

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Scrutiny Work Programme

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide an update on information requested at the July committee and an update on the 2018/19 and 2019/20 programme of scrutiny reviews.

2. CABINET RESPONSE TO THE HOUSHOLD RECYCLING REVIEW

The report and recommendations were presented to Cabinet on the 1st August 2019. A written response to the recommendations is attached at **Appendix 1 (which will be circulated separately)**. Members will have the opportunity to discuss the response to the recommendations.

3. INFORMATION REQUESTED AT THE JULY COMMITTEE

I. BONINGTON THEATRE TARGETS

The target for attendance for the Bonington Theatre of 28,000 was identified as insufficient as numbers have increased from 37,297 to 55,552. Members asked for further information regarding why the target was set so low and how attendances have increase far in excess of the target.

The targets were set some time ago (Autumn 2017) – although they are revised in light of actual results. Generally growth has been forecast with caution as cinema is a new venture subject to the vagaries of the film industry and the quality of films distributed.

During the first 9 months of cinema (Jan to Sept 2016) good results were difficult to achieve but a combination of things helped to lift audiences from October 2016. (New signage, Bridget Jones' Baby...)

Other notable successes/events that have helped raise the profile of cinema include:

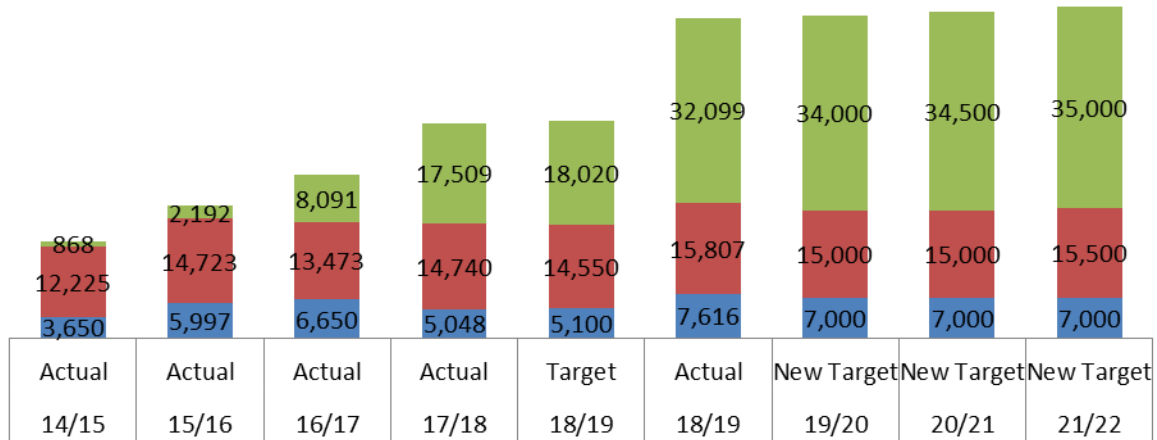
1. The appointment of Jeremy Arblaster (as intern then apprentice, now full time administrator) has improved the marketing through social media, website, and TV screen content and brochure quality. Russell Davies joined the team on a permanent basis in May 2018, to help maintain the increased activity (18.5 hours per week).
2. Peter Rabbit over Easter 2018 was a huge success, and then followed Mamma Mia 2 in August 2018. Other good titles for us included The Greatest Showman and more recently Bohemian Rhapsody.
3. The number of screenings has increased in response to demand – three screenings per day is often the norm now. We had 251 screenings in 2016/17, increasing to 339 in 2017/18 and 546 in 2018/19.
4. Frequency of attendance has increased - the quality of service, film choice, price and accessibility, have all played a significant part in this.
5. Results for amateur productions, professional theatre shows and other hires have remained, and are expected to continue, at a relatively consistent level. We are continuing to develop the programme and audiences for live broadcasts

Bonington Theatre & Cinema Attendances

	14/15	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	18/19	19/20	20/21	21/22
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Target	Actual	New Target	New Target	New Target
Other Hires	3,650	5,997	6,650	5,048	5,100	7,616	7,000	7,000	7,000
Theatre Shows	12,225	14,723	13,473	14,740	14,550	15,807	15,000	15,000	15,500
Cinema Shows	868	2,192	8,091	17,509	18,020	32,099	34,000	34,500	35,000
	16,743	22,912	28,214	37,297	37,670	55,522	56,000	56,500	57,500

Bonington Theatre & Cinema Audiences

■ Other Hires ■ Theatre Shows ■ Cinema Shows



In spite of having a difficult Easter this year, results for the first quarter 2019/20 have been encouraging.

Bonington Theatre performance indicators 2019-2020

		Performance measure	June	June	Qtr. 1 Total	Qtr. 1 Total	12 Mths Total
	PI Ref	Title	actual	target	actual	target	target
Attendance	309	Number of attendances at Bonington theatre productions	4134	2606	13198	12213	56000
	309/1	Professional Shows	224	183	1030	403	2000
	309/2	Amateur Productions	842	1080	2452	2968	13000
	309/3	Cinema Shows	2529	862	8284	7713	34000
	309/4	Private Hires – Bridge, Baby Ballet	465	354	1162	1078	6000
	309/5	Bar Performances	49	49	169	125	500
	NEW	Number of other events/shows taking place at the Bonington Theatre	25	14	101	31	500
Events	310	Number of events/shows taking place at the Bonington Theatre	75	64	238	233	950

310/1	Professional Shows	4	2	19	9	35
310/2	Amateur Productions	7	8	27	27	115
310/3	Cinema Shows	47	39	141	151	550
310/4	Private Hires – Bridge, Baby Ballet	14	10	39	35	200
310/5	Bar Performances	2	2	6	7	25
NEW	Number of other events/shows taking place at the Bonington Theatre	1	3	6	4	25

Mike Hill
Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance

II. FLYTIPPING PROSECUTIONS

This is an indicator in Pentana LI131 Number of fly tipping and duty of care cases submitted to the Council's legal team (cumulative figure).

