT ME THAT STEP AHEAD OF PEOPLE.

OTHER PEOPLE SHOULD JOIN THE ASI COURSE. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN AVIATION - IT IS THE PLACE TO BE! IT IS WHERE YOU'LL START YOUR CAREER OFF.

*Kian Deighton
Now at TUI*



“

THERE ARE A LOT OF OPPORTUNITIES TO BE HAD AND A LOT OF ENRICHMENT TRIPS YOU WOULDN'T GET STUDYING AN AVIATION OPERATIONS COURSE ANYWHERE ELSE.

*Krystian Skrzypczak
Now a Dispatch Agent at
Swissport*



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ASI HELPED ME REALISE THAT MY DREAM WASN'T BEYOND MY REACH AND THAT WITH UNWAVERING DETERMINATION AND THE RIGHT SUPPORT, MY DREAM COULD BECOME REALITY. AND THAT IT DID.

WHEN I FIRST SET OUT ON THE PATH TO BECOMING A SEARCH AND RESCUE PILOT, I FACED VARIOUS CHALLENGES, INCLUDING THE NEED TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY SKILLS AND EXPERTISE. ASI STEPPED IN AND PROVIDED ME WITH THE TRAINING AND EDUCATION THAT FORMED THE BEDROCK OF MY JOURNEY.

*Emily Evans
Now a Helicopter Pilot at
Bristow Group*

Newark Cultural Heart

A video case study of Newark town centre business owners and managers engaging with the events programme can be found [here](#).

Newark Castle Gatehouse

A video case study of research volunteers' experience and contribution to the project can be found [here](#).

YMCA CAV Case Studies



Gaining qualifications at the Village

I have completed my NVQ Level 2 in childcare and I am also halfway through completing my level 3 as well. This has been possible because the YMCA are working in partnership with Lincoln College. I have also completed a course recently on manual handling which I use in my everyday practice to allow the children to move around safely and still be able to access our activities comfortably and safely. The YMCA is great place for me to learn both practically and academically.

I love to use the facilities after I finish work. I use the gym and the running track to keep healthy and happy. I also enjoy having a coffee in our YMCA cafe.

Apprenticeship through LC group
Molly Thurlby

Local young people who use our facilities. Please click on link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/t/quzkkqODTfoUYyON>



Local business using the managed workspace and uses the Village with the family.

The YMCA village has been a game changer for our family across multiple generations. Our children have both attended the nursery and also enjoy the bike track, climbing wall and themed days on a weekend. Their grandparents are fitness class regulars and often to be found in the cafe with friends. Jack, my husband plays football for Newark Town which again brings us all to the village on a weekend. We both utilise the cafe and office space as a change of scenery to work and meet client's mid-week. We are hugely grateful for the wonderful facilities and atmosphere that has been created by the YMCA village team.

Hannah Coe, Coe Media

- Love the community
- Super friendly and great staff
- Variety of activities on offer
- Great café and social spaces
- Lots of opportunities for children to try activities in a safe space
- Convenient to allow me to do activities while my children are being looked after.

Emma Hare, Customer & Yoga Teacher

People meeting at the Village, use the facilities and have become a community of friends



The YMCA is a wonderful place where I've met new people, made friends, and tried out different sports. The welcoming staff create an inclusive atmosphere that make it easy to connect with others and feel at home. It's a community where we are encouraged to get involved, try new sports and I'm even learning Italian! Being involved brings me happiness and joy.

Michelle

Joining the YMCA has been transformative. Part of the success is the creative way that strength & conditioning classes are run which is unlike any gym experience I've had before. The variety of classes also supports the gym sessions with Pilates, yoga and climbing. The staff in every area from cleaning and the café to the coaches are wonderful and really go out of their way to make you feel valued supported and part of something bigger. I've learned so much about my own capabilities and know I can now meet physical challenges in a way I didn't think possible. My physical health and confidence in physical activities has improved dramatically and I now feel future proofed against the coming years.

But it's the social aspect that has also improved my mental health. I've met people who have inspired me to carry on. I've made good friendships and really feel I'm part of something positive. As a group we are supportive of each other's struggles, and we meet up socially outside of the YMCA. We've set up our own Couch25K group and have 4 runners who have completed the programme with a further one about to complete. We've recently started an Italian conversation class, led by one of the YMCA staff. I'm sure there's lots more to come. At a time when older age can be a daunting prospect, the YMCA has opened the door to an alternative narrative which should really become part of a national standard.

Annie Cunningham

Case Study: Climbing

Tommy's Story

When Tommy first attended the YMCA NICAS (National Indoor Climbing Award Schemes) sessions, he was highly introverted and struggled to engage in conversation with his peers. Week by week, he came out of his shell, becoming a more confident climber and getting to know the other attendees. As his belaying and other technical skills advanced, he began teaching others what he'd learned. Tommy returned to us after the summer holidays for his second NICAS term at the Village.

Lily's Story

Lily was nervous about falling from the wall during her first WILD Climber session, so her coaches practised climbing and falling with her to build her confidence. Lily worked hard to reach new heights, and on the last day before the summer holidays, she made it past a challenging section, 2m off the ground, which gave her the confidence to go all the way to the top. Lily is currently our youngest WILD Climber to have made it to the top of our 15.5m wall, managing this incredible feat at the age of 5!

Case Study: Creative Academy

One of the YMCA's newest programmes, Creative Academy, has had an exciting year building a community of young people interested in performing and visual arts.

This year, the YMCA received funding to provide performing arts outreach work in collaboration with local education providers and youth groups in Newark and Sherwood. The YMCA was deeply grateful for the funding received, to provide a premium experience for the young people who attend, most of whom are from low-income backgrounds. 20% of participants live with mental health conditions such as anxiety and depression and 30% live with some form of learning disability.

Case Study: Legends Programme

The YMCA Legends strength and conditioning classes launched in January 2023 and are making a profound impact on the community of individuals aged 55 and over. With three weekly one-hour sessions, this self-funded initiative by the YMCA has become immensely popular, with two sessions per week always oversubscribed.

Most participants, in their mid-60s to 70s, have discovered a new path to fitness, mastering activities like deadlifting, squatting, bench pressing, and pushing sleds. These classes have not only built physical strength but also boosted confidence, enhancing their daily lives. What sets this programme apart is the sense of community it has fostered among the older members. After each invigorating session, they gather at the café, creating opportunities for new relationships and connections.

But it doesn't stop there, some members extend their journey to yoga and ballroom dancing, reinforcing the holistic approach to well-being that the YMCA provides for all ages in the local community.

Case Study: Orchard School

Recently, the YMCA welcomed 20 enthusiastic children from Orchard Special School to a tailored fitness class designed exclusively for them. It was a day of discovery and excitement as they explored equipment rarely available, including the outdoor apparatus, sparking their curiosity.

This experience opened doors for these children, granting them the chance to try new movements and equipment not typically available to them.

The joy and enthusiasm radiated from every child, creating a vibrant atmosphere filled with laughter and shared accomplishments. They left very excited, eager to return for more.

This initiative is a great example of collaborative working with other partners involved in youth development in the community. Together, opportunities can be created for young people that they may not otherwise be able to access.

YMCA Newark & Sherwood Programme Case Studies

Case Study: Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Project

This initiative, funded by Newark and Sherwood District Council, aims to empower young people from the traveller community. Each week, families – mostly Mums and Daughters, get together to learn and have fun through the facilities and youth work provision at the YMCA Village.

The first hour is all about sports – a blend of climbing, gym workouts, football, tennis, golf, basketball, and dancing. It's a chance to try out new sports they might not have encountered otherwise. In the second hour, they enjoy studying English together.

On average, eight attendees gather each week, mostly secondary school girls, with several Year 6 students. Parents with younger children are supported through the YMCA Nursery, which kindly offers a space to play for younger siblings, free of charge, while the programme sessions are running.

One of the most memorable moments for many participants was a visit to the Holocaust Centre in Newark, an eye-opening experience that broadened their horizons.

Beyond sports, this journey encompasses more: meal preparation and cooking, enlightening workshops on healthy eating from ABL Health, and drama workshops that kindle their creativity.

The outcomes are heart-warming. These sessions help children integrate into their community, fostering new skills, and nurturing their commitment to attending weekly.

Their feedback tells the story best:

"I made it to the top of the Climbing Wall! I really enjoyed the gym and trying out equipment that I have never used before. I had competitions with my friends to see who could burn the most calories. This made exercising in the gym fun."

"I loved cooking and being able to take it home. It was great to learn new skills. I designed a poster which I had never done before. The Climbing Wall is so cool."

Violet's Story

Violet is a wonderful girl who joined in February 2023 after being encouraged to attend by a friend. She attends a local special-needs school and has developmental delay which affects her fine motor skills, as well as her cognitive processing and attention span.

Violet was well received and supported by the group from the start. She was assigned a buddy – a more senior member of the group – who helped her learn the choreography, while coaching and refining her performance skills. Violet grew in confidence over several months, culminating in a performance in front of a large audience at The High Sheriff of Nottingham's Induction at the Village.

Violet's parents were delighted, seeing their daughter overcome communication, cognitive, and social barriers to build bonds with the young people of the group.

One of the Creative Leaders reflected: "Violet's confidence grew week on week, and her parents were over the moon to see her perform to over two hundred people with a huge smile on her face."

Eleanor's Story

Eleanor had never ventured into the world of Performing Arts, held back by anxiety and tics, a consequence of her Tourette's Syndrome. A diagnosis of Autism and a tumultuous history of attending 14 different schools further compounded her challenges.

But Eleanor's journey took a remarkable turn when she joined our half-term Performing Arts workshops. Here, she found an immediate connection with a fellow participant from our Creative Academy programme, which runs during term time. This bond became the bedrock for Eleanor to develop confidence, social skills, and a newfound sense of self-esteem throughout the week.

As the year unfolded, she continued her journey, stepping into lead roles in several performances. What was most astounding was that her tics remained dormant throughout our sessions. When asked the secret, Eleanor simply replied, "It's because I'm happy here, and my anxiety disappears."

Eleanor has since cultivated a genuine passion for the Performing Arts, selecting Drama for her GCSE exams and auditioning for various school shows. Her experience with the Creative Academy also influenced her choice of work experience, leading her to embrace an Arts-based environment.



Report to: PPIC - 25th November 2024
Portfolio Holder: Emma Oldham – Climate and the Environment
Director Lead: Matt Finch – Director of Communities and Environment
Lead Officer: Ryan Oliff – Waste and Recycling Manager
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Report Summary	
Report Title	Update for Kerbside Glass Recycling Scheme
Purpose of Report	To inform members of the current performance and future risks of the glass recycling project
Recommendations	That the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee note: a) the current status of the project; and b) Officers to provide further updates where required.

1.0 Background

- 1.1 A kerbside glass recycling collection commenced on Monday, 8 April 2024 following 8 weeks of distributing wheeled bins to residents across the district. A total of 41,212 bins were delivered by the sub-contractor of the bin manufacturer over this time period.
- 1.2 By default, we opted out all of the residents from the area covered by local charity Recycling Ollerton Boughton but gave those residents the option to opt in to the Newark & Sherwood District Council (NSDC) scheme. At the same time, we gave all other residents the option to opt out of the scheme.
- 1.3 5.3% of residents from the non-ROB area had opted out at the time of the distribution and 11.6% of ROB residents had opted in. This resulted in a slightly lower uptake (circa 3,000) than expected based on our initial modelling . The distribution teams had lists of these exceptions as well as assisted collections to ensure the bins were taken onto the property. We were contacted by a small number of properties that were missed during the rollout so we delivered to these at the earliest opportunity through a combination of our own teams or mop up teams from the contractor. Unfortunately, the rural nature of some of the district did occasionally prove problematic to the teams who had travelled from Great Yarmouth and Essex to carry out the deliveries.
- 1.4 The kerbside scheme has been running for over 7 months with all residents receiving 4 collections by the end of week commencing 11 November 2024.

- 1.5 The introduction of the kerbside collections coincided with the gradual removal of the 42 bottle bank sites from across the district. These 'igloo' style containers were the property of the Glass Recycling UK (GRUK) so they put in a programme to remove these following a meeting with officers in the middle of March. As there were between 1 and 8 banks across each of the 42 sites and they could only remove 3 or 4 per journey, the gradual removal took around 3 months to complete.
- 1.6 There were 8 high performing sites that were identified as suitable to be replaced with our own specially designed and colour matching 4 wheeled containers (figure 1), and these were delivered as soon as we were aware that the bottle banks had been removed by GRUK.
- 1.7 We collected 65% of the total volume of glass from these 8 sites with the other 34 sites combined yielding the other 35%.

Figure 1



2.0 Details of Current Performance

Operational Performance

- From April to October 2023, 831.27 tonnes of glass was collected from bottle banks for recycling.
 - From April to October 2024, 1259.5 tonnes has been collected from our transfer station as well 93.74 tonnes collected from bottle banks during the period that they were being phased out (collected by the contractor), a total of 1353.24 tonnes.
- 2.1 This is an increase of **62.8%** in the amount of glass collected over the 7 month period compared to the same period last year.
 - 2.2 The amount of material being collected over each 8-week cycle has been increasing and we collected 100 tonnes more in the last full cycle compared to the first one. This is likely to coincide with the distribution of the containers which replaced the bottle banks.
 - 2.3 The tonnage collected so far is following the expected tonnage of the higher estimate of an 80% capture rate which would yield 2,400 tonnes per annum.
 - 2.4 It is also worth noting that we have not experienced a Christmas / New Year period yet. Previous years have seen an increase in glass collected in bottle banks of 25-30% in January.

Collections

- 2.5 To minimise any noise issues, the glass collection crews are starting later than other waste teams to delay the time that the first bin is being emptied. The number of negative comments or complaints have been very low and where concerns are raised, we have looked into ways the crews can vary the starting point of their round to lower the occasions from once every 8 weeks to once every 16 or 24 weeks.
- 2.6 We have been regularly adding properties and flat complexes over the past 6 months which were not initially included as part of the roll out. We deliberately built in capacity to expand the service to future proof for further housebuilding and as the glass vehicles cover all parts of the district already, adding more properties is usually a quick process of updating maps, notifying crews and updating the online bin-check calendars.
- 2.7 We are currently planning the implementation of delivering glass bins to the remote access properties such as farms. There are around 150 properties that have their waste collected with a 7.5t van with a bin lift. Some of these properties have only recently moved from a weekly refuse collections using bags, to alternate week recycling collections with wheeled bins. This change was made to ensure a sustainable and consistent service was provided to all. Providing glass bins will promote this even further and divert even more material from landfill.

Infrastructure

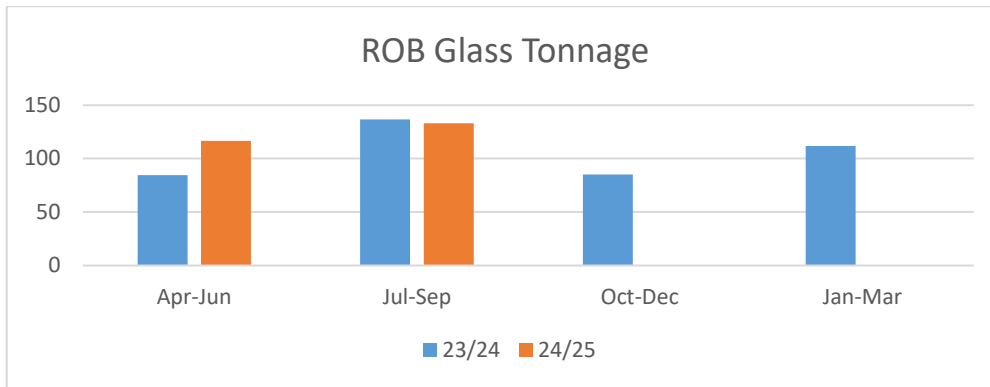
- 2.8 The glass transfer station was completed prior to the collections starting with very positive feedback by all users including the glass hauliers who have been collecting the glass.
- 2.9 The Environment Agency visited for the first time on the 17th May where they assessed the site and the details of the permit to ensure compliance. The report from the visit was very positive with no issues raised.

Contamination

- 2.10 Historically, glass has consistently found its way into the silver bins and from April 2023 to August 2023, this typically accounted for 8.2% of the contamination per month. Over the same period this year, it has halved to 4.1%. This suggests that the glass is being diverted from the silver recycling bin to the teal lidded glass bin. The amount of glass in the silver bins was already low at 0.9% of the total weight collected but this has fallen to 0.5%.
- 2.11 There have been no issues of contamination in the glass loads that are collected from the transfer station. The feedback from our contractor is that the quality is excellent and well below the 5% threshold.

Recycling Ollerton & Boughton (ROB)

- 2.12 As part of the consultation relating to the scheme, we promoted ROB as an option for all of those households that are able to receive that service. To help support any increase in requests for their glass service, we have funded the purchase of 1000 boxes. For the first half of this year, there has been an increase of 11% in the tonnage collected from ROB's depot.



Commercial Glass Collections

2.13 The glass recycling service was launched for trade customers in June 2024 following numerous requests and enquiries. The service is expanding quickly with 6 new customers in the last 4 weeks bringing the total number of customers receiving this service to 28. This brings in an income of £3,293 from the collections plus we receive the income from the sale of the glass. We cannot claim recycling credits for any commercial glass that is collected.

Financial implications – Recycling Credits

2.14 Recycling credits (glass only)

April	£8862.75	(83.28t kerbside + 43.06t bottle banks x £70.15)
May	£11,519.33	(136.76t kerbside + 27.45t bottle banks x £70.15)
June	£13,440.04	(168.36t kerbside + 23.23t bottle banks – 1.28t trade x £70.15)
July	£9839.24	(142.96 kerbside - 2.7t trade x £70.15)
August	£17,858.79	(258.08 kerbside – 3.5t trade x £70.15)
September	£9,891.15	(143.4 kerbside – 2.4t trade x £70.15)

Summary

2.15 The roll out of the glass recycling service has been a success, despite a slightly lower uptake of the service from households than expected, the yield captured from participating households has compensated for this by being better than predicted with significant amounts of additional material being captured. We anticipate that yields will peak over the festive period.

2.16 Work is continuing to ensure all households can access the service in one form or another and commercial customers are beginning to take up the new service where it is advantageous for them to do so.

3.0 Implications

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Financial Implications FIN24-25/2080

- 3.1 As the Glass Collection Service is very much still in its infancy; an accurate budget prediction was always going to be a difficult task, however; it comes with good news that each line of anticipated expenditure budget has come in either on target or below, for the first 6 months anticipating a favourable variance for outturn. Naturally, there have been savings in Vehicle Repair and Maintenance as the vehicles were new and under warranty.
- 3.2 The reduction in the pay award settlement originally predicted at 5% was settled at £1290 or 2.5% which ever was higher. Having said this, the Employers NI increase offset this saving and so resourcing this service is on target.
- 3.3 The table below shows a summary of what we anticipated the Budget for 2024/25 to look like and how we are matching up to this, doubling up on what we know in the first 6 months, as well as showing the MTFP for future years. This table shows an anticipated favourable variance in 2024/25 of circa £30,000.

	24/25 BUDGET	24/25 FORECAST OUTTURN	25/26 BUDGET	26/27 BUDGET	27/28 BUDGET
Number of Bins (both Non ROB and ROB)	44,021	41,212			
Uptake from Residence in the ROB Area	13.34%	11.60%			
Total Tonnage (for both Non ROB & ROB)	2,184	2,052			
Total Tonnage for Bring sites	499	499			
Recycling Credit per Tonne	£69.11	£70.15			
Sale of Glass per Tonne	£82.50	£82.50			
Expenditure					
Staff (4 drivers & 4 loaders)	£279,660	£279,520	£279,510	£287,890	£296,530
R&R - Transfer Station	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500	£2,500
R&R - 2.5 Vehicles	£20,000	£20,600	£20,000	£20,000	£20,000
R&R - Operational Contamination	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000
Clothing, Uniforms, PPE	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000	£2,000
Vehicle Running Costs	£120,000	£70,000	£123,600	£127,310	£131,130
Bin Replacement	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000	£30,000
	£459,160	£409,620	£462,610	£474,700	£487,160
Income 93131					
Income Generated from Glass Recycling	(£221,400)	(£210,500)	(£225,830)	(£230,350)	(£234,960)
Additional Recycling Credits	(£151,000)	(£144,000)	(£154,020)	(£157,100)	(£160,240)
reduction in recycling credits for bring sites	£34,490	£35,000	£35,000	£35,000	£35,000
	(£337,910)	(£319,500)	(£344,850)	(£352,450)	(£360,200)
TOTAL INCOME & EXPENDITURE	£121,250	£90,120	£117,760	£122,250	£126,960
(FAVOURABLE)/UNFAVOURABLE against orig. budget		(£31,130)			

Background Papers and Published Documents

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Report to **Policy and Performance Improvement Committee Meeting 25.11.24**

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Report Summary	
Reason for report	Performance Report
Report Title	Community Plan Performance for Quarter 2
Purpose of Report	To present the Quarter 2 Community Plan Performance Report (July – September 2024)
Recommendations	That the Policy and Performance Improvement Committee review the Community Plan Performance Report attached as Appendix 1 and the Compliance report attached as Appendix 2 .

1.0 Background

We continue to deliver an approach to performance that is used to drive improvement rather than being simply used as a counting device. We are doing this by analysing data and progress against key activities as well as building a picture of the context of performance using district statistics, customer feedback and workforce information.

The development of this report details the Quarter 2 performance and includes activities delivered within the quarter.

2.0 Proposal/Options Considered and Reasons for Recommendation

That the Policy and Performance Improvement Committee review the Community Plan Performance Report (Appendix 1) and the Compliance Report (Appendix 2).

3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability, and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

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Performance Report

2024-25 Q2

1 July to 30 September 2024

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Introduction

We at Newark and Sherwood District Council aim to do everything we can to enable local residents and businesses to flourish and fulfil their potential, as well as encourage visitors to enjoy all that our area has to offer. How we intend to achieve this purpose is laid out in our Community Plan. This plan was informed by the views of residents and lays out the Council's objectives over four years as well as the activities that will help achieve these objectives. Our 2024-27 Community Plan is now in place and a performance framework has been drafted. As this is finalised, it will become the how we will measure the performance of our objectives as of Quarter 2 2024/25. It will continue to contain key performance indicators; a combination of qualitative and quantitative data and it will expand on the current measures around objectives.



This report examines how the Council has been performing against the Community Plan. It examines data to look at the performance of key services and delivery against the activities outlined in the plan. This report examines the Council's performance and achievements from 1 June to 30 September 2024 (Quarter 2).

We know the value of understanding our performance as this knowledge allows us to embed and disseminate good practice and quality service delivery, as well as identify and tackle areas for improvement. The Council's performance is measured in four parts;



Our District

A basket of data indicators which allow us to examine how our district is performing in key areas, acting as a form of 'health check'.

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Our Customers

A look at what our customers are telling us about the services they receive and insight into how we are learning from customer feedback.

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Our Performance

How we are delivering against the objectives we outline in the Community Plan.

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Our Workforce

To understand how the Council's staff are performing and how we are supporting staff. This is important as a positive and motivated workforce is more likely to be high performing.

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OUR DISTRICT

About Newark and Sherwood (2021 Census)...



A resident population of 122,956 (14.9% of Nottinghamshire's population).

There are 53,332 dwellings in the district, 38.5% are owned outright, 31.3% are owned with a mortgage or loan, 13.9% are socially rented, 16.3% are private rented around 10% directly owned by the Council .

92.7% of the district population were born in the UK.

60.5% of the district's population are working age (16 to 64), 17% are 16 years or younger and 22.4% of the population are over the age of 65. For those over the age of 65, this percentage has increase by 3.5% when compared to the 2011 census demonstrating a growing older population when compared to the 2021 census.

In terms of socio-economic challenges, 16.2% of households do not own a car or van, 0.8% of households do not have a form of central heating and 19.1% of residents do not have any formal qualifications.

Performance of our district

This data tells us something about our district in Quarter 2 (1 June to 30 September 2024). Most of these indicators are not factors we can directly affect, only influence, but they add context to the work we undertake.

Planning: The number of planning applications we receive gives an indication of the level of construction planned in the district. When compared to the same period of last year, commercial applications have increased by 4, residential applications have decreased by 21, non-major applications have decreased by 40 and major applications have decreased by 8.

The number of applications being received nationally continues to be low, reflected within our numbers when compared to corresponding period in previous years. As previously reported, it is anticipated that the lower numbers are as a result of the introduction of mandatory biodiversity net gain (introduced on 14th February 2024). Furthermore, it is assumed that there is a precautionary approach in the residential sector at present following a change in Government. Noting potential government planning reforms and revised NPPF, it is anticipated that planning applications for residential could rise over the next 6 to 12 months.

Footfall: The figure generated by all 10 sensors in Newark during this quarter was 7,090, a 3.7% increase from the previous quarter. Looking exclusively at the original 5 sensors in the town centre, average daily footfall was 2,872, roughly the same as the figure reported during Q1 (2,876). The increase could be a result of the summer holidays and the larger number of town centre events and installations taking place in Newark, such as Newark Book Festival and Book Bench Trail, Fish Boy, the return of Newark on Sea, music in the Castle Gardens, Newark Festival and Stage Four of the Tour of Britain. There was also an improvement in the national economy, as inflation decreased – potentially encouraging more people to visit and spend in Newark. On a month-by-month basis average footfall during this quarter was at its highest in August (7,193 visitors per day), however this still did not exceed the highest month of 2024 so far, which was February (7,308 visitors per day on average).

**please note, footfall figures are not currently being compared against last year due to the installation of the 5 new sensors.*

Unemployment: unemployment is represented as a model based percentage is 1% higher this Quarter when compared to the same quarter in 2023/24, and 0.1% higher than when compared to last quarter.

- Quarter 2 2023/24—2.8%
- Quarter 2 2024/25—3.8%

OUR CUSTOMERS



Exploring our performance...

In this section of the report we look at a few key measures of customer interaction to monitor how we interact with our customers, and we look at what our customers are telling us about the services they receive. We analyse these comments and show how we are learning from customer feedback.

Interactions with the Council — Service Demand

This information gives an indication of demand for council assistance **year to date**:

- **3,885 face to face contacts** were held at Castle House, a **1.4% decrease** when compared to the same period of last year.
- **27,202 calls** were received by the contact centre, a **2.5% increase** when compared to the same period of last year.
- **4,641 calls** were received by responsive repairs, a **26.2% decrease** when compared to the same period of last year.
- **11,526 digital web form transactions** were completed by our customers, a **2.5% increase** when compared to the same period of last year.



CUSTOMER FEEDBACK



Customer Feedback

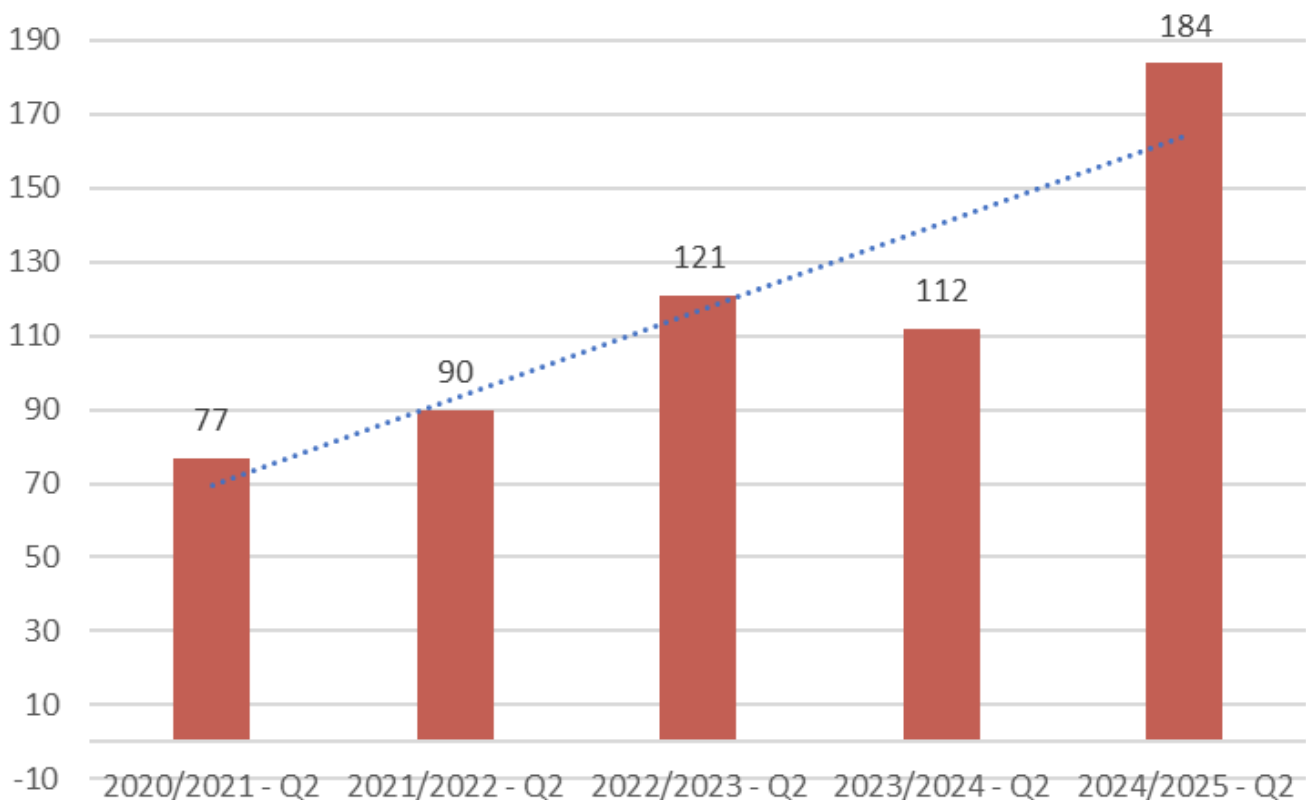
Both positive and negative feedback is important to us as it provides us with customer opinion, it allows us to recognise what areas need improvement and provides opportunity for us to learn. It can act as an early warning of problems that may otherwise stay unseen until they become a larger problem, which can then take up significant resource and time to remedy.

Because feedback is important to us, we actively encourage our customers to provide it. This coupled with changes to the complaint handling timelines, as outlined below, mean we have seen an upward trajectory recorded.

Complaints Received

During Quarter 2 we received 184 Stage 1 complaints. The 5-year period outturn demonstrates an increasing trend overall as shown by the trendline in the chart below. This period has seen a 39% increase in the number of complaints received when compared to Quarter 2 of 2023/24. Nationally and locally there is a greater emphasis on the promotion and reporting of complaints, especially relating to Housing.

We have amended our Customer Complaints and Feedback Policy, including changes to the complaints acknowledgment and response timescales to meet the requirements of the Housing Ombudsman Complaint Code. These changes need to be embedded into our complaints handling software and we are working with our software provider to implement these changes.



Figures shown include complaints which were subsequently withdrawn

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK



Analysis of our customer feedback also enabled us to identify and tackle a specific issue:

Area of improvement...

Council tax demands were received after the customer had made payment. The customer used an incorrect reference number during bank transfer and the payment did not reach the intended destination.

What we are doing to improve...

The payment was located in suspense account and allocated to the customer's account. Officers reminded that a suppression should be put on accounts where the customer claims payment has been made and this is then sent to Finance for payment to be traced. This will stop any reminders being issued unnecessarily.

Complaints by Business Unit

Due to the nature of their role the front facing services tend to attract the larger number of complaints. In Quarter 2 most complaints received were for the following 3 services:

Housing Maintenance and Asset Management received 70 complaints, accounting for 38% of all submissions. Of these, 16 were due to delays in service delivery, and 11 were related to Officer standard/quality of work. Additionally, 10 complaints concerned the delay in or lack of communication, 9 were received for delay/lack of action and 8 each were regarding External agent (conduct/attitude) and Officer (standard /quality of work). A further 8 complaints were received in singular or smaller numbers.

Environmental Services received 36 complaints, representing 20% of all complaints for the quarter. The majority were for, Service delivery (Missed action), all of which concerned Missed Bins. Officer (standard/quality of work) received 6 complaints and a further for were for Officer (service decision/advice provided). A further 7 complaints were received in singular or smaller numbers.

Housing & Estates Management received 24 complaints, accounting for 13% of the total received. Of these, 8 were related to Officer conduct/attitude. Other complaints included potential data breach, safeguarding issues, and problems with communal areas in shared buildings. Additionally, there were four complaints each regarding Officer (service decisions/advice provided) and responsiveness (delay/lack of action). There were further reports in smaller or singular numbers for Service delivery (delay) and Other dissatisfaction (general)" including neighbour issues, staff conduct, and one request for bodycam footage.

Business Unit	No of Complaints	Complaints %
Housing Maintenance & Asset Management	70	38%
Environmental Services	36	20%
Housing & Estates Management	24	13%
Public Protection	10	5%
Heritage, Culture & visitors	10	5%
Planning & Development	8	4%
Revenues & Benefits	6	3%
Customer Services	5	3%
Elections & Democratic Services	3	2%
Housing Development, Regeneration & Strategy	3	2%
Housing Income & Leasehold Management	3	2%
Communications	2	1%
Corporate Property	2	1%
HR & Training	1	1%
Law & Information Governance	1	1%
Grand Total	184	100%

Includes complaints which were subsequently withdrawn

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK



Response Times

Of the 184 complaints submitted in Quarter 2, 110 of complaints received were responded to within the 10 working day timescale.

Housing Maintenance and Asset Management were late in responding to 34 of their 67 complaints received within the quarter. Housing and Estates Management received 22 complaints and missed the response the deadline for 6 of these. Other Business Units missing their complaints deadline are as follows:

- Street Scene/Grounds Maintenance - 3
- Waste & Transport - 3
- Public Protection/CCTV/ASB - 2
- Communications, Housing Income & Leasehold Management, Planning Development, Housing Development, Regeneration & Strategy, and Council Tax each missed 1 deadline.

The primary cause of these delays is due to recent changes in response criteria set by the Housing Ombudsman introducing a new 5-day acknowledgement period followed by a 10-day response deadline. The changes are currently being integrated into our reporting software, and staff training is scheduled to ensure compliance.

Suggestions

I have just submitted an on-line compliment regarding your refuse collection. I found it would be much simpler to make a complaint than to find a way to say something positive or make a suggestion.

Please consider making it much easier to do this as I nearly gave up. If it was more prominent it may result in people feeling more inclined to say something nice and viewing the council in a more positive light.

I'm sure you do some statistics on complaints and this may reduce the numbers if people made suggestions rather than complaints.



Thank you for taking the time to submit your feedback about how hard it is to find out how to leave us a compliment.

We regularly review the content of the website to make sure it is customer friendly and that information is easy to find, so your comments are particularly helpful.

We recently updated our feedback pages to bring them into line with the latest legislation, which puts the emphasis on to how to raise a grievance or complaint. It is important that our residents are able to tell us about issues easily.

However, it is still important for us to receive praise, as we do also need to know when we are getting it right! We have used the word 'compliments' but this did lead to some confusion with 'complaints'. We do want to make it as easy as possible for residents to submit comments, either positive or negative, so we will take your comments on board. Thank you again for contacting us.

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK

Suggestions

In Quarter 2, 11 suggestions were received, of which 3 were deemed to be service requests and 4 were subsequently withdrawn, 1 further correspondence was actually a complaint.

