



**NOTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY GROUP  
MONDAY 20 JUNE 2011**

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

**PRESENT:**

Councillors R Hetherington (Chairman), Mrs D M Boote, R L Butler,  
H A Chewings, J E Greenwood (substitute for Councillor A M Dickinson)  
E J Lungley, F A Purdue-Horan, Mrs M Stockwood

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

C Bullett Deputy Chief Executive (CB)  
N Carter Partnerships and Projects Manager  
V Nightingale Senior Member Support Officer

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors A M Dickinson and T Vennett-Smith

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were none declared.

**2. Notes of the Previous Meeting**

The notes of the meeting held on Thursday 24 March 2011 were accepted as a true record.

Following a request at the previous meeting Members received further information on the Aiming High project and the Family Night session at Rushcliffe Leisure Centre and the Advice Network.

Members were informed that the draft Greater Nottinghamshire Housing Needs information had only just been received and officers would produce a briefing note.

**3. Role and Remit**

The Partnerships and Projects Manager gave a presentation outlining the role of scrutiny and in particular the role of the Partnership Delivery Group. He explained that scrutiny had been created by the Local Government Act 2000 and that it had been introduced in Rushcliffe in 1999. Scrutiny's role was the method for the 'non executive' members to influence policy development and service delivery. It was also an opportunity to examine the Cabinet's decisions via the Call In process.

In particular the Group's key role was to take forward, enhance and develop partnerships – it also had a role in examining the effectiveness of partnership working arrangements. In order that this could be done effectively the Group

had a rolling 2 year work programme which Members monitored at each meeting and this could be altered to reflect the Council's changing priorities.

Members felt that it was important that the work programme was structured to ensure that only one external partner was invited to a meeting. Members felt that this was beneficial for both the Group and the partner.

When considering the four scrutiny groups Members felt that 2 were reactive and 2 were proactive.

#### **4. List of Partnerships**

The Deputy Chief Executive (CB) explained that the previous membership of the Group had felt that it would be beneficial for the new Members to consider a complete list of all the partnerships that the Council was involved in. The list also highlighted the different types of partnerships, which were statutory, contractual or voluntary. If Members had concerns regarding any of the partnerships it was agreed that the Chairman and Vice Chairman would co-ordinate any questions and the Group could discuss any areas of concern at the meeting prior to an external visitor attending.

The Group noted the list of partnerships.

#### **5. Rolling 2 Year Work Programme**

The Deputy Chief Executive (CB) outlined to the Group the work programme and when key partners had been invited to attend. Members noted that Spirita were attending the next meeting and it was envisaged that they would explain their recent restructure, how this would work for residents in Rushcliffe and how Councillors fed into the process.

Members who had previously attended the Group's meetings stated that the work undertaken with key partners such as Spirita, the Police and Parkwood were very informative and interesting discussions. They had also felt it reassuring to identify that there were no pattern to resident's problems.

In respect of the South Notts Crime Reduction Partnership representatives from the Police and the Fire Authority had attended previous meetings and it had been very beneficial to Members to see how they had met their targets and how their services had been rationalised.

With regard to the Rushcliffe Community Contact Centre the Deputy Chief Executive (CB) stated that Members would discuss the relationship with the spokes at the Group's meeting in November.

Another key partnership was the Local Strategic Partnership and each year the Group considered how Rushcliffe had met the targets in the Rushcliffe Sustainable Community Strategy. However, funding was possibly ceasing and there would need to be a review of how the work could be undertaken.

The Deputy Chief Executive (CB) explained how the partnership had been initiated with the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and how this had provided many community benefits. He stated that there was a significant

review of the partnership due in December 2012 and therefore it had been programmed into the Group's work programme in June 2012.

The Group agreed its 2 year rolling work programme.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

## **Action Sheet**

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<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Officer Responsible</b>
2. Notes of the previous meeting	Officers to produce a briefing note regarding the Greater Nottingham Housing Needs information	Head of Community Shaping
4. List of Partnerships	An item regarding a visit by an external partner be placed on the preceding agenda to ensure that Members' questions are collated	Partnerships and Projects Manager