

Governance, General Purpose & Local Government Reorganisation (GGP&LGR) Working Group: Scoping Document

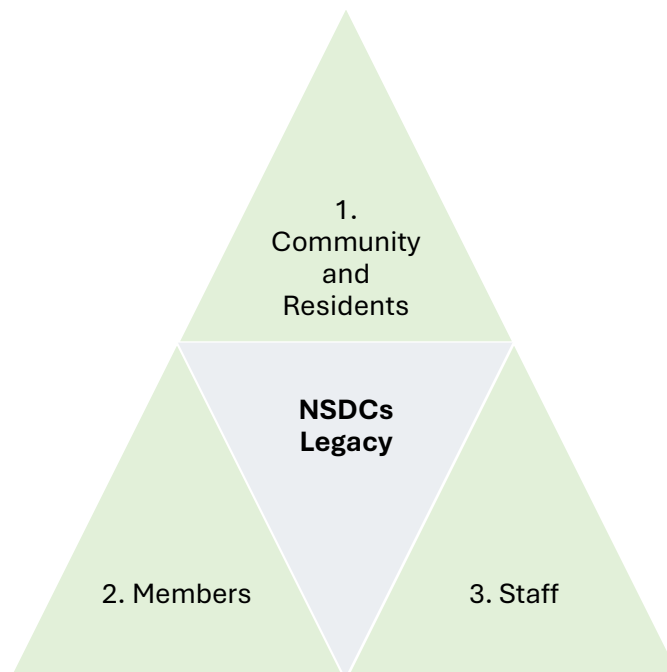
Name of Working Group: Newark & Sherwood District Council's (NSDC) Legacy

1. Source and Summary of Review Referral

This working group is initiated in recognition of the forthcoming Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) and the importance of acknowledging Newark & Sherwood District Council's legacy as the authority transitions to a new unitary council in 2028. Key to ensuring the very best legacy for NSDC will be transferring the Council's services and workforce in a well-managed way. It will also be important to ensure that residents have a voice that is heard within the new unitary arrangements, and that the service our residents receive continues to be excellent. Whilst these wider transition activities are not within the scope of this working group (they sit within the wider LGR programme), it is important to acknowledge them as part of the context for this work.

With 50 years of service to communities, residents, members and staff, it is timely to establish a working group to consider how legacy and identity for communities, residents, members and staff can be appropriately captured and celebrated during this period of change.

The working group will be structured around three clear strands, as outlined in the image below.



2. Ways of Working:

The working group will operate informally, with no formal reports presented, it will be an offline forum for discussion between officers and members. Meetings will encourage open and constructive dialogue, reflection, and idea-sharing. It will develop and shape recommendations and options for consideration through existing governance channels.

3. Budget:

There is no dedicated budget allocated to this working group. The role of the group is to explore ideas and develop recommendations and options for consideration. Should the recommendations include financial commitments these will be approved through the normal approval processes

4. Scoping

In scope:	Out of scope
Identifying and recognising Newark & Sherwood District Council's legacy as it prepares for LGR.	Make decisions on the structure of the new unitary council(s).
Capturing learning, achievements and milestones from the Council's inception, 50 years ago, including from previous administrations, to ensure a balanced and reflective view of the Council's legacy over time.	Duplicate formal governance or implementation workstreams.
Consider how legacy is experienced by members and staff, including organisational identity and culture.	Re-open debates on LGR options already submitted and government decision.
Considering appropriate ways to mark, celebrate or record legacy (e.g. commemorative activities or outputs)	Any activity requiring substantial spend, new procurement or long-term financial commitment (e.g. major physical assets, memorials or installations).
Recommending proportionate legacy actions that support positive transition to new unitary councils.	

5. Membership of the Working Group

The working group will be made up of 3 to 9 members (including the chair). Membership for this working group will be drawn from the GGP&LGR Committee and can include all or some of the members.

	Role	Name
Member Working Group	Chair	TBC
	Members	TBC
Officers supporting the Working Group	LGR Director	Deborah Johnson
	Transformation & Service Improvement – Head of Service	Carl Burns
	Programme Manager – Transformation	Carina Tona
	Communications & Marketing – Head of Service	Sarah Lacey
	Graduate Trainee - Transformation	TBC

In addition to the key officers named above, there will also be a range of officers from parts of the Council invited to the meetings to discuss specific ways we can mark NSDCs legacy, for example community events.

6. Timeline

No.	Milestone Description	Date to be delivered by
1	Outline the scope and objectives to GGP&LGR Committee	18 June
2	Nominations made form the GGP&LGR Committee	18 June
3	Chair of GGP&LGR to sign off the scoping document	End of June
4	Meeting with working group Chair and development of agenda	July/ August
5	First meeting of the working group	September
6	Verbal update to GGP&LGR committee	24 September
7	Second meeting of the working group	October
8	Third meeting of the working group	November
9	Report to GGP&LGR committee	17 December
10	Report to Full Council with working groups recommendations	9 February 2027

7. Partnership and Engagement

The working group will take an inclusive partnership approach, engaging members and staff to capture a wide range of perspectives on Newark & Sherwood District Council's legacy. This engagement will support reflection, shared learning and appropriate recognition as the authority transitions through LGR.

8. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Alignment

A key principle for the working group will be to take account of any wider Nottingham and Nottinghamshire legacy activity, ensuring NSDC's approach is appropriate, proportionate, and supports a positive transition for staff, members, and residents.