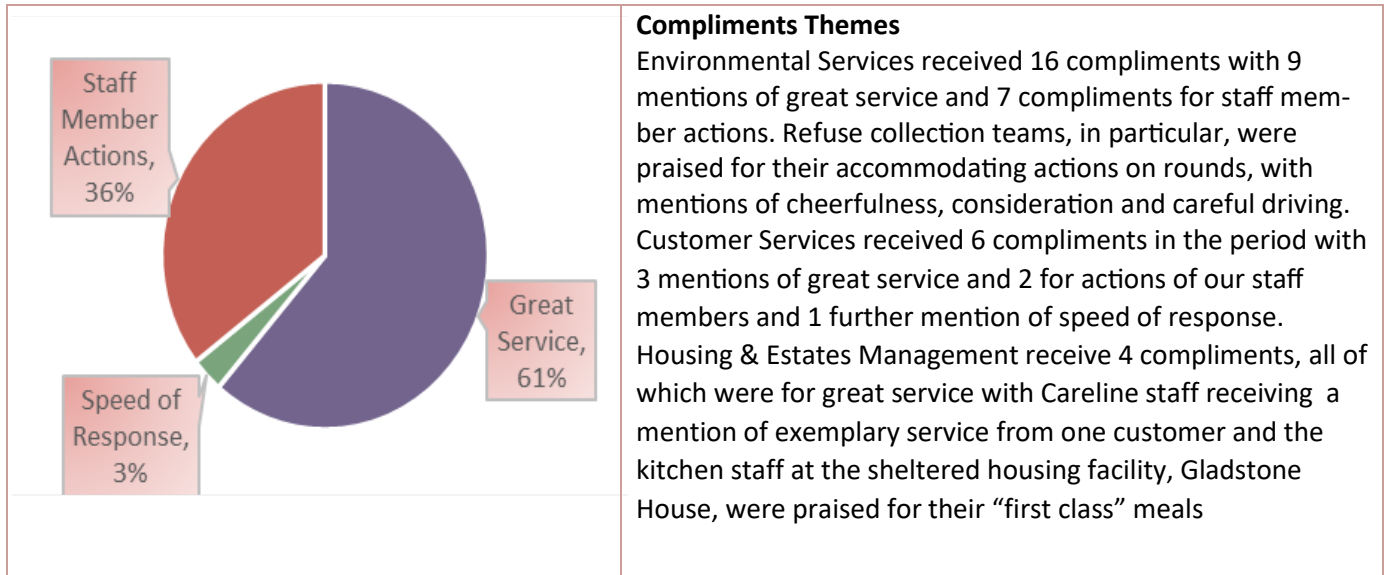
Suggestion	Response
<p>Sherwood Avenue play zone facilities We have paid our first of many visits. Great upgrade just a few points I would adjust... Needs more places to sit only 3 benches for the whole park area. Also add some more older children swings, maybe you could add them on grass near the zip line.</p>	<p>Thank you for the feedback – and we’re delighted that you’ve enjoyed your visit to see some of the new facilities. At this time, we have installed the zip-wire and the new children’s play area, but there is still much more to come – a new skatepark, water feature, active zone and nature area. More benches and seating areas will be installed as part of those developments.</p>
<p>The new payment system does not give a receipt number immediately when payment is made which is difficult and through the portal does not show list of historical payments with ref numbers which makes it hard to check and pay, I feel it will make it easier for people to have an additional reason/excuse to be late with payments or lack of payments please amend the system to have these features returned</p>	<p>I believe your suggestion related to the ability for you to log into an account whereby you would be able to review previous payments and that you did not see a receipt number when making a payment.</p> <p>In terms of the receipt number, on the final screen whereby the transaction is complete this shows a payment reference, an authorisation code and a transaction date and time. All of these are also included on the emailed receipt that is mailed to you once the transaction is complete. These therefore would replicate the receipt number from the previous system and would be our way of finding the transaction should a resident query this.</p> <p>In terms of the ability to log into an account and review a list of transactions, this was functionality that was included within the previous system. As we have changed providers for our Income Management System this functionality was not included within the scope of the new system, hence unfortunately there is currently no scope to review previous payments within an online system currently. It is something we will keep under review as to whether this is functionality that is required but at this time it isn’t something that we currently have.</p> <p>In order to combat people missing payments, the Council has facility for Direct Debits to be set up. Where this isn’t chosen to be set up, reminder notices would be issued where payments are missed, which are prior to any enforcement action (and hence prior to any additional fees being included), meaning there is ample time to make payments without additional fees being added for non payment.</p> <p>I hope that answers your suggestion, and I apologise that we cannot fully implement your suggestion at this time.</p>

CUSTOMER FEEDBACK



Praise

36 compliments were received with 19 People mentioning great service. Sixteen customers praised staff members for their actions and Speed of response was quoted once within the quarter.



Customer Comments

I went to the council office on 27th September with a problem with my council tax.
I was incredibly stressed, scared to go to the office and anxious. I would like to thank staff in reception who listened carefully to my explanation, helped to solve the problem and showed me how to use the computer to pay my tax.
In the future, I will have to go to the office again. I hope that I will be greeted with a smile, and staff have the patience to listen as this time.
Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

I just wanted to compliment the refuse staff who collect our bins.
My young daughter loves watching them out of the window and every week without fail they always acknowledge her and another little girl who watches too. They always look up and wave and it genuinely makes my little girl so happy,
Just wanted to let you know what a great job they are doing and how friendly they are!



Improve Health and Wellbeing

During Quarter 2, we have been working to deliver activities that align with the objectives outlined in our Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Our strategy focuses on several key areas, including identifying and reducing health inequalities within our district. There is a wide range of activities underway across the council, our partners, and our district to increase access to services and support, enhance access to parks and green spaces, provide safe cycle routes, and improve air quality and aesthetics. A key theme this quarter has been our role in facilitating and hosting to make connections between organisations in the sector and foster collaboration. This quarter's outputs include:

Frailty Identification and Support: We have worked with Newark and Sherwood Community and Voluntary Services (CVS) to map the prevalence of frail individuals over 65 years old living alone but who are not housebound. We supported CVS in expanding their 'Best Years' hub to four areas within the district, focusing on this demographic. These weekly hubs are now operational in:

- Newark
- Clipstone
- Southwell
- Collingham

Family Hubs support families with children from conception to 19 years of age. Health and wellbeing indices were used to identify Ollerton, and Hawtonville as locations of most need for Family Hubs. We supported the launch of the first Family Hub in Hawtonville, with Ollerton planned for roll out during 2025.

The 'Big Test' Initiative: The Big Test initiative is a district-wide test in Newark and Sherwood that aims to evaluate and improve systems and processes related to early help and family services, incorporating elements from the Front Door project and Family Hubs, with the goal of scaling successful elements to become standard practice. It was launched in July 2024.



Hospital Discharge and Housing Action Plan: We

organised and hosted the first workshop between ourselves and Sherwood Forest Hospital Trust to build stronger relationships for both organisations. The workshop focused on hospital discharge and housing, resulting in an action plan to remove systemic blockers for patients.

Promoting Healthy Eating: We hosted a social eating event as part of the Yorke Drive Fun Day to promote healthier, more nutritious and tasty food choices.

Work and Wellbeing: Our first Work and Wellbeing event, in partnership with Clipstone Parish Council and Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC) was held, with over 15 organisations in attendance.

We supported 'Know Your Numbers' week, a national campaign raising awareness about blood pressure. We conducted over 100 blood pressure checks in the community and workplaces, referring several individuals to healthcare services for elevated blood pressure.

FREE!

CLIPSTONE WORK AND WELLBEING EVENT

Wednesday 25 September, 3pm - 7pm
Clipstone Village Hall, 90 Church Road, Clipstone, NG21 9DL

Come along and visit our one-stop shop for health and wellbeing advice and support!

You will be able to speak to a wide range of local services about the help they offer. There will also be a children's corner with a free cooking demonstration from 4pm, plus much more!

For more information, please contact the Health Improvement team by calling 01636 650000 or emailing wellbeing@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk



Improve Health and Wellbeing

Careers in the Health Sector: This quarter, we facilitate introductions between Magnus Academy and Sherwood Forest Hospital Trust (SFHT) enabling the introduction of health as a career pathway via the CVS's Golden Thread programme. SFHT will also attend the upcoming Future First Expo to promote careers within the health service to our local community and secondary schools to improve access to health and social care.

Defibrillators in the Community: We have purchased a defibrillator and placed it on Cleveland Square Community Centre, we liaised with Newark Community First Aid are offering a Basic Life Support Course, including how to use a defibrillator.



Community Engagement in our Parks: This quarter, we have made significant strides in developing our parks to provide free play and exercise opportunities, as well as hosting inclusive and varied events. Some key highlights include:

- **Football Pitch Renovations:** The football pitches at Sconce and Devon Park renovations have been completed in readiness for the start of the season in September.
- **Guided Walks:** We organised 6 free guided walks across our parks, attended by approximately 15 people. Mark Speck, Northern Conservation Officer with the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust, was our special guest at Vicar Water and Sherwood Heath, where he led guided walks and share his knowledge of the wildlife and plants of the area.
- **Junior Ranger Sessions:** Held over the summer at Sconce and Devon Park and Vicar Waters for 8-12 Year olds. Sessions focused on the role of the Ranger, and gave children the opportunity to undertake some conservation activities.
- **Green Champions Scheme:** We now have 30 active participants in the district, and we have enabled them to become community litter pickers to support us in keeping the district clean and tidy.
- **Music Works:** We held our first music works event Vicar Water Country Park, in conjunction with Musicworks and Open Doors. Our trail took visitors through the park, with each stop along the way featuring a unique performance just for them. The event was free and suitable for all ages. It was attended by approximately 50 people.



Supporting Health and Wellbeing through Heritage and Culture:

At the Civil War Museum, we are working as one of 6 pilot centres on a project called 'Working Together for Health and Wellbeing', funded by GEM (Group for Education in Museums) and the Culture, Health and Wellbeing Alliance. Each museum involved in the project is exploring how museums and heritage sites can contribute to the health and wellbeing of local communities. This quarter we identified and enlisted a group, with whom we will co-create of a series of arts and nature wellbeing sessions which will be carried out between October 2024 and March 2025.



Improve Health and Wellbeing

Improving Cycling and Walking Infrastructure:

The Active Travel Report has been completed and will be presented to Cabinet for approval during Quarter 3.

Improving Air Quality: We continue to work towards cleaner air for our communities across the district. This quarter have supported in decision making, and undertaken research and inspections to achieve this aim.



- **Anti-Idling Campaign:** The use of deployable indicative air quality monitoring equipment is currently being trialled outside of Barnby Road Academy. Data has been obtained for both term-time and holiday periods. This will allow comparison to be made between the two and any impact on air quality arising from school traffic to be identified. Initial review of the data to date does not indicate that levels exceed the action level for vehicle emission sources.
- **Pollution Prevention and Control Measures:** To ensuring pollution from industrial processes is kept under control and that we comply with DEFRA inspection targets, we have undertaken 11 of the 12 Permit inspections scheduled for the quarter (92%) to ensure emissions are being controlled. Of these five had follow-up actions requiring the submission of additional information following the inspection
- **Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document:** For 57 planning applications consideration was given to the potential for an air quality impact. Two of these included air quality assessment reports with the application. We have also made comments in relation to air quality associated with the proposed dualling of the A46 through Newark.

Improving Green Infrastructure 'green' entrances and exits to and from estates and villages: Sixty-five out of eighty-seven towns and villages within our district have had their entrances/ exits located on maps for future greening, of these, sixteen have had their entrances/ exits photographed to show current appearance: Balderton, Bilsthorpe, Blidworth, Boughton, Caunton, Coddington, Eakring, Edwinstowe, Fernwood, Kings Clipstone, Kneesall, Little Carlton, Ompton, Rainworth, South Muskham and Wellow.

Landownership in being identified and necessary permissions sought to green-up these access routes.

Two sites in our ownership have been identified; Edwinstowe and Coddington. These sites are being used as prototypes for greening options at entrance/ exits. Plans are currently being drawn up to visualise schemes ranging from simple planting to more complex raingardens.

Financial Support for Households: We are committed ensuring all of our residents access the financial support they are eligible for, and have adopted a proactive approach to identifying potential eligible claimants. Due to the migration of working age Housing Benefit claims to Universal Credit, take up is focussed on maximising Council Tax Support. In addition to potential claims identified by new claims to Universal Credit, further work is being undertaken to identify those customers that may be entitled to Council Tax Support but have not made a claim yet. Potential claims are identified by investigating the daily download file from Department for Work and Pensions and contacting the customer by email or phone to encourage a claim to be submitted.

Council Tax Support claims are also being encouraged for customers who are applying for a Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) but are not currently in receipt of Council Tax Support.

This Quarter, 11 cases have been identified where there may be a possibility that, if claimed, Pension Credit (PC) may be awarded. In Partnership with Citizens Advice these households will be contacted with a view to completing a case review to see if they will qualify for PC and any other welfare benefits.



Improve the health and wellbeing of local residents

Measuring Success

Quarterly Indicators	Quarter 2 22/23	Quarter 2 23/24	Quarter 2 24/25	Target 24/25
Year to Date Indicators				
Number of User Visits - Active 4 Today (all)	492,064	578,024	506,055	500,000
Number of DFG grants awarded	34	21	49	Trend
Number of aids and adaptations delivered in Council homes	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	507	Trend
All Other Indicator Types				
Live Leisure Centre membership base (all)	11,024	11,788	11,718	11,500
Leisure Services - based on your experience; how likely are you to recommend us to a friend, family member, or colleague?	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	60.0%	60.0%
Average number of calendar days to process new council tax support applications	19.6	12.7	16.1	14.0
Average no of calendar days to process council tax support change in circumstances	7.7	10.3	31.6	7.0
Total council tax support claimants	6,682	6,726	6,701	Trend
Average no of working days to process new housing benefit claims	18.3	13.8	17.4	14.0
Average no of working days to process housing benefit change in circumstances	5.0	3.8	3.6	4.0
Total housing benefit claimants	3,709	3,534	3,151	Trend
% of businesses in the District with a 0 star food rating (major improvement necessary)	0.09%	0.00%	0.00%	0.17%
% of businesses in the District with a food hygiene rating of 3 or higher (generally satisfactory or above)	92.72%	98.00%	98.00%	98.00%



Improve the health and wellbeing of local residents

Exploring our performance...

Council Tax and Housing Benefit processing times have been impacted by the migration over to Universal Credit, as outlined below. We are redirecting resources and providing additional resources to target these indicators.

New Council Tax and Housing Benefit Claims: - The large and increased volume of Universal Credit downloads has impacted on processing time, but we anticipate seeing improvements from next quarter.

In order to target new claims and changes, resource has been redirected from other tasks to focus on clearing the backlog of Universal Credit downloads (there were 4,200 of these dating back to April) and a temporary on demand resource hired to end of December to focus on new claims. We are already seeing positive impacts.

As of 5 November the backlog has been eliminated and the daily downloads of Universal Credit notifications is up to date – we are receiving around 120 a day of these.

For the month of October the average processing times for new housing benefit and council tax support claims was 15.7 days, this is expected to be within target (14 days) for November onwards now that the backlog has been cleared.

Changes to Council Tax and Housing Benefit Claims - There have been 6,745 changes to process during Quarter 2 compared to 4,306 in Quarter 2 last year due to Universal Credit changes (a 56% increase). This has had a big impact on the average processing time as the team clears the backlog that had built up.

Housing Benefit changes are now being processed within the target of 4 days whereas changes to Council tax support for October was 14 days on average – down 11 days from the previous month. From November onwards it is expected that the processing time for changes to council tax support will be brought back into the target range of 4 days.





Increase Supply, Choice and Standard of Housing

What we have been doing this quarter;

Housing is one of the most fundamental and pressing issues affecting the quality of life, well-being, and economic development of our district. We are committed to increasing the supply, choice, and standard of housing in Newark and Sherwood, ensuring that everyone has access to decent, affordable, and suitable homes. To achieve this, we have set out to modernise and improve our Housing Management Systems (HMS) and Repairs Processes, regenerate our housing stock, tackle homelessness, support refugees, and support on the provision of affordable homes.

Housing Management System: The HMS implementation project continues with anticipated go-live of May 2025. In Quarter 2, the Repairs Finder and ASB modules have been finalised, and we have commenced the 'Engage' element, the customer self-serve portal, which is a key area of improved functionality with the new system.

The Yorke Drive Regeneration Scheme: Revised drawings were submitted to planning on the 15th October against the Yorke Drive reserved matters application. The application now covers the full estate regeneration (rather than multiple applications) including the pavilion and playing field provision. A further report is on the November Cabinet agenda.

Alexander Lodge held a launch event on 31st July 2024, which was attended by current and former residents, refugee families, elected members, and the Housing Portfolio Holder. The day featured popular activities like grow your own, plant pot decorating, and hook a duck, with educational partners taking referrals.

Alexander Lodge supported 26 people this quarter, with residents maintaining the accommodation to a good standard. A Facilities Site Supervisor has been appointed, which is improving the upkeep and turnover rate of accommodations. Anecdotal feedback from residents shows positives experiences, with residents and visitors specifically commenting positively on staff support and the quality of accommodation.





Increase Supply, Choice and Standard of Housing

Tackling Homelessness and the Effects of Homelessness.

Homelessness remains one of the most pressing social challenges of our time, affecting individuals and families across our communities. The new Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy for 2024-2027 aims to address this urgent issue through comprehensive and innovative approaches. By focusing on prevention, intervention, and support, this strategy seeks to reduce homelessness and mitigate its far-reaching effects, fostering a more inclusive and supportive society for all. This quarter we have undertaken the following:

- **Homeless Women’s Census 2024:** We led on the county wide Homeless Women’s Census to identify numbers of women homeless and not having a safe place to stay. The week-long census gathered data about women’s experiences around homelessness directly from women across the district and indirectly through services and agencies that support women vulnerable to homelessness. 22 surveys were completed by women during that week, with 18% women being from the Newark and Sherwood District, with an additional 79 women identified by other services and agencies as not having a safe place to stay across the county over a 3-month period. This will feed into our strategy as part of our targeted delivery plan.
- **Effects of Homelessness:** Looking at relevant data, it has been identified that numbers of suicides and drug related deaths within the rough sleeper community are high, even after accommodation has been secured. To enable appropriate and targeted support as part of our delivery plan, we have agreed arrangements with the Nottinghamshire Safeguarding Adults Board to consider all rough sleeper deaths across the county for a Safeguarding Adults Review.
- **The Furniture Project** continues to support our tenants and homeless households’ source affordable furniture. When considering tenure, this quarter 64% of referrals have been for those living in or moving into a council owned property.

Women’s Rough Sleeping Census

Newark and Sherwood District Council is participating in the Women’s Census!

In the last week of September, we will be talking to women about their recent experiences of not having a safe place to stay. This research will help us understand women’s experiences with homelessness and rough sleeping and advocate for improved support and services for women.

Can you tell us about your experience of homelessness ?

We’d love to help you help! We have a short survey to complete with you this week, from the 23rd to the 29th of September.

Your participation is completely anonymous; we won’t ask for your name or any personal details about you.

Ask a member of staff about the women’s census survey

If you’re interested in taking part, please speak to a member of staff to find out more. The survey is open to all women and non-binary people who have recently experienced having nowhere to stay and feel connected to the survey’s gender-related themes.



This research is being organised and led by Single Homeless Project and Solace.





Increase Supply, Choice and Standard of Housing

Housing Allocation Scheme: The Draft Allocation Scheme Report was presented to Cabinet in July and was approved for consultation release. An 8-week consultation period commenced on 2 September 2024. The consultation is on our website, and copies were distributed to local registered providers and support agencies. The NSDC Tenant Sounding Board have been approached for their feedback. The Consultation closes on 1 November 2024.

Supporting Affordable Housing: During Quarter 2, the consultation on the Draft Interim Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) and Draft Solar Energy SPD consultation closed and the Planning Policy Board endorsed the presentation of the document to the July Cabinet.

Arkwood Developments Ltd:

In May 2018, the council incorporated Arkwood Developments Limited to develop open market housing for sale. The key objectives of the company are to support housing growth that meets existing and emerging needs of Newark and Sherwood District Council, to bring forward sites that other private sector developers are not interested in developing, develop mix of house types to meet local demand, to prevent land banking, and to provide additional income stream to the council to fund its services.

A development has commenced for 32 houses in Manea, Cambridgeshire.

In Wirksworth, Derbyshire, contract terms have been agreed with a build partner to enable us to enter into contract for 30 houses, subject to successful planning permission being granted.

In Long Benington, we secured land for development with a conditional exchange of contracts subject to planning permission. We are progressing pre-application works, including site surveys and designs in readiness for submitting a Planning Application by Quarter 4 2024.



Measuring Success

Quarterly Indicators	Quarter 2 22/23	Quarter 2 23/24	Quarter 2 24/25	Target 24/25
Year to Date Indicators				
Responsive Repairs - telephony - average length of time to answer call (seconds)	60.0	77.0	No Data Rec'd	60.0
Number of all tenants who have been evicted for rent arrears	0	0	2	Trend
Number of calls received by Responsive Repairs call handlers	11,611	11,881	10,219	Demand
Number of commercial planning applications	14	5	9	Trend
Number of residential planning applications	98	75	54	Trend
Number planning applications - major	37	19	11	Trend
Number planning applications - non-major	530	403	363	Trend
Number of private housing disrepair complaints received	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	48	Trend
Number of notices issued relating to private rented properties	New For Q1 23/24	0	1	Trend
% of repairs reported online	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	No Data Rec'd	Trend

Exploring our performance

Planning: The number of planning applications we receive gives an indication of the level of construction planned in the district. When compared to the same period of last year, commercial applications have increased by 4, residential applications have decreased by 21, non-major applications have decreased by 40 and major applications have decreased by 8.

The number of applications being received nationally continues to be low, reflected within our numbers when compared to corresponding period in previous years. As previously reported, it is anticipated that the lower numbers are as a result of the introduction of mandatory biodiversity net gain (introduced on 14th February 2024). Furthermore, it is assumed that there is a precautionary approach in the residential sector at present following a change in

Measuring Success

All Other Indicator Types	Quarter 2 22/23	Quarter 2 23/24	Quarter 2 24/25	Target 24/25
Average time spent in temporary accommodation (weeks)	8.5	13.6	10.8	13.0
Average time to re-let Council properties (days)	25.1	29.6	40.5	28.0
Amount of current arrears as a % of annual rent debit	1.73%	1.49%	1.89%	2.10%
% of rent collected from current tenants as a % of rent owed	98.3%	98.3%	97.9%	98.5%
Amount of current arrears	£429,342	£388,115	£546,641	£500,000
Average "End to End" time for all reactive repairs (calendar days)	15.3	15.4	19.6	16.0
% of repairs completed at first visit	88.5%	91.2%	87.9%	93.0%
% of homes with a valid gas certificate	87.5%	99.5%	98.8%	100.0%
% of homes with Electrical Installation Condition Report (EICR) certificates up to five years old	98.9%	99.3%	99.5%	100.0%
Number of homes delivered through our housing development company Arkwood	29	60	87	Trend
Number of plots commenced to-date through our housing development company Arkwood	87	87	119	Trend
Number of long term empty properties in the district	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	845	Trend

Exploring our performance

Reletting Council Properties – Process and resource issues continue to impact on our time to re-let our residential properties, combined with an increase in properties becoming vacant. We have undertaken a review of our processes and resourcing, including an external audit. The result of this has been a request for additional resources. We have re-let a number of longer term vacated properties this quarter but still anticipate performance to remain below target in Quarter three. It is unlikely the performance will improve until additional resources are in place. This indicator will not meet it's target in the 2024/25 period.

Gas Compliance - 31 cases are with our legal team. Cases can take three to four months to get to court or resolution. Contractor performance has improved, but we are not operating a full two months in advance as there as been a shortage of engineers. We are undertaking weekly meetings with the contractor to improve performance , as well as undertaking high level monitoring on a daily basis. The contractor is currently finishing in-house training on a number of engineers to increase the resources and we are seeing gradual improvement each quarter, and we anticipate being able to see more measurable improvements towards our target by the end of the 2024/25 reporting period.



Raise peoples' skills levels and create employment opportunities for them to fulfil their potential

We have several key initiatives aimed at boosting economic development, employment opportunities, and raising skill levels in our district. These include a review and adoption of a new Sustainable Economic Development and Visitor Economy Strategy for 2023-2028, the redevelopment of the Clipstone Holdings site with sustainable industrial units, the delivery of the 'Shared and Rural Prosperity Fund Programmes' up to March 2025, the reinvigoration of Invest Newark and Sherwood, and the annual review of the 'Infrastructure Funding Statement' to support identified priorities.

Clipstone Holdings site redevelopment: The Planning Application for Phase 1, the commercial units, has been submitted. This will provide a range of high quality, affordable and energy efficient commercial units. Subject to approval, we are looking to commence on site in 2025.

Shared and Rural Prosperity Fund Programmes: UKSPF and REPF projects continue to progress in the final year of the current tranche of funding (ending March 2025). Projects supported sit across 3 investment themes of communities and place, people and skills and supporting local businesses.

Outputs within Quarter 2 include:

- 84 additional participants enrolled onto UKSPF skills and employment programmes
- 96 additional residents completing volunteering
- 53 additional businesses receiving 121 support or guidance to improve processes, increase productivity or introduce new to firm
- 60 additional participants in UKSPF education or training
- 26 community events delivered

Some examples of businesses supported this quarter through UKSPF and REPF include:

- The Sherwood Food and Drink Company, Hockerton, received funding through REPF towards the purchase of key manufacturing and production equipment to support the scale up of their local oat-based milkshake business, 'Devoated'. The project safeguarded two jobs, supported the future recruitment of one job, introduced new products to market to help significantly grow the business.
- Norwood Park Events Venue, and Golf course invested in EV chargers with UKSPF support, enhancing their facilities and promoting greener transport.

The owner of Devoated, Oliver Christy

"The Rural England Prosperity grant funding has been instrumental and essential in enabling us scale up our operations and support our business plan...we have been able to fit out our unit and purchase equipment much quicker than we would have otherwise been able to do."

Chief Executive of Norwood Park, Events Venue and Golf course, Tim Eatherington.

"The EV chargers are a great addition to our facilities, as they allow us to accommodate more customers and guests, and also encourage them to use greener modes of transport. The grant funding from UKSPF has been very helpful in making this project possible."

Measuring Success

Quarterly Indicators	Quarter 2 22/23	Quarter 2 23/24	Quarter 2 24/25	Target 24/25
Year to Date Indicators				
Total number of people supported to access education or training through UKSPF	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	126	Trend
Number of businesses receiving non-financial support (e.g. 1-2-1/workshops)	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	98	Trend
Number of work experience placements offered at differing levels of education within NSDC	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	21	Trend
Number of apprenticeships commenced at all educational levels within NSDC	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	1	Trend
All Other Indicator Types				
Newark Beacon - % of occupied units	97.2%	67.3%	83.3%	88.0%
Commercial Property - % occupied units	98.6%	100.0%	100.0%	95.0%
Sherwood Forest Arts and Crafts - % of occupied units	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	95.0%
Newark town centre footfall count (average visitors per day)	New For Q3 23/24	New For Q3 23/24	7,090	7,000



Reduce Crime and Anti-social Behaviour

What we have been doing this quarter;

We understand that crime and anti-social behaviour can significantly impact the quality of life of our residents and communities and are committed to working with our partners and stakeholders to implement a range of measures and strategies to prevent and tackle crime and anti-social behaviour and improve the feelings of safety and well-being across our district.

A draft Community Safety Partnership Strategy and associated Delivery Plan has been produced and is being reviewed by the Community Safety Partnership.

Situational Crime Prevention.

Using CCTV and Improving lighting: The ASB re-deployable cameras have remained in the same locations within Quarter 2 with no new deployments:

- Newark town centre (Wilson Street) and London Road/Library Gardens – both cameras were due to be removed however at the point of removal, further incidents occurred. Both areas are repeated ASB hotspot locations, particularly during the summer months.
- Churchill Drive, Hawtonville – the incidents reduced following the initial installation in April 2024. The camera has remained in situ to deter over the summer months and to support the new PSPO introduced in this area.
- Kneesall Village – CCTV was installed due to the severity of crime and ASB perpetrated by residents. Injunctions were secured and have been served on the individuals involved.

This quarter, there have been 40 positive outcomes (arrest or Police/Council intervention) resulting from CCTV intervention.

In this same period, the CCTV Control Room were proactive in identifying 83 incidents for the police to follow up, and reactive to 259 requests from Police or Council officers.

A Certificate of Lawfulness, made as part of Safer Street 5, for the proposed erection of 2 lighting columns and 1 mounted CCTV was issued for Heron Way Car Park Balderton. The Certificate confirms that works can be undertaken as Permitted Development and are scheduled to commence in Quarter 3.

Permitted Development approval has been given for the installation of CCTV and Lighting to St Mary's Garden. Church faculty application has been submitted and is awaiting approval.

Nights of Action: During Quarter 2 we undertook weekly high visibility Hot Spot patrols in Newark Town Centre and Hawtonville. ASB hotspots, such as the Cemetery in Newark were also visited. This equated to equating to 104 hours in addition to normal patrols of the district. A night of action in Southwell was undertaken, where we raised awareness and engaged with members of the public.





Reduce Crime and Anti-social Behaviour

Rural Crime and ASB Prevention:

Environmental Crime Reduction:

Fly-tipping is a significant issue across the country but in a report released this year, Newark and Sherwood District Council has been ranked highly for the efficient way in which their officers respond to incidents and deal with offenders. In the Government's Local Authority League Table, Newark and Sherwood has been ranked as the best district or borough in Nottinghamshire and has scored 2nd place across the whole of the East Midlands for incident to Fixed Penalty Notice ratio and 4th for FPN totals.

The concession contract with District has continued over the course of Quarter 2 with Fixed Penalty Notices being issued for environmental offences including littering. The data is contained in the performance indicators underpinning the Community Plan.

In Quarter 2 we issued

- 36 Fixed Penalty Notices for fly tipping
- Five notices on a business for failure to produce waste transfer and waste carrier documentation.
- Two notices for abandoned vehicles
- Six CPNW notices in relation to environmental crime.
- One section 59 notice on a landowner for failing to secure their property against repeated fly tipping incidents and neglecting to remove accumulated waste
- 239 fines for littering and dog fouling

In September we ran a joint operation with the Police and the Environment Agency conducting vehicle stops and checks in the Newark area and joint inspections of Waste and Scrap sites in the vicinity. On this occasion we didn't find any vehicles to stop, the main focus was on site inspections and the vehicles spotted had been checked previously so we knew they were compliant.

We have also adopted a new public space protection order to prevent unauthorised access for certain vehicles to Eakring Road. Eakring Road has been used as an access point for vehicles to enter Sherwood Forest where industrial-scale fly-tipping has taken place over many years.





Reduce Crime and Anti-social Behaviour

Community Crime Prevention

Promoting the Reporting of Anti-Social Behaviour: To raise awareness and encourage reporting of Anti-social Behaviour we have been involved in joint events within the community with Nottinghamshire police:

- An evening drop-in session Cleveland Square Community Centre, followed by patrols of the Hawtonville area
- Community Beat Surgery and Bike Marking Event at Farndon. The event received a positive turnout and approximately 6 residents took the opportunity to raise and discuss local issues. Over 25 bikes were security marked throughout the evening.
- **Operation Cognition:** We also undertook an evening patrol with Nottinghamshire police, where we engaged with members of the public to raise awareness on the effect of the use of Cocaethylene, with alcohol. Questionnaires were completed and safety items were given out such as Scrunchie drink covers, bottle stoppers, personal alarms and torches. Nottinghamshire Police will use the results of the questionnaires to inform their decision making around drug and alcohol policing.



Recent Legal Actions and Community Safety Efforts:

Shopwatch proved its value on 13 September when a well-known Ollerton shoplifter was jailed for 10 months for breach of Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) and Shop Lifting, (CBO jointly secured by Police and NSDC) at Nottingham Crown Court. Neighbourhood Officers used the scheme to alert local shop staff, enabling Police to catch the perpetrator in the act.

- **Injunctions:** In July 2024, 2-year Injunctions were secured on two individuals causing nuisance in a village on the Sherwood side of the district.
- **Closure Orders:** We secured two partial Closure Orders on a property on Yorke Drive and Strawberry Hall Lane on the 12 September. Over the past 3 months, we have worked closely with Nottinghamshire Police, and priority patrols have taken place on the estate daily, and these remain in place.





Reduce Crime and Anti-social Behaviour

Community Engagement and Collaborative Efforts to Address Anti-Social Behaviour:

Deliver 'Safer Streets' projects:

Water Safety Day:

As part of the Safer Streets 5 initiative, we organised a Water Safety Day in conjunction with Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service and Nottinghamshire Police. Due to inclement weather, this was held at John Hunt School rather than Balderton Lake as planned. 56 Year 5 pupils took part in the event, which included a presentation on water and safety, demonstration on wearing a fire suit and breathing apparatus and Q&A sessions. Pupils were given a tour of the Fire Appliance Vehicle and shown the equipment used, they then took turns launching a throwline. Meanwhile the Police allowed the children free access to their riot van, they could choose to experience being shut in the cell and held a riot shield. The aim of the event was to raise awareness of safety and water, but also to build trust and foster relationships between children and the Blue Light Services.



Youth Pod:

Safer Streets funding has also funded a new youth pod at Coronation Street Park and playing field in Balderton. This pod gives young people a safe space to 'hang out' and socialise. New CCTV cameras, benches, and bins have also been installed to help promote feelings of safety and keep the area cleaner. The pod continues to be well used, and figures show a reduction in ASB in the vicinity. Feedback from young people has been positive, saying that they feel safe in the pod as it's covered by CCTV, and that it is a great place to "chill".



Oliver said: "I like it, good for shelter. Now I know there's a camera pointing at it, I feel a lot safer."

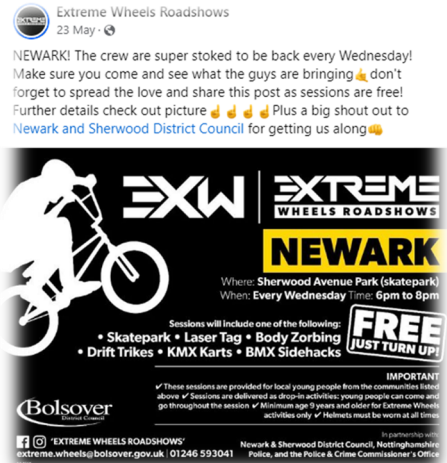


Reduce Crime and Anti-social Behaviour

Developmental Crime Prevention

Early Intervention and Youth Diversionary Activities:

- Weekly **Extreme Wheels** sessions continued to be popular at Sherwood Avenue Park, Newark, in August they moved to Edwinstowe.
- Working in collaboration with Friends of Southwell Parks, and the Co-op Local Community Fund, we have been able to support **Skate Nottingham's** incredible coaching team to run Friday after school sessions in July, and three Saturday afternoon sessions in September. The sessions were available to all ages 7+ from absolute beginners to confident skaters looking to get trick tips and 'hype' from coaches and fellow enthusiasts.
- Safer Streets 5 funding, enabled 440 Year 9 and 10 pupils to benefit from the **'Prison! Me! No Way!'** project, run by The No Way Trust



(www.pmnw.co.uk). The No Way Trust provides real-life learning experiences for children and young people between 8 and 18, to help reduce risky behaviour and prevent them from becoming involved in crime. Their two-day visit raised awareness on the causes, consequences, penalties and impact of crime. Feedback was extremely positive, with the school commenting on, "how incredible the staff and students have found the last two days", with teachers stating "they witnessed the quality and impact it was having" on their students.

- **ASB Panel** continues to meet monthly, 10 new young people have been referred to the panel during Quarter 2. As part of our interventions with young people, referrals are made to the Hill Holt Wood project and Mending Lines fishing project. Within Quarter 2, two young people entering Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) have been referred to both projects.



Measuring Success

Quarterly Indicators	Quarter 2 22/23	Quarter 2 23/24	Quarter 2 24/25	Target 24/25
Year to Date Indicators				
Fixed penalty notices for fly tipping (number issued)	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	71	Trend
Number of fixed penalty notices issued for all environmental offences (excluding fly tipping)	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	645	Trend
Community protection notices/warnings (number issued)	2	11	13	Trend
Number of positive outcomes resulting from CCTV intervention	New For Q1 23/24	83	87	Trend
Number of evictions (anti-social behaviour)	1	1	0	Trend
All Other Indicator Types				
% reduction in anti-social behaviour - Newark & Sherwood District compared against County area	5.0%	9.0%	10.0%	8.0%
% reduction in all crime - Newark & Sherwood District compared against County area	-20.0%	1.0%	2.0%	7.0%

Exploring our performance...

