



**NOTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY GROUP
THURSDAY 13 JANUARY 2011**

Held at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford

PRESENT:

Councillors N C Lawrence (Chairman), R L Butler, L B Cooper, Mrs C E M Jeffreys, R M Jones, B A Nicholls, F A Purdue-Horan (substitute for Councillor B G Dale), Mrs M Stockwood and T Vennett-Smith

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor J E Fearon

Superintendent P Anderson	Nottinghamshire Police
Ms T Francis	Community Sports Trust Manager, Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club
Ms S Jackson	Partnership Analyst, South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership

OFFICERS PRESENT:

C Bullett	Deputy Chief Executive (CB)
N Carter	Partnerships and Projects Manager
D Hayden	Community Partnerships Team Leader
J King	Community Partnership Assistant
K Marriott	Acting Head of Community Shaping
V Nightingale	Senior Member Support Officer
C Taylor	Cultural Services Manager

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor B G Dale

18. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

19. Notes of the Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on Wednesday 3 November 2010 were accepted as a true record following an amendment to Item 15 Leisure Centre Contract – Annual Report by Parkwood Leisure

In paragraph 9 first line the addition of 'recent improvements to the' in regard to cleanliness, and

In paragraph 17 the final word 'recorded' to be amended to 'responded to'.

With regards to the previous actions the Partnerships and Projects Manager reported the following:

Minute Number	Actions	Update
14. Notes of the Previous Meeting	Officers to provide a briefing note following the production of a draft of the Greater Nottinghamshire housing needs.	Officers awaiting final report – briefing note will be provided following receipt
15. Leisure Centre Contract – Annual Report by Parkwood Leisure	<p>Parkwood Management agreed to encourage their staff to be extra vigilant and to challenge customers regarding the wearing of overshoes whilst poolside.</p> <p>Parkwood agreed to provide the attendance figures for the aiming high initiative by the next meeting of the Group</p> <p>Parkwood agreed to investigate the viability of repackaging family night at Rushcliffe LC by April 2011.</p>	The Leisure Contracts Manager to monitor progress and report back.
16. Annual Review of First Lets and Options for the Future	<p>Officers agreed to undertake further investigations in relation to advertising private rented properties in conjunction with the Choice Based Lettings scheme.</p> <p>Officers to investigate the potential of including the Good Tenant's Scheme within Choice Based Lettings.</p>	Choice Based Lettings progressing well. There will be a further report at the Group's next meeting
17. Rolling 2 Year Work Programme	To remove the Police Partnership and the review of the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club from the January agenda	Completed

20. Review of the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership

Superintendent Anderson and Ms Jackson gave a presentation on the Partnership. Members were informed that the Partnership had undergone some changes and was now more effective and providing a sustainable environment for projects. The Group was told that the merger of the three partnerships of Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe in 2008 was recognised nationally as a positive step. The Partnership was now coterminous with the Police division and could share resources and expertise over the three boroughs.

Members were informed of the crime statistics for both South Nottinghamshire and Rushcliffe for April to December 2010, with comparable data from 2009. In South Nottinghamshire the overall crime figures had been reduced by 14.2% (approximately 2,000 incidents) and in Rushcliffe this equated to 10.3% (approximately 400). In both cases serious crime statistics had reduced, however anti-social behaviour had increased, although this could be due to increased awareness and better reporting. The Group was informed that of the three boroughs Rushcliffe had the lowest crime figures.

Superintendent Anderson explained that the performance targets for 2010/11 for the Police had been amended three times and although it was recognised that the final targets were ambitious and that some of the targets might not be met during the year, performance had improved in the last three months and the targets would be reached during the early months of 2011/12.

Whilst explaining the priorities and achievements for 2010/11 Superintendent Anderson emphasised the work carried out by the Partnership and he highlighted the Integrated Offender Management project which took an holistic approach to preventing people re-offending, this included help with employment, drugs and family issues. He stated that there was success with 70% of those people involved in the project not going on to re-offend. Superintendent Anderson felt that without the hard work and dedication of the Community Safety Officers the Partnership would not be able to achieve such successes or be effective.

In comparison to other areas in Nottinghamshire it was noted that the Trent Bridge ward was ranked third and Cotgrave 14th. He explained that the Trent Bridge ward had a thriving night time economy and was also in close proximity to Nottingham City and an area based initiative was taking place. Cotgrave had been targeted to reduce anti-social behaviour and each incidence had been given a crime number.

As part of the Partnership's approach for 2011/12 Superintendent Anderson gave a brief outline of the new Police arrangements and how the Nottinghamshire force was to be split into a City and a County Division, that some services such as helicopters and horses would be shared with other forces, however front line delivery would be protected. He stated that the Partnership would be concentrating on a geographical focus rather than a thematic approach, and would be targeting specific problems within the community. It was felt that this would be more effective.

Superintendent Anderson also stated that the community contact centre in West Bridgford shared between the Council and the Police was a brilliant initiative and would provide residents with a one stop shop approach.

Members congratulated Superintendent Anderson on his presentation and the positive implications. It was felt that the Police were improving even though they would not quite meet their aspirational targets this year.

Following a question Members were informed that Operation Cypher targeted known offenders coming into the area and relating their details to any crimes occurring, this had led to police officers being stationed on the bridges over the Trent but the information gathered needed to be considered to ascertain if it was sustainable.

In relation to the night time economy many incidents could be linked to alcohol and Superintendent Anderson stated that as all local licensees were, through the Partnership, working to reduce crime this could lead to more incidents being reported without an increase in crimes.

It was felt that Members could assist the Partnership by communicating to people how, although they might feel that the Police were not visible, resources were to be targeted into areas of need.