For 2018/19 it was 18

It is very hard to find the evidence. Most fly tips are done at times where nobody sees them. Very few fly tips have anything in them that identify an individual.

Andy Callingham
Service Manager, Public Protection

III. VISITS TO CARLTON CONTACT CENTRE

1 April 2018 – 31 March 2019 221 customers used the contact point.

The customer contact point at Carlton Fire Station is able to do most of the things that can be done at the Civic Centre except make cash and cheque payments and deal with taxi licensing enquiries. It is open every Wednesday 8.45 – 12.30 and 1.30 – 5.15pm.

Rosie Caddy
Service Manager, Customer Services and Communications

IV. HOUSEBUILDING

Members requested additional information about the shortfall in the number of additional homes provided 2018/19, the number of planning

applications approved for new housing and the failure of developers to deliver.

A report taken to Planning Policy to Cabinet on 1st August relates to the Housing Delivery Action Plan.

<https://democracy.gedling.gov.uk/documents/s21019/Housing%20Delivery%20Action%20Plan%20-%20FINAL.pdf>

MHCLG published the results of the first Housing Delivery Test on 19th February 2019 which, in essence, compares the net homes delivered over the last 3 financial years to the homes required over the same period. As a consequence of GBC's result (being 51%) the Council is required to prepare an Action Plan and to publish this by 19th August 2019. This action plan has two roles – firstly to provide an analysis of the key reasons for the under delivery of the Council's housing requirement and, secondly, to identify the measures the Council intends to undertake to increase/maintain delivery of new housing.

The report acknowledges that housing delivery is a complex process and that some causes of under delivery are outside of the Council's control. It is also the case that other Councils covering the Nottingham urban area are also experiencing under delivery for similar reasons. The actions set out in the Action Plan include a number of on-going actions carried out by officers prior to and since the adoption of the Local Planning Document as well as new actions identified following a thorough review of past housing delivery performance as set out in the document. The Action Plan recognises that housing delivery is a Council priority and the document has benefited from corporate input and the actions involve a number of departments from across the Council. The views of key stakeholders, site developers and owners have also been sought and considered as part of the preparation of this document.

I would also draw the Committee's attention to the Q1 monitoring report and which shows an increase in housing completions.

Jo Grey
Service Manager, Planning Policy

4. INFORMATION UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS ITEMS AT COMMITTEE

When Cllr Ellis, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection, attended the Overview and Scrutiny Committee last November there was some discussion about the Arnold shop/pub watch digital radio system and there

was concern about the areas not covered. Members requested a six month update on the progress, roll out and success of the scheme.

The old analogue radio system was upgraded in Arnold Town Centre in November 2018 with a digital system set up and linked to the CCTV control room. Initially 25 radios were issued to retailers and licensed premises in the town centre area. This was quickly expanded to include the licensed premises on Mapperley Top.

Since then there has been further investment to set up a digital channel on Victoria Retail Park, Netherfield. This has involved working with the Crown Estate as the land owners who now pay for the rent of 10 radios for premises on the park. This includes the maintenance man who covers the site.

The authority has now invested in a further 10 radios to extend the radio scheme to include the charity shops in the Arnold Town Centre.

There are currently 40 digital radios out on the borough.

The clarity of the signal has initially increased the usage of the system, with users sharing information more frequently. However the system is only as good as the people using it and clearly as staff change at the retail premises the use of the radio scheme ebbs and flows. To try and maintain an effective level of use the CCTV controllers will regularly do a shout out to users to confirm who is logged on.

Mark Towlson
Community Safety Co-ordinator

5. SCRUTINY WORKING GROUPS

The committee decided at its last meeting to establish two working groups. One which would to carry out a scrutiny review which would develop a protocol for executive – scrutiny liaison and a second one to consider economic development in the borough

Executive-Scrutiny protocol.

Working group members: Councillors Clunie, Paling, Lawrence and Boyle

The first meeting of this working group took place on the 10th September when a draft project plan for the review was developed.

Economic Development

Working Group members: Councillors Clunie Boyle, Ellis, S Smith, M Smith.

The first meeting of this group was scheduled for the 17th September. Joelle Davies, Service Manager Economic Growth and Regeneration attended the meeting to assist Members in identifying a focus for the review.

Additional members for both these working groups would be welcome.

6. **SCRUTINY IN COMMITTEE**

At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on July 15th, members agreed to continue with a programme of attendance by Portfolio Holders and relevant officers at committee. Areas of performance within each Portfolio for examination will be identified, and questions for Portfolio Holders submitted in advance of each meeting, however 'ad hoc' questions may be put forward at the meeting itself. Non-executive members will also be invited to submit questions for the Portfolio Holder.

The programme for 2019/20 is below:

November 11th	Councillor D Ellis
January 20th	Councillor V McCrossen
March 9th	

The scrutiny work programme is attached at **Appendix 2**.

A copy of the Forward Plan which sets out details of key and non-key decisions which the Cabinet, individual portfolio holders or officers expect to take during the next four month period is attached at **Appendix 3**. A key decision is one that has financial implication over £500,000 or one that affects two or more wards. It has been requested that in future a copy is included in the Overview and Scrutiny papers for members to be aware planned decisions about which they may want information.

7. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- Consider and comment on the Household Refuse Recycling review response

- Consider and comment on the information updates and decide if further information is required
- Discuss the progress of the scrutiny working groups
- Note the work programme forward plan.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Household Refuse Response

Appendix 2: Overview and Scrutiny work programme

Appendix 3: Forward Plan