Our crime and anti-social behaviour is compared as a percentage above or below the county average.

Nottinghamshire County Council have had an 8% reduction in ASB, while our district had a 10% reduction. Our District has seen a greater reduction, therefore indicator is green.

Across Nottinghamshire there has been a 7% reduction for all crime whereas we had a 2% reduction. Our District has seen a reduction in crime, that is not as great as the reduction County have seen, therefore our indicator is red. In terms of volume, we had 50 fewer crimes reported when compared to the same period 2023-24.





How are we performing against our objective to...

Protect and Enhance the District’s Natural Environment and Green Spaces

What we have been doing this quarter;

The natural environment and green spaces of our district are vital assets for our residents, visitors, and wildlife. They provide a range of benefits such as improving health and well-being, mitigating climate change, and enhancing biodiversity. As a local authority, we are committed to protecting and enhancing these assets through various initiatives and actions, as outlined below.

Environmental Protection Activities: the Council was successful over this period in obtaining a new Public Space Protection Order for Eakring Road. PSPOs in relation to other parks and green spaces have been re-freshed relating to dog-fouling, dogs being on leads and preventing disposable barbecues in our green flag parks where issues have previously been noted.


Sherwood Avenue Park: The new children’s play area opened in time for the last two weeks of the school summer holidays. Featuring 10 pieces of new, accessible play equipment including a zip-wire, the new area has proved popular with the community and users. Work has commenced on the new water play feature, as well as the fitness zone and the new skatepark.




Newark Town Mayor, Councillor Diane Ledger:

“It is great to see the work developing especially with the skate park. A number of local skaters have been extremely supportive in developing the design for the skate park and I know they will be extremely excited to see their vision finally come to fruition. The play zone has been very popular since opening. As a parent of young children myself it is always nice to be involved in a project that brings a smile to a child’s face.”


All comments ▼

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Debbie Codd
So far it's a great park, looking forward to the water stuff, the kids will love it...

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Jeremy Rowe
It's great to see how busy it is whenever I walk past.

5w Like Reply 1
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Nicola Tranter
Looking good 👍

5w Like Reply 1





Protect and Enhance the District's Natural Environment and Green Spaces

Community Engagement and Recycling Initiatives:

This quarter we have looked at the following data to inform approaches we can adopt to promote and encourage positive behavioural changes around recycling:

- Recorded missed residential bins due to contamination
- Contamination percentage rate recorded by Veolia
- Percentage of recyclable materials disposed as general waste

As a result of this work, three approaches are being rolled out.

1. Implementation of a Recycling App:

This innovative app will champion positive recycling actions through education and incentivised reward schemes. This will enable us to have a wider reach with the same, consistent message, and help increase the recycling rates, reduce contamination rates, and improve the natural environment through a reward scheme.

Features of the app that will be hugely beneficial in helping deliver this message are the following:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology to help identify if an item can be recycled in our bins
- Incentivised reward scheme with substantial monthly cash prizes
- Geofenced to our district to enable us to run localised events through the app

Next Steps: We are looking at launching the application by Quarter 4.



2. Digital Resources for Communities and Schools:

To assist educators in delivering positive behaviour changes in educational establishments, a suite of digital resources – specific to our recycling schemes – has been prototyped and tested. The sources, the form of interactive games and learning materials, addresses the following areas:

- Why we should recycle
- What goes in each of our bins
- The two types of contamination
- What happens to the district's recycling and general waste

The resources have been tested by a primary and a secondary school in our district, their feedback has been evaluated and changes are being made based on feedback.

Next steps: Resources will be available on the NSDC website and sent to schools in Quarter 3:

3. Contaminated Bin Review:

A plan has been developed and approved to review residential contamination through the following targeted communication:

- A new contamination sticker, addressing common contaminants has been designed
- Recycling information will be sent out to residents of missed bins due to contamination
- Marketing of the recycling app as an education tool on contamination stickers
- Social media posts to share statistics with residents

Next steps: Targeted communications will run from December 2024 to February 2025.



Measuring Success

Quarterly Indicators	Quarter 2 22/23	Quarter 2 23/24	Quarter 2 24/25	Target 24/25
Year to Date Indicators				
Number of fly tipping incidents	775	788	813	900
Number of events held in NSDC parks	108	136	216	75
Number of loads rejected at Veolia's disposal facilities	New For Q1 23/24	0	0	2
Kg of residual household waste collected per household	245.8kg	242.4kg	Awaiting External Data	Trend
Number of children reached via environmental education visits including river health and 'Motion for the Ocean'	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	2,219	450
Number of targeted focus weeks	New For Q1 23/24	3	2	4
All Other Indicator Types				
% fly tipping incidents removed within 72 hours	97.0%	93.9%	98.8%	80.0%
Number of level 1 graffiti incidents not removed within 36 hours	New For Q1 23/24	0	0	0
Number of level 2 graffiti incidents not removed within 10 days	New For Q1 23/24	0	0	Trend
% of failing sites - street and environmental cleanliness - litter	2.1%	0.0%	1.4%	2.7%
% of failing sites - street and environmental cleanliness - detritus	0.9%	0.8%	1.1%	1.7%
% of all programmed Environmental Permitting Regulations inspections completed	76.0%	47.5%	92.0%	Trend

Exploring our performance

Number of targeted focus weeks – due to staff changes and workload the focus week programme stalled in Quarter 2, however plans are in place for a week in October.



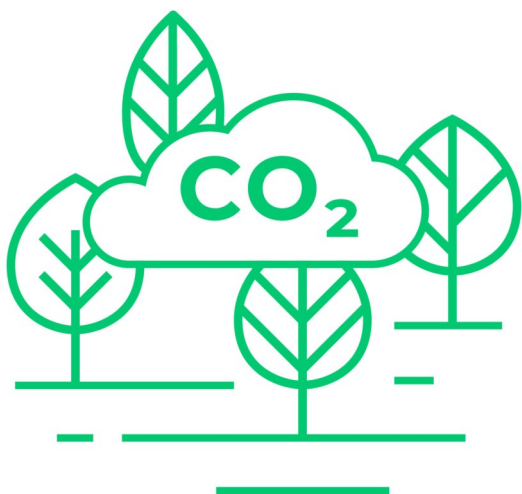
Reduce the Impact of Climate Change

Climate change is an important and complex challenges, possessing significant risks to the environment, the economy, and the well-being of people and communities. Local authorities have a crucial role to play in mitigating and adapting to the effects of climate change, as we are responsible for delivering essential services and managing local resources. We are committed to reducing our carbon footprint and contributing to a greener and more sustainable future.

Brunel Drive Masterplan and Vehicle Charging Expansion: A feasibility report has been produced setting out options for the future of the Brunel Drive and Farrar Close site. Formal reports will be presented to SLT and Cabinet in due course.



Installation of Solar Panels: Work on the five sites identified for solar panel installations has now completed with the last two sites being Sconce and Devon Park in Newark and the Dukeries Leisure Centre in Ollerton, with 200 solar panels have been fitted at the Dukeries Leisure Centre and 53 on buildings at Sconce and Devon Park.



Councillor Susan Crosby, Portfolio Holder for Health, Wellbeing and Leisure: "I'm thrilled to see solar energy brought to two more of our sites which brings us another step closer towards creating a greener and more sustainable future for Newark and Sherwood."

"Leisure Centres play an important role in the health and wellbeing of our residents and it is vital that we do all we can to reduce their carbon footprint. I'm looking forward to seeing what results we can achieve now that these installations are complete, and how this larger scale, long-term investment will further our efforts towards achieving our carbon net zero goals."



Reduce the Impact of Climate Change

Collaboration with the Carbon Trust: A review meeting was held with Carbon Trust, where we explored our current position with regards to our carbon footprint, stationary emissions, transport and housing. The following actions / deliverables were agreed:

- The Carbon Trust will review existing surveys and assess the potential for carbon reductions across the Corporate Portfolio.
- The Carbon Trust will develop options to decarbonise the N&S Homes portfolio with deep and shallow retrofit options assessed for carbon impacts, potential costs and value for money.
- The Carbon Trust will engage with key council stakeholders to discuss targets and plans, aiding in the development of new pathways and targets towards achieving Net Zero.
- The production of Carbon Footprint and the Target Options Appraisal Report for us to implement, monitor and report against.



Home Upgrade Grant Scheme Support: The Home Upgrade Grant is a government initiative aimed at helping homeowners and landlords make energy-efficient improvements to their properties. By providing financial assistance, the grant seeks to reduce carbon emissions, lower energy bills, and promote sustainable living.

A principal contractor the Home Upgrade Grant (HUG) scheme has been procured.



28 Properties have been identified as eligible for the scheme, which equates to over 60% of our capital grant allocation the scheme. 12 of these properties are fully designed and waiting for final approval from Central Government for installation to commence, and the remaining 16 are in the survey and design stage.

An additional 22 have been identified as being potentially eligible, are currently being reviewed by Retrofit Assessors

to confirm their suitability before being passed to the installer for technical surveys.

It is anticipated we now have sufficient applications into the HUG scheme to utilise all the Council's grant funding allocation and this is expected to benefit up to 50 lower income households living in off-gas properties to achieve more affordable warmth.

Renewing Oil Heating Systems with Air Source Heat Pumps and Solar Panels: To improve affordability for tenants and reduce carbon emissions, we have upgraded 98 properties on oil heating systems to air source heat pumps heating systems and solar panels. We have four left to complete over Quarter 3. This will conclude our program for the 2024/25 period.



Measuring Success

Quarterly Indicators	Quarter 2 22/23	Quarter 2 23/24	Quarter 2 24/25	Target 24/25
Year to Date Indicators				
Number of Council homes with retrofitted energy efficiency measures	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	131	Trend
Total gas and electricity energy consumption across Council owned corporate assets	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	594,270	Trend
Total energy generated from solar panels on Council owned corporate assets	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	37,169	Trend
Total businesses or community facilities supported with energy efficiency measures through successful UKSPF applications	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	5	Trend
All Other Indicator Types				
% of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting	38.4%	45.0%	Awaiting External Data	40.0%
Number of missed bins (per 100,000 households)	63.0	72.0	66.1	45.0
Total number of garden waste subscriptions	19,042	20,779	21,638	20,000
Number of missed assisted collections	New For Q1 23/24	263	315	Trend

Exploring our performance

Missed Bins: the new glass service with an 8 week schedule has been launched which are adding to missed bin totals. Reporting calculation is being reviewed to correctly reflect the additional 275,000 bins which we will be emptying.



Celebrate and Invigorate Community Spirit, Pride of Place and Sense of Belonging

What we have been doing this quarter;

We aim to foster community spirit, pride of place, and connectivity through adaptable cultural activities, strategic marketing campaigns, and support for local projects. Key efforts include promoting family-friendly tours, completing heritage site developments, collaborating on community actions, offering grants, and supporting veterans. We also plan to revitalise town centres and ensure diverse participation in our major projects.

The National Portfolio Organisation (NPO) is recognised by Arts Council England and receives regular funding to deliver arts and cultural activities. These organisations cover various disciplines like visual arts, theatre, dance, literature, music, and museums, supporting a diverse and sustainable arts sector in England. We were chosen for our ability to meet the Arts Council's goals of promoting creativity, cultural education, diversity, and community engagement, and are included in the activities over the following pages.

The Open Doors programme has progressed positively during this quarter. Of note are two projects:

Home Education and Specialist Education Provision: During July, we concluded our 5-week arts award programme, and our young home educated group came together with their parents and carers to share their work in an informal exhibition at the Millgate Community Centre. Arts Awards Activities were also undertaken at Orchard School in Newark. 20 Arts Awards Explore's have been awarded, and 9 participants are looking to proceed to bronze level with us. Images below.



Let's Get Creative, a program of inclusivity and relevance, linked with the national curriculum, has been developed. The program includes music composition, drama workshops, prop making, videography, and recording to culminate in the creation of their own living Tableau Vivant and will engage with 30 key-stage-4 pupils over the course of the 2024/25 academic year, 10 each term. Successful participant will achieve their Trinity College London Explore Arts Award. Project delivery commenced with the first cohort of 10 in September 2024.



Celebrate and Invigorate Community Spirit, Pride of Place and Sense of Belonging

Enhancing Family Engagement, Community Integration and Community Access: We continue to deliver a wide and varied program of events at and out of the Civil War Museum, to appeal to a wide range of audiences.

School Visits

The British Civil Wars appears on the curriculum in KS2, KS3 and at A level. This is a complex topic and schools value our ability to offer access to our collections and expert facilitators to enliven this historical period. Young people handle real and replica armour and weapons, meet a costumed character who leads them around the built heritage of the town and explains Newark's strategic importance during the Civil Wars, and also reenacts the trial of Charles I.



KS2 pupils with foam pikes arms and armour session



Younger pupils train as 'soldiers', go undercover as spies and role play the real besieged people in the town. We have built up a loyal following of schools who return each year and the number of enquiries from new schools is also steadily growing. We welcomed 656 pupils to the museum on school visits in July. 100% of these visits were evaluated by teachers as excellent. Comments on evaluation forms referred to how engaging and educational all the activities were, bringing the topic to life in an interesting, exciting fun and interactive ways. Evaluations also commented on how the impressive knowledge of the facilitators and their ability to

be flexible and patient, accommodating different learning needs and styles. Secondary schools' comment on how unusual it is to find a venue that offers the capacity to accommodate large numbers of pupils and that offers activities that are so central to the history curriculum across the age and ability range.

Summer Holiday Family Engagement

We ran our popular 'Playhem' activity again during the school summer holidays in July and August. We filled our learning space with big blue blocks and other soft play materials that can be used for building, creative movement and imaginative play. This activity appeals to a wide range of families who value the freedom to engage in a low or no cost, cross generational activity. This year 1,180 people participated in this activity (651 children, 22 teenagers, 427 adults, 80 seniors) and 100% of participants evaluated the activity as excellent.

"Thanks so much to all the facilitators-they were fabulous. Adam was amazing! His knowledge was amazing and his patience with the children was incredible. Thank you for an amazing day."

Holy Trinity Catholic Academy,
Newark July 2024



We ran Family Saturdays on the first Saturdays of July, August, and September, linking activities with our pop-up Byron Exhibition, Tudor Courtyard Garden and our cavalry collection. These Family Saturday events always include special family tours of the museum galleries, interactive activities such as musket drills and craft activities. Over the summer, 347 people took part in these events, the most popular of which was our September 'Cavalry in the Courtyard' in which reenactors on horseback rode into the Tudor Courtyard, presented stories of British Civil War cavalry soldiers and allowed visitors to interact with the horses. This was a very popular and accessible event which we plan to repeat next year.



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Enhancing Family Engagement, Community Integration and Community Access Continued...

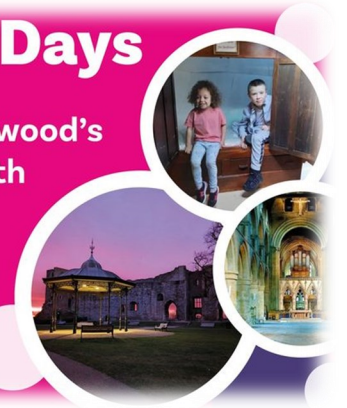
Heritage Open Days

In September, we offered a 'Behind the Scenes at the Museum' curator tour, a pop-up exhibition in the Palace Theatre Foyer and a Cavalry in the Courtyard event for Heritage Open Days and 486 people attended these events. These formed part of a Nationwide programme allowing special access to museum and heritage spaces usually closed to the public.

Heritage Open Days

Experience Newark and Sherwood's Heritage like never before with Heritage Open Days

6 - 15 SEPTEMBER



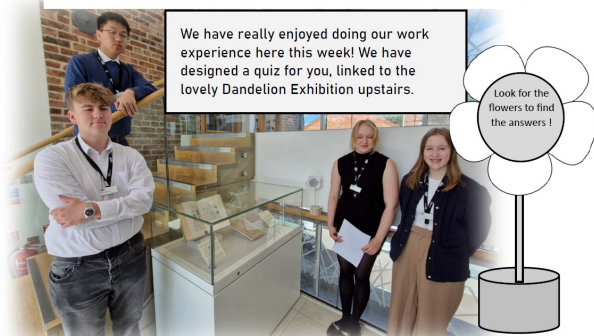
We led 13 **Talks and Tours** during this period,

one on each Saturday. 80 people took part in these tours, which allow visitors to extend their experience of the museum to include the built heritage of the town. Tours alternate between civil-war and local history themes.

We collaborated with the Friends of the National Civil War Centre to create a new season of talks. Two talks have been delivered so far in September to a total audience of 27 people, with approximately one talk each a month to follow throughout the year. We hope to build this audience.

Young People

Hi! We are Will, Milly, Alice and Josh from Tuxford Academy.



We have chosen 12 objects that tell you all about the power of plants and their role in people's lives throughout history. Hunt for the flowers next to the objects we chose. They will help you answer the quiz questions. We have printed the flower signs on seed paper so the museum can plant them when the trail is finished!

In July we supported 11 young people on work experience from Toot Hill, Suthers, Sleaford, Newark Academy and Tuxford secondary schools. These young people co-created 4 family trails and 12 gallery resource bags with us. These co-created gallery resources have been praised by 'Kids in Museums' evaluators and cited as contributing to our nomination as Family Friendly Museum of the Year in the Best Small Museum category. We are committed to making sure that young people feel welcome in our spaces and to this end we ran training for 45 of our volunteers in how to understand, support and welcome young people to the museum.

We also received 15 strong applications for the Palace

Theatre's 'Our Past Your Future' Grant Award. This award was established during lockdown to support a young person under the age of 25 with £1500 towards a course related to any area of the arts. We shortlisted 4 incredible candidates who are aspiring arts teachers, musical theatre performers and sound technicians. We awarded the prize to a talented local performer, Tommy Storr (pictured) who has been supporting market square events. We were impressed with his commitment to giving back to the community and we look forward to working with him in the future. The other candidates were so strong that we were delighted that continued fund raising through our ticket sales to the Palace Theatre allowed a prize of £250 to be offered to each of the other candidates.



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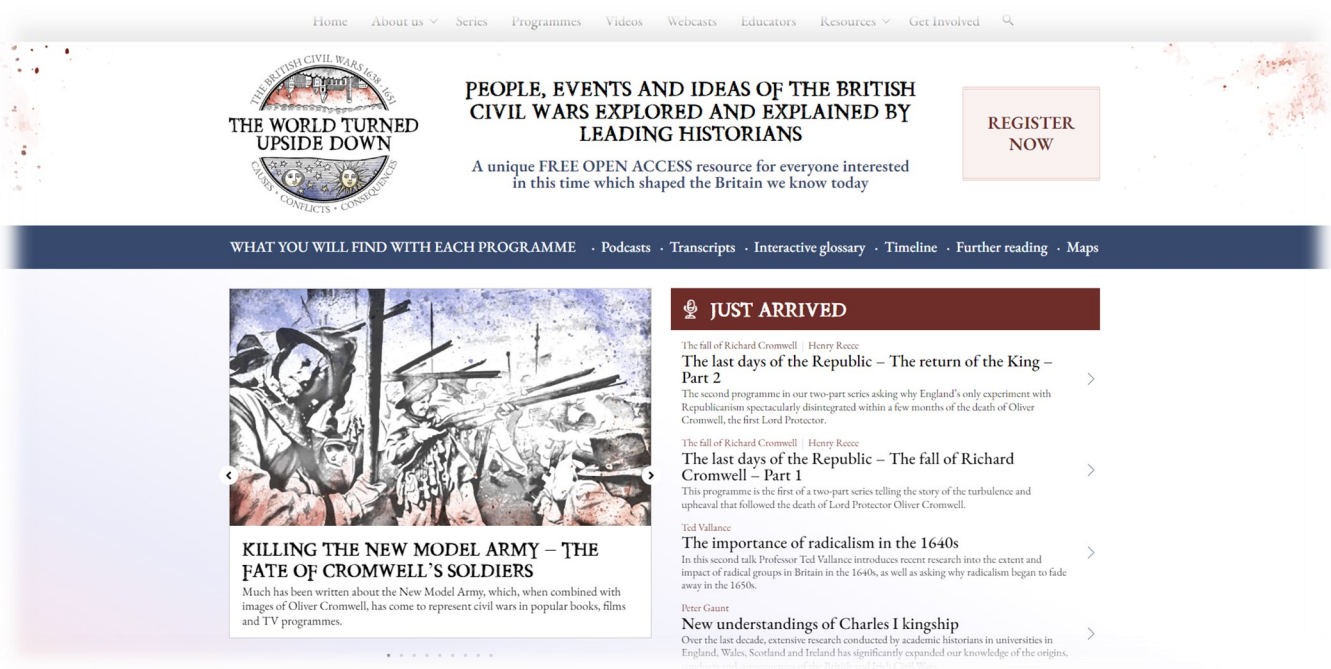


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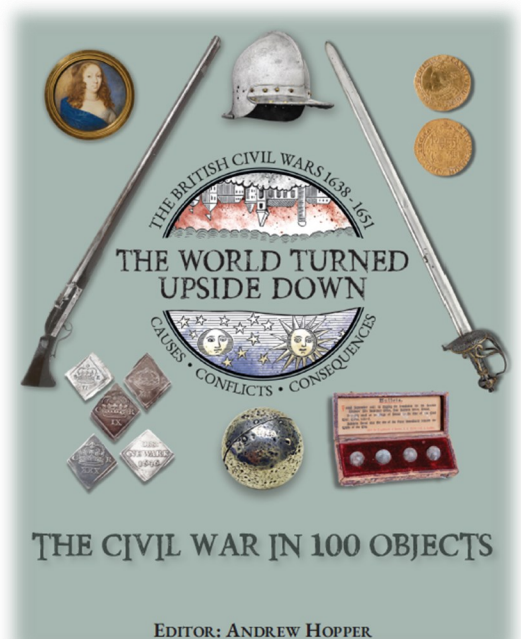
Enhancing Family Engagement, Community Integration and Community Access Continued...

National Profile as the centre for the study of The British Civil Wars

In order to ensure our continued relevance and connection to current research in the field, we are working to create a professional network for all sites across the country who tell the story of the British Civil Wars. In partnership with colleagues at the University of Oxford, we held a meeting of the Civil War Educators network on 3rd July which included 30 museum professionals, academics teachers and other educators who came together to share practice and discuss new research in the field.



We have worked with these and other partners across the country to collaborate on an exciting new publication: **A History of the Civil Wars in 100 Objects**. This will be published at the end of this year and will be sold in our museum shop and in similar venues across the country. In Quarter 2, we developed a suite of materials for secondary schools to accompany this publication. These materials include films recorded at the museum in September with local teachers and Professor Andrew Hopper from the University of Oxford, 3D scans of our collection as well as downloadable classroom materials and teacher guides. These will accompany the materials we developed for primary schools which have been welcomed by schools and can be viewed here <https://www.nationalcivilwarcentre.com/learn/upsidedownworld/>





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Seasonal Destination Marketing Campaigns and Brand Ambassadors: We have successfully delivered several seasonal destination marketing campaigns to promote visitor attractions, working closely with accommodation and food providers, as well as event promoters. These fell under the Newark Creates Events banner, where we supported and delivered a range of events with core partners, including The Beach, Streets Ahead, and the Festival of Creativity. Notably, the Festival of Creativity saw our highest recorded Saturday footfall in 2024.

The **Newark and Sherwood Gift Card** design has been developed and designed. The launch will be in Quarter 3.

Newark Cultural Heart Programme: In Quarter 2, the programme included seven events, in the table below, across 24 event days in Newark town centre with both positive business and visitor satisfaction received. The events attracted an increase in town centre footfall of 3,830 visitors.



Event Name	Date
Newark Book Festival	11th - 14th July
Fish Boy	27th July
Newark on Sea	7th - 19th August
Cloudscapes in the Castle	11th August
Newark Festival	24th - 26th August
Tour of Britain	6th September
The Brick Show	7th September

Supporting Community Led Days of Action: We created a Summer Nature Trail at Vicar Water in Clipston for an event being run by Clipston Parish Council. The trail included a 'whodunnit' mystery for the young people to solve through clues and signage around the park with pausing points to enjoy the wonderful nature it has to offer. For smaller children there was a scavenger hunt specific to Vicar Water was provided for them to find objects and listen out for the nature in the park.

During August, we ran a paperless **Motion for the Ocean** fact finding trail for Newark on Sea. Using a QR code, answers could be submitted with the chance of winning a prize. It promoted the message of reduce, reuse, and recycle, and local shops promoted the event via posters displayed which contained the QR code.





Celebrate and Invigorate Community Spirit, Pride of Place and Sense of Belonging

Supporting Community Initiatives through Grant Schemes: We recognise the important contribution that local organisations make to improving peoples’ quality of life and that small amounts of funding can often help to get a project off the ground or enhance its impact. Our Community Grant Scheme aims to support district based registered charities, voluntary and community groups, societies or clubs with projects or initiatives that align to the Council’s Community Plan objectives. The Efficiency East Midlands (EEM) Small Grant Scheme, are awarded monthly, and aim to support groups who cannot access larger grants for reasons including not having a bank account or having fund below a threshold. Awards are always £500 or less.

Round 1 of the 2024/2025 **Community Grant Scheme** opened in May and closed in June, and grants were approved in July. The table below outlines grants awarded, their value, and the priority area within the Community Plan met.

Group Name	Community Grant Fund Payment Awarded	Priority Area Met
Support ME Maternal Project CIC	£7,101.00	Match
Winthorpe Allotment Association	£2,670.72	Cost of Living
Mending Lines	£4,906.32	ASB
Rainworth Miners Welfare	£5,000.00	ASB
Bilsthorpe Emergency Team	£4,238.00	Cost of Living
Urban Worm CIC	£2,722.50	Climate
Coddington and Winthorpe Cricket Club	£4,000.00	Match
Laxton Village Hall (Laxton Alive	£1,153.56	Cost of Living
Newark Steam Punk Society	£2,050.00	Match
Egmanton Village Hall	£3,000.00	Climate
Newark Food and Wellbeing Hub	£4,900.00	Cost of Living
TOTAL AMOUNTS PAID	41,742.10	





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Supporting Community Initiatives through Grant Schemes continued...

The Efficiency East Midlands (EEM) small grant scheme awarded 6 community groups funding to the value of £2,821.88, as detailed below. Round 2 of the 2024/2025 Community grant scheme opened on the 27th of September, and closes 28th October 2024.

Group Name	Payment Awarded
Community Sing-along	£455.96
Rainworth Remembers	£499.69
Elston Community Allotments	£408.49
Beaumont Walk Bingo Group	£471.62
Newark Active CIC	£495.14
Arthur Radford Social club	£490.90
TOTAL AMOUNTS PAID	£2,821.88

Clipston and Ollerton Funding Feasibility: Whilst we await confirmation of LUF 3 funds, Clipstone projects continued to progress over Quarter 2, as below:

- Clipstone Phase 1 (Holdings site) - RIBA stage 3, planning application submitted
- Clipstone Phase 2 (Sports) - RIBA stage 3, planning application submitted
- Clipstone Phase 3 (Vicar Water) – RIBA stage 3, planning application prepared for submission

Community consultation took place for Ollerton and Clipstone projects in July 2024 and results will feed into ongoing project development and planning preparations.

Newark Castle Gatehouse Scheme: In August, the architectural design team completed their designs to RIBA stage 4. These were submitted to the planning authority as an amendment to the existing plans and approved on 5th September 2024.

The Project Delivery Manager attended Newark Festival for two days with a display about the Newark Castle Gatehouse Project. We engaged and consulted with over 600 residents and visitors about future exhibitions and the brand identity of the castle and gardens.





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Supporting the Veteran Community

In August we attended Nottinghamshire County Council's Boots & Berets awards. These awards celebrate and recognise the important work that Nottinghamshire businesses do in supporting those that serve or have served in our Armed Forces. Including the work undertaken by organisations or individuals as part of their employment or on a voluntary basis, to support the wider Armed Forces community.

We were proud to have nominated Bilsthorpe Veterans Breakfast Club for the Community (Veteran) Award, which recognises how individuals, teams, and projects have worked to deliver effective approaches to support the sector within the Veteran community in Nottinghamshire. Bilsthorpe Veterans Breakfast Club were one of several groups nominated and were selected as the winner.

Following on from the awards evening, Councillor Jean Hall, Chair of Newark and Sherwood District Council and Councillor Neil Ross, Armed Forces Champion of Newark and Sherwood District Council visited the Bilsthorpe Veterans Breakfast Club to celebrate their incredible win at the Nottinghamshire County Council Boots and Berets awards!



Measuring Success

Quarterly Indicators	Quarter 2 22/23	Quarter 2 23/24	Quarter 2 24/25	Target 24/25
Year to Date Indicators				
Total footfall across all heritage and culture services and sites	New For Q1 23/24	39,899	51,533	50,000
Total number of admissions - National Civil War Centre	6,196	9,199	9,273	7,000
Total number of admissions - Palace Theatre	16,573	12,792	19,833	15,000
Number of people reached through direct participation and outreach	New For Q1 23/24	6,674	7,312	6,000

The theatre continues to see strong audience numbers and this trend can be observed going forward with pantomime ticket sales ahead of target.

National Civil War Centre high footfall has been supported by the strong family programme, including the extremely successful 'Playhem!' over the summer holiday period.

Participation and engagement events across the Newark Castle Gatehouse Project and the Open Doors programme are continuing to support outreach across the town and district.



Soft Play in the Museum
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Be a Top Performing, Modern and Accessible Council

Striving to be a top-performing, modern, and accessible council is crucial for meeting the evolving needs of our community. The initiatives outlined below are essential for enhancing our operational efficiency, ensuring regulatory compliance, promoting staff well-being, and driving continuous service improvements. By focusing on these areas, we aim to build a resilient and responsive organisation that serves the public with integrity and excellence.

Commercialisation Strategy and Action Plan: An update report was tabled on 24th September's Cabinet meeting which reported progress against projects. This was measured against assumptions within the Medium-Term financial Plan of savings and income targets.

At the time of the report, the savings and income targets were for all four years were expected to be achieved through two initiatives:

- Reduction in the management fee for Active4Today
- Increase in Private Sector lifeline usage – having taken over responsibility for Mansfield District Council's customers.

A further update will be prepared alongside an update to the Medium-Term Financial Plan, to be presented to Cabinet in February 2025 and Council in March 2025.

Communication Strategy: The Communications and Marketing team are currently undergoing a restructure. This is in preparation for the delivery of the Communications and Marketing Strategy. The restructure will see four clear areas of focus for the team, Sales and Marketing, Corporate Communications, Internal Communications and Digital Communications. When the structure is approved and finalised, the strategy can begin knowing, at that point, it can be delivered.



Customer Experience Strategy: The Customer Satisfaction Officer recruitment is complete. The Team Leader vacancy has been filled and they will be in post by November 2024. This is a much-needed resource and part of the role will be to support the delivery of the Customer Experience Strategy.

Expanding Online Services: SLT has agreed for a migration of a website hosting platform known as a content management system, that will provide a local government focused design and improved accessibility of all our Council owned websites, increasing the range and quality of the services online for our customers.



Expanding and Refreshing the Wellbeing and Engagement Programme: We have been working with SLT and Comms to develop a new long-term campaign called 'investing in you', which picks up several themes in relation to staff wellbeing such as education on burnout and prioritisation skills, this also includes the launch of Ambition Academy, the Council's first ever Learning Management System launching in Quarter 3.



Be a Top Performing, Modern and Accessible Council

Staff Survey Implementation and Response: The staff survey received the highest number of responses recently experienced, and the results show of the 357 staff who completed the survey 90% gave a positive response when asked whether NSDC were a good employer.



In addition, 91% of respondents agreed that they understood where their role fit in terms of the community plan objectives and an overall 'job satisfaction' rating of 79% was received in the main survey questions. Job satisfaction was also the most represented category in the free text final comments box where 61/93 comments were around satisfaction and all 61 were of a positive nature. That said, the results also show us that some staff are feeling under pressure due to their workload with only 58% agreeing that it is currently manageable. This was also reflected in the comments received from respondents where 90% of the 77 comments received on this them being negative. (the remaining 10% were neutral responses). In terms of other key comments, 66% of 96 comments received on the subject of satisfaction were positive. (this included general satisfaction, satisfaction with team). However, within that, 64% of the 22 comments received around recognition were negative. It is evident that some colleagues are finding it tougher than the majority and the themes of workload and recognition feature as the most prominent reasons for this. What is clearly evident however is that a significant majority feel valued, supported and proud to work for NSDC.



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Recruitment and Retention Measures:

We have now reviewed 25% of job descriptions as part of our job evaluation scheme. The Zellis digital job evaluation system has been procured, developed, and tested, and we are currently piloting a sample of job descriptions to refine the system parameters.



Measuring Success

Quarterly Indicators	Quarter 2 22/23	Quarter 2 23/24	Quarter 2 24/25	Target 24/25
Year to Date Indicators				
Engagement rate with posts issued on NSDC Facebook and X combined	330,289	717,543	560,463	500,000
Contact Centre - telephony - average length of time to answer call (seconds)	142.0	135.0	127.0	120.0
No of digital web form transactions	15,803	27,596	27,006	18,000
% business rate collection	57.7%	55.5%	54.2%	49.1%
% council tax collection	52.4%	52.4%	51.6%	52.6%
No of phone calls presented to Contact Centre	62,920	57,814	57,926	Demand
No of face to face contacts (Castle House)	6,234	8,117	8,769	Demand
Satisfaction with lettings service	95.0%	92.0%	89.0%	95.0%
Satisfaction with careline services	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	100.0%	90.0%
Satisfaction with temporary accommodation	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	93.8%	90.0%
All Other Indicator Types				
% effective response to careline calls within 60 seconds (industry standard)	New For Q1 24/25	New For Q1 24/25	99.4%	97.5%
% of planning applications (major) determined in time	91.0%	93.0%	90.0%	90.0%
% of planning applications (non-major) determined in time	95.0%	93.5%	94.0%	90.0%
% invoices paid within 30 days - whole Council	98.3%	98.3%	94.6%	98.5%

Telephone Engagement:

The average wait time in Quarter 2 was 113 seconds which is within the target of 120 secs, an improvement compared to 140 seconds in Quarter 1. Compared to the same period in 2023/24, calls are being answered 9 seconds

Quicker. Our focus is always to provide excellent customer service and resolve the enquiry at the first point of contact. We monitor daily demand for our services across all contact channels and wherever possible, ensure resource is allocated where the demand is. Customer demand is dependant on what is happening within the Council and nationally. We do try to work with business units to ensure that initiatives which cause an increase in customer demand do not happen at the same time but this is not always possible.

OUR WORKFORCE



A positive and motivated workforce is more likely to be high performing. To understand how our staff are performing and how we are supporting them we look at key indicators and recent activity.

Antony Whyton, Digital Projects Assistant, picked up the Courage and Bravery Award at **Newark and Sherwood Community and Sports Awards 2024**. Anthony incurred a life changing injury, requiring him to drive his life and career in a new direction. The award recognises Anthony's strength and courage in the face of adversity to overcome mental and physical challenges to rebuild and thrive.



Long Service Award: Congratulations to Jenna Norton, one of our Senior Accountants in Financial Services, who achieved 25 years' service on the 12 July 2024. An incredible achievement, well done Jenna!



Suicide Awareness Day serves as a crucial reminder of the importance of mental health and the need to support those who may be struggling. This year's we ran a webinar and free introductory training to raise awareness and encourage staff to train, talk and tackle mental health.