Some Members felt that the way the statistics were displayed could be seen as misleading as some of the larger villages were collated together whereas others were split. Ms Jackson explained that the data was shown by ward area and was expressed as crimes per 1,000 people.

Following a discussion Superintendent Anderson stated that the Partnership worked with young people on initiatives however he felt that more work was required with young children as the problems did not start at secondary school. He was also concerned that with budget cuts there would not be sufficient money to target diversionary tactics.

Councillor Fearon, as Rushcliffe's elected representative on the partnership's strategic board, stated that the Partnership worked together to achieve the targets, that the Partnership needed to reprioritise its spending due to the threats surrounding its budget, that work needed to be focussed on the very young and that as a Council Members needed to support the initiatives.

The Chairman concluded that the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership was highly regarded and used as an example nationally. He stated that Rushcliffe was the third best place to live in the country if crime was not included and it was hoped that this could be improved with the continuing success of the Partnership.

The Chairman thanked Superintendent Anderson and Ms Jackson for attending the meeting and answering Members' questions.

It was AGREED that the improvements in performance made by the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership over the past year in reductions in household burglaries and vehicle crime be acknowledged.

21. Update on the Partnership with Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club

Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club, as part of the loan agreement in 2008, agreed to provide a community benefits package until 2023, these ranged from road shows, helping local groups and charities, cricket coaching for schools and club development. Ms Francis had also secured funding from the Home Office until 2012 to provide Positive Futures, a social inclusion project in Cotgrave.

Ms Francis gave a presentation to the Group updating Members on the work carried out during the year. She highlighted work undertaken to:

- support clubs, including the 34 club mark accredited clubs in the Borough, especially Plumtree Cricket Club who would, in 2011/12, also become a disability hub club
- fulfil the national Chance to Shine campaign, working with six schools in the Borough to provide coaching and links to clubs

- general encouragement by making children match day mascots, making donations of tickets and bats to help raise money for community groups, schools and charities
- coaching for primary schools and after school clubs, 13 primary school teachers were trained and classes were invited to the Trent Bridge classroom for sport and lessons
- ensure that young people were included in the Academy and Emerging Players programmes
- there was a focus on women and girls' cricket

Members were also informed that two volunteer co-ordinators had been appointed and that twenty junior sports leaders had been trained as England Cricket Board Young Officials. Ms Francis also explained that these young people had been part of the npower Urban Cricket World Record Attempt 2010, which had included teams 80 teams, or 2010 children, playing cricket at the same time. There had been ten teams from Rushcliffe, including three winning teams. The event raised over £4,500 for local charities and every child involved received an urban cricket bag. Other achievements in 2010 for Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club included receiving national awards for the 'best community programme' and 'best website'.

Ms Francis outlined the progress made on the Positive Futures project over the last year. The project consisted of various sports and arts activities. She explained that the jewellery making activity had evolved into a social enterprise organisation. Key achievements for the year included improved behaviour in school, with two young people being prevented from exclusion and one young person gaining a GCSE qualification a year early; girls only provision; dance group established; involvement of all major partners in the locality; huge reduction in anti-social behaviour and a successful Community Pride Project.

Finally Ms Francis outlined the priorities for the forthcoming year, which included work in the wider community, further opportunities for young people between the ages of 16 and 19 and expanding the apprenticeship scheme.

Following a question regarding costs the Deputy Chief Executive (CB) explained that the loan had helped the Ground achieve international test match and Twenty20 status. When the loan had been arranged the agreement was that the Council would receive 4% interest, which at the time had been subsidised, however in the current climate this was exceeding other interest rates. Members noted that the interest received from this loan was not ringfenced. Also at present the Council's only input was staff time into the partnership.

Some Members were concerned about the rise in crime in the Ruddington area and asked if there was a gap in sports provision in that area. Ms Francis explained that the Positive Futures project was tied into a geographical area and could not be transferred and that there were opportunities for young people to be involved in the holiday programmes at Trent Bridge. Councillor Vennett-Smith explained that Ruddington had two cricket teams that were growing.

The Group felt that the community benefits were excellent and the work the Club was undertaking was very positive. Their only concern was that the accredited clubs were growing stronger whereas other clubs could struggle. Ms Francis explained that schemes were now being introduced to help emerging clubs as well as accredited clubs, which were helped through funding from the English Cricket Board. Also in 2011/12 one of the targets for Nottinghamshire was to increase support for adult participation, including the 'last man standing' and 'return to cricket' programmes. Another initiative to help clubs was the 'adopt a wicket' campaign.

The Deputy Chief Executive (CB) drew Members attention to the funding that the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club had successfully obtained and when these would potentially end. He also stated that there would be a review of the benefits package in December 2012 and that it might be appropriate for the Council to reconsider this issue then.

It was AGREED that the Partnership Delivery Group expressed their pleasure on the delivery of the programme of community benefits over the last year and expressed the wish that officers work with Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club to ensure that this level of benefits continues past 2012.

22. **Work Programme**

The Group considered their work programme.

Councillor Lawrence explained that a review of the list of partners had been included in the meeting for June 2011 for the benefit of new members.

Councillor Jones stated that the Fire and Rescue Service were in consultation regarding restructuring and asked that consideration should be given to include this in the work programme. It was felt that this issue could be included within an existing item on the Group's work programme for March 2011.

Partnership Delivery Group AGREED the proposed work programme for 2010/11.

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Action Sheet

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Minute Number	Actions	Officer Responsible
19. Notes of the Previous Meeting	All actions not completed to be carried forward.	
22. Work Programme	The Fire and Rescue Service be invited to give a presentation at the Group's next meeting	Partnerships and Projects Manager