

Commercialisation Return to the Council City Wide

Forecast surplus for 2017 /18 from Commercial activity is £ 3.4 million.

Plus Nottingham City Transport pays a £1 million annual dividend.



Commercial waste

- Over 5,000 customers
- 23,000 tonnes collected per annum
- 3,600 tonnes recycling collected
- £5.5 million turnover
- Fleet size :10 RCVs, 5 skip vehicles and confidential shredding vehicle
- 34 employees
- Collections in Nottingham city, Rushcliffe, Broxtowe, Gedling, Ashfield over 412 square miles – partnership with Derby as part of Metro Strategy underway



Catering

- Multiple catering outlets including:
- Loxley House HQ
- Leisure centres, Joint Service centres
- Heritage sites and Parks
- Partnership with Gedling Borough Council to deliver bespoke catering at Gedling country Park
- 2 million school meals served annually
- £ 8.9 million turnover
- 275 FTE employees



Energy Projects



- Projects delivered in house
- UK's largest Solar Car park canopy installed
- Greener Solar Housing-solar panels installed on over 4,000 Nottingham City Homes' roof tops
- Over 40 solar systems on NCC buildings generating 1,200,000kwh per year reducing the councils yearly energy bills by over £90,000.
- £ 20 million turnover

Nottingham City Council, Parks and Open Spaces Social Entrepreneurship & Commercialisation.



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APSE Best Service Team, ★★★★★
Parks, Grounds and Horticulture

The Service

Parks and Green Spaces

Total Number = 678

Total Hectares = 1,920ha

No of Green Flags = 32

Community Green Flags = 18



Play Areas

Total Number = 105

77 improved since 2010 - 15 play areas to be improved before 2019

28 Outdoor Gyms



Nature Reserves

Total Number 'natural and semi natural' = 117

Total Hectares = 358ha

Natural England LNR access PI = 0.5ha per 1,000 pop

No LNRS = 12 - 4 new in the last 2 years

No Of SSSI'S = 3



Allotments

Total Number plots = 2737

Direct let plots = 507 (52 derelict at Sneinton Dale)

Association Managed = 1535

St Ann's HLF Restoration Project = 695



The Service

Cemeteries and Crematorium

Crematorium = 1

Operational Cemeteries = 3

Closed Cemeteries = 17



Nottingham In Bloom

Neighbourhood in Bloom awards = 137 (2010)

National Reputation for Horticultural excellence = 20 times winner East Midlands in Bloom; 4 times winner Britain in Bloom; winner of Champions of Champions

No Sponsored sites = 35

Wicker Sculptures sponsored by BID = 12



Trees and Woodlands

No of ornamental trees = 100,000

Hectares of Woodlands = 155ha



Woodthorpe Nursery Production and Horticultural Retail

- 2010 The Nursery was producing 80% of its plants just to serve our own internal needs. All these plants were plug purchased and grown in our nursery.
- Following a reduction in the Parks budget the scale of our internal production needs significantly reduced leaving the nursery staff and future of the nursery very uncertain.
- What we recognised very early on is that we had a fantastic legacy of Horticultural Excellence – over 20 years of National and Internal Bloom Success. - Strong Brand
- We had good growing facilities but they needed modernisation to maximise efficiencies
- We have a great team with skills and knowledge.

Woodthorpe Grange Plant Production Unit and Retail Garden Centre

LED Propagation House



Retail Garden Centre

Glass House Production Unit

Tropical Display House

Potting Shed Café

Polly Tunnels



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Nursery Production

Now producing 80% of plants for other Local Authorities, & local Landscape contractors.

Including:-

- Gedling
- Amber Valley
- Newark and Sherwood
- Kimberley
- Blackpool
- East Staffordshire



We now produce around 1 million plants per year

30% of plants are grown direct from seed

This year plants will be grown in a 100% peat free compost

The service has moved from having a £20k subsidy per year to now contributing £50k per year surplus.



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Woodthorpe Retail Garden Centre



Shop opened in November 2015
£50k Invest to Save - 5 year repayment plan
30% increase in turnover over 3yrs
Now delivering over £100k per year
Major period of Christmas sales over the next month



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Nottingham Landscape Services

Established in September 2016

Small highly productive team

Commercial Landscape Construction and Grounds Maintenance contracts

- Schools Grounds contracts have continued to grow in the face of challenging and unpredictable annual contracts.
- The service has also secured major contracts with
- NHS City and QMC Hospitals
- Salvation Army Social Housing areas
- Highways England
- Numerous internal landscape contracts



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Parks Cafés

Existing Park Cafe's

Woodthorpe Grange - £200k

Forest Recreation Ground - £1million
pavilion restoration and part of a wider
£5.2Million HLF project.



Recently Opened Cafe's

The Arboretum Café Wren, S106 and Insurance Funds

Wollaton 508 Café £130k Wren S106 and Area Committee



Proposed Cafe's

Woodthorpe Potting Shed Café - £70k Invest to Save

Colwick Adventure High Ropes Adrenalin Centre and

Café £500k Invest to Save



Capital Projects - Highfields Park HLF Restoration Project

£4.8million restoration of Highfields Park. It includes refurbishing and repairing historic buildings; restoring the lake, and new features including adventure golf. £3.2million was awarded through the HLF and Big Lottery Fund's Parks for People programme, with funding from Nottingham City Council and partners, including the University of Nottingham. The community get involved through 'restoration rambles.' The University Conservation Society is amongst volunteers.



Partnership with Showcase Greens
Major Capital Investment
10 year lease
Annual rent and profit share

Green Flag Awards

- Nottingham has 56 Green Flags - 32 for parks and open spaces, two Green Heritage Awards, 18 Green Flag Community awards, plus three contributed by the universities.
- Citizen Satisfaction 96% 2016/17



NCC Parks Budget Challenge

- Gross expenditure has reduced year on year since 2009/10
- The service Budget has reduced from £8million to £5.8million.
- During this time Income has significantly increased to £5.09million, creating a **net service cost of around £702k.**
- The team brings in **88%** of service costs.

- Whilst our development team generate £11.16 external capital funding for every £1 of Council funds.
- External funding since 2007 totals £37million, achieved through bids, commercial activities and partnerships.
- Quality services have been retained and service improvements continue.

Parks Development and Investment Funding

- During the last 10 years, strategic development work has helped identify priorities, engaged the public and secured political support. Over the last 5 years, £37 million of external income has been secured from a wide range of national and local funding organisations including:-
- Heritage Lottery Fund £9.3m
- ERDF £5.7m
- Football Association, Foundation & Premier League £1.5m
- DCMS Play Funds £1.4m
- Big Lottery play £5,000
- WREN £2.2m
- Veolia £192,500
- NHS £316,000
- Police Crime Commissioner £150,000
- S106 £3m
- Area Capital Funds £2.1m (used as match funding)



Awards

Since 2009 the Parks and Open Spaces Team have won:-

4 Apse Best parks grounds and Horticultural Service team of the year Awards

2009 , 2012, 2013, 2014

In 2016 the Service also won the Best Private / Public Sector Partnership Award



Thankyou

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