Measuring Success

Quarterly Indicators	Quarter 1 22/23	Quarter 1 23/24	Quarter 1 24/25	Target 24/25
Year to Date Indicators				
Average number of sick days per employee (FTE) per year lost through sickness absence	3.5	3.4	2.9	3.3
% of staff turnover	New For Q1 23/24	8.0%	6.0%	6.5%

Newark & Sherwood District Council Compliance Report

2024-25 Quarter 2

Introduction

Compliance refers to the alignment of a built asset with the relevant rules, regulations, and codes. This includes the products and materials incorporated into the building, as well as the way in which they are assembled and constructed. It is important that we continuously review our compliance to identify and thus rectify any issues identified to keep the buildings users and occupiers safe. This report provides assurance that the Council is compliant in its three key areas of corporate compliance, housing (tenant) compliance and green space compliance.

Corporate Compliance

Corporate compliance refers to the compliance of the 25 commercial sites owned by the Council. We provide this assurance on all buildings owned by the Council regardless of whether they are owned and run by the Council or leased to another body (such as the Gilstrap) as the maintenance of the built asset remains the responsibility of the owner.

Blidworth Leisure Centre	Newark Beacon Innovation Centre
Bridge Community Centre	Newark Castle
Buttermarket Shopping Centre	Newark Lorry Park & The Ranch Café
Castle House	Newark Palace Theatre
Church Farm Business Centre	Newark Sports And Fitness Centre
Brunel Drive Depot - 4 Buildings (A, B, C, D)	Ollerton Housing Office
Dukeries Leisure Centre	Queens Sconce Visitor Centre
Farrar Close	Sherwood Forest Arts & Crafts Centre
Gilstrap Centre Public Toilet	Southwell Leisure Centre
Hawtonville Community Centre	The Tom Mann Pavilion
National Civil War Centre	Vicar Water Visitor Centre

We provide assurance that the asset is compliant in 6 key areas.

- Legionella
- Asbestos
- Fire
- Gas
- Electrics
- Lift inspections

Performance Indicators for Corporate Compliance for Q2 2024/25

Indicator	Previous Quarter	Current Quarter	Target
% Completed Legionella tests (due this quarter)	100%	100%	100%
% Completed Legionella Risk Assessments (due this quarter)	100%	100%	100%
% Completed Asbestos Condition Surveys (annual)	100%	100%	100%
% Completed Asbestos Annual Reviews (due this quarter)	100%	100%	100%
% Completed Fire Risk Assessments (due this quarter)	100%	100%	100%
% Completed Gas Boiler Services (due this quarter)	100%	100%	100%

% Completed Electrical Inspection Reports (due this quarter)	100%	100%	100%
% Completed Lift Inspections (due this quarter)	100%	100%	100%

Exploring Our performance

All compliance indicators for commercial buildings have consistently achieved a 100% return over the past three quarters

Performance Housing Compliance

Corporate compliance refers to the compliance of our built assets owned by the HRA aka our social tenancy estate. There are 5,749 Residential/Domestic sites and we provide assurance that they are compliant in 6 key areas. As with our corporate estate, most of these sites are tenanted but the maintenance of the built asset remains the responsibility of the Council.

We provide assurance that the residential/domestic site is compliant in 6 areas.

- Legionella
- Asbestos
- Fire
- Gas
- Electrics
- Lifts

Performance Indicators for Housing Compliance for 2024/25 Quarter 2

Indicator	Previous Quarter	Current Quarter	Target
% Completed Legionella tests (due this quarter)	100%	100%	100%
% Completed Legionella Risk Assessments (due this quarter)	100%	100%	100%
% Completed Asbestos Condition Surveys (annual)	100%	100%	100%
% Completed Asbestos Annual Reviews (due this quarter)	100%	100%	100%
% Completed Fire Risk Assessments (due this quarter)	100%	55%	100%
Number of outstanding RED Fire Risk Assessment actions	0	2	Trend
Number of outstanding AMBER Fire Risk Assessment actions	2	1	Trend
% Completed Gas Boiler Services (due this quarter)	97%	98.6%	100%
% Completed Electrical Inspection Reports (due this quarter)	92%	99.6%	100%
% Completed Lift Inspections (due this quarter)	100%	100%	100%

Exploring Our performance

The majority of the compliance indicators for the Housing Maintenance and Assets team are returning 100% of target with “% Completed Gas Boiler Services” and “% Completed Electrical Inspection Reports”, performing slightly below. However, access to properties seems to be the main challenge affecting these indicators. Legal proceedings are being used to gain access to properties that are not meeting targets.

The “% Completed Fire Risk Assessments (due this quarter)” is currently in Red status with a return of 55%. Works have been commissioned and will start in December 2024

Green Space Compliance

Green space compliance refers to the compliance of our green spaces and play parks. We own several parks and play parks as does the HRA and we have a responsibility to ensure the safety of park user. Therefore, we inspect green spaces/parks and play parks to ensure they are safe to use.

Indicator	Previous Quarter	Current Quarter	Target
% Completed Play Park Inspections HRA Land (due this quarter)	100%	100%	100%
% Completed Play Park Inspections GF Land (due this quarter)	100%	100%	100%

Risk

Alongside ensuring compliance we also monitor risk. This means we proactively identify potentially significant risks and implementing suitable control strategies help prevent these risks from being realised, or this is not possible, mitigate to a tolerable level. This is done in two ways.

1. **Operational Risks.** These are developed and managed by Business Managers and capture localised risks. These risks are reviewed every quarter and exceptions are reported to SLT and the Risk Management Group on a quarterly basis.
2. **Strategic Risks.** These are developed and managed by Directors and are significant risks faced by the Council which have the potential to prevent it from achieving its key/agreed objectives and/or have the potential to halt or significantly interfere with the ability of the Council to achieve its core objectives, priorities and/or ambitions. These risks are also reviewed every quarter and exceptions are reported to SLT and the Risk Management Group on a quarterly basis as well as Audit and Governance Committee on a bi-annual basis.



Report to: Policy & Performance Improvement Committee: 25 November 2024
 Director Lead: Matthew Finch, Director - Communities & Environment
 Lead Officers: Carl Burns, Transformation & Service Improvement Manager
 Rowan Bosworth-Brown, Transformation & Service Improvement Officer

Report Summary	
Report Title	Consultation Results on the Proposal to Site the 'Kiddey Stones' at Castle House.
Purpose of Report	To present the results of the recent consultation on the proposal to site the Kiddey Stones at Castle House.
Recommendations	That the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) note the contents of the report and consultation responses as detailed in Appendices A to E; and b) consider the consultation responses, with any comments being forwarded to the Cabinet for consideration at their meeting to be held on 10 December 2024.

1.0 Background

1.1 The proposal to site the works of renowned artist Robert Kiddey at Castle House was submitted to Cabinet on 3 June 2024. These works are commonly known as the 'Kiddey Stones' or 'Kiddey Sculptures' and the preferred option is for the stones to be displayed outside Castle House.

1.2 The full details of the proposal can be seen in the background papers listed at the end of this report. However, listed below are the recommendations that were agreed by Cabinet.

- Approve in principle the design and location of the Kiddey Stones to be installed at Castle House, Newark;
- Support a period of public consultation on the proposals to enable residents and stakeholders to have their views on the plans, including the Town Council in whose ownership the stones are in; and
- Agree that a report is brought back to Cabinet in September 2024 to formally endorse the scheme, or otherwise, with a budget to be included in the Council's capital programme.

1.3 Cabinet agreed, in principle, with these proposals pending a public consultation. Following this decision a topic request was raised through the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee. The topic request included the request to understand 'the

extent of information given within the consultation document and access public responses'. The Chair agreed that a working group would be formed and to allow sufficient time for this the consultation was delayed. Therefore, the follow up report will be brought back to Cabinet in December 2024.

- 1.4 The working group was chaired by Cllr Andy Freeman and held its first meeting on 15 August 2024. This was attended by 6 Members who were supported by 3 officers. During the meeting the outline plan for the public consultation was agreed and the meeting concluded with all Members agreeing on the proposed consultation method with the consensus that it allowed the public to provide their opinion in a fair and inclusive manner.

2.0 Consultation Method

- 2.1 The approach used for the consultation mirrored that of the Library Gardens consultation in 2022 and therefore consisted of key stakeholder meetings followed by an open survey which was available online. Due to the detailed plans and illustrations, a dedicated webpage on the NSDC website was created and outlined the Kidney Stones proposals. Social media platforms were also utilised, with a number of scheduled posts promoting the consultation being shared throughout the consultation period. The consultation was also emailed out to the Resident Panel, Parish Councils and Tourist partners to invite them to share their views on the proposals.

Key Stakeholder Groups

- 2.2 The project group met with representatives from the Newark Civic Trust, Newark Town Council and Nottinghamshire Police. All of these groups indicated that they were in support of the proposal and the full detail of their responses can be found in the appendices.

Open Survey

- 2.3 The survey consisted of three questions. The first two questions collected geographical data from our respondents by asking for their postcode details and their status as a resident/visitor to Newark and Sherwood. The final question was an open text box which was restricted to 150 words and allowed the respondent to share their views on the proposal in their own words.

Communication Plan

- 2.4 The consultation was supported by our Communication & Marketing team and an article was published on our website advertising the survey. The article also gave the full background of the proposal. This allowed our residents the opportunity to learn the detail of the proposal before submitting their response. The following steps were taken in launching the public consultation which again followed the lessons learned from the Library Gardens work.

- The webpage was linked from the alert banner on the home page of the NSDC website and was the featured news story on the homepage periodically during the consultation period.

- The Communication and Marketing Manager drafted a media release using the copy from the webpage with the addition of a quote from Councillor Rowan Cozens, who is the portfolio holder for Heritage, Culture & the Arts.
- The media release was shared with local media, including the Newark Advertiser and Radio Newark.
- Regular social media posts were also released on the NSDC channels throughout the consultation period.
- A poster was also designed and distributed to all Parish Councils in the district. This included details of the proposal and directions on how residents could have their say.
- The Resident Panel were contacted via email with details of the consultation and invited to share their views.

Consultation and Analysis

- 2.5 Following the working group meeting in August, steps were made to develop and launch the consultation. As agreed by the working group the online survey would be live from Monday, 2 September until midnight on Monday, 30 September.
- 2.6 The consultation and subsequent analysis was undertaken by officers from the Transformation & Service Improvement team. Results were monitored weekly and any questions submitted by email or via our social media channels were answered where possible.

Duplicate Responses Resulting in % Error

- 2.7 Errors caused by multiple entries from single users in survey analysis can significantly impact the validity and reliability of the results. Duplicate responses can lead to overrepresentation of certain views, introducing bias and skewing the data. This results in an inflated sample size, which can lead to incorrect statistical inferences. Causes of these errors include technical issues, user behaviour and lack of controls embedded within the survey. The detection method included in this survey analysis involved using IP address tracking. This enabled officers to identify multiple entries from the same device/location and the results listed in the report above include all complete survey entries. However, it should be noted that if entries were restricted to two per household/IP address the results in the table below would be the representative results. Therefore, the % error of this consultation is reported as 3.53%.
- 2.8 The full results of the consultation can be seen in full at Appendix A

3.0 Proposal/Options Considered

- 3.1 That the Policy & Performance Improvement Committee note the contents of the report and consultation responses as detailed in **Appendices A to E**; and
- 3.2 That consideration be given to the consultation responses, with any comments being forwarded to the Cabinet for consideration at their meeting to be held on 10 December 2024

4.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications: Data Protection; Digital & Cyber Security; Equality & Diversity; Financial; Human Resources; Human Rights; Legal; Safeguarding & Sustainability and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

Financial Implications (FIN24-25/6777)

- 4.1 A budget of £20,000 was made available to carry out the feasibility works described in the Cabinet Report dated 04/06/24. At the point of writing, £17,525 had been committed to date.
- 4.2 Based on the costs shown at paragraph 2.4 of the Cabinet Report dated 04/06/24, £81,240 the additional revenue costs of the construction will be £5,687 per year. That is £1,625 in Minimum Revenue Provision and £4,062 in interest over a 50 year period.
- 4.3 Now the consultation has ended, a final report will be brought to Cabinet in December 2024, which subject to member approval, the costs to complete the build will be added to the Capital Programme, along with identifying additional revenue costs for maintenance and cleaning.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- [Cabinet Report 04/06/2024](#)
- [Cabinet Report appendices 1-6](#)
- [Kidney Stones - Public Consultation | Newark & Sherwood District Council](#)

Consultation on the proposal to site the works known as the Kidney Stones at Castle House

(Appendix A)

1. Introduction

We, Newark and Sherwood District Council, sought the views of the public and key stakeholder groups on the proposed plans that would see work by the famous sculptor, Robert Kidney, put on public view for the first time in 40 years, as part of plans to create a new art trail in the town and beyond.

Robert Kidney was a sculptor, artist and teacher, born in Nottingham in 1900. In the 1920s, he was credited with the frieze of figures around the top of Nottingham's Council House on the Market Square and a carved panel called 'The Divine Tragedy' which was accepted for the Royal Academy's annual exhibition in London. His work then became known internationally and he exhibited at the Royal Academy and Salon des Beaux-Arts in Paris. In 1931 he moved to Newark and took up a teaching post at the newly opened Technical College where he remained for 50 years. He passed away in Newark in 1984 and there is a blue plaque dedicated to him in Mill Gate where his studio was located.

The Kidney Stones comprise 12 pieces of stone forming four panels. The individual tablets measure just over 2m in height and 1m in width and are created from carved sandstone in bas-relief, each depicting a different aspect of electricity production. The Kidney Stones have been cleaned and restored. The Council are considering whether to create a new art trail around Newark town centre and beyond and the tablets could become a free-standing public art installation, acting as the beginning of the new trail. The proposal suggests that the trail would create a new experience for visitors and residents within the town and help generate additional footfall.

The proposed installation aligns with our Community Plan objectives in relation to heritage and culture, particularly specific actions around increasing the quality and quantity of public art in the district. Robert Kidney was an international sculptor with a strong association to Newark and as such, putting the stones on public display could be something that the residents of Newark and Sherwood may like to see.

The proposal was approved in principle by Cabinet on 6 June 2024, subject to a period of public consultation.

2. Stakeholder Consultation Summary

The intention of siting the stones in the location outlined by the proposed plans is that it would enable the historic stones, which are owned by Newark Town Council, to be on public display for the first time in circa 40 years in a prominent location. Due to a number of factors, including the ownership, the size and associated historical significance, it was necessary to seek the views of our partners and key stakeholders. A summary of the key points shared from each of the stakeholders is outlined below, however the full responses can be reviewed within the appendices.

Newark Town Council (Appendix C)

Upon the closure of the Wilford Power Station in the 1980s, the stones were removed and given to Newark Town Council. After which the stones were stored, unseen, at Newark Cemetery and have not been redisplayed since. In September 2024 the Town Council agreed in principle a long-term loan of the stones to Newark and Sherwood District Council. Their feedback included:

- That the stones be utilised at Castle House as part of a public art trail
- That all costs associated with siting the stones at Castle House are to be met by Newark and Sherwood District Council
- There is appetite to be involved in further discussions on both the stones and the development of a wider art trail as plans develop

Nottinghamshire Police (Appendix D)

As part of developing the proposals for siting the Kidney Stones, we consulted with Nottinghamshire Police Force on the proposed location of Castle House. Due to the age and historical significance of the stones, it was felt that this feedback from the District Commander for Newark and Sherwood, as well as the Designing Out Crime officer, would be key to understand their views on the risks of potential vandalism or damage and whether that would be exacerbated by the proposed location. Their feedback included:

- An acknowledgement that complete protection of any items displayed in an open public space is challenging and there will be a risk with any chosen location, however that the proposed location does benefit from CCTV coverage and is within a generally well-lit area
- Consideration could be given to a physical protective barrier, such as a high quality glass or polycarbonate enclosure, to be installed around the stones
- A gated area could provide some defence in the form of a physical barrier to the stones, but would not entirely protect the stones from damage
- The anchoring system used when the stones are sited would be of particular importance to prevent damage and theft

Newark Civic Trust (Appendix E)

Newark Civic Trust is a society for people who share an interest in environmental matters, with a specific concern for the built environment of Newark and its surrounding villages. Their feedback on the plans were:

- Supportive of siting the Kidney Stones at Castle House on the basis of a strong mid-century history of municipal buildings across the UK utilising available space for locally created sculptures
- The proposals align into the ambitions of the Towns Board, who have expressed a desire to 'open up' Newark to include the Riverside and surrounding area and as such believe that the proposed location would add to the experience for both residents and visitors to Newark
- That displaying the stones would connect Newark's built environment to that of its industrial past
- Consideration should be given to the specific design and previous siting, ensuring careful interpretation is given to retain the integrity of the stones

3. The Open Survey

A working group was formed and subsequently met in August 2024 to discuss and co-design the open survey consultation questions. The working group decided on three key questions which gathered respondents postal codes, their connection to the district, as well as an open text box which invited respondents to share their views on the proposals.

The survey was available to members of the public from 2 September until 30 September 2024. The survey was promoted online with a dedicated webpage on the NSDC website, outlining the Kidney Stones proposals. We also utilised our social media platforms and a number of scheduled posts

promoting the consultation were shared throughout the consultation period. The consultation was also emailed out to the Resident Panel to invite them to share their views on the proposals.

The consultation received 881 responses that provided enough information to be analysed, this equates to 0.72% of the Districts overall population. As such, it can be considered that the survey received a significant level of engagement with residents and received a significantly higher rate of engagement than other recent examples of consultation including Sherwood Avenue Park, the Play Park Investment Plan and the Library Gardens consultation exercises respectively. ¹

The survey was accessed 1,247 times, with 853 of those being considered 'complete' responses whereby the respondents answered all 3 questions. The remaining 394 responses were considered to be 'partial' responses. The survey software will count every time the link has been used but if a 'complete' response has not been collected, it will be recorded as a partial response even if no data has been collected. **Partial responses can occur when respondents:**

- Did not select 'finish' on the survey
- Did not complete every question
- Did not submit any response; this may occur in instances when a respondent has followed the link to read more but has taken the decision not to submit a response at that time
- Have experienced something on their personal device which has stopped them from finishing their response, such as their phone or laptop battery dying. If this occurs, the software will save any data that has been shared so far as a partial response, however the respondent then may have followed the link again at a later date to submit a complete response. Wherever there is a clear suspected duplication, that will be indicated within the report.

Breakdown of Partial Responses:

223 partial responses provided a postcode, 195 of those also provided a descriptor of who they are but did not include any views on the proposals. 28 of those partial responses provided a postcode, descriptor of who they are and some form of comment on the proposals.

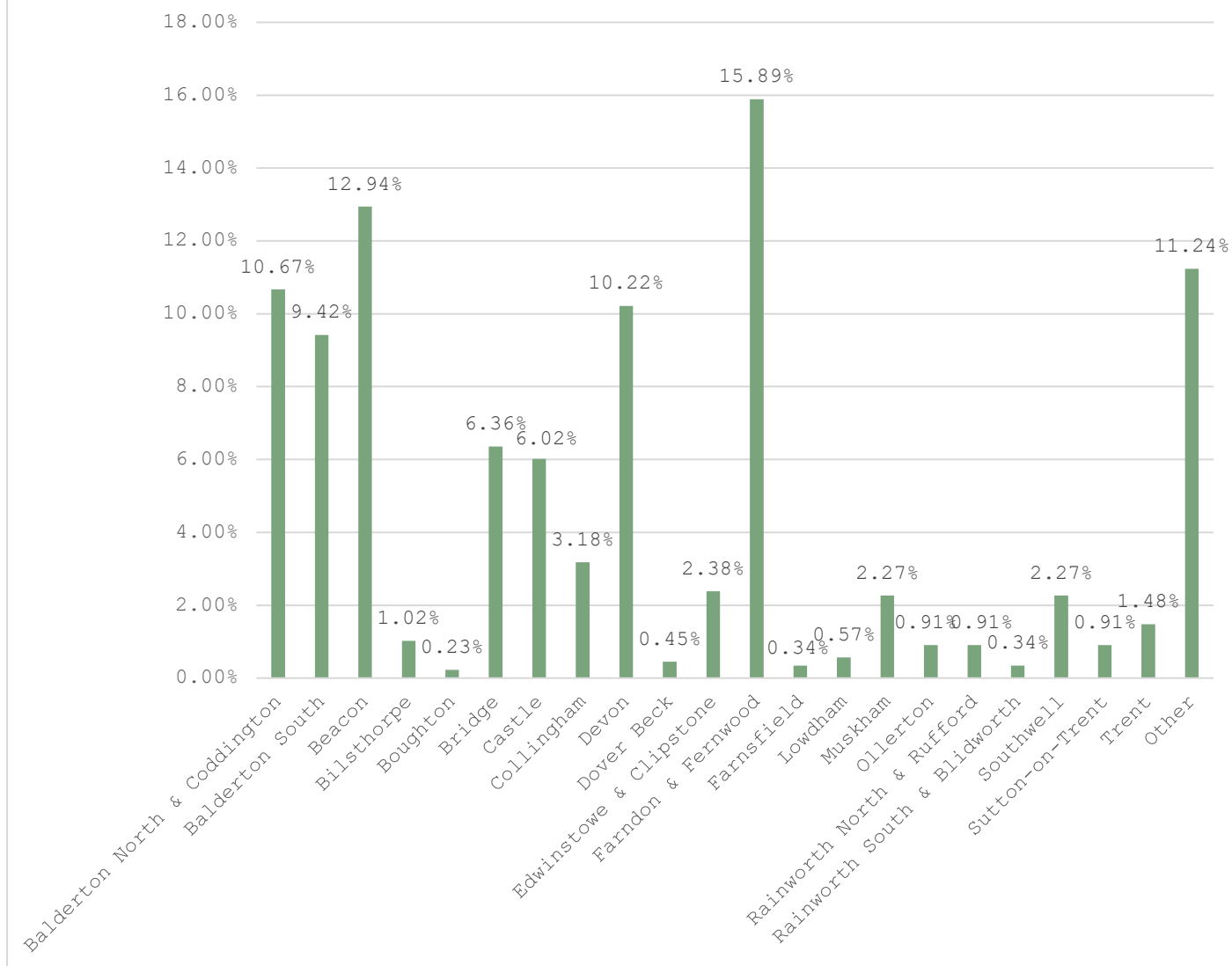
171 partial responses did not provide a postcode, provide a descriptor of who they are, or provide any views on the proposals and as such could be assumed to be the markers of those who followed the link but immediately closed it again. The 28 partial responses which provided enough information to be analysed will be combined with the 853 complete responses, for the purposes of this report 881 total responses will be reported on.

Respondents by Location

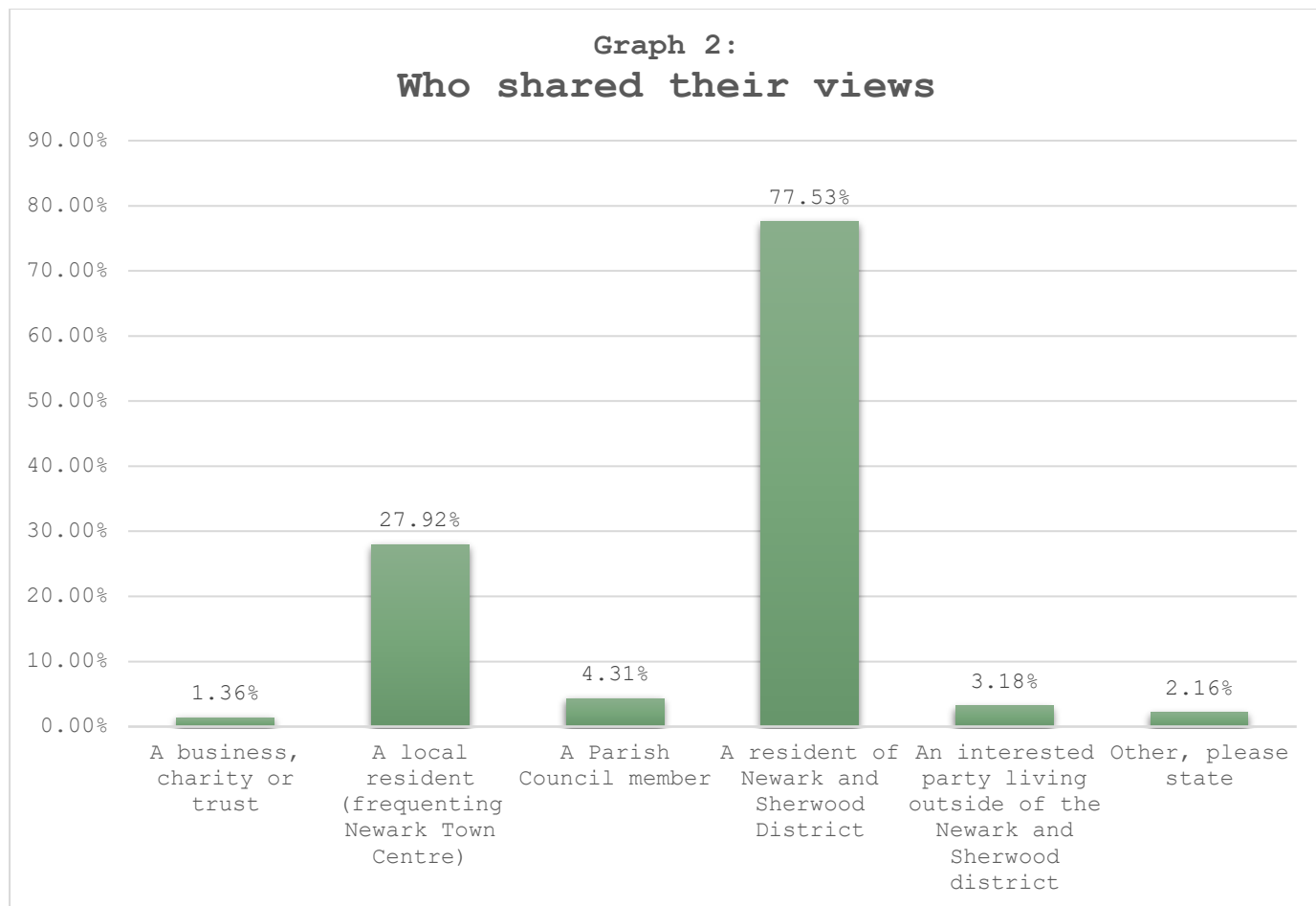
88.76% of respondents provided a recognised postcode which indicated that they were a resident of Newark and Sherwood, the highest proportion of residents lived in the Farndon & Fernwood Ward (15.89%). 11.24% of respondents either provided a partial postcode or an unrecognised postcode, which included those from outside of the district.

¹ Consultation on the development of Sherwood Avenue Park received 317 responses
Consultation on the Play Park Developments at Sconce and Devon Park received 191 responses
Consultation on the land adjacent to the library received 113 responses

**Graph 1
Responses by Ward**



This was also reflected in the findings of the second question when respondents were asked ‘how would you describe yourself’ depicted within graph 2 below. Respondents were able to select one or more categories to describe themselves, with 77.53% of respondents describing themselves as a resident of Newark & Sherwood. Respondents also had the option of self-describing, with 18 respondents choosing this option. Of those 18, 5 (28%) described themselves as a frequent visitor for family and/or leisure purposes, 4 (22%) described themselves as a current or former Parish Council Clerk, 2 (11%) were either a business/local club representative, Councillor or someone who frequented the district for work, respectively. With Nottinghamshire resident, living outside of Nottinghamshire or other being selected by a further 1 (6%) respondents respectively.



4. Analysis of Respondent's Views

Respondents were asked to share their views on the proposed plans through the use of an open text box in 150 words or less. All 881 comments were read and assigned an overall theme of being either supportive, unclear or unsupportive. Collecting qualitative data can provide responses where views are not explicitly stated or whereby it is necessary to interpret what the views of the respondent were. Where views were explicitly stated this has been counted as such, where views were not explicitly stated or have been considered to be unclear. All information provided within the comment has been used to determine whether the comment is supportive, unsupportive or remains to be unclear. These categorisations have been assessed on three separate occasions by three officers, the purpose of this was to ensure that the interpretations of responses were captured as accurately as possible.

More specific themes were then identified and categorised as primary and secondary reasons/concerns which are detailed according to those themes in the tables below. The primary reason/concern was counted as the first point that was made within the comment shared, any second points made by the same respondent were counted again but classed as a secondary reason/concern and captured in the same format below. Some comments contained more than two reasons/concerns; in this instance the two most prominent reasons/concerns were counted.

Table 1 outlines all 359 comments (40.75%) which have been categorised as supportive of the proposals. The top three themes which emerged within the primary reason/concern of comments received included 117 (32.59%) comments relating to the cultural and historical significance of the Kidney Stones, 95 (26.46%) comments of generalised support for the proposals, as well as 64 (17.83%)

being supportive of displaying the stones but indicating that the proposed location of Castle House for the siting of the stones is not supported or could be better placed elsewhere. Of these top three themes, cultural and historical significance (3.34%) and not being supportive of the proposed location to site the stones (3.34%) were also mentioned within the secondary concerns. When the primary and secondary reasons/concerns are combined this equates to 35.93% and 21.17% respectively.

Table 1: Supportive of the proposals			
Primary reasoning/concern	Detail	Mentions	% of comments
Overall supportive of the proposals		359	40.75%
Cultural / Historical Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important to display items of local cultural and historical significance in public places • Recognises the districts industrial past • Celebration of a local artist • Support for public artworks 	117	32.59%
Support proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kiddey Stones should be on display • A good idea • Generalised support and agreement for the proposals 	95	26.46%
Against location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Uncertainty that the location is the right place for the Kiddey Stones • Not in a prominent or centralised location • A lack of footfall to Castle House • Suggestion that a number of other locations could be better suited, including the Castle Grounds, Stodman Street Development and the Town Centre • The stones should be protected from the elements and vandalism by storing in a museum 	64	17.83%
For location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In favour of the Kiddey Stones being displayed outside of Castle House • The stones would benefit from the security of being outside of Castle House 	25	6.96%
Concern cost is too high/not best value for money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concern that the proposed costs are too high • Kiddey Stones should be displayed but at a lower cost 	20	5.57%
Good for tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kiddey Stones would be an attraction for visitors • Increased footfall could benefit the local economy • Supportive of seeing the stones as part of an arts trail 	17	4.74%

Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive of displaying the stones around the Town, not just at Castle House • Uncertainty around where the Kidney Stones could be displayed to their full advantage • Specific feedback on the proposed plans to site the stones, including suggestions on dynamic placement and materials used 	12	3.34%
Vandalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive but concern that the stones may be subject to vandalism • Ensure that the stones are protected from the risk of vandalism 	8	2.23%
Cost of living crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive of displaying the stones but suggestion that the plans are delayed due to the increased financial pressures 	1	0.28%
Secondary reasoning/concern	Detail	Mentions	% of comments
For location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive of displaying the Kidney Stones outside of Castle House • Central location, a gateway to Newark Town Centre • Close proximity to the train station 	23	6.41%
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supportive but feel that the cost of siting the stones is high • Supportive but feel it may not be the right time to spend this money due to other economic challenges • Supportive if the cost is not excessive and/or is within existing budgets • Suggestion that alternative funding arrangements are considered • Suggestion that a cost/benefit analysis could be carried out to justify the expenditure 	19	5.29%
Good for tourism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Kidney Stones would be an attraction for visitors • Supportive of seeing the stones as part of an arts trail 	18	5.01%
Vandalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Important that the stones are safeguarded from deliberate damage and theft 	18	5.01%
Against location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Suggestion that a number of other locations may be better suited, including siting on roundabouts, Castle Grounds, Newark Town Centre, Millgate, etc. • Wrong location to enable as many people to see them as possible 	12	3.34%

Cultural / Historical Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support for the display of artwork around the district Important to display items of local cultural and historical significance in public places Celebration of a local artist 	12	3.34%
Concern cost is too high/not best value for money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alternative forms of funding could be sought Concern that the cost is excessive Concern that the expenditure is unnecessary in the current economic climate and not in the best interest of taxpayers 	5	1.39%
Better spent elsewhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The money could be put to better use within the current economic environment, supporting residents with the cost of living pressures Money could be used to support the most vulnerable members of the community 	5	1.39%
Location	<p>Specific feedback on the proposed location, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The siting of the stones won't be clearly visible to people travelling past on the train Not a central location for local residents but would suit those travelling to the area by train 	3	0.84%
Cost of living crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This project will be of benefit to residents who will be restricting their paid cultural experiences due to economic pressures Concern at the expenditure value when residents are facing cost of living pressures 	2	0.56%
Responsibility of Newark Town Council (NTC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NTC as the owners should have responsibility for locating the stones and doing so within local buildings owned by the Town Council 	1	0.28%

Table 2 outlines all 17 comments (1.93%) that were considered to be unclear, or that provided an indication the respondents were neither supportive nor unsupportive of the proposals. 6 of those comments (35.29%) did not provide sufficient detail in order to categorise the response. 5 (29.41%) respondents made comments regarding the location, 4 (23.53%) respondents made comments stating that there was a lack of information available in order to provide their views on the proposals. In addition to this, 1 comment was captured within the secondary reasons/concerns which related to a lack of information, taking the total comments who felt there was a lack of information to 5 (29.41%).

Table 2: Unclear comments OR Neither supportive nor unsupportive			
Primary reasoning/concern	Detail	Mentions	% of comments
Unclear comments OR Neither supportive nor unsupportive of proposals:		17	1.93%
Unable to categorise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partial postal code Test response Not enough information 	6	35.29%

Location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Respondents agree with the proposed site, however the comments seem to indicate the respondents believe the proposed site to be the Castle Grounds, rather than Castle House 	5	29.41%
Lack of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'What are the Kidney Stones?' 'Why has the display of the stones not been address before now and why it has taken so long?' 	4	23.53%
Responsibility of Newark Town Council (NTC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Query as to why NTC are not contributing towards these proposals 	1	7.69%
Support proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In favour of displaying the stones, however felt there is a lack of information 	1	7.69%
Secondary reasoning/concern	Detail	Mentions	% of comments
Lack of information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unsure about the details of the proposal, including budgetary considerations and the practical composition of the stones according to the plans 	1	7.69%

Table 3 outlines all 505 comments (57.32%) which have been categorised as being unsupportive of the proposals. The top three themes which emerged within the primary reasons/concerns included reference to the proposals being a waste of money which was mentioned by 180 (20.43%) of respondents, 117 respondents (13.28%) felt that the money could be better spent elsewhere and 82 respondents (9.31%) referenced the cost of the proposals. Of these top three themes, reference to the proposals being a waste of money (1.58%), the money could be better spent elsewhere (16.83%) and mention of the cost (6.34%) were also mentioned within the secondary reasons/concerns. When the primary and secondary reasons/concerns are combined this equates to 22.02%, 30.11% and 15.64% respectively.

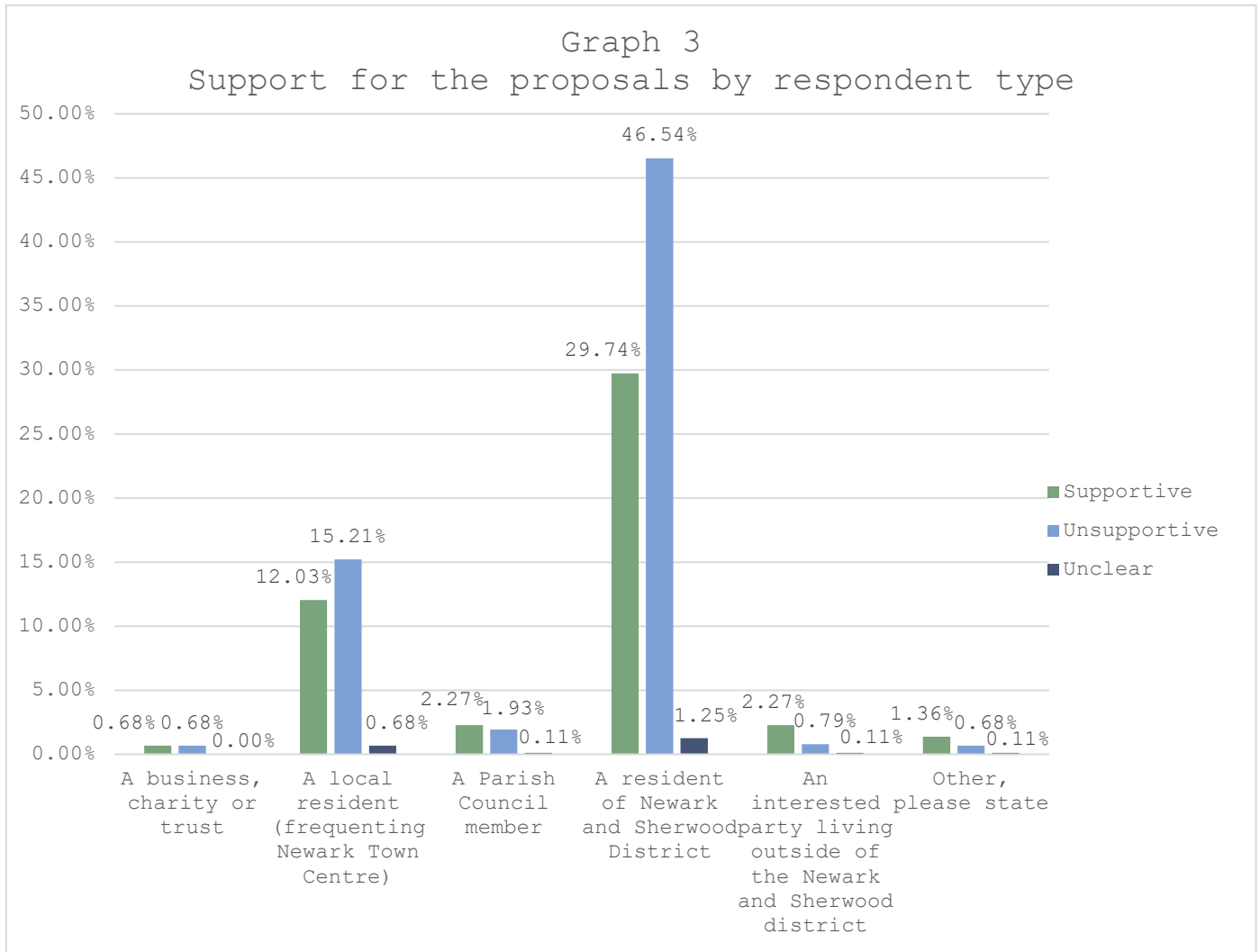
Table 3: Unsupportive of the proposals			
Primary reasoning/concern	Detail	Mentions	% of comments
Overall, unsupportive of proposals		505	57.32%
Waste of Money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waste of public money Unnecessary spending 	180	20.43%
Better spent elsewhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generalised comments that the money could be put to better use elsewhere <p>Specific examples of what the money could be better spent on, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Road maintenance/filling potholes Supporting vulnerable residents with the cost of living Flood defences Community events and activities Spaces for children 	117	13.28%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supporting businesses • Local services 		
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Too expensive/cost unjustifiable • Inappropriate timing to be spending money on this project, in light of other challenges facing residents including the cost of living and council tax rises • Unsupportive of the proposals because of the associated costs • Lower cost proposals should be sought • Not an appropriate use of taxpayers/public money 	82	9.31%
Do not support proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unnecessary proposals with little/no added value for residents and/or the town • Not NSDC's responsibility • NSDC out of touch with the wants/needs of residents 	42	4.77%
Against location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wrong location • Not centrally located • Wrong side of the train line • Not an area with enough footfall • Other locations should be explored, including Civil War Museum, Castle Gardens, Library Gardens, Town Hall, Newark Town Centre, Sconce & Devon Park, Riverside Park, elsewhere within Nottinghamshire 	32	3.63%
Cost of living crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate expenditure within the current economic climate • Insensitive of NSDC to spend public money on this project when residents are facing times of financial hardship • Not the best use of public money at this time 	31	3.52%
Seek funding elsewhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public money should not be used to fund this project • Seek funding from sources including Lottery Funding, local businesses, existing museum budgets 	7	0.79%
Vanity project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate to fund a vanity project in times of financial hardship • Public money could have better uses than funding a vanity project 	6	0.68%
Lack of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Desire to understand more about the wider plans including development of an art trail and associated benefits, unsupportive due to this lack of information 	3	0.34%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Problems accessing some of the links which detailed the proposals and illustrations, unsupportive based on the information accessed 		
Responsibility of NTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any proposals to site the stones should be funded by NTC as the owners of the stones The proposals will predominantly benefit Newark, as such should be paid for by NTC rather than NSDC 	3	0.34%
Cultural / Historical Significance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The stones have historical significance to Newark; however the financial climate means this project should not go ahead at this time The proposal does add value to Newark as a tourist destination, however the cost of the proposals is high and not enough detail provided as to what the expected benefits will be. Unsupportive until the proposals have been comprehensively challenged and benefits evidenced 	2	0.23%
Secondary reasoning/concern	Detail	Mentions	% of comments
Better spent elsewhere	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Generalised comments that the money could be put to better use elsewhere Specific examples of what the money could be better spent on, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood defences Improving social housing Road surfacing/potholes Bridge repairs Reducing Council tax Protecting the most vulnerable residents with services such as homelessness support, access to food and heating Protection and preservation of parks and outdoor spaces Leisure facilities Support for local businesses/high streets Reducing crime and anti-social behaviour Public services such as police and dentists 	85	16.83%
Against location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor proposed location Not central to residents or visitors No reason to visit Castle House 	58	11.49%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stones have no relevance to Castle House, better located at a power station or other energy generating company/site • Suggestion that the stones should be incorporated into another ongoing or upcoming development • The stones will predominantly benefit Councillors, Officers and visitors to Castle House 		
Cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inappropriate to site the stones at the costs stated within the proposals due to the economic climate • Too expensive/excessive cost • Cost of proposals over inflated, alternative quotes should be sought • Consideration of the ongoing maintenance costs and any cost of repairing any vandalism 	32	6.34%
Cost of living crisis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not appropriate to go ahead when residents are feeling the impacts of rising costs • The money should be used to support vulnerable residents through challenging economic times 	19	3.76%
Waste of Money	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wasteful spending when essential services are suffering • Waste of money siting the stones in the proposed location 	8	1.58%
Do not support proposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generalised objection to and disagreement with the proposals 	7	1.39%
Vandalism	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed location will attract vandalism and anti-social behaviour • Alternative locations should be sought in order to protect the stones from vandalism 	7	1.39%
Vanity project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to the challenging economic climate, the cost of these proposals could be considered a vanity project for the Council/Councillors 	7	1.39%
Seek funding elsewhere	<p>Seek alternative sources of funding including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsorship from local businesses • NPO Funding • Private funding 	3	0.59%
Responsibility of NTC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The stones should be given back to NTC and the cost of any proposals not funded by NSDC 	3	0.59%
Lack of Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interest in the full business case for the proposals being publicised to understand what the benefits are to the district 	1	0.20%

Graph 3 provides an overview of whether respondents were supportive, unsupportive or unclear regarding the proposals, broken down by how the respondents described themselves as set out within graph 2. The largest proportion of responses were from those who described themselves as a resident of Newark and Sherwood District. 46.54% of those residents were categorised as being unsupportive of the proposals, with 29.74% being supportive of the proposals and 1.25% being unclear or neither supportive nor unsupportive. The other category with the second highest proportion of responses was that of a local resident who frequents Newark Town Centre, of these responses 15.21% were unsupportive of the proposals, 12.03% were supportive and 0.68% being unclear or neither supportive nor unsupportive.

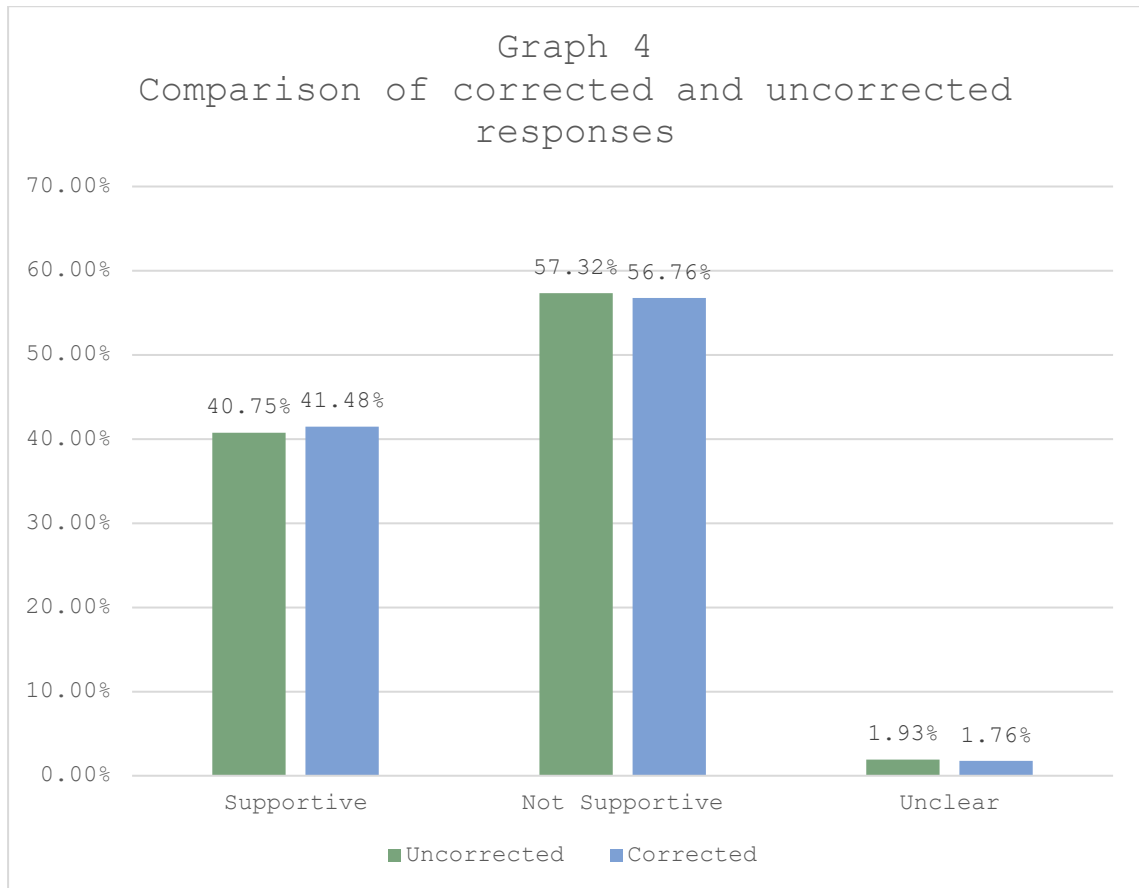


5. Duplicate responses resulting in % error

Errors caused by multiple entries from single users in survey analysis can significantly impact the validity and reliability of the results. Duplicate responses can lead to overrepresentation of certain views, introducing bias and skewing the data. Duplicate responses result in an inflated sample size, which can lead to incorrect statistical inferences. Causes of these errors include technical issues, user behaviour, and lack of controls embedded within the survey. The detection method included in this survey analysis involved using IP address tracking¹. This enabled officers to identify multiple entries from the same device/location and the results listed in the report above include all complete survey

¹ For the purposes of this calculation, anything above 2 entries per IP address were considered a duplicate. The IP address of Castle House was not included within this calculation.

entries. However, It should be noted that if entries were restricted to two per household/IP address the results in the table below would be the representative results. Therefore, the % error of this consultation is reported as 3.53%. This equates to 0.71% of respondents who were supportive, 2.59% who were unsupportive and 0.24% who were unclear. The graph below provides a comparison between the corrected and uncorrected response figures, we can see that there is a 0.56% discrepancy of unsupportive, -0.73% supportive and 0.17% unclear responses.



**The green bars indicate the results before any % error calculation has been applied. The blue bars indicate the results after the percentage error correction has been applied.*

6. Summary

In summary, the Kidney Stones Consultation received 881 responses that have been analysed, 88.76% of respondents indicated via their postcode that they were a resident of Newark and Sherwood. The second question 'how would you describe yourself' depicted that 77.53% of respondents self-described as being a resident of Newark & Sherwood. 27.92% described themselves as a local resident frequenting Newark Town Centre, 4.31% a Parish Council Member, 3.18% an interested party living outside of the Newark and Sherwood District, 2.16% chose to self-describe and 1.36% of respondents were representatives of a business, charity or trust.

57.32% of responses were unsupportive of the proposals. The top three themes which emerged within the primary reasons/concerns included reference to the proposals being a waste of money which was mentioned by 180 (20.43%) of respondents, 117 respondents (13.28%) felt that the money could be better spent elsewhere and 82 respondents (9.31%) referenced the cost of the proposals. Of these top three themes, reference to the proposals being a waste of money (1.58%), the money could be better spent elsewhere (16.83%) and mention of the cost (6.29%) were also mentioned within the

secondary reasons/concerns. When the primary and secondary reasons/concerns are combined this equates to 22.02%, 30.11% and 15.64% respectively.

40.75% of respondents were supportive of the proposals. The top three themes which emerged within the primary reason/concern of comments received were relating to the cultural and historical significance of the Kidney Stones (32.59%), comments of generalised support for the proposals (26.46%), as well as being supportive of displaying the stones but indicating that the proposed location of Castle House for the siting of the stones is not supported or could be better placed elsewhere (17.83%). Of these top three themes, cultural and historical significance (3.34%) and not being supportive of the proposed location to site the stones (3.34%) were also mentioned within the secondary concerns. When the primary and secondary reasons/concerns are combined this equates to 35.93% and 21.17% respectively.

1.93% of responses were considered to be unclear or neither supportive nor unsupportive. 35.29% of those respondents did not provide sufficient detail in order to categorise the response. 29.41% of respondents made comments regarding the location, 23.53% of respondents made comments stating that there was a lack of information available in order to provide their views on the proposals. In addition to this, 1 comment was captured within the secondary reasons/concerns which related to a lack of information, taking the total comments who felt there was a lack of information to 5 (29.41%).

When reviewing responses according to level of supportiveness overlaid with how the respondents described themselves, this allowed us to understand the specific views of the different demographics. The largest proportion of responses were from those who described themselves as a resident of Newark and Sherwood District. 46.54% of those residents were categorised as being unsupportive of the proposals, with 29.74% being supportive of the proposals and 1.25% being unclear or neither supportive nor unsupportive. The second highest proportion of responses was that of a local resident who frequents Newark Town Centre, of these responses 15.21% were unsupportive of the proposals, 12.03% were supportive and 0.68% being unclear or neither supportive nor unsupportive. The third highest was that of Parish Council members, with 2.27% being supportive, 1.93% being unsupportive and 0.11% being unclear.

The above results are based on all results collected; however, analysis was also carried out to understand whereby multiple entries were made from a single user. Errors caused by multiple entries from single users in survey analysis can significantly impact the validity and reliability of the results. Duplicate responses can lead to overrepresentation of certain views, introducing bias and skewing the data. This results in an inflated sample size, which can lead to incorrect statistical inferences. The detection method included in this survey analysis involved using IP address tracking. This enabled officers to identify multiple entries from the same device/location and perform a calculation to ascertain if entries were restricted to two per household/IP address how that would impact upon the results of the open survey. The % error of this consultation is reported as 3.53%. This equates to 0.71% of respondents who were supportive, 2.59% who were unsupportive and 0.24% who were unclear. We can see that there is a 0.56% discrepancy of unsupportive, -0.73% supportive and 0.17% unclear responses between the correct and uncorrected responses.

Appendix B: Open Survey Results

All comments made in the survey are shared below with all information which can directly or indirectly identify an individual redacted for privacy.

I support the proposal
A waste of council taxpayers money
Good plan. Let's get on with displaying them for all to enjoy. Will make Castle House a bit more interesting too.
I'm delighted that the sculptures will be on public display, after having been in storage for so many years. I'm pleased it will bring some character/history to the very modern (dare I say boring?!) architecture at the council offices.
I support the installation of the Kiddey sculptures in Newark as part of an Arts trail in the town. We need attractions to develop the towns appeal to tourists and leisure visitors who also enjoy our Palace Theatre the CWC and Newark Museum and Newark Castle along with the historic buildings in the centre of Newark
I would very much like to see the Kiddey Stones finally on public display.
In favour of them being displayed at Castle House.
The opportunity to display the Kiddey Stones is something that should be taken. It will benefit the residents of Newark and Sherwood as well as those of us who live just outside but regard Newark as their primary town. Any investment in the arts has to be applauded as it will be appreciated and wide as well as becoming a key factor of interest for tourists. It's good to see our council being proactive
I think the Kiddey stones should be displayed at Castle House. They are museum quality, and would enhance this building and entrance to Newark.
Displaying the Kiddey Stones in a public setting allows us to celebrate a local artist with strong links to Newark. I hope that this project goes ahead and rescues the stones from another 40 years of being cloistered in a cemetery!
Seems a very good proposal. Ideally, funding can be obtained from the National Lottery, donations or other arts grants as well as taxpayers money.
We need to know the bigger picture of the art trail and the financial benefits this will bring to Newark. There is no information re this.
I think the Stones should be on display as part of Newark's rich cultural heritage.
I am very pleased with the plan for the stonework to be restored and displayed for the public to appreciate and enjoy. The talent of Nottinghamshire people should be displayed with pride. Although the cost estimate is not small, the positive impact from the proposed art trail with the stones planned as the start of the route, is priceless.
Unfortunately I am unable to view any illustrations of the proposal. I've followed the link Cabinet Report - 04.06.24 - Kiddey Stones. There is a written description but no attached illustration (software glitch?). There is also no link on the questionnaire in the section "The Proposals. You can review the proposals for Kiddey Stones display here". Without this it is difficult to support or feel inspired by the proposals. I would prefer to see the plan for the Middlebeck roundabout or park area and the money used to create a nature reserve on the Lowfield area instead of developing. This would enhance the South Newark area for both residents and visitors to the Sustrans cycle trail and future country park (as advertised by Urban and Civic). Create a recreational trail with signs to the Kiddey stones and Lowfield nature reserve stop off points. (Is there economic potential from all the cyclists passing South of Newark, cycle friendly cafes and accommodation etc in the area and centre of Newark).
Go for it
Yes a lovely idea. Other areas have their landmarks. A better idea than yet another car park. Promotion of NSDC is essential to promote interest and new business into the area

Newark residents & visitors deserve to see work by the great Robert Kiddey. Exhibiting alongside Picasso, Gill and others, Kiddeys' genius is for all to see and enjoy.
Over the centuries all ambitious cities and towns have put art on public display to enhance the public realm. The principal of bringing the Kiddey stones into the public realm is aligned to the ambition Newark needs to create if the town is going to thrive. The issue as I see it is how to calculate the cost benefits when there are so many demands on the public purse. Donnington Hall near Lincoln has created a profitable business from their sculpture park which clearly demonstrates people attach value to sculptures
Art routes, especially when showing works by nationally renowned artists, brings tourism. The cost of these stones being shown is low compared to the income for the town.
I think it highly disrespectful to all residents to think about such vanity projects after raising council tax in the current economy. Also if its for all to see why at Castle house? Why not in the town?
They should be displayed at Castle House. I support the proposal.
They should be displayed at Castle House. I support the proposal.
I strongly support the proposal - it will bring tourism and culture to the town.
I approve of the art - by a famous, local artist, and in a figurative "Soviet" style that was popular in the 20C and which is not so abstract as to offend onlookers. I can just about agree with the location, though I would have liked it to be more clearly visible to people travelling past on the train - and the sculptures are all facing the other direction, which is a lost chance of impressing people passing through Newark. Another occasion when we ignore the virtues of Newark Castle station and public transport users, I'm afraid.
An excellent proposal and location to display the work of Robert Kiddey for all to view after lying neglected for 40 years since being donated to the Town. Robert Kiddey was a much regarded artist and sculptor in the Town recognised internationally and needs to be celebrated by this Town
Waste of money and completely the wrong place. The stones were designed to be viewed from a height, not on the ground. Why can these not be incorporated into a new building where they can be viewed as they were supposed to be. This is a vanity project for you, if they must be ground height then what about the Castle Grounds where more people can see them.
I believe the cost of siting the Kiddey Stones at Castle House is far too expensive. The money could be better spent elsewhere
Waste of tax payers money
Absolute waste of money in today's climate. £80K is a ridiculous amount of money to spend. It is morally wrong to spend money on some rocks from some who isn't well known enough to even have a dodgy Wikipedia page. There are people in this area relying on food banks and you want to █████ money up the wall on this. Absolutely livid you are even bothering to consult on this, what planet are you all on!! Invest in our people, infrastructure, Green initiatives or wildlife/green spaces instead- something that people in this area will actually benefit from. You work for us!
Far to expensive, absolute no from me!
In these times of shortage of funds I think it is a waste of public money which could be used more wisely. Who do you think is going to come and look at these stones! It will be a 2 minute wonder a bit like the civil war trail which I doubt very much is used any more. Local Government claim they are short of funds yet can find £80k for this. No not wanted or needed.
No thanks, spend the money on infrastructure or repair roads, something that benefits residents. This won't benefit anyone.
Inclusion of the stones to be a prominent cultural stamp for Newark would be a good thing. Just as the Civil War Museum celebrates Newark's distant history, so should we celebrate its recent history.
Total waste of money - why can't they be incorporated into castle when building work done there so some of building costs already shared . Or on Sconce Park or Riverside Park

<p>Display an art piece in town always is an attractive thing. However if lack of maintenance that will become a disaster. Also if the fund is coming from our council tax and not from the other foundations. I absolutely will say a big “NO” on this proposal.</p>
<p>The link to the proposals is not working ? I do not think Castle House is the correct place for the stones. A they belong to the Town Council they should be sited within Newark Town with the cost to be met by the Town Council not the District Council</p>
<p>Money could be put yo better use?</p>
<p>Just an absolute waste of money</p>
<p>A waste of money and not conjunctive to Newark town or the district Council . The pre-agreed plan by Town Council to put these on Middlebeck is more appropriate than wasting £100,000 on this project of Council Taxpayers money . I do not agree with this project and do not want my money spent on this project</p>
<p>This wasn't in an any manifest or pledge And is not in keeping with the area where it is planned and in my opinion is a waste of money , This is a Newark Town Council Piece of art And should be up to them to display, however they see fit with them spending their own council tax. It shouldn't be subsidised by the rest of the district.</p>
<p>Absolutely crazy, the proposed cosy (which may well be more) is astronomical, £80k is a wild amount of money.</p>
<p>Absolutely ridiculous! £80k is an obscene amount to be spending on anything non essential. In this cost of living crisis, that £80k could be put to many other essential uses. I will be very annoyed should the council waste so much money on an a non essential art installation. After funding cuts to the arts have been made across Newark and Sherwood, this is a slap in the face!</p>
<p>A good intention but not well thought out. Many people are struggling and spending £80k on putting some stones on display doesn't really make the Council's priorities look great.</p>
<p>Think this is a great idea and hopefully it will come to fruition</p>
<p>I think its a ridiculous waste of money in a cost of living crisis time, especially when knowing they could of gone to middlebeck for free and still be seen by newark residents</p>
<p>This is wasteful use of public funds. What is the benefit? Not the right time. Come back to this idea in 10 yrs.</p>
<p>This is wasteful,and unnecessary use of taxpayers money. This will not benefit residents in an impactful way. Rather use the money for something useful to residents, like improving parks,areas for teenagers and children (Fernwood park is old, small and needs improving for example) This is a frivolous abuse of tax money spending it on stones, regardless of historic references to the stones.</p>
<p>Ridiculous waste of money!</p>
<p>Waste of money</p>
<p>In difficult Financial Times this is unjustified</p>
<p>Ludiccrous</p>
<p>DO NOT spend my council tax on this ridiculous, outrageous and unnecessary display just for YOUR greedy benefit. This is public money, that you should be spending on pot holes, shopping centre, re-generating the high street. Discussing that you have the nerve to spend my money on your office view.....</p>
<p>Money could be spent elsewhere on improving community events spaces and child areas</p>
<p>This is ridiculous and a huge waste of money !!!!</p>
<p>Waste of money if the stones are of significant interest they should be protected in a museum.If not keep them in storage. What is the footfall from the general public outside the Council HQ excluding members of staff.</p>
<p>How dare these people even suggest such an unnecessary spend when people are struggling!</p>
<p>I have heard this is going to cost thousands of pounds. I think this would be better spent on services</p>

<p>Typical when the council are happy spending our taxpayers money on pathetic things like stones why didn't propose this when the building was built not now people are struggling and the person who thought this idea up should be sacked for wasting taxpayer money</p>
<p>A single penny should not be spent on any type of consultancy. Nsdc should have in its employment people capable of doing this at no extra cost.</p>
<p>Absolute nonsense. This absolutely cannot go ahead.</p>
<p>Not sure if the location of the stones is appropriate. It will cause congestion and further issues over the train tracks which can already be hectic at times. Could also create congestion outside of the council offices for those who work there and the public that visit there. Feel like it is just asking for vandalism. I would encourage that they're in a more peaceful setting like the Riverside Park or Sconce and Devon</p>
<p>The cost of £80 000 for this is shocking. I'm sure something which costs much less should be sought.</p>
<p>Nobody goes to Castle House apart from when they require council support. Can these not be put somewhere people actually go? Castle Gardens, parks, etc. Maybe split them up and put around town to create a trail?</p>
<p>Absolutely not, are you having a joke - to spend £80,000 on some stones when half of Newark is shambles. Council can't even cut the weeds on the mounds they put on our estate but are willing to spend £80,000 on a sculpture!?! This is a joke and if they go forward with it there will be a lot of upset</p>
<p>Disgusting! How can you even contemplate spending that on stones? How about putting it into pot holes</p>
<p>Pointless waste of money</p>
<p>This is an excellent idea, it is so important to ensure that public art is accessible for people. At a time when we are in a cost of living crisis, people will complain about money being allocated to art but it is even more important that the investment is made when families will be restricting their cultural experiences in tough economic times. Please go ahead with this - if only for the children who will visit the town centre to be able to see large scale sculptures</p>
<p>Waste of money</p>
<p>An absolute waste of money. It's not the town centre so limited footfall.</p>
<p>Right to bring them out on display but put them somewhere central, like in the Library Gardens</p>
<p>Absolute waste of money and misuse of public funds.</p>
<p>I think this is a scandalous waste of money</p>
<p>The cost is too high and the planned placement of them is not the best place. No one goes to castle house when visiting newark. They need to be somewhere where they can be seen easily,the market place ??</p>
<p>I would prefer the council not to spend any more money on Castle house.</p>
<p>Would definitely love to see these on display</p>
<p>I support the plan to place them outside Castle House</p>
<p>Not required. Money to be spent elsewhere</p>
<p>Whilst I applaud the idea of ensuring that art is supported in the town, this is far too expensive an installation at this time. It is also not proposed to be in a place where it would be most appreciated [REDACTED] At this time when funds are low for people a site that is much cheaper should be chosen not a site [REDACTED]</p>
<p>not the right place. they need to be in the centre of newark not outside the council building . how it costs this much to install is beyond me of they have already been cleaned and restored. why not but then along the river at various locations or if you feel they arts best together there are many parks and town centre buildings that they could be installed on. please think of how we can improve Newark as a whole and stop spending money on creating trails. we already have trails just add it to that. i am a great lover of art but do not see the point in putting it where most people do not go</p>

It would be great to see the stones back on display but i think the location needs further thought. You won't be able to see the stones from the roadside or the station platform. Is there somewhere more public? A roundabout? The side of old M&S? A scruffy gap in town like Boar Lane?
I THINK IT WILL ADD TO THE TOWN AND FOR EVERYONE TO SEE HIS WORK
Brilliant idea, art should be viewed by as many people as possible, much better than being stored away fpr no one to see
This is a ridiculous amount of money for a couple of stones, wherever they are put
The reported £80k for this project could be better spent elsewhere.
I think it is important his work is displayed and accessible to all local residents and we understand our local history
Castle House is not the place.to view. Should bef more central Would like to see displayed around Castle Gate area
The cost that has been mentioned by certain councillors does seem an excessive spend of revenue. They would be a nice addition but the timing does not feel right due to cost of living for many. Asthetics over services feel almost non negotiable in my opinion
Stop wasting our money on pointless things and spend it improving the town or on places for young people to go
It's not the displaying of them it's the cost involved I wouldn't have thought in this time of food poverty that this would be a priority.
Seems expensive
Far too much money to display these. Already money for arts and culture has meant an increase in council tax. This will only mean more tax when there are bigger priorities. We have yet to see what Ms. Reeves will throw at us.
The stones should be available for public to view but in a place where they can be monitored & maintained. An info board should be created to explain to visitors what they are/represent plus brief bio of artist.
I agree that the stones really must be on display. I would prefer to see them displayed in a better setting. Have you considered Friary Road park opposite the police station?
I think the proposal to site the Kidney stones in front of Castle House is an excellent one and for it to be the start of an art trail around Newark is also very good.
I don't think castle house is appropriate they need to be closer to town. I also don't think this £81,000 is cost effective. You can spend this money on better things
I had not heard of the artist before but the size and subject matter seem so interesting to Newark and Nottinghamshire's history. I like the idea of them being part of an arts trail around town- attract people in and increase footfall etc. Preferably in spaces that do their size justice, will be open and well seen and at key gateways or places of interest.
Stop wasting taxpayers money on vanity projects. Whilst you're at it stop paying for freebies for people with dogs. Absolutely ridiculous that council tax keeps increasing, you can't even be bothered to maintain the environment around the town and you want to blow silly money on a display. Get your priorities straight.
It's an absolute waste of money, not in my name
I hope this does go ahead as it will mean that labour and the Ind will be wiped out at the next election as the resident will not forgive them . Waste of money
Terrible idea and a waste of money !
Great idea, but not now It's the wrong time with a cost-of-living crisis to be wasting this much money. Come back with the idea in 10 years time. Also wrong location it looks like the district Council ad just doing something nice for themselves and for nobody else If you're going to go ahead with it, do it where they originally would've been placed
I think it is a wonderful idea! Thank you for considering this!
Absolute waste of money

Not wise spending of public funds, against the plans
The stones should be on display for the public to enjoy. I like the idea of castle house as i feel else where in the town centre the stones would be more open to vandalism. At least at Castle House they will fall under the protection of existing security plans without extensive additional provision needing to be made.
Not a good use of tax payers money
Please display the Kiddey Stones in a more public town centre area rather than Castle House. Suggest the Civil War Centre, Church or even the Palace. No one would go to see them at Castle House unless they specifically needed to go to Castle House, there are better options more accessible to most.
I think it's a brilliant idea, important part of Newark history and heritage and the artwork would look great on displays.
Perhaps another suggestion would be to include them in the existing Castle Gatehouse project or an exhibition at the Civil War museum, rather than create another location. This may reduce costs.
The money can be better spent else where on roads school building eg I object for a waste of money to be spent on a prity sculpture just so the office worker have something to look out the window you can do so much more with the 80 k
I would love to see these sculptures on display at castle house. It's a shame they are not being seen!
I feel the Kiddey stone would be better gifted to Wollaton Hall and put on display behind glass where they can not incur further damage. In the current economic climate it would not be right to spend over £80000 to display them outside Newark & Sherwood council offices.
The kidneys stones should be displayed for people to see. Although I do not think this should be in front of castle house, as most people will not go there to see. Somewhere closer to the town center would be better
I fully support the proposed plans.
I think this is a good idea and a great location outside CH. However I think more residents would be keen to support it if more detail was explained about where the money is coming from for example is it from an arts grant fund that can only be used for this type of thing or from general reserves ?
I want leadership from the Council. These stones should be displayed, why the counsultation?
£80k is an obscene amount of public money to spend on this. The sentiment is admirable however, the current administration seem to be very free and easy with public money. Incorporate them into the castle renovations
Not convinced this is good value for money. If the stones are famous artwork, why aren't they put in a prominent position in Newark town centre for more people to see? And if they are, Newark Town council should pay for the installation, not N&SDC.
A disgraceful use of public money at a time when people are struggling to pay bills.
While this all sounds very good £81 thousand pounds is an awful lot of public money to be spent on this project. I'm sure there are other things that this money could be spent on that benefit far more people. The majority of Newark people will have never heard about these stones and what they represent. We are going through very hard times financially and I think this should be very seriously considered.
I think that the amount of money could be spent on other pressing issues. I don't support this
Really nice idea. Could these be incorporated into the redevelopment of M and S building providing a further feature, within the town centre for locals and visitors to view.
A complete waste of money.
I don't think money should be spent on this. I am supportive of the arts but the money would be better spent in enabling engagement with creative activity within the community, rather than on something which is for passive viewings in an area which frankly very few people would actively visit or indeed have any reason to pass by now that council services are done mainly online.
A waste of money. Strongly object!

An absolute waste when the towns roads are too damaged for us to drive safely!
No thanks the money would be better spent elsewhere
£80000 would be better spent on more needy projects. Now is not the time to be wasting money on things that are only of interest to a minority of people
Whilst I support the preservation of history and culture I feel this is an unnecessary and unjustifiable use of public money.
Should be placed in museum if so valuable. Don't agree with the cost during such a financial crisis. Worried they will be vandalised and only a minority will see them anyway
£80,000 to relocate some stones which have no real value other then the artist was from Newark. The council should have bigger priorities then this.
Please go ahead & display these sculptures.
Whilst I think they are of historical value to Newark and should be displayed somewhere but NOT at a cost of over £80,000
I support the intent and concept which would be positive for both residents and visitors. It may indeed bring economic benefit by attracting a different type of visitor. However the choice of location seems flawed. Castle House is not central to Newark and any 'art trail' would have to have other attractions on that side of the river tk generate sufficient interest and footfall.
In a cost of living crisis and the underfunding of everything from roads , to services I think this is a disgrace and those who are suggesting it should be ashamed
This is a really good use of valuable art work, worth every penny.
I agree they should be restored and put on public display around the town.
Complete waste of tax payers money
I strongly disagree with the council spending £80.000 for decorative stones to be placed in front of castle house, Newark. This money is tax payers money that should be spent on services that will benefit the residents of Newark and Sherwood and should t be wasted on decorative stones that no use or ornament to anyone in the middle of a cost of living crisis. Shameful use of money that doesn't belong to councillors
I feel that the money could be far better spent on improving the road infrastructure in and around the town centre and these stones would be better served being donated to the museum in town
Historical items should be shared
Appalling waste of taxpayers money. We have one of the highest rates of council tax in the country yet have no local facilities & N&SDC think this is ok? Spend it on something useful!!
absolutely ridiculous spending £80k on decorative stones when people in newark and sherwood are struggling to heat their homes. You need to remember who you work for...
These stones are of historical significance and should be seen by the public
Put the money into something more useful
Disgraceful waste of tax payers money. Fully appreciate the historical value of the stones but the installation costs are embarassing, not to mention £5000 for the seating. Who wants to sit outside castle house looking at houses and a busy road ? These are to be part of an ' arts trail ' - outside the council offices ? The tourist section of newark finishes at the river. No.one visirs that end of town unless going to catch a train or visit council. Wrong place/ wrong time.
Not sure this is the best location for the stones.
I think the Kidney stones MUST be displayed in public. They were gifted to the council to share with the public and it is wrong to hide them away. Protect them if necessary behind clear screens but they need to be displayed for all to see and to honour Robert Kidney and educate local residents about him. Please please display these stones. The art trail sounds a great idea and will bring people, and their money, to Newark.
£80k is a huge amount for a piece of sculpture when children are going hungry
Typical council proposal to waste money instead of using it to help people that need it.

Personally I find it an insult to even contemplate installing these at a cost of 80k + in the current climate, leave them where they've been stored, as others have said why weren't they used during other building or development projects, it laughs in the face of current financial climate....
Absolutely ridiculous to spend money on junk like this. Same stupidity that had an expensive coat of arms. Insanity
Unacceptable to be spending insane amounts of money on this project at a time when social rents are going up, other essential council works and services are either slow or understaffed.
Seems way too expensive and I'm not sure that outside the council office is the best place for these stones
If you want to display them then it is to be done at no cost to the taxpayers.
This is a disgusting waste of tax payers money in the middle of a cost of living crisis. I don't know how you can justify such a vanity project when the government is saying it can't afford to pay pensioners the winter fuel allowance is
What a waste of money when much more important projects could have this money spent on them.
This is a good idea, the panels should be on display and the front of CH seems to be an excellent location
If they want them pay for it out of their own wages not out of ours.
If the stones have historical value then they should be displayed for all to see.
I believe that during this cost of living crisis where people are struggling to pay for basic amenities. Throwing 80k of tax payers money away is a slap in the face. This money should be used to ease the burden on local residents. With the proposal for an increase in council tax people want to see a improvement in local services and essentials not luxuries such as a sculptured walk. People are not interested in pretty stones if they can't heat their houses.
A complete waste of our money and why castle house and not the castle would make more sense
They need to be in the public domain
I honestly think this is a joke in the current climate. People are struggling and we cannot afford to help our elderly with heating but we can find 80k to make the council officers a bit more arty? If the roads were perfect. Shops were filled with business and residents living fine then I understand spending on luxuries however this is not the time.
Paying £80,000 to locate these stones is a frivolous waste of taxpayers money and could be put to better use elsewhere. I sincerely hope our councillors do the right thing and reconsider this as a matter of priority.
Sounds good
What a complete waste of money maybe you should fill all the pot holes in with those stones instead of decorating your buildings! That money could be spent on so much more than just █████ up a building. Complete waste
Newark needs an uplift, it used to be a vibrant bustling place. funds should be used to bring the town back to how it used to be. The Kiddy stones are not the answer.
Need to be displayed in the town centre, not at the council house and not at a cost of 80k
I believe the money would be best spent elsewhere - £81,240 is a lot of money for a sculpture to be placed at the council office - in the light of increased cost of living I feel is wasteful use of tax payers money. How can this be justified.
A complete waste of money putting them at castle house. I have no reason to visit there. Not worth the cost of £80.000 to put these in place. They need to be in a place where they will be seen library gardens or castle would be a good place. Don't agree with the cost though !
The current location is out of public view. However, I consider the proposed location too far away for interested public to view and they could get damaged. My proposal would be put them in the grounds of the Castle, for all to view with ease and hopefully greater security.

How can this spending be justified when there are other priorities. Why should residents be paying more in council tax to fund this extravagance when many can't afford food or heating. The council has it's priorities wrong and this project should not be considered in a time of cost of living crisis
Absolutely no! Terrible use of tax payers money at a time money is so limited for existing essential services. If thos is wanted, then historical charities or lottery should be asked to fund it and if they do not, then its not worth it.
Although a nice idea, I think it will be a total waste of money. No doubt, these stones, once installed would be vandalised! I feel the money would be spent elsewhere.
The stones should be outside as shown. However the placing could be more dynamic and linked to the composition of the original site. Equally they should be available to be viewed at any time perhaps with appropriate lighting.
I agree they should be on display, but why not create a sculpture park?
These are important pieces of work by a local artist and should be out on display for all to see. The Council offices is a good location and plenty of people will see them
Public access to art is important this is a really good project and will bring visitors to the town
A great idea - something different and relevant to the local area.
80,000 would surely be put to better use that decoration stones , really wonder about the thought process behind this ,
It seems an extortionate amount of money to spend on the stones , The location is only beneficial if you come the direction of the relief road,I'm sure there must be a more suitable site and lower costs available if the project is to go forward. If not then I'm really against spending such a sum of money that would really not benefit the tax payer of the district
In this current climate with costs rising year after year including our council tax, I really do be grudge spending silly amounts of money on less important things. Use it tidy our town and make it look more attractive in other ways, plant more greenery, more bins etc. but not stones please. Not right now. Do any of these councillors making these stupid decisions even live in this town?!
You are taking the absolute [REDACTED] - 80K on stones. Absolute shame on you
This will just be another white elephant like the Millennium Arch. Total waste of money! Why not use the stones to fill in some of the pot holes in the district. Give your heads a wobble will you and listen to what the local residents actually want.
I believe this is clear misuse of public money. About time town spent £80000 on fixing potholes which make those who travel lives a misery
In these times of austerity, with people fearful of winter bills, rising costs, roads in a disgraceful state, streets full of weeds why in the name of sanity are you considering paying £80k+ to rehouse sculpture, no matter the history or provenance. Beautiful but hardly worthy of the tax payers money.
A joke? £80,000 on stones when you raise our council tax. No thank you.
I support the proposal as it will provide an excellent gateway to Newark, specially as this part of town is on the great North rd, castle station and near some excellent cafes.
I do not think that it is appropriate spending £80k to house the stones, strongly disagree with this being money well spent
I agree that the stones should be on view and think the site chosen is ideal.
What a waste of tax payer's money ,when we need our roads doing ,safe places for the kids to go , why do we need some rocks outside the council offices so NO do not agree with this at all !!!!
A waste of public money. Request that a developer incorporate them into a development in the town for example Stomand Street development. Would be cheaper when undertaking building works. They will attract vandalism and ASB at castle house.
Whilst Im for showcasing art, attracting tourists, bringing footfall and revenue to the town the cost is obscene. The stones are going to mark the begining of an art trail, what is the cost of the rest?

<p>What other works currently exist? This is not going to be a one off cost. They are poorly situated, too far away from passing footfall.</p>
<p>Complete waste of money that could be better spent on existing problems such as reducing crime/vandalism, more green space, fixing roads and helping local businesses</p>
<p>No thanks, far too much money to be spent on this</p>
<p>£80K is a huge amount of money for four stones. I'd like to see the stones in a better location i.e. castle grounds or heart of the town I think you should be transparent about the breakdown of the £80K. Timing is not good for spending this when local people are struggling financially.</p>
<p>I believe this would be a great addition to the town and would be a great place for people to start if visiting by train. For local residents however this isn't exactly a central location and it would be even better if they could be around the castle grounds or in the Church grounds.</p>
<p>This seems to be a vanity project, the money it will cost could be invested into the community on projects such as flood defences</p>
<p>Wow I never knew these fabulous art works were hidden in Newark cemetery and away from public view. The photos of the cleaned up sculptures look fantastic and deserve to be shared with the community and protected also with CCTV as I fear they could end up vandalised. Please do put them on display where we can easily access them, including easy parking access/facilities.</p>
<p>A vanity project, they were never intended to be standalone sculptures and displaying them as such does a disservice to the artist, they should be put back into storage until a cheaper site is found that is more true to what they were intended for, how can that much money being spent on a vanity project be justified.....it's morally very wrong when old people are having their winter fuel allowance taken away and other areas in Newark & Sherwood need the money.....so wrong !!!!</p>
<p>If the reported cost is actually £80,000 then this is nothing short of criminal, what a complete waste of tax payers money.</p>
<p>It is a huge amount of money to be spent especially with the current financial situation of the country. If this does go ahead the stones should not be placed at Castle House as it is not a central or high traffic area</p>
<p>I think they are an excellent idea and should be displayed for the public. However wrong location, who is going to see them but the people who frequent castle house. Get them in the castle or market place.</p>
<p>Complete waste of taxpayers money. There's a cost of living crisis and they think it's acceptable to spend this amount on a piece of art.</p>
<p>I believe that public money should be spent on more important things than this especially considering the significant increase in council tax this year</p>
<p>Given the current financial situation facing many public bodies, councils and the public in general this project will be conceived as 'vanity project' and the cost of installation could be better used elsewhere.</p>
<p>This is a shocking waste of money, the Newark independents should hang their heads in shame. We have a cut to winter fuel payments for pensioners and the labour/independent coalition are wasting this level of money! They should resign immediately!</p>
<p>Would be better if a space within the town centre could be found making them easier to be seen by visitors to the town. Newark needs a reason for people to visit the centre.</p>
<p>We don't need kind of that plan yet in Newark. It is very waste of taxpayer money. Those money should be invested to get more green space or at least keep all road in Newark clean and tidy. Many road conditions are unacceptable.</p>
<p>not required because public not interested</p>
<p>What an extravagant waste of money!</p>
<p>Please do not let this go ahead. Waste of money.</p>
<p>The person who thinks this is a good idea, clearly does not know the majority of residents. They must have their head up in the clouds with an elite few, so far removed from the rest of the district.</p>

They should be removed from their seat. Have they spoken to the residents in the old coal mining towns, who can't scrape together enough for a Christmas dinner if this is the best use of money? I'm all for the arts and culture but they are better ways of delivering it. The NPO funding at the Palace Theatre for example???
I do not think it is an appropriate use of public funds at a time when people are struggling with the cost of living
Do not waste £80k of our council tax on this!!!
Use them as hardcore for pot holes, they're poor style art
Ridiculous, waste of money
Delighted that Kiddey will be getting the recognition he deserves. Cannot wait to see the stones outside Castle House.
In the current climate even the suggestion of spending £80k on this vanity project is insane. The cost is astronomical for the work required and it is clear that NSDC's procurement team need help to stop them allowing such waste. The location is also madness. If these stones are to be displayed put them in the town centre or Castle Gardens where they will be seen by many people not outside Castle House where they will look out of place.
Waste of money. Do not proceed.
I think it's far too expensive and the money could be better spent elsewhere. I think this should be able to be achieved alot cheaper if this is something the council still wish to pursue
This is an excellent idea to connect current and future residents and visitors to significant work and the history of Newark. Hopefully it will encourage visitor/study traffic between the displays at Castle House and the Town Hall Museum and Gallery
Cannot justify spending this much of taxpayers money for a monument.
Absolutely a total waste of tax payers money...when folk are struggling how can you have a council justify spending £81,000 on this project that most of Newark people haven't got a clue about.... 😞...
Absolutely proposerous. You have completely lost touch with your residents wanting to spend our tax money on vanity , I don't care if they were had the 10 commandments on them it's a waste of taxpayers money..fix the roads, improve the parks and services normal hardworking people need. We are here having to choose whether to eat or heat our home and you thinking 80k of stones will benefit the town. Deluded.
I believe that the stones are an asset to the Community and should have been displayed before now. It's a shame they were not included in the original plans for Castle House. I don't believe that they should languish under tarpaulin at the cemetery. £80k is a lot of money but doing nothing could ultimately cost so much more.
This is a complete waste of tax payers money and will benefit nobody.
Disappointing that the council is wasting time with bits of art during a economic crisis and any cost should be spent saving the people of Newark money
A total waste of taxes in the current state of times and need.
Don't waste the money. Leave them where they are
I think in the current economic climate with looming government budget cuts it is unwise to spend £80,000 plus on a town vanity project. The money could be put to better use fixing the state of the towns roads. Also castle house is not a central location for many. The actually castle or market square would be a better place to display them at a better public finances time.
I like the proposed plans, it would be good to have the stones on display. I would be a bit concerned about vandalism though
I think the stones should be on public display
Good to do but it doesn't need to be an expensive installation
Nice project but costs not justified in current climate
No costs far too much money that could be spent elsewhere

<p>A really stupid idea to spend this money on this sculpture. This money should be spent to vital services for the vulnerable residents of Newark and Sherwood District Council . PLEASE DO NOT DO IT !!</p>
<p>Reject. What a waste of money for some stones. Would much rather the money is spent on reducing council tax or freezing it, repairing pot holes, speeding up the large quantity of roadworks in the area, give free parking in town to get visitors into town as more shops close, reduce cost of the shops in town to get better shops (less charity shop, vape shop, nail shop! And actually something people will come into town for. Why go into town when everything you need are in the retail parks outside with “free parking”</p>
<p>The cost to have them installed is far too much in a time when residents are struggling to pay bills due to the cost of living and large increases in council tax. I am against the idea of spending over £80k to have these stones installed.</p>
<p>I think these sculptures should be seen, my Father sadly now deceased studied briefly under Kidney but I’ve seen very little of Kidneys work. My only reservation would be the usual risk of vandalism sadly.</p>
<p>Given the current economic climate I would prefer spending was limited to necessary items or measures to improve quality of life for residents. Non essential spending can be done when things improve in the future</p>
<p>I think with the current climate there are better things that could be done with that amount of money, even if it is grant funding for art 80k projects could touch a lot more peoples lives</p>
<p>Just NO! Ridiculously extortionate cost which in today’s financial crisis could be better spent supporting the community. They will highly likely be vandalised & graffitied on in protest by the likes of [REDACTED]</p>
<p>Not to waste money when it can clearly be spent else where on things that are needed, the council office ground are not a tourist spot !!!</p>
<p>£80,000 could be better spent on something that can help the local residents</p>
<p>Great idea but the cost seems too much especially when we have been told NSDC to repair leaking sewer on NSDC owned land the cost would to repair the sewer is less than £80k</p>
<p>Absolutely diabolical to be spending so much on this when we're in a cost of living crisis. Shame on you!</p>
<p>This is a waste of money at a time when there are many other more pressing priorities such as helping our town centre, affordable housing, activities for young people, crime and ASB, and improving the education and apprentice offers we have. Please reconsider</p>
<p>Sorry, this is a complete waste of money when the money could be used elsewhere, such as footpath sign around the country side.</p>
<p>No added value to residents anda council being wasteful of scarce funds in difficult times.</p>
<p>The sculptures already exist, but in their present location, ie in storage, are of no use to anyone. This locality has a significant history of power generation and it's therefore appropriate to show it. P</p>
<p>I think they could be displayed for far less than the proposed £80k. They should also be nearer the town centre.</p>
<p>They should be situated in the heart of the town not at the council offices. The 80k cost is a joke. Can be done for much less</p>
<p>A blatant waste of money which could be put to better use - please stop this ridiculous idea.</p>
<p>Great idea - a suggested location is to place them on the roundabout as you come into Newark over the bridge by the Castle. I feel outside the council offices is a little restricting. If they are too large to fit on the RaB may be across the town in prominent places.</p>
<p>Waste of taxpayers money as there is a high risk thst they would be vandalised almost immediately as there is no respect for anything or anyone in this town. A better idea would be to display them in the Museum in Appletongate where they could be on show and protected.wn</p>

Put them on display
Our money could be better spent on other things in Newark right now. I also don't support putting these outside Castle House as it's not exactly a "central location".... Something like this should focus on a more central location like the market square or town hall, or even the gateways into town like Barnbygate, Kirkgate, Appletongate. It just feels like a vanity project.
The stones should stay in storage until the finances are better or until entirely private funding is found. The council should concentrate on normal business and not waste local residents money on vanity projects
You are out of touch with your residents if you think this is a good idea. I do not support.
Out of touch with you residents if you think this is ok. Do not proceed.
Out of touch with what your residents want. It makes the Council look daft. Don't do this. Please.
There are much more important things to spend £80k on that moving some stone so workers at the council can see them as they walk to work. Why not have them sponsored by one of the local big businesses and have them fund the move?
I am pleased to support these plans. It is a great shame that these have been hidden from public view for so long. The proposal has considerable merit in bringing this artwork into (free) public view.
I think the stones should be in the town hall. They would be under cover, so protected.
I strongly support displaying the stones and the installation of the art trail. Art in public spaces transforms a town and ensures everyone has access, perhaps kindling a love for art in children and others who would not visit a museum or art gallery. It is a small amount of money for the benefits.
The carvings feature electrical power production - why not install them at a solar farm as a community amenity at the cost of the solar farm
It seems a good idea to display this 'forgotten' sculpture, with the proposed site being reasonably secure although not especially mainstream. My main concern is the cost to taxpayers - £81K seems excessive for local haulage and erection!
Absolutely ridiculous, spending all this money on some decorative stones. Use the money wisely everyone is already struggling.
I oppose to this project as it is useless and is wasting the money. The money is from the council tax and I am one of the payer. I would strongly suggest to cancel this project and use that money for road resurfacing ie London Road
It's a waste of money especially when there is a cost of living crisis funding should be used instead to help people in need
Happy to proceed, arts must be preserved if cost are justified
Albeit nice concept to spend £80,000 whilst roads and other facilities remain so poor.
Absolutely ludicrous. Waste of taxpayer money. 80k???
What right do you have to spend council tax money so frivolously. You declare a cost of living crisis and then think it is appropriate to waste money relocating the stones to somewhere where quite frankly they will be seen by a limited amount of people. Disgraceful.
A good start for an art trail. Please also make the town's collection of Beggarstaff Brothers prints and any other William Nicholson artifacts available for public view: if publicized well these will draw in visitors.
I think the stones are beautiful but wrong location for them and inappropriate to spend so much money relocating them. They are hardly going to be a tourist attraction. The money can be better spent on other things.
Wrong. How out of touch are you. £81,000 to relocate some stones when the money is needed elsewhere. Why at Castle House, vanity project for the Councillors? I very much regret where my vote went. Can they not be incorporated in a building project, the new building next to the Council one would have been ideal. Stop wasting our Council tax money. It is a resolute no from me.
A nice idea BUT NOT RIGHT NOW!!!

<p>Whilst I agree these stones have some cultural value, the cost given, 81k+ is a ridiculous sum. I don't feel the Council can justify spending this amount on artwork when the state of the district is so bad. Local infrastructure is appalling, the area is falling apart, with filthy overgrown streets and pavements. Use money to clean area up, don't waste it!</p>
<p>A complete waste of OUR money.</p>
<p>I feel the money should be better used elsewhere. The items could be displayed elsewhere at minimal cost</p>
<p>Personally I think the money could be better spent. There are so many problems around the area that need money and are probably higher priority. Potholes. Road surfaces. Broken pavements. Overgrown trees and hedges.</p>
<p>Excellent idea. Art, history and culture. Well done for coming up with this idea.</p>
<p>Do people really pass by Castle House unless visiting the council offices? Would a location on Castle Station mean they were seen by more people?</p>
<p>I believe the displaying of the stones would be of benefit to the town of Newark, I am unsure of the cost for the display. The sum stated could be used to better advantage to support those members of the community with greater needs. As they have not been displayed for 40 years, storing them until better times arrive would seem the most cost effective option. Or perhaps the funding could be used with Newark College to fund the students creating the display of the stones. Thus providing real life practice to the building skills they learn at college.</p>
<p>I think it is a great idea to implement this project. Our town seems to be filling with vape shops and not much happening towards education. Our town is beautiful but needs more investment in historical artefacts.</p>
<p>It is an excellent idea forming a part of walking trail to promote the art & heritage of Newark and the surrounding area. Vandalism is a concern but hopefully existing provisions at Castle House will cover this .</p>
<p>If you're celebrating creativity why not be more creative about where the stones are displayed. Use them in a proposed development like Stodman Street maybe?</p>
<p>A waste of money when there are other more pressing needs affecting the residents of the District, and shortage of funds to address those needs.</p>
<p>An utter waste of time and money and something completely out of touch with the needs of the local community. I simply do not understand how you can justify an £80,000 project like this during a cost-of-living crisis while the Government is warning of harder times to come. It indicates a complete lack of awareness, forward thinking, or commercial sense. If this scheme goes ahead and there are subsequent cuts in council services, or job losses within the council then I think you need to do a lot of introspection into the purpose of the council, its values and who the council actually serves.</p>
<p>A waste of taxpayers money that will bring no added benefit to the economy of the Town or District</p>
<p>This is a vanity project not justifiable against current economic & financial crisis.</p>
<p>Happy to see them outside Castle House</p>
<p>As the Kidney stones have already been cleaned and are ready to display I support the proposal - as long as it does not entail excessive cost!</p>
<p>This is an excellent idea. There needs to be consideration for protection against vandalism (as part of an overall local plan to reduce the incidence of this).I Happy to support this in any way.</p>
<p>I'm sure Mr. Kidney is a famous artist, but I've never heard of him. If they've been stored by Newark Town council, do they own them & should be paying this? As a N&S resident I can see a better way of spending the money, which benefits only Newark.</p>
<p>A ludicrous amount of money and aee not even going to be placed where people will see and visit them. Who visits the castle house? It's out of the town centre. If they should be anywhere it should be around market square. But far too much money wasted. Better spent on youth services with the amount of █████ young people around town causing anti social behaviour</p>

Waste of Taxpayers money. In the times when services by the council are rubbish we as the Taxpayers should not pay for this. Its a big Fat NO from me. Use the money elsewhere.
they would be interesting to see, but need to be interactive to draw people in, in particular children
No money should be spent on these stones.
I agree that they should be on display and would be a great addition to Newark town centre. However the location is wrong. It is one with very little footfall and will not encourage people to visit the businesses nearby because it is too far out. It should be in the centre itself
Firstly I would commend the District Council on its endeavours to place the Kidney Sculptures on display. The Town Council spent some time considering suitable locations without coming to a satisfactory solution. Action was placed in abeyance pending the later availability of suitable sites which did not arise. Given their industrial nature I believe they should be placed in a sympathetic location preferably higher up on a wall face as was intended on their creation. This would assist in avoiding potential vandalism and viewability.
Massive waste of tax payers money. Money should be spent on the people that live here eg parks, open areas. Play parks.
it would be a waste of money as far as i am concerned .it would be put to better use mending town roads
I don't agree with it. I think displaying them outside the Council offices is silly because only Council employees & the people visiting the offices will see them. I think it would be better displaying them in a more prominent & public place and for no more than a quarter of current quoted price.
I agree with the proposal as stated, to be on public display
This is a wonderful piece of Art and has important place in important our local community
If no-one has missed them whilst they have been stored away, then I think the money that would be spent on them could be better used elsewhere for Newark & Sherwood
Feel cost is rather high. How many tourist visit council offices? Surely they should be at the Castle?rists
Waste of money
A good idea, particularly as a start to highlighting more art in Newark.
It is a good proposal however I fear it will require a significant input in providing measures to prevent vandilisation of the sculptures by some of the less art appreciating members of our community.
I agree with the idea of showing art by local sculptors to the general public. However, rather than displaying these around Castle House , I would propose displaying these as a paper trail ending at the Civil War Museum.
I think it is impornat that these stone are available for the local population to view and also I think this will be a further attraction to visitors to Newark
No indication clear on costs.
Nice idea but rather see the money spent on improving road safety, installing street traffic cameras to deter speeding, running redclights, disobeying no right turn sign, and to stop/reduce vehicles driving through pedestrian areas in town
I can understand the desire to preserve the heritage of the stones but the costs seems disproportionate to any benefit. Most people will not even see them
Put them in the castle grounds
Yeah do it. Price is what you pay. Value is what you get.
I agree it would heighten the view of Newark as having historical and cultural importance and is more likely to attract external visitors making it more of a 'destination town' that external people purposefully visit rather than pass through. This would be good for local businesses my view.

I think when public services are being cut back even further, the PM is talking about 'tough times ahead' and pensioners have been stripped of the winter fuel allowance it is not the best time to be talking about wasting almost £90,000 of tax payers money
In these times of rising personal cost, fuel, food etc. wasting money on this project would be rubbing the local population up the wrong way. £80 is a lot of money to fritter away on this installation, when most locals would never actually see it. I personally think it's another case of an out of touch council, who really haven't got a grip of the purse strings
I believe this is an extremely expensive project that would not be of any benefit to Newark in any way due to the proposed siting. People do not go near castle house as it is out of town and the area looks dilapidated.
I agree with the proposal to site the stones in the new castle development
Unnecessary expenditure
I agree with the proposals and think it's good idea. Ideally though I think they should be located the other side of the level crossing somewhere, I just think the NSDC offices are too far from the other historical sites in the town
waste of money! Cllrs not aligned to what residents want. More time spent on officer time discussing and consulting. You should be ashamed.
An excellent idea.
This is a brilliant opportunity to bring real art into the public eye.
The fact that the stones have been cleaned and restored so far indicates that public money has already been spent so why is this consultation only happening now? I suspect the cost (in staff time) of administering this survey will cost as much, if not more, than the amount required to site the stones. Not a good use of public money.
I think that putting them on Castle House would be a waste of our money. The best place (and easily accessible) would be the "new entrance " to the castle.
A great idea to display the district's heritage and culture. Likely to bring a small amount of tourism into town.
Should not be at the residence cost. Bring back leisure in house, as that's failing. Better use of £80k and the upkeep which isn't mentioned.
We all need art and beauty in our lives and if the cost is not great in terms of the overall council budget I see no reason why we should not proceed as outlined
At a time of severe financial constraints, the money would be better spent on providing and improving essential services and avoiding some cuts.
I am sure that there are better things for the council to be spending their money on at this time. If the economy was more stable and other facilities not closing then it would be a good idea but not at the moment.
The use of over £80,000 can be better spent on terms of road repairs, community activities or local charities that will improve life for nsdc residents
Seems as though some historic art work should now be brought and displayed. Why?
Do not spend this money on a vanity project when local people cannot feed or clothes their kids. Stupid waste of money.
These stones should be displayed in an area open to the public. The cost is disappointing. However I support the plans and am disgusted at the online behaviour and constant whining and negative activity of our local Conservative councillors. Disgusting unprofessional behaviour from them.
My degree is in art, and as part of this I did stone carving so I have an interest in the art and the craft, however in the current financial climate £80,000 seems incredibly steep and i can't help but think that it would be best used elsewhere. How about subsidising parking costs to encourage visitors to the town centre and support local businesses?
Place the Stones at the NSDC HQ isn't where they should go. They should go in the Castle Gardens. Also love to see how the £81000 broken down, seems very expensive.

I feel it is a good idea to display his works and create an art trail in Newark but feel Castle House is too far out of town. I have concerns about the stones being outside because of vandalism.
I think other projects within the town are more important than art installations which appear to be a [REDACTED] 'vanity project' These would be sited at within Newark Castle grounds (a worthy tourist site) and not the Council building, which is outside of the town centre if at all.
I think the current proposals are ill judged whilst I believe a local artist such as Kiddey should be celebrated but erecting them in the car park in front of castle house next to a smoking shelter. It would be much better to erect them in a green space in the centre of town. Thus should be worked out once the art trail has been designed.
As professionally qualified conservator working in building this is an interesting project. The proposed location for the siting of the stones seems a little out of town for a walking trail but the reason behind this is made clear in the attached documents. My concerns would be over project creep, appropriate use of materials (lime mortars not cement) and long term maintenance costs. I am aware that there has been discussion to site these at Middlebeck but they would seem at greater risk of damage / graffiti in this location. Transparency of the budgets should be made public as I understand this equates to recent council tax increase?
As lovely as this would be I'm not sure it's reasonable to allocate that amount of public funds at this time. I would rather see the money spent on something all ages and cultures need in N&S to support the cost of living
A good idea, but cost is a little high
I feel they should be in the town Hall for every one to see
This is a fantastic proposal. Kiddey was a terrific artist and it's really important that his works are displayed. In addition, the proposal will help tourism in Newark.
Rather than being at Castle House they should be positioned in the town centre
Fully support the proposal to display the stones.
I think it's an absolute insane amount of money to spend and would especially be a waste to put them in a paid car park.
Well intentioned, but too much money in this current climate
The stones should be displayed in the centre of Newark. Not at Castle House where few people will see them.
Whilst I admire art for arts sake . I do not feel that spending £80k at this time value for rate payers who live elsewhere in the district
If these are displayed outside they will be sadly subjected to mindless graffiti. Having stored them for 40 years they are clearly too precious as history. Put them inside the Museum so all can enjoy and under lock and key. That should be less to fund too I hope
The stones would be better in the Buttermarket or nearer the town centre. Unless you have a reason to go to the council office why would you go there? Getting over level crossing a nightmare.
An excellent idea! Displaying the stones in the town will draw tourists who spend money in the area.
I would like to see the Stones displayed in one of our public parks,
Whilst I agree that public art is important, the cost in this case far outweighs the benefit. If it is felt that they would increase tourism in the town, then the money would be better spent on other areas of tourism, not the least the dreadful first impression given by the state of the paths (uneven, litter-strewn and weed-covered) that greets visitors as they leave Northgate station and walk along along Lincoln Street.
I think it would be great to display the stones in the proposed site. Although I live in Newark I enjoy sitting in the castle grounds along with other residents and visitors. I feel it is an artwork many people would enjoy and they should be on display.
Great idea

I was a model for Robert Kiddey's art class back in the late 70's. He was a true gentleman and I have admired him from that moment on. I would therefore like to see the Kiddey stones displayed but am not sure outside the castle is the right place. I would have thought the threat of vandalism and graffiti and possibly the elements would mean that a museum placement or in the town hall would be a better alternative.
As much as I appreciate the thought of these being displayed, the cost of £80,000 seems mighty excessive. In this current climate of cost saving and budget cuts across much needed services, this seems like a cost we can do without.
I think this is a marvellous idea, but hearing about some of the younger generation in Newark, I think they would abuse the statues.
I believe an art trail is a good idea which would add to the attractiveness of Newark. My only worry is that they may suffer from graffiti attacks from our less enlightened residents.
Like my elder brother, Prof Sir Michael Bond, we were taught the art of sculpture by Robert Kiddey and have great admiration for his work. We support the retaining and showing of the Kiddey Stones and wish N&SWDC EVERY SUCCEES IN THIS PROJECT.
Too expensive and in current economic climate its inappropriate
I like the idea of displaying these artworks. They are of no use in storage.
Waste of money
This's is a very embarrassing situation for the local council spending this much money during labour announcements of cutting independent living council tax reductions
Love visiting Newark, however this project is not Going to make us want to visit more, Waste of money
In these times of hardship I think it would be outrageous to spent that amount of money on some stones, regardless of the history behind them.
I think this is a great idea as art such as this should be openly accessible to the community and it would bring additional interest to the area whilst celebrating an international artist with strong ties to the district
Newark and the surrounding area has a large affinity with power generation with four power stations in the trent valley. There was a lot of people employed from Newark on these Station. Please display these creations to celebrate pur past.
They look very good - arts and culture are a valuable asset to our town.
Why castle house. Would be a waste to put them on the monstrosity. It's a blight on the landscape. the tow hall would be the ideal place or the palace theatre.
it would be a waste of money as far as i am concerned. it would be put to better use mending town roads
I strongly support these proposals. These outstanding and distinctive works of art make a major contribution to the town's artistic heritage and should be prominently displayed and widely seen by the public at large. A Castle House location seems most appropriate.
An excellent idea to combat the widely held belief that local councils are composed of Philistines.
It is a shame for the sculptures to be hidden away from public view especially as made by a local artist.
great idea, not sure that the location of the council house is "central to Newark" around the market place would be a better location
Money could be better used for services
I believe they belong to the county..so obviously they should be available to everyone in Nottinghamshire.. not decoration for an ugly newark building
Waste of money Give the stones back to York Town Council and spend the money on something else
So glad this is Newark as this is an absolute waste of money. Glad my council taxes are being wasted on this.

<p>If these are the beautiful carved working men statues I'd be proud to have them in Newark and Sherwood!! Especially the mining men, as the district with the most ex mining communities. My husband recently visited county hall and thought they were brilliant and made him proud to be an ex minor</p>
<p>I fully support the proposal to display these incredible "kidney stones" as part of the heritage of Newark and sherwood and welcome the development of an art trail. the cost is reasonable and a good investment</p>
<p>Good idea and location. Not sure the sq woumd be suitable. The new council offices modern fitting the sculptures style</p>
<p>We have better things to spend the money on</p>
<p>I believe £80,000 could be better spent, I have know idea why this figure is so high? We are all short of cash and you put the council tax up so you can have some stones outside your office it is a slap in the face for every tax paying person!! Pensioners have lost their heating allowance and you are spending our money on stones!! Do you live in real life? There are so many worthwhile causes this money could help. DO NOT SPEND IT ON STONES!</p>
<p>Newark is so fortunate to have these wonderful carvings in our possession and even more importantly, they have been crafted by someone who has taught and lived in Newark for over 50years. The cost to publicly display the Kidney stones will possibly be contentious. It's regrettable that government funding to local councils has been greatly reduced over the last few decades, resulting in many restrictions to council planning. However I still feel that it is essential that Newark goes ahead to proudly display the beautiful iconic carvings of our internationally acclaimed sculptor artist and teacher Robert Kiddey.</p>
<p>I don't believe that spending over £80,000 is justified at the present time. Surely they could be displayed at an indoor venue where they could be better protected.</p>
<p>I believe an Art Trail is a great idea but I think the Stones would be better placed at the Riverside, opposite the Castle or further down near the bridge which leads to the lock. At least these sites are closer to Millgate where Kiddey had his studio.</p>
<p>I think the Kiddey Stones should be accessible for all to enjoy. We should be proud of historically significant artwork from our town and area. Hence I agree that this work should be on display outside the council offices.</p>
<p>This will not benefit the town and is a waste of tax payers money.</p>
<p>In this time of large costs increases almost everywhere I feel it prudent that the council do not enter into the folly of the Kiddey Stones and the money from such a thing should be better used for the residents of NDC who's money they have provided in the first place, on something more practical in some of the services the council are looking to cut.</p>
<p>Why Castle House it is hardly central and you have to cross the train line to get. there and over 80k after the money spent on the civil war centre for the tens of thousands of visitors which have not materialised yes they need displaying but not there and not at that cost to the council tax payer</p>
<p>How exciting. What a wonderful work of art and social history commentary. My brother is a stone mason and I feel that it's important to keep traditional skills alive. The kidney stones also show a piece of local history in the lives of local people. The area with it's coalmining towns and industries should celebrate this just as we celebrate the civil war and castle histories. I would love to see these. Looking forward to the art trail too. Brilliant</p>
<p>I think that adding additional art to be available to view is a good idea, especially in line with the work in Newark to keep shops and buildings visually close to how they were historically</p>
<p>I understand that these Stones belong to Newark Town Council, that they had £5000 allocated for this. Why have we taken this on without any contribution from them. Why are they not being displayed in somewhere central in the town where people can see them., Castle House is not on the Tourist Trail</p>

In principle I support the proposal to make the Kiddey Stones available for public display, but the enormous cost to public funds is hard to justify in such straightened times. Efforts should be made to raise private funding to reduce the impact on public funds
I think the stones should be on display in the Butter Market or the Civil War Centre not near Castle House. They should be located more centrally for people to see. I don't see the point if displaying them at Castle House at all. I don't frequent Castle House on a regular basis and wouldn't see them.
Putting these wonderful works by a local artist on display is a wonderful idea. Their donation to Newark Town Council was surely to be included with his works already held in the Town Hall Gallery. I categoriaccly diasgree with the notion that the artwork should be used to provide a sense of power and entitlement to the District Council in feathering their nest at Castle house which has nothing to do with Kiddey or his work. This consultation should be broadened to establish the most appropriate place rather than the concept. Surely there is space in the town centre close to his other works in the Town Hall, or near the College where he worked or Millgate where he died. My objection is to the inclusion at Castle House, not the displaying of these fine examples of his work.
Absolutely fantastic. It's about time such important artwork was displayed for all to see.
Excellent idea. Part of Newark's history.
Please do not waste the money on this project
it would be a waste of money as far as i am concerned .it would be put to better use mending town roads
I think siting the Kiddey Stones at Castle House is a really good idea. The view of the castle overlooking the river at the entrance to Newark is dramatic. If this were coupled on the other side of the road with the Kiddey Stones I am sure that the impact would be doubly so. Not only are they imposing, but tell a story of local industrial history and are by a local s6culptor. I am sure that visitors and local people alike will take the time to discover the story behind them. They have been in storage for far too long.
Cannot believe in this day and age the council wishes to waste council tax payers money (one of the highest in England) on some stone artwork which more than likely will become targets of vandalism etc>
Waste of council money. Should reduce council tax instead
The stones should definitely be displayed as Mr Kiddey was a significant local artist and should be credited and remembered for his work. I don't think the council offices are the appropriate location as few people would see them. London Road Gardens or possibly sponce park would be more appropriate. Use people centred thinking not a council centred approach. The cost looks to be excessive but that's what we've come to expect of councils approach to spending other peoples money
Excellent. Easy to access and engage with.
As money has already spent on getting the stones ready for display, it seems sensible to finish the job.
While understand people's about a large sum of money be spent on something of little utility, particularly in such straightened times, I thinks it's a wonderful idea. Robert Kiddey was an internationally celebrated artist with very strong connections to our town. I think it's important that these wonderful sculptures are cared for and put on display for us all to enjoy.
I think given the current climate £80,000 would be better spent else where in the district, come winter people will be struggling more with hikes in energy bills.
Whilst being a lovely idea it's not the right idea at this moment in time. People will be freezing, starving and ill from worry. This lack of compassion and thoughtlessness scheme will only remind people of their dire situations. Our town centre looks awful in some areas, our parks too. Collis close playing field being one. Any faith left in the council, by the local residents will be severed if this scheme goes ahead.

Waste of money, money that could be used in a better way, considering the cost of living these days. This money could go to food banks, or help regenerate interest into a dying town centre
In the current climate I think the cost involved with the proposed display at Castle House is far too much. Alternative cheaper options should be sort. Also I don't think Castle House is the appropriate place. Maybe the butter market.
This is amazing, too often our industrial heritage is forgotten. Great location too, right next to the train station and a gateway into Newark.
Really keen to see more are in town
Yes please, could we have them in Edwinstowe instead?
Great idea . Anything like this is really impressive.
Go for it
Absolutely not. How can a council with limited resources be considering this. Spend it improving services for you voters
I think that the £80,000 plus money could be better spent. I disagree with the Council's proposals
Disgraceful waste of money
These should be preserved and displayed but not at a cost of £80000 particularly in the current financial climate. I would recommend they are placed at the castle or in the museum.
It's a waste of money. There is no need for it. The money could be spent other issues.
No don't do it . Waste of money
80k could be spent on more help support for vulnerable people.
NO TO KIDNEY STONES, NOT IN THE WIDER PUBLIC INTEREST TO SPEND £80K OF PUBLIC MONEY. RECKLESS SPENDING.
Are you having a complete laugh? In this cost-of-living crisis where people will be choosing over heat or eating And you're looking at spending £80000 On this project, Is it April fools? Or are you just a fools . Or are you treating the residents like fools .
I do not agree the this amount of money should be spent at all. 81,000 could be used much more effectively within Newark and Sherwood community assisting vulnerable people.
This will put on display a very important piece of art. Real pity this consultation has been turned into a political campaign rather than a genuine consultation.
Absolutely categorically no, why should we have to pay for these stones to be erected for the workers of the council. We pay more than enough to live in newark without added pointless costs for stones. The money could be put to better use!
Please do not spend this money on this project, it adds no value to the town and will not increase tourism
I feel that the 80K could be put to better use.Fixing potholes, resurfacing roads etc.Better street lighting, clearing of leaves in the winter.Trimming of trees, instead of being left to grow huge.Mire police presence. A proper fully staffed hospital.
We need this type of project to make sure that Newark is a tourist destination . At least the council is seeking to make Newark a place to be proud of.
This isn't the right time to consider something of this nature. Money needs to be spent on the town centre bringing more people in and support us in our local businesses.
Far to expensive in the current climate. Very tone deaf of the council for even suggesting this.
Waste of money having this put outside the council office. What visitors to Newark will see it? If you are going to spend £80k, at least put it somewhere for all to enjoy.
I'm sure there are more pressing matters that could be addressed with the amount of money being spent on this. Seems like there is a clear lack of prioritisation if this project is top of the list to get funding.
Sounds a good idea and we should promote the arts more

Ridiculous waste of money. This money could be used elsewhere, leave the stones where they are. Totally tone deaf to spend £80k on a vanity project that will add little value to the area. Fix the roads, fix the playgrounds anything useful, not move some stones around.
Whilst I am in favour of improving Newark to boost visits and spend, there is no way that this circa £80k will do that. This seems frivolous during a cost of living crisis.
Absolutely ridiculous putting our council tax up for some stones. Needs to be stopped. What a waste of 80k. I will refuse to pay a increase to pay for these
Waste of money that could be spent elsewhere. Borderline criminal use of tax payers money
Great to have them on display somewhere in the town which is accessible. Please ensure they can't easily be vandalised!
I feel this is a total waste of money. This could be spent on something to help the town centre as it is becoming a ghost town.
Ridiculous. Your council declared a cost of living crisis and you think it's appropriate to spend £80,000relocating some stones. You should be ashamed of yourselves.
An excellent proposal - unsure if their location should be outside Castle House - perhaps other ideas could be explored
This is a gross misuse of public money when so many in our district are facing cost of living pressures, mental health issues and general day to day living costs. I do not pay my council tax for money to be spent on stones to make the council office a destination site. I 100% disagree with this installation
I think it's an absolute waste of money. People are really struggling financially due to the increase in bills,food and council tax. Our town is loosing all of its shops because businesses simply cannot afford the running costs. I think the money would be better used to help the community and independent businesses.
Seems like a lot of money for an installation that could be vandalised or damaged given the antisocial behaviour in Newark in general.
I think the Kidney stones are an amazing piece of sculpture and should be accessible and as visible as possible.
£80000 is a considerable amount of money to spend on this project. There will be no benefit to the people of Newark, as I wouldn't have thought many go to castle house. I think a more suitable location needs to be found. Maybe sconce park
Whilst I value the arts, I believe the costs of the proposals are disproportionate and that the money would be better spent in other areas given the current climate. More concerning is the fact that this was not originally going to go out for consultation
In the current cost of living crisis £80k to place these stones is ridiculous, if a cheaper solution needs to be found to display the stones
I think it is a good idea to improve the environment in Newark and create a tourist attraction with these works of art.
Waste of money. Why not use the money to fund a youth club/activities for young people. To give them somewhere/something to do instead of causing trouble
£80000 of taxpayers money to display these is nothing short of criminal. The vast population of Newark and District go nowhere near this site.
I think the displaying of local art is a great addition to the town. The fact that these have been hidden away for so long is a shame. The renovation and installation costs may seem high, but it is better that work is fine correctly and to a high standard.
Whilst I don't disagree with proposals, I feel the castle grounds will be a better location.
I love the idea of these being part of an art trail. I don't know of castle house is the right place. It draws people to the outskirts of town. But I would be very interested to hear how it will all tie together with part of a broader project.

Why in this financial climate would you spend money on decor, should be spend on social care, food banks, heating for elderly etc. disgraceful
This is not something I stand by there are so many issues going on within the town that need to be addressed, the cost of this is extortionate and I don't believe as a tax payer I should have to contribute to something like this. There are homeless people sleeping in the town centre, shops closed down all around town This is a substantial amount of money that could be put to much better use !
What a waste of money.
There are better things to be spending the money on in Newark. There is a huge issue with congestion and traffic around the retail parks, traffic lights would be a far more suitable spend
We should be proud of Robert Kidney and his work. There's a real opportunity to create a new attraction in Newark and another reason to visit the town. Fully support this initiative, thank you.
I think it would be an asset to Newark and Sherwood and our History
It would be fantastic to get the kidney Stones on display. The History our small town has is amazing and growing over the years.
Absolutely a waste of our money when we're all told to tighten our belts
Far too expensive, waste of public money needed elsewhere. I'm sure the thought comes from a good place, but in the current climate with people genuinely struggling, I do not believe public artwork displays will help the average resident of the ditrict whatsoever.
The stones are lovely but at a time when people in the district are struggling and using food banks and when our roads are a disgrace it is wrong to spend such a huge amount of money for a vanity project. They should be safely stored until the time comes when finances are good. Old saying, tighten your belt when times are hard.
This is a water of valuable money, this could be better used elsewhere. Such as getting people and shops back into the town centre
What an absolute disgrace to waste so much money
Totally disagree with your proposed plans. The money could be spent towards more worthy causes.
I think it's a good idea! Although a different location would be good, somewhere more central where lots of people walk, outside of castle house seems too out of the way. Maybe the central square or similar?
Go for it. But please try and spend less. Why on earth does it cost 80k?!
Waste of money. Do it cheaper or find an alternative place that's cheaper to display them.
There are so many more worthwhile things you could allocate the monies too and improve the area for a lot of people
Do not spend our money on this ridiculous vanity project
80k ridiculous amount of money, and should not come from council tax. Apply for lottery funding If successful reconsider the positioning of these stones, who is going to traipse out of the town to look at them? Far more deserving ways of spending taxes, look at ways to help children/young adults to keep them safe and off the streets
They should be put on display in Newark museum with full accreditation to the artist so they can be admired by all and at minimal cost to the people of the town and they will be safe and secure. [REDACTED]
They certainly need to be in public display. Can't say I've ever had the need or inclination to go to the site outside castle house. Only a few yards away they could be displayed along castle station wall and be guaranteed to be the first thing seen by thousands of visitors to the town
Yes it would be nice to see them displayed its part of Newarks history
These stones should be on display for residents to look at them. I support them being displayed

I do not consider the cost to be value for money and I am not sure that having sculptures depicting electricity production has any relevance outside Castle House. I would consider that they would be better displayed by an energy company or at a Power Station.
No No No, please do not waste our money on this folly
The stones should be displayed in a more central location such as the castle grounds, or castle roundabout, alternatively they could be displayed at the civil war museum. I cannot see how it will cost in excess of 80k to move and install them, this cannot be justified. Installing them at Castle House would be a vanity project, and comparatively few residents would see them. Comparisons of NCC having stones on display are childish. What are the ongoing maintenance costs, and what schedule has been proposed for this?
Firstly is the cost a good way to spend public money given the supposed dire financial position councils are in, I have not met anyone who thinks it is. Secondly surely Castle House is not cannot be classed as a public space it is an office block surrounded by car parks therefore who will visit them. Whist I understand it is the easiest option as no permission is required but if they are to be put on display then surely a more suitable location can be found eg The market place. Lastly as i previously mentioned no one I have raised this with has agreed with spending the money or can be bothered to fill in the survey, they don't care anymore.
I'm against spending public money on this project.
Misjudged idea. Do not proceed. Whoever thinks this is a good idea, does not know the majority of the petiole they serve. I do not support.
Please do not do this. Just don't.
The roads in newark are in a shambles and shocking state of repair. Perhaps the costing for this would be better spent there .
This is not the responsibility of a district council to sort out. Apply for funding to do it instead.
Not a council responsibility. Do not progress.
Not something a district council should be doing. It's not a district council function. I don't want this to progress.
Waste of money
Waste of money. Please confirm that all comments on this survey will be made public. You should have asked explicit whether people supported yes or no. I hope the survey won't be skewed because you didn't and you just put a free text box. Please confirm all comments will be made public to [REDACTED]
Ng [REDACTED]
Do not agree to this. Absolute load of rubbish
Far too expensive at the cost of tax payers money, castle house is already an eyesore and cost a fortune when other premises could have been found so we don't need these stones at that cost
Sounds like a waste of money
I think the Kidney Stones should be placed at Castle House or Newark Civil War Centre.
£80k could be spent better elsewhere. Like cycle paths, pot holes, helping lower costs for local small businesses to stay open! More support for local businesses. More events in the town for families.
If they belong to the town council then they should be in the town centre. Instead of retail units in the building to be formally M&S, why not create a heritage centre for them to go into along with contents from the former millgate museum? This would protect from damage, create a cultural starting place in the town centre for your other plan and bring visitors into the centre for the markets, shops and cafes.
Not what a district council should be doing. Make all the comments on this consultation public so it can't be twisted. This is no from me.
I am a normal resident. Not voted blue in my life. I don't listen to the rubbish political people say. But this can't go ahead. And no doubt the tories will get blamed for building up a campaign against

it. But that isn't the case. It's just people talking sense and voting the way they want. People won't want these stones, it's obvious to anyone. I do not want them.
No interest & wonder how many others are like me
I fully support the proposal. Investing in our culture will begin a much needed revival of our town. As long as the council can provide a sensible and transparent costing of the project then crack on.
I think it's absolutely disgusting in a time when so many people are struggling that the council have decided to waste £80,0000 of our money, yes OUR money on some stones!! There are a 100 different ways this could have been put to better use such as using it to help the homeless on our streets
It is a great idea to improve the town centre
I wholeheartedly support the installation of these stones - having artwork like this should be displayed for all to see. Even though it is a lot of money to spend right now it is a shame they have been hidden away for so long. You have my support to go ahead.
The proposal of costs is too expensive I think consideration should be given to other projects
This seems like an excellent proposal. Kiddey's work is significant and represented on other public buildings throughout Nottinghamshire.
Waste of money people going into those council building cannot afford to live and you are spending all that money council tax money going to waste
I regularly visit Newark and often take visitors there and show them around. It would be brilliant to have the Kiddey stones as part of an art trail in the future wherever they end up on display. Castle House could be a good beginning to a trail as it is accessible and near to a railway station and a large car park on Tolney Lane and also near the actual castle. The Wharfe car park and surrounding cafes also close by.
Good for Newark - a well known local artist - about time
I think it's a good idea. Hopefully there will be CCTV to prevent theft and damage.
80k is a lot of money to site them at a place where visitors wouldn't walk too just drive past as they drive into Newark. 80k could so much difference on other projects.
Waste of money
Waste of money. £81,000 could be better spent than on a sculpture that anyone would barely take notice of. Im sure a few locals may use it to stub out their cigarettes.
How does this cost of £80000? It's a blatant waste of taxpayers money at that cost. Yes they should be displayed but not at that cost, that's horrendous.
I think it's more important to spend money on maintaining the roads and supporting the town centre (which is basically dead) than putting some stones outside a council building
Waste of money
It shouldn't happen. Plenty more useful things to spend £80000 on
Whilst I understand the historic value, I do not believe that putting the outside the council house (especially when you are looking to move) is a good use of public money. Leave them in the cemetery
I am all in favour of supporting the arts. However I believe that this should be to the benefit and appreciation of the community. Your proposal sites the work outside the b can pin old own front door and not in a place where the public can appreciate and recognise the local importance of a nationally acclaimed local artist. Don't hide them away at your own front door share them with your residents.
Kiddey was a respected local artist. However your plan to place the work outside your own front door does little to expand the local community's appreciation of this local hero. Place them where they can be seen and appreciated by the local people. Not as a vanity project outside your own front door.
Please do not spend money on this silly proposal.

<p>Waste of money. If the stones are so important, donate them to a national museum. Under present proposals, the only people who would see them will be Newark & Sherwood council employees. If the idea is to bring visitors to a dying town, this installation would make no difference in such an out of the way location.</p>
<p>money could be spent more wisely</p>
<p>if you keep moaning that you have no money, stop spending on this.</p>
<p>I think we have inherited a valuable piece of art and social history. This has been kept hidden under a tarpaulin for decades. It really should be displayed. The owner, Newark Town Council has failed in fulfilling that responsibility for far too long. The people of Newark should be grateful to the District for offering a solution, and for offering to share the costs. The display proposal is a good one. It is good that it is c</p>
<p>It sounds an excellent idea to me to display these stones in the proposed location. As they have been restored, it would be a particular shame for them to remain hidden.</p>
<p>I support the proposal as part of the new trail.</p>
<p>I fully object to being asked to fund the relocation of the stones. In the face of increased council taxes, no available funding and constant cutbacks it would be an absolute disgrace if residents have to fund this project.</p>
<p>This shouldn't go ahead</p>
<p>Whilst you may think they are a long term tourist attraction this district desperately needs investment now in basic services.</p>
<p>£80K o relocate to the offices that very few people visit. People don't walk to the council offices except on business. People won't drive there as they will have to pay car park fees just to look at the stones. I agree they are of cultural importance but the figure involved equivalent to more that 250 winter fuel payments is wholly unacceptable from an allegedly hard up council. Plus the real risk of vandalism. They would be much better positioned IN the Civil War Museum.</p>
<p>A waste of money. If anything needs to be done with them it should cost no more than £5000. Council tax has already been increased due to excessive funding spent on arts and culture. There are more important needs currently. One being help for low income residents on winter fuel as the Labour Party look to stop this for many needy people.</p>
<p>What a fantastic idea! Showing these pieces of art, for all to see, is one of the best that I've seen in many years! Well Done!</p>
<p>The proposal to install the panels outside the council building appears frivolous in the context of the economic climate and poor condition of many public spaces and facilities. I appreciate the local interest in protecting an asset linked to Newark, yet the expenditure to do so is in appropriate. On par arguably with the previous councils poor decision making about extending the Car Park near the cinema. The suggestion that the panels could be used as a roundabout centre seem significantly more sensible and in this case could be funded by section 106 monies, if not gifted to a developer for incorporation in to some other development. An art trail is a lovely idea, the book benches are a great example of this sort of activity but it is not appropriate for the district council to pursue this installation. The fact that money have already been committed to the project is ridiculous. The funding should be directed to more important priorities such as public enforcement, maintenance of open spaces and youth projects that educate our youngest citizens to be responsible and respectful people</p>
<p>No don't do it</p>
<p>Absolutely ridiculous, totally unacceptable and unnecessary. How out of touch must this council be to even think this is acceptable. Think of your residents first, an increase in council tax likely AGAIN, to pay for shit like this. Ridiculous.</p>
<p>I am delighted that the council are considering more permanent public works of art. Many major towns and cities world wide are enhanced by such things. I hope that Newark might move to becoming a town that is known for art and culture.</p>

I think they would look great where proposed- YES please!
Whilst an art trail may be a desirable feature for Newark, expenditure must be limited so that more pressing matters can be addressed. The roads in my area are a disgrace. Bumpy, with fraying edges and horrible to drive on. Litter is a constant problem, along verges and everywhere. Please get your priorities right.
I have seen Kiddy's work in Newark Town Hall Museum, the Parish Church and Southwell Minster - his artistic legacy is something Newark, and indeed Nottinghamshire, can be proud of and I endorse the Council's idea to display these stones for easy access to the public . Their style is distinctive and they, and a linked art trail would be an asset to the town, underlining our heritage for both residents and visitors.
Interesting and unique pieces of sculpture - should be on public display
I agree the stones should be on public view in Newark. However would like to suggest a different location, could the stones be place on Beastmarket Hill island and civil war figures moved to Castle House? Benefits of this suggestion are that the Christmas Tree could return to the island . Stones would be a prominent location. Plus Castle House CCT would cover civil war statues for when the inevitable traffic cone is placed on them.
A significant art work should be available for as many N&S residents to be able to see as possible. The Castle is central and easily accessible by most people.
I think it would be a waste of public money !! No one would be interested and would end up being like the sculpture that was outside the Newark library and now moved to near the castle what a waste of £81000 pound please spend it on something worthwhile!!!
I would love to see the stones displayed. I teach art to students at Newark primary school and think it's important that they can view local artists work.
I disagree with spending such a large amount of public money on this project. The stone could be more efficiently incorporated into the Newark Castle project during the existing development works.
Waste of money and wrong location. The market square makes the most sense where most can view.
I object to this proposal, the money this would take from the council's budget could be better spent supporting residents. In addition the proposed siting is not on the footfall for many residents, so few would benefit and see the artwork, even with a new artwork trail as the proposal states. The right place should be found for these I agree, but given that their condition is good and the existing storage has not been detrimental to them, the real question that needs to be answered in good faith is "is now the right time to spend this large sum, when it could do so much more practically for so many residents whoare struggling in the current economy, and with so many cuts to govt services.
Absolute ridiculous amount of money to spend on such an unworthy venture, it was bad enough spending out for castle house to be built when there was other options, now this! 100% do not want £80,000 spending on these stones!
The money would be better spent keeping pensioners warm this Winter or teaching teenagers to become rounded adults. How many hunger months could be fed in this district.
Absolute waste of tax payers money
NO ITS A WASTE OF GOOF MONEY
Whilst the plan in itself is positive for Newark and will likely draw in some visitors to the area, it does pose the questions as to whether given current climate the spend of 80k plus is in the best interest of the tax payer.
Whilst it would be nice to have the art displayed, the cost to do so is rather large. Could this money be better used elsewhere? Street lighting, community projects, heat library's etc. Have a display dedicated to Kiddey in the Buttermarket maybe for us to read. £80,000 could makes a huge difference elsewhere.

They should be on display to the public as Newark does not have much in the way of art at the moment. It's important that they are somewhere they won't be vandalised or damaged
Waste of money
I think displaying more art in Newark would improve the area, but the £80,000 price tag is difficult to comprehend on displaying a few small artefacts. Surely a most cost effective method could be found to display them in the town or exploring sponsorship for local arts and creative businesses to reduce the burden on the taxpayer at a difficult time.
It should not go ahead as Its too expensive and bring no value to the town
I support the idea, I think it's great
To expensive
Please display these now they have been restored
Do not agree. A lot of public money being spent for no real advantage
Sounds good to me.
Waste of money.
The idea of an art trail would be beneficial to the town, but there are concerns about planning them on the opposite side of the train tracks at castle House
I would like the Kiddey Stones to be placed together at Castle House, Newark
A good idea in theory, but the location is poor. It may be next to the train station but in terms of foot traffic most people don't go near there. Somewhere more in the middle of town, such as near the church would make sense. But there is the risk of vandalism also. And for 80k, why?
I think its ridiculous to waste £80,000 worth of tax payers money on this idea. I do NOT want this to go ahead
Display them but somewhere more fitting like Papplewick Pumping Station.
Yes they should be put on display. I like the idea of them being part of an Art trail. Not just places at Castle house.
An absolute waste of council tax payers money
Don't see the point in putting it in front of proposed area as most of us will never see it. Also, love the idea of art trail but I hope council not spending silly money on a sculpture/statue when money is short. By all means, spend it on advertising the town to create footfall in the trading town but council offices are not part of the trading area of Newark.
Too expensive
I don't think it is value for money when council tax keeps rising. The money could be better spent on something that would benefit more people. I don't understand why it will cost that much either
I think if at all possible , these panels should be on display
A waste of public money, which could be well spent on repairing more roads, or sorting the flooding problems out
I love three idea of making the piece available to the public and love the idea of an arts trail even more.
I think the idea as a whole is a good idea however depends on the costs and tbh I think a better location than outside the council offices.
Firstly the estimated cost of over £81k seems incredibly high and I assume that the feasibility study costs approaching £20k are on top of the construction costs! I feel this is majorly excessive and in reality is this affordable in the current climate! The proposal to site at the Council Building seems to me to be not well thought through. Surely somewhere nearer the town centre would be more appropriate and will be viewed by for more people. The proposed site is almost a satellite location with the only viewers being visitors and staff of the Council. a bit bizzar
Whilst I think local heritage should absolutely be celebrated I think the context of spending the amount of money that is needed to display them at Castle House, in this ongoing cost of living crisis isn't the best use of money at this time. I also have concerns about potential damage to the stones,

displaying them in the way that is suggested. I also think Caslte House isn't the right venue, it's out of town and most people of Newark don't have reason to go to the council offices.
The proposition of an art trail adds value to Newark as a tourist destination. However the proposal cost is high and no detail given on what this will deliver. Has the cost been vigorously challenged and validated as I would not be supportive of this if all it achieves is the stones installed visibly across the town
We do not need the expense of these sto es during the currect economic climate, council tax paysmers money is being squandered whilst more important services are being cut, get a grit, draw a line and get on with what you are paid to do, if you feel you are incapable of doing this thrn walk away and employ someone more competitive
Unsure this is the best use of council money in the current climate.
WASTE OF PUBLIC MONEY
Sell them and reinvest the money back into the local community, so council tax payers don't have such a big bill.
Waste of money. They could be part of the renovations on the castle at nil cost to the district councopil.
Bad idea
The stones are an important creative legacy for Newark in recognition of Kiddey and his relationship to Newark and his teachings at Newark Tech College. However £80k in the current climate is not appropriate spend. I presume it's from a capital pot which is less challenged than revenue but even so, now is not the time. When the financial climate does improve then they should I suggest be sited in Newark Town Centre and not at Castle House which has little connection and aesthetic heritage value to the town. Given their representation of the working "man" Please consider their siting in the town centre in the Market place as part of its imminent renovation, in front of the church or the wharfe.
This is a complete waste of tax payers money, I cannot support such an extravagance. Putting on display at castle house really only benefits council employees not the public they serve. Put the Kiddey stones up for auction and use the proceeds to fix pot holes, or social housing!
Why weren't they managed earlier, why so long?
It seems a very expensive folly. The stones may have an artistic value but placing them outside the district council offices at taxpayers expense isn't going to offer them, or the district good value for money. If it is essential that they are displayed, they should be incorporated into an existing project to minimise their financial burden, such as community buildings on the Middlebeck Development or Fernwood.
This seems a very expensive folly. The Town Council should never have accepted these as a gift. If it is that important the stones are put on display they should be incorporated in a Town Centre project. Maybe incorporate them into the old Marks and Spencer site. Castle house is not the right place. These stones were produced specifically for the power station, maybe one of the electricity generating companies would be interested in purchasing them for their HQ. I would imagine, like me, 99% of NSDC residents don't really have any interest in them I'm afraid. Please don't waste our hard earned Tax on such a folly. All Councils need to concentrate on providing the basic core services that are lacking the required attention and funding.
I fully support the stones being placed on public display instead of being left where they currently are. I would however question the relevance of the proposed location. The stones have no connection to the Castle House location nor does Kiddey. Could a more suitable location with more relevance to either the subject of the stones or to Robert Kiddey be considered. This may also represent a more affordable solution as the cost seems very high.
Absolutely ridiculous! Unbelievable!!! Nobody care about your proposed kidney stones plans! Newark is need of more kids Play Areas and upgrading. There's nothing for the teenagers available,

<p>hence so much crime going on. WAKE UP!!! Sport activities are so expensive, some parent can't afford them! Invest in the future! Future is our kids. Thank you!</p>
<p>A brilliant idea. Newark punches above its weight in the art world (not just Kidney, but Nicholson et al) and some recognition of that would be both welcome and, if done with marketing, would be a draw to the town. If the Town Hall art gallery could finally get its new curator, this would probably lead to greater opening hours, which would be a significant component of any art trail. Go for it!</p>
<p>What an absolute waste of money this could go towards tidying up the town or knock down the shop rents so that businesses can afford the empty shops. Pay more police to stop all the anti social behaviour. We are in crisis and you want to spend tax payers money on sculptures! This should not go ahead put the money back into the community and making it a safe and thriving town again.</p>
<p>Whilst I would fully support the notion that the stones should be available for Public Display, given the risk from vandalism (we know Newark is suffering from an apparent bad spate of issues currently) my view is that they should be somewhere 'protected' rather than in areas where they may be subject to damage. Castle House or even the Castle Grounds would seem far more sensible than say spread generally around the town centre</p>
<p>Ridiculous waste of public money that could be better spent</p>
<p>Concerned about cost of this project. I do not believe it will attract sufficient interest to make the expenditure worthwhile. If the Council has this money available then it could be used in better ways. While I am sure that the stones have artistic merit for some I believe that this is a niche area of interest and does not merit the proposed cost.</p>
<p>I think the sculptures are a good idea but I think they should be placed in a better area where they will be able to be viewed</p>
<p>This is a waste of money. Give them back the New York Town Council let them do their own project using their own council tax. This shouldn't be a district subsidised initiative as these are owned by the Town Council of Newark.</p>
<p>Southwell, residence should not be subsidising this project that is predominantly a Newark Town Council one</p>
<p>Displaying this public art with a local connection would be a wonderful way of celebrating this local artist and showing pride in our community. Art on display cheers everyone up!</p>
<p>In the present climate of higher taxes and austerity I think it is unwise to spend £81,000 of public money on re-siting the stones.</p>
<p>An excellent idea. I need say no more</p>
<p>I am delighted that the Council has rescued these significant works of art and fully endorse the proposal to locate them at Castle House.</p>
<p>Good idea. Fully support.</p>
<p>I think it is important to place on prominent display works of art of great merit in the town where they belong.</p>
<p>Being a former resident in Newark and one who has had a keen interest in Newark's history I fully support this proposal for the Kidney sculptures</p>
<p>Very interesting to see, they need to be protected with something against vandals</p>
<p>Please display these beautiful art works for us all to visit and enjoy. They should not be stored away.</p>
<p>I think the stones should be preserved where they can be seen however where they are protected from vandalism. It is a large amount of money to spend on this project and I think consideration, given the use of food banks etc, be that the money could potentially be better used elsewhere. If this budget is for art only then consider placing the stones where they are protected.</p>
<p>Not applied to the idea but would not think it to be a good idea to display outside the council offices. Nobody walks past there. Needs to be in a busy part of town. Seems a steep amount of money to sort it. Needs more quotes.</p>

Newark would benefit from having and sharing more art/science related features demonstrating the history of the area.
Although it would be good to display the stones it seems a lot of money to be spending in these hard times. Something of a vanity project for the council. It is not a good look! I think no perhaps asking for private wealthy individuals or businesses to contribute.
Definitely display them
I do NOT agree with this proposal. Council tax payers money should not be used for this vanity project. The stones belong to Newark town council. They could be displayed in the town hall for much less money and be better protected.
Council funds should not be used for this proposal. Alternative sources of funding should be sought or the stones located as part of a museum. Outside Castle House the stones will be vandalised and attract antisocial behaviour. This project has never had the support of the majority of the town and shouldn't ever have been considered.
We do not want these stones. How about spending our hard earned cash on something worthwhile?
Newark needs a new purpose and creating a cultural and historic gateway will enhance the town . This should encourage visitors to a town that has more historic buildings than York and positioning the Kiddey Stones at a major entrance to the town along with the Castle project and the civil war statue can only help Newark get the tourist stature it deserves and encourage economy into our town .
Complete waste of money. There is no way the area will benefit from so far out of town.
It would be excellent to have the Kiddey Stones on display! Such quality should be celebrated and shown off! And would show a forward thinking district and town council that puts cultural heritage front and centre. AND an addition to the tourist offer too!
If NSDC has this money to spare it should be looking at helping pensioners who are losing their winter fuel allowance, not eligible for pension credit, but only just above claiming level. They will need help this winter to keep warm and eat. Stones at Castle House will provide cold comfort.
I support resurrecting the Kiddey Stones and resiting them at Castle House. There could also be a link to the other Kiddey Stones that are safely displayed on the wall at Newark College.
Great addition to Newark past
I support the Kiddey stones going on public display again and Newark is the correct place. The site should be somewhere public. I'm not sure about Castle House and would prefer them around the town centre as a trail. That said Castle House is a rather uninspiring building and the stones would improve the site.
A great idea which will prosper the local economy and bring a much needed air of culture to the town. However, at the moment with pensioners losing their winter fuel allowance and the prospect of losing the single person occupancy. It may not be the right time to spend this sort of money.
I think it's a good idea as town centres need to evolve to include alternatives to shops now so many are closing.
I think they should be displayed but possibly more generally within the town.
Will the funding be taken from residents Council Tax, or is a grant available please? I agree with the siting for the stones, but the costings are prohibitive.
It would be great to see them on public display but preferably somewhere they won't be subjected to vandalism. Buttermarket or foyer of castle house.
Mr Kiddey taught at my school and I think his works deserve to be on display.
No, thank you. There are much better ways to spend that amount of money.
Disgraceful to spend that much money when our general infrastructure in Newark and Sherwood needs so much work and you keep increasing council taxes! Try using that in flood defence or relief for those that have been homeless for so long due to lack of your investment in keeping our rivers and streams clear of debris. Drag rivers before so called art!

The proposal does not represent value for money, the cost of installation is far too high and the money can be far better used for actual priorities. Castle House has no connection with power generation, the stones should be given to a museum for display
This is one of the biggest wastes of money I have ever seen! Community plan or not you need to prioritise what is important to all residents, not just an elite few who like art. Think again and spend this money where it is needed - crime reduction in the town centre! We live near the Trent and are constantly hearing the motorbikes from Tolney Lane buzzing up and down the path next to the river. There is constant drug use on the same path down Water Lane behind some houses where we live – nothing is getting done about it. Targeting areas where shops are constantly being vandalised and businesses ruined would also be a good idea. In your response to these points please don't deflect by citing things you have done/ are planning to do. Please reallocate the money on a cause that the people want. CRIME REDUCTION.
A worthy project should be more public art projects to enhance the District
My thoughts are that the stones should be displayed in the market square
I disagree with the Kidney stones being located outside castle house at a cost of £81,240. Castle House is the wrong location for this work. It is the wrong side of the railway to benefit local businesses etc from footfall, and the council offices are not a public attraction. This is an extraordinary amount of money that could be better spent. The kidney stones should be located in walls that are already being built in a more suitable location, such as nearer to the town centre to benefit local businesses and improve an arts trail
What a shame these stones have been hidden from view for so long. Great idea to have them on show, alongside the story of their existence. I am excited to see an Art Trail, think that would be an interesting attraction for the town.
I am very keen to see the stones on public display. The castle house plan seems appropriate.
A good choice of location, added value re the history of Newark to attract tourists
No no no a total waste of money at this time .use the money to fix pot holes ,keeping the library open so many things to spend the money on that will benefit the people of Newark
Although it would be great to see the sculptures. If they are already in Newark cemetery why is it costing £81k to display them? This money could be used elsewhere due to cost of living crisis.i myself and in dire financial crisis and would be disgusted that council money is being used. An alternative place should be considered that would not be much cost, how about the civil war centre? Absolutely diabolical spending council tax money I'm afraid
I agree that the stones should be displayed, but I am concerned by the cost involved at a time when so many people are struggling with the cost of living.
This history has to be seen for generations to come. I agree that they should be on view to the public.
I think it would be lovely to display the stones publicly, particularly since they have already been restored. They need to be displayed somewhere where they won't get vandalised. The location outside the NSDC building looks suitable.
The plan is lovely and it would make an interesting feature. However the cost is extortionate, and I think the money could be spent on other more important things. I would be disappointed if it went ahead at this cost.
Nice idea, rubbish location, only benefitting the council, and a ridiculous cost, clearly the typical council receiving back handers to give contracts to people
I think in the current climate spending any amount of money on this sort of project is disgraceful and could be spent more to suit the Newark tax payers
A significant waste of public money
So it! They should be seen not stored!

Don't waste £80,000 on something no one has asked for nor will it benefit anyone locally. I understand the concept of it but this is the wrong thing. In the wrong place and at too much cost to our town. Save our nature and green spaces. SAVE LOWFIELD LANE PLEASE!
They should be displayed
I agree with the proposed art sculpture walk of Newark having them on display. It's exciting opportunity now for myself being 34 and never seen them. And will be the same for many years to come
I believe they should be reunited with the ones at the college where Robert kiddey taught or the library
I'm against the proposal. As important as they are I don't believe it's for the benefit of our town at the present time. Our town feels so fractured and the money could be spent in better areas
I like the idea of the stones being a public display, although I think they would be better inside away from pollution damage, and more central for example, in between each pillar along the town hall corridor.
I appreciate what you're doing but I think it is a lot of money when times are already hard.. I don't think they will look right by Castle House..and I think they'll be vandalised. They should be on display but somewhere more secure.
I'm afraid I do not agree to displaying the stones, due to the cost. Many are struggling financially and this is an unnecessary expense.
I think it's a waste of money. The proposed location is so poor. I'd much rather that money was spent on commissioning a new artist to create something relevant for today.
I think the cost of 81k is alot of money to be spent on stones when the money would be better spent bringing new business in to the town as shopping in newark used to be a lovely weekly day out now i only come shopping if i really want something
I'm a great lover of newarks history and art also. However the costs associated with the proposed project are not justifiable when it could be better used to improve other areas of our town which so desperately needs attention eg roads, millgate bridge, paths and keeping Newark safe and so on.
I like the plan and would like to see the stones displayed.
Waste of money at the moment with the cost of living crisis. The money should be spent on services that are a priority
Great idea and value for money
Absolutely disgusting. Money could be better spent on flooding issues, or saving green spaces.
I support the plan to further visitors to our town. I pass Roberts work at Newark College every day, it would be good to share his tallent with others in an open and accessible space.
Unjustifiable cost in the present climate.
Money is needed on more important things in the town.
I think the stones should be on display
I grew up in Newark annd was taught by Robert Kiddey -world famous sculptor. . His interpretation of electricity equipment must be kept. The arrangements for exhibiting it seem very appropriate..
Please share but protect them. They will be vandalised.
Waste of money could definitely spend the money on something more worth while.
Fantastic public art, good location
Glad they would finally be on display for the people of the town as intended
It would be great to see more more artwork around Newark, there isn't enough.
This is a fantastic initiative to bring public art to the heart of Newark. Congratulations on such a forward thinking initiative. It will be Newark's Angel of the North.
Waste of money
It is important to preserve but also display this work of art. London Road gardens where the library is a good place to show them off to their advantage. People would have time to look at them

<p>properly. The gardens are in the heart of the town. Too busy next to the new Newark and Sherwood building. Noisy and not exactly convenient to visit. Most people passing there will probably be driving their cars to look.</p>
<p>I think this would be a wonderful permanent feature of the town of Newark, something for visitors and residents alike to enjoy over the years. Public art like this is uplifting for society and especially interesting and poignant if there is a link with local history or historical figures.</p>
<p>They should be in the town for all to see</p>
<p>I consider that the Stones should be accessible for convenient viewing, not from a vehicle in passing. As such placing the stones outside the District Council Offices is unsuitable. Additionally, admiring and contemplation of the stones requires a quiet space. There are a number of other options where the stones could be sited which are: Castle grounds, park area next to Newark library, fountain gardens next to London Road, Devon Park and on a site alongside the Trent. All of these are more suitable than the current proposals. My suggestion is the Castle site. A proper foundation would be required because the supporting ground is made ground following archaeological investigations at the castle.</p>
<p>I think it would be wonderful to have some more local history on display</p>
<p>I think it's a good idea to have them on public view the is little community art in this area</p>
<p>The cost proposed to install the Kidney stones is unacceptable when the money could be spent so much more effectively within the town. I do not agree with the council spending our money on the Kiddy Stones and feel that you should listen much more to the people of the town!</p>
<p>We would love for these sculptures to be put to use! There isn't enough public art these days.</p>
<p>Investing in celebration of our local culture and history that helps give people an identity and shared history and likely to last decades is well worth the investment. It helps make the town interesting</p>
<p>Waste of valuable funds</p>
<p>Robert kidney came to newark, had a studio in mill gate and worked at newark college for 50yrs. The the best place to show off his art and keep it safe would be at newark war museum. Not way out of town t a council building. Where is the inspiration? To the young artists of today's world? They are behind the museum at college or walking the same path robert did through the town centre. The civil museum is town centre, very accessible to all needs. Putting them at the council building at the other side of town where there is now historic /culture/art value would be a great waste of time and money. And sadly they would get damaged very quickly.</p>
<p>A waste of our council tax money</p>
<p>Happy for them to go ahead I assume the funding has already been drawn down for this purpose. But if it hasn't done do it. One of those if you are already one foot in out two in brexit moments.</p>
<p>A big sum of money which could be better spent elsewhere</p>
<p>Great work - so important to share the town's heritage. And the proposed location is fantastic. Passed by so many people daily, by road and train, and will entice them to visit the rest of the town.</p>
<p>I do NOT think that NSDC should be spending money they do not have. NSDC have said that they need to build on the last place of nature in Balderton at Lowfields, because they have already committed to spending the money (profit) they would make on this site and if they do not build on Lowfields in Balderton, NSDC will apparantly be bankrupt. IF this is the case.. a nearly Bankrupt Council has NO RIGHT to spend tax payers money on what is frivolity. NSDC cannot justify this spend, when we have what little nature we have left in Balderton being threatened by NSDC with yet another housing area that is definitely not needed. Balderton needs Lowfields for its Residents, we do not need a pile of stones put up in town. I think ALL of NSDC know this. Its another vanity project using our money- unnecessary and unwanted. IT SHOULD NOT HAPPEN.</p>
<p>It'll be great to see some Newark history for everyone to see. Should help inspire some more art in the future too.</p>
<p>I support the installation of the Kidney sculptures in Newark as part of an Arts trail in the town. We need attractions to develop the towns appeal to tourists and leisure visitors who also enjoy our</p>

Palace Thestre the CWC and Newark Museum and Newark Castle along with the historic buildings in the centre of Newark
Please put these on display - in town centre if possible and make it attractive for tourism
It would be good to have these on display
To have an artist of the calibre of Kiddey associated with Newark is superb for Newark and will raise the profile of the town amongst artists, people interested in quality art, and the general public. As someone born in Newark and regularly visiting from nearby Nottingham, I did not know Newark had this claim, and as a scholar of the arts I am well aware of how valuable it will be for Newark to make it known that these artworks belong to Newark and can be seen in Newark. With the proposed developments at Newark Castle, and the revitalising of St Mary's Church, putting these artworks on display will vastly enhance this gateway to Newark and add to raising the profile of the town as a destination. With good promotion of the installed artwork, the initial financial outlay is very likely to more than pay for itself over a relatively short period of time.
The proposed plans would work well as they will display the relief panels to their best advantage. The term Kiddey stones are an unfortunate way to describe them, likening them to a medical complaint and may make the uninformed viewer think that they are humorous.
I strongly support the proposed installation and assured visibility of the Robert Kiddey stone carvings. Newark has incredible architectural heritage, but is significantly lacking in works of art of national importance. Having met Robert Kiddey, and spending my teaching career in his footsteps within the art rooms at Newark College, it saddens me to think that this gesture of re-sighting his art work has caused such short-sighted and puerile comments. It is a common fact that public art contributes to the creation of a sense of place, it attracts visitors, and should evoke a sense of pride. Opposition to the installation, 'stones' or repair potholes appears deliberately motivated to polarise the community. In which case, would it be possible to apply for Art Council Grants?
The stones should be displayed around Newark, perhaps as a trail. They may even bring some visitors to the area.
I cannot imagine there would be a reason not to put some highly relevant, original sculpture on display in the town.
Over £80,000 to erect something that's been in storage for 50 years during a time of financial difficulty and people struggling to eat or heat their homes is
I feel it would be a good thing to have these stones on show. I feel that the Castle House situation would be most fitting
I think what you are proposing to have these in public display in a prominent location is a great idea.
I think it is a very good idea.
These are some beautiful sculptures that should be made available for public viewing.
My view is there is real value in connecting residents to high quality art and culture which has a connection to a town. My view is that the stones should be on public view and will add value to the town if well promoted.
I think the overall proposals are good. Displaying Art around the town should be encouraged. Displaying the stones together is essential as separately they will lack meaning and relevance. I also support the chosen site.
I would like to see the stones displayed as I'm very much into this sort of thing and I believe it will help increase the arts & culture that Newark have to offer!
It appears politically insensitive to spend £80,000 on albeit deserving artwork in the current climate. Would it be possible to find a more cost-effective way of displaying them?
We are in a cost of living crisis - the money spent should be spent better, such as on young people in the District. Is this a necessity?
Town Hall not a better place than the council?
I have lived here 6 years. Anything that makes our town even more interesting has to be good for us all. I think it is a great idea.

Please please stop wasting our money on ridiculous projects like this !!
Save the money and apply for Lottery Funding to do it. Until that point leave where they are. They aren't very good, not culturally significant and not wanted by the residents. Didn't the council learn from the archway near the library?
Great Proposal these things need to be accessible to everyone
Have no interest the stones - would much rather the money be spent on local services
Waste of money, give them back to the Town Council
If the lab party want these so much, they should approach one of their labour benefactors to pay for them . Absolute disgraceful Waste of money
Too much money
Culture and heritage is what brings people to a town and Newark does well at creating events to bring people here. Bravi
Personally I think it is a waste of money. Sort the roads out before displaying some stones. Its a ridiculous amount of money when we are living in a cost of living crisis
Absolutely a disgraceful waste of Taxpayers money in austere times. We are already shamefully one of the heaviest taxed town in the country and idiots spending money at these levels on something than neither interests or benefits the majority needs a serious head shake. These councillors are totally irresponsible with other people's money and anyone who supports it should consider their position as their judgement rules them unfit to to represent taxpayers.
This appears to be a plan to enhance the council building and not the town if you want them to be a feature of the town put them in the town. This is a total waste of money when out town centre is becoming a dead space
A waste of money at a difficult time. Should be done in the future when more money to spare.
A total wast of money. which could be spent better for the benefit of residents in Newark &Sherwood
They would be better placed where they will actually be seen by tourists such as in the Castle grounds or Library garden. Tourists dont venture down to the Council offices. I've only ever been once despite living here nearly 3 years. Hardly anyone will see them there.
Waste of money. £80,000 which could be spent so much better than on something like this. This isn't going to bring tourism to Newark. There's hardly anything left of the town!
Feel they need to be located elsewhere in the district. Castle House really isn't on the tourist trail
I think they should be on display but not outside Castle House, they would be better either in the town centre perhaps the market place or on the new roundabouts that are being built.
Absolutely waste of tax payers money when we have highest council tax plus the cost of living crisis
A complete waste of our money, some councillor has decided they would like to see them outside their work, nobody ever goes down there only passing traffic pointless
I think it's a waste of money. It could be better spent for sure.
Whilst I agree the stones are of importance and worthy of display, I am not sure the proposed location is right? I wonder if the college or a park where more people will gather would be more appropriate?
This will be a total waste of council funds. When so much more needs doing in the town centre to get people back into the town. If the location was somewhere different like in the centre of town I could understand but outside castle house is the wrong place. I think at this time where money is short for alot of people you could spend 80 thousand pounds on something better
Funding for the proposed plans should from local businesses not from council funding during this time. The display should be keep together
Waste of money, in a time where people are living on the bread line. And the old folks of the district are going to severely struggle with the winter months coming but I'm sure the bent council will do as they please.

yes
I propose the Kiddey stones are returned back to storage until a SENSIBLE site and installation costs are achieved. there is no benefit to showing these in a car park. I can not believe elected people would seriously consider the costs of this project unless there was a beneficial perk associated.
I think the installation although good should be delayed temporarily due the financial situation we are both as a council and individuals having to cope with. The money could be put to better use at the moment.
In the current climate spending this sort of money on this is ridiculous. Also think the cost is excessive have alternative quotes been obtained?
good idea but not for £80k
We pay one of the highest council tax rates in the uk. We have pot holes in all of the roads, no affordable housing, not enough public services e.g. drs and dentists. And many more problems. Wasting all of this money on an art installation is ludicrous and a waste of money.
This is an absolute waste of money. Given that we pay one of the highest rates of council tax in the uk, we still have a lack of public services such as the police and dentists. The roads are full of pot holes. There are barely any services for children. To use this extortionate amount of money on some art, is ridiculous. Investment needs to be made to the town, services, and opportunities for those disadvantaged (which is a large proportion of the town, e.g. children on free school meals). I absolutely, do not agree with this proposal.
The proposed money this will cost, will be better served elsewhere in the community for free or cheap sports facilities
We should not spend that amount of money displaying them. Find a way to display them much cheaper. Displaying them in the civil war museum would be much better. It would be far cheaper and still bring people to Newark. Also they won't be damaged in the civil war museum.
I would not wish to see public funds used to display these sculptures. The council offices would not be the best place to display them in any case, being too remote from the main attractions and on the wrong side of the river. The stones do not fit well with Newark's brand of an older heritage. The timing of unnecessary spending when people will be cold and hungry is poor.
Don't waste money on this fix potholes instead
Proposed plan is a great idea, they should be on show. As good a place as any to display them.
The stones should be displayed outside castle house along with a detailed information board
Wrong time. Wrong place. They'll not even be properly seen there. Like to support Arts bcurent financial climate you have better projects to spend our money on.
I think the sculpture would be an asset to Newark but should be placed at the castle or in a more prominent place, but NOT at Castle House.
Think it should go ahead. Art work should be shown not stored away.
In the current financial climate, doesn't seem to be an appropriate use of public funded money. I would like to see the business case where there should be detailed analysis of what benefits can be realised. Simoly stating that it will bring people and jobs to Newark is a little uninspiring and a lazy statement to make. I doubt very much thought has gone into this decision, people travel to see stonehenge not these!
I do not want my council tax wasted on stuff like this and if it should be in the castle
I think that there are far more pressing matters to spend the money it will take to place these stones, rather than a vanity project
I fully support the proposal to bring the stones back into public view within the Town.
What a waste of money!!
A complete waste of Money.Money that could be spent else where in the town. A waste as even where they will be placed hardly no Mewark residents even visit. A pointless thing to do when people in the community are going without. Please think about what you are wasting the money on. Alot of money which could be spent so much more wisely.

I fully support the proposal
I think it is a good idea!
Spend the money Wisley help homeless and the elderly, when times improve maybe ask again
They should be put in Newark museum where they can be seen by all and well protected from the elements or would be thieves and damage.
I believe the cost of siting the Kiddey Stones at Castle House is a complete waste of public money. How can they be considered a tourist attraction when they aren't even on a main tourist route?ive. The money could be better spent elsewhere
Yes, please restore the Kiddey Stones as proposed. As matters stand, the Stones have been unseen for far too long. Boo to the naysayers who would leave them to rot!
We are keen on the stones being displayed for all to see, however are the costs associated the best price achievable?
I am totally against spending this money on this project
Whilst it might be a good idea to display these stones, I feel the cost is too high at the present time and that money could be better spent elsewhere.
Spend the money where it is needed more and do not waste it on this project.
I support the displaying of the Stones at the cost stated
The money would be better spent elsewhere at this point in time. Maybe revisit this when the economy is in a better state. Also, vandalism & graffiti is rife in Newark & the stones will be the perfect target
I am sure we have better use of £80k of funds than to install some art work outside a building that is not even on a heritage trail. If the stone are to be installed put them in a prominent place, in the castle grounds, by the church not away from the hub or the town. I am sure we have better projects to be spending £80k on given the current economic climate. Keeping our elderly residents warm in winter, alleviating flood risks, reducing the traffic congestion that councillors refuse to accept is an issue. Put the money to better use until we are in a better economic situation and you will have more support.
Spend the money on something other than these bits if stones that will be outside the council office that cost way too much to build
Too expensive and out of place where it is proposed by the council building would make more sense closer to town where the tourism areas are.
Utter waist of money when so much needs doing in Newark. Pointless
I think the funding could be better used for many other projects that will help residents particularly during the cost of living crisis and pensioners heating allowance being withdrawn.
They need to be on display if not outside CH may be integral in the new build in the town centre
It is a waste of money. There are people who need help, roads to be fixed. I think the whole of Newark has decided no. As do I. Use the money for people.
Approved. Restore the town centre. This town centre is bespoke with unique history. Keep it on display and make the town stand out from other town's not displaying their history
I have no objection to them being displayed, but if so this needs to be at a very low level of cost. Newark is struggling with poor roads, and a town centre which is full of closed shops and boardings at the window. The money would be much wiser being invested in trying to re-invigorate the town centre.
I think it's a waste of money. There's plenty of other more urgent projects the money could be spent on.
What an absolute waste of money!! Concentrate on getting Newark town centre back on its feet. There's nothing in town worth visiting unless you want to visit a vape shop. The council have ruined this town!
i would prefer my council tax not be spent on this project and spent on more pressing things

We need to protect our heritage and therefore would be greatly welcomed to be displayed.
Important sculpture, but in my opinion cost and location wrong. They're not going to be seen by most people unless they are visiting the council office, perhaps incorporate them into the castle re development
Absolute waste of money that could be diverted to the smaller communities who are always neglected and have applications for funding refused
In favour of displaying the stones but unsure about the details of the proposal. Eg what budget would funding come from, do stones have to be free-standing or could they be attached to already existing masonry. Access to the proposed location is in fact difficult from the railway station - disabled and elderly users face a long walk to the end of the platform and back e.g. to the pickup point or castle house. You should incorporate addressing these issues into the plan. e.g. making a new exit from the platform, fixing artwork to the station wall or castle house as feasible.
I think it is a great idea to display the Kiddey Stones. I don't really mind where as long as it is somewhere accessible to the public
Local History in Art is important. It is shameful that these stones had been "lost" for so many years. £80k for their installation at Castle House appears a lot of money, though. Are there not more cost effective ways of displaying them? Also, they had been gifted to the town of Newark, why have they become the responsibility of the district? Surely Newark Town Centre owns appropriate public buildings to house these? (Courtyard of Civil War Museum, perhaps)?
I believe this is a total waste of money that could well be spent on more important issues around the town. It just goes to show how out of touch council members are.
I am against re siting the Kiddey Stones based on the proposed costs to do so
I think they should be displayed on the river bank on the grassy area towards the bridge over the Trent.
I think they would be better inside. Either the parish church or town hall.
Do we really need to be wasting money on these at this moment in time especially as we don't know what else labour have in store for us
At this present moment the money could be spent on better things
Spend the money on something else it's a waste outside castle house at best it could be somewhere central to the town if u must
I can not believe you have increased council tax and then spend this money on some stones. I understand these are art but with so few facilities in Newark and business' closing down at a ridiculous rate, there must be something that needs funding other than something to make the council building look "nice"
I think it's a waste of money that is legitimately needed in other areas of the town
There needs to be more art and beauty in the Town. I would love to see them displayed. And perhaps people would come from further afield to see them
Too expensive
I support the plan and think it will make the stones public ally available which is the main thing. It will also offer art at a functional building where some people go with problems and may appreciate inspiration.
I am in agreement that they should be put on display however spending £80,000 on this installation I feel is a complete waste of money. Surely it shouldn't cost that much
We need to be proud and showcase the talents and history of our beautiful town.
Robert Kiddey was an internationally renowned artist who taught at Newark College for a number of years. His work can be seen around the town, so I believe these important examples of his art should be on public display, with interpretation about their subject and brutalist nature, The proposed site outside Castle House provides the visibility and security they require.
I think that the money could be better spent elsewhere. Not that many people from the public actually go to castle house so it's a bit of a waste of money.

The money would be better spent on other projects.
Looks fantastic, adds sculptural interest and character to an otherwise bare new building. Important to maintain our heritage, to prioritise and display local artists for future posterity. Art is an important part of our culture for future generations to understand is story and the stories of our community. These have been in storage for too long, placing them visually us well overdue, so that we don't lose the history of the generations that came before us. I'm excited to see them in place.
A waste of money when you consider , roads and bridge in need of repairs
I think these important pieces of of sculpture, by an internationally recognised artist, should be something the community should be proud of an publicly displayed at the Castle House site.
Although I appreciate there will be cost implications in installing the stones, which in the current climate may be an issue with residents, it does feel a shame if these wonderful pieces of sculpture by a well known artist who lived and worked in Newark are not shared. We need to celebrate those who have contributed to our community. My main concern is vandalism, so the trail would worry me and whilst placing them at the County Council offices is hopefully a more secure option this may be an issue with residents but if there are not any other alternatives as they will be covered by cctv, feel this is the safer option for them.
I feel strongly that we should celebrate local art and put these historic sculptures on display. In other parts of the world public art is considered really important and we should embrace this too, making Newark a desirable destination and place to visit. The book trail we had as part of Newark book festival certainly encouraged our book group to come into town, do the trail and then have something to eat and drink. Newark has much to offer and adding to this can only be a good idea. Placing them outside Castle House would have my full support.
I think thee Kidney Stones should definitely be displayed,and think outside Castle house is a good place I like the outdoor public art but I dislike much of it as trite and sentimental. I like Kidneys work (seen in Newarkparish church) these stones will pay tribute to a local artist and celebrate Nottinghamshire s industrial heritage
The size of investment seems massive with no tangible return. Would the money be better spent commissioning a young artist/sculptor to create something new and relevant
Absolute waste of money. Should be ashamed!
Unnecessary. Waste of money. Ridiculous
Much needed, would help keep the miners legacy alive along with bringing the sculpture ,Kidney ,to people's attention more
A sensible and cost effective proposal to place an important piece of public art from a more cultured and optimistic era in alocatipn con ected with the artist.a
Too expensive and out of town
I think it is a great idea and something to hopefully bring more to newark
The cost to have these are too much when the council continues to increase our council taxes making it one of the most expensive districts to live within.
I like the idea of the tablets being on display for the public to see, although I'm not sure how safe they would be on display at ground level. It would also depend on how much money it would cost. I don't think the council should be spending thousands of pounds of council taxpayers'money on this project at the moment, when people are really feeling the pinch.
Heritage is important. Newark is already a great place to.celebrate history and heritage. To.foster pride.in your town, concrete a shared cultural space is a way to unite communities
I am absolutely in favour of restoring and displaying this important piece of Newark's creative heritage. The town needs to restore its pride as the beautiful place to visit it is.
These are a fabulous example of local art and cultural heritage, and deserve to be on display and properly protected.
Nice idea but money should be spent on something of greater value to the town. Or if it does go ahead locate them more centrally than at Castle House.

<p>Wholly agree that the stones should be on public display, at the start/end of an art trail. Promote Newarks heritage and improve the town through history and art.</p>
<p>Ridiculous. Do you really believe that people will go out of their way to visit the HQ of this council to see them. Why not create them as a square with the faces outwards in the centre of the market place where all can see them on a regular basis. It need not interfere with other events like the pathetic Christmas tree as the size of the feature could easily be covered up by scaffolding and a power unit could be added in the centre of the stones.</p>
<p>I think the stones should be publicly displayed as it seems a shame for them to be hidden away. As I understand it the money would come from a ring fenced arts budget & so other funded services & needs would not be affected.</p>
<p>The Stones are an extremely important part of local heritage, defining what our local society is. They represent our culture and why we all strive for a good life.</p>
<p>I understand that the Council has been searching for somewhere to site these beautiful tributes to our local industrial heritage for almost 40 years. I am appalled that they have been lying in the cemetery for the last several years due to the Council's difficulties in finding a suitable site for these significant art works of which we should be so proud. I understand the artist taught in several of the colleges in Newark for 50 years and is an artist of renown. I am very proud to live near a town with such an important artist attached to it and look forward to the Kidney Stones being on display outside the Council Building, where local residents and visitors of all ages can admire them and learn something about our local heritage and history. These panels belong to the people of Newark and it is a disgrace that they haven't been put on display before now. At last it is good to see the Council getting something done which really benefits local residents and honours both their industrial heritage and a famous local artist.</p>
<p>It is an absolute waste of tax payers money to support this proposal - there are many families needing support and local communities that have still not receiving the flood defences required. Please do not waste month with the Kidney Stones display</p>
<p>Ho I think it's a fabulous idea bringing these amazing stones into the public eye after all the years of being hidden away in a cemetery of all places I hope they will finally be put in there rightful place for people to admire this man's work needs to be celebrated..it's the right thing to do..</p>
<p>My Members at Farndon Parish Council consider the proposed location to be in the wrong place. CastlevHouse is not on the tourist trail. If they have to be sited they should be in somewhere like the Newark Castle Gateway or some other tourist destination. Members also questioned how a spend if £80,000 could be justified in the current economic climate.</p>
<p>Members of North Muskham Parish Council considered that the Parish Council should respond. After discussion, it was AGREED that the District Council be advised that, while it would be lovely to have the Kidney Stones sited, it was not considered that Castle House was the correct place, and that they would be better placed in a park. Further, it was not considered that £81,000 was value for money and suggested that the District Council consider submitting a Heritage Lottery Application for funding.</p>
<p>My Members at Norwell Parish Council considered this at their September meeting. Members considered that in the current economic climate, £81,000 was not an efficient use of funds. The proposed location was not on a tourist route, and wholly inappropriate.</p>
<p>Partial responses</p>
<p>What are they?</p>
<p>Hhhhh</p>
<p>Apply for lottery funding, instead of using our council tax to fund this</p>
<p>I think it is important for these stones to be on view for the public to see and the location at CH seems sensible.</p>

<p>sculptures are powerful and a link to the heritage of Nottinghamshire. The work has waited far too long to be on public display. Now is the time! long to be enjoyed by residents and visitors to Newark. He is one of Newark's most talented sons and deserves a high profile</p>
<p>I</p>
<p>I do not believe that it should go ahead. I simply think it is a waste of money, it could be spent on much more important things, such as health care, education, wildlife protection and plenty more. Personally, I do not believe we are in need of six stones, I doubt they can do much, it's more a glance at stones whilst on a walk, which I'm led to believe is not a wise spend of £80,000. I appreciate the council were thinking of others, although there is more helpful things they could do instead of displaying 6 stones for that enormous amount of money.</p>
<p>No</p>
<p>It will enhance the cultural significance of Newark and encourage the public's interest.</p>
<p>I certainly do not agree with spending over £80,000 on the Kiddey Stones. A lot of people didn't even know these stones existed until this current council decided to try and waste so much money on this vanity project.</p>
<p>Put in the Museum to stave off any vandalism</p>
<p>Putting them at Castle Hour is totally inappropriate as the is well outside the town centre. Very few people will visit to see them.</p>
<p>I agree that the Kiddey stones should be displayed in front of N&SD building. He was a prominent sculptor and his work should be valued as such.</p>
<p>Absolutely brilliant. It's about time this was displayed publicly so it can be appreciated by the residence of Newark and Sherwood. Absolutely brilliant. It's about time this was displayed publicly so it can be appreciated by the residents of Newark and Sherwood.</p>
<p>The stones are indeed part of Newarks Heritage and should be preserved. I doubt anyone disagrees. I think the stones should either be located in the Xastle grounds or Sconce Hills adjacent to the cafe, ie near to where Mr Kiddey lived. The forecast cost of £80k is outrageous</p>
<p>Only 10% of Newark people will see the stones at the council office.</p>
<p>I strongly support their display as near the centre of town as possible eg castle grounds or market place</p>
<p>Z</p>
<p>Good idea. Important to keep alive the name of someone so much part of Newark's heritage.</p>
<p>A complete waste of council and tax payers money.. money can be spent in better things elsewhere..</p>
<p>Agree</p>
<p>Great idea to have them on display but wonder why the cost is so high when they've already been restored? Also wonder if this is the best site for them?</p>
<p>It's a reasonable idea but such a large expense on the council budget</p>
<p>Absolute waste of money</p>
<p>G</p>
<p>Waste of money. It is not as though many people in Newark knew who Robert Kiddy is or are sentimental about his work. Maybe something for the future, but not now.</p>

I agree that it is important to celebrate local art and heritage but is this the right place for them? They were never designed to be freestanding. Have you considered the ongoing costs of maintenance, especially against inevitable graffiti damage?

Test

Jane Harrison
Chairman-Newark Civic Trust



Matthew Finch
Director of Communities & Environment
Newark & Sherwood District Council
Castle House
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30 September 2024

Dear Matthew,

Further to my Vice Chairman's letter in regard to the suggested placing for the Kidney Stones, I now write to also add my support on behalf of the Newark Civic Trust.

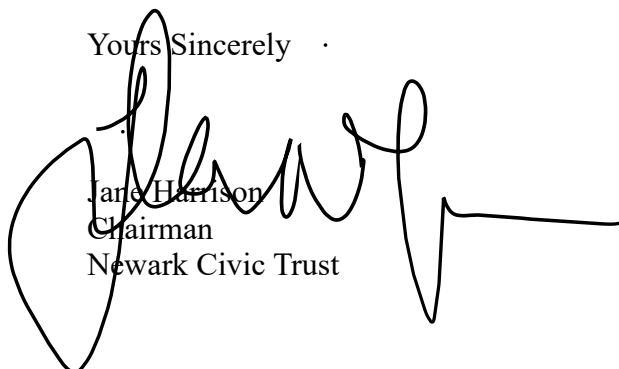
With the strong mid-century history of municipal buildings across the UK utilising their space (whether depicted on the building itself or in the grounds of such) for local sculpture, it can only be deemed correct to bring the Kidney Stones to Castle House.

As the current Towns Board members (for which I am a Trustee) have recently been expressing their desire to 'open up' Newark to include the riverside and its environs, this positioning for this amazing local art would only add to the experience for both residents and visitors to Newark, and would connect Newark's built environment with that of its industrial past.

As my Newark Civic Trust colleague, Kevin Winter, quite correctly makes point, their specific design and previous siting shall require careful interpretation so as to retain their integrity.

I do hope this letter goes some way to supporting the siting of the Kidney Stones at Castle House.

Yours Sincerely


Jane Harrison
Chairman
Newark Civic Trust

Appendix D: Nottinghamshire Police

From: Charlotte Ellam INSP3134 <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, June 5, 2024 12:29 PM
To: Nicholas Butler <[REDACTED]>; Jenny Walker <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Consultation on the re-location of the Kidney Stones

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Hi Jenny,

No specific concerns from me. The location seems sensible, and as you mention there is going to be a level of risk where ever they are placed.

Charlotte



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Appendix D: Nottinghamshire Police

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To: 'Jenny Walker' <[REDACTED]>; Charlotte Ellam INSP3134 <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: Consultation on the re-location of the Kiddey Stones

Hi Jenny,

Complete protection of such items from vandalism, especially aerosol paint, is going to be a challenge when they are displayed in any open space.

The front of the Castle House make sense for the reasons you outlined.

Additional measures to consider are as follows (accepting costs may be prohibitive);

- Consider physical barriers which reinforce rule setting. For example, a fence or transparent protective barrier around could be installed around the statue. A high-quality glass or polycarbonate enclosure can provide visibility while preventing direct access.
- A gated area could be used which would form a psychological barrier but wouldn't prevent access for people genuinely wanting to get closed to view the installation
- Placing the Stones on a raised table or pedestal would make them more visible from distance and harder to damage.
- The anchoring system will be particularly important to prevent damage and theft
- I am not sure of the exact layout of the proposed location but bollards would prevent vehicles approaching the Stones in the event of theft
- Dedicated CCTV camera with AI or similar trigger notification based upon suspicious or known offending algorithms.
- Motion sensors could be fitted beneath or between the stones which also alert the CCTV operator of movement.
- If you believe the Stones are at risk of theft I would consider installing a simple tracking device.
- Lighting and landscaping can be used to deter thieves and vandals
- Smart glass could be used to turn on opaque or display warnings within the installation is approached without proper clearance. In addition, automated audible warnings could be used for the same purpose.

Kind Regards

Nick

Appendix E: Newark Town Council

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From: Matthew Gleadell <[REDACTED]>
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Subject: Kiddey Stones

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Rowan

I hope you are well.

I am delighted to confirm that subject to seeing the final plans and drawings of what the end product will look like, my members agreed in principle last night to a long-term loan of the stones to NDSC to be utilised at Castle House as part of a public art trail . The resolution was clear however that all costs associated with the siting of the stones at Castle House must be met by NSDC.

I feel sure there will be further discussion and narrative on both the stones and a wider Art Trail and that we will naturally be involved in seeing how your exciting plans develop.

Kind regards

Matthew Gleadell

Town Clerk



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Forward Plan

For the Period November 2024 - February 2025



What is the Plan?

This Forward Plan sets out all of the Key Decisions that are expected to be taken during the period referred to above.

The Council has a statutory duty to prepare this document, in accordance, with the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended). The Plan is published monthly and will be available on the [Council's Website](#).

What is a Key Decision?

The decisions listed in this plan are 'Key Decisions'. A Key Decision is one that is likely to:

- (a) Result in the Council spending or making savings of over £150,000 revenue or £300,000 in capital, or;
- (b) Where the impact of the decision would be significant in terms of its impact on communities living or working in two or more Wards.

Under the Council's Constitution, Key Decisions are made by the Cabinet, Portfolio Holders, or officers acting under delegated powers.

Exempt Information

The plan also lists those 'Exempt' Key Decisions which are going to be taken over the next four months. Exempt Key Decisions are those decisions which have to be taken in private. This is because they involve confidential or exempt information which cannot be shared with the public.

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Decision to be taken / Report title and Summary	Decision maker	Date Decision to be taken	Responsible Portfolio Holder	Responsible Officer	Exempt y/n and Grounds for exemption	Date decision can be implemented
Active Travel Feasibility Report	Cabinet	4 Nov 2024	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development	Cara Clarkson, Business Manager - Regeneration and Housing Strategy cara.clarkson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Fernwood Open Space	Cabinet	4 Nov 2024	Portfolio Holder - Climate and the Environment	Oliver Scott, Senior Conservation Officer Oliver.Scott@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Part exempt	
Cost Recovery for Re-Inspection under the National Food Hygiene Rating Scheme	Cabinet	4 Nov 2024	Portfolio Holder - Public Protection and Community Relations	Damian Wilkins damian.wilkins@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Agenda Page 170 Orke Drive- Developing a Shared Equity Model	Cabinet	4 Nov 2024	Portfolio Holder - Housing	Cara Clarkson, Business Manager - Regeneration and Housing Strategy cara.clarkson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Sherwood Levelling Up, Long Term Plan for Towns and	Cabinet	4 Nov 2024	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic	Matt Lamb, Director - Planning and Growth	Part exempt	

Decision to be taken / Report title and Summary	Decision Maker	Date Decision to be taken	Responsible Portfolio Holder	Responsible Officer	Exempt y/n and Grounds for exemption	Date decision can be implemented
UKSPF / UKRPF Fund Update			Development	Matt.Lamb@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk		
Crewe Lane, Southwell - Works	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance	Dennis Roxburgh, Project Manager - Construction dennis.roxburgh@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Jubilee Bridge Refurbishment	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance	Eric Dyche, Repairs and Maintenance Manager eric.dyche@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Brunel Drive Development Plan	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance	Matt Finch, Director- Communities & Environment Matthew.Finch@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Part exempt	
4 Market Place, Newark- Refurbishment	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance, Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic	Neil Cuttell, Business Manager- Economic Growth & Visitor Economy Neil.Cuttell@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk,	Open	

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			Development	Kevin Shutt, Housing Development Manager HRA kevin.shutt@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk		
Cost of Living Update	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance	Cara Clarkson, Business Manager - Regeneration and Housing Strategy cara.clarkson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Community Grant Scheme	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance, Portfolio Holder - Public Protection and Community Relations	Cara Clarkson, Business Manager - Regeneration and Housing Strategy cara.clarkson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Owns Fund Project Update	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development	Elaine Poon elaine.poon@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Levelling Up Fund 3 Update	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Portfolio Holder -	Matt Lamb, Director -	Part exempt	

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			Sustainable Economic Development	Planning and Growth Matt.Lamb@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk		
Infrastructure Funding Statement	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development	Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy and Infrastructure matthew.norton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
New Newark and Sherwood Local Plan	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development	Matthew Norton, Business Manager - Planning Policy and Infrastructure matthew.norton@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
National Portfolio Organisation Extension Application	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder - Heritage, Culture & the Arts	Carys Coulton-Jones, Business Manager- Heritage, Culture and Visitors Carys.Coulton-Jones@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	
Revised Contaminated Land	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Portfolio Holder -	Jenny Walker, Business	Open	

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Strategy			Public Protection and Community Relations	Manager- Public Protection jenny.walker@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk		
Yorke Drive Regeneration Update	Cabinet	10 Dec 2024	Portfolio Holder - Housing	Cara Clarkson, Business Manager - Regeneration and Housing Strategy cara.clarkson@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Part exempt	
Mansfield and District Joint Crematorium Committee - New Crematorium	Cabinet	21 Jan 2025	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance, Portfolio Holder - Health, Wellbeing & Leisure	Sue Bearman, Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services Sue.Bearman@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Part exempt	
Stodman Street Phase 2 - St Marks	Cabinet	21 Jan 2025	Leader - Portfolio Holder Strategy, Performance & Finance	Neil Cuttall, Business Manager- Economic Growth & Visitor Economy Neil.Cuttall@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk, Kevin Shutt, Housing	Part exempt	

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				Development Manager HRA kevin.shutt@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk		
Newark Funding Updates	Cabinet	21 Jan 2025	Portfolio Holder - Sustainable Economic Development	Neil Cuttell, Business Manager- Economic Growth & Visitor Economy Neil.Cuttell@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk	Open	