



**NOTES  
OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY  
WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 2010**

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

**PRESENT:**

Councillors N C Lawrence (Chairman), S J Boote (Substitute for T Vennett-Smith), R L Butler, T Combellack (Substitute for Mrs M Stockwood), L B Cooper, B G Dale, G Davidson (Substitute for R M Jones) and Mrs C E M Jeffreys

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor J N Clarke, Chairman Rushcliffe LSP  
Councillor J E Fearon, Chairman Rushcliffe CDRP

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

C Bullett	Deputy Chief Executive (CB)
C Caven-Atack	Performance & Reputation Manager
S Griffiths	Deputy Chief Executive (SG)
A Goodman	Member Support Officer
D Hayden	Community Safety Manager/LSP Co-ordinator

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors R M Jones, Mrs M Stockwood and T Vennett-Smith

**32. Membership of the Group**

The Group expressed sadness that David Barlow, former member of the Group, had resigned as a Councillor due to ill health.

**33. Declarations of Interest**

There were none declared.

**34. Notes of the Previous Meeting**

The notes of the meeting held on Thursday 14 January 2010 were accepted as a true record.

Councillor Mrs Jeffreys congratulated Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club on their work in the community, especially the Positive Futures Initiative that was being undertaken in Cotgrave. Councillor Clarke supported these comments and informed Members that he had met with Dame Kelly Holmes at Cotgrave Leisure Centre, at a question and answer session with young people. One of the positive benefits highlighted was that some of the young people stated that they would have been hanging around the streets, if they had not been involved in the project.

Councillor Fearon updated the Group on the current situation with regard to Ringmaster, the system used in South Nottinghamshire to inform Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators and residents about crime trends in their area. He informed Members that as part of their budget review, the South Nottinghamshire Crime and Disorder Partnership (CDRP) had identified Ringmaster as a low priority. The decision was therefore taken to cease using Ringmaster in favour of the quicker and more effective Neighbourhood Policing system, that was already in place throughout the rest of the Country.

Some Members expressed concern about the new system as they felt that local police were already over stretched. Concern was also raised that other Members were not aware that the Ringmaster system was ceasing. Members also felt that it was regrettable that they would no longer receive the useful weekly neighbourhood crime statistics, as these had been produced by the staff working on the Ringmaster system. The Deputy Chief Executive (SG) stated that she would raise these issues at the next Strategic Board meeting with Chief Superintendent John Bussittel and inform Members of the outcome via a briefing note.

**Action            The Deputy Chief Executive (SG) to inform Members of the changes to Ringmaster and the progress of the new system via a Members Briefing note**

**35.    Update on the Implementation of the Local Strategic Partnership Improvement Plan**

The Deputy Chief Executive (SG) gave a presentation to the Group outlining the progress against the Rushcliffe Local Strategic Partnership (LSP) Improvement Plan over the last eight months. She informed Members that in 2007 a countywide review of LSP was undertaken and subsequently a follow up review by Richard Penn and Councillor Jim Hakewell was conducted in 2009. It had been found that the Partnership lacked a strategic vision for Rushcliffe and needed wider community engagement. An improvement plan including recommendations was drawn up, that focused on five key areas; The Management Board, The Executive, Theme Partnerships, Wider Community Engagement and Support Arrangements.

The membership of the Management Board had been streamlined to represent all the key areas in the Rushcliffe environment and was now made up of representatives from:

- Rushcliffe Borough Council
- Nottinghamshire County Council
- Nottinghamshire Police
- Nottinghamshire County Teaching Primary Care Trust
- Rushcliffe Community and Voluntary Services
- Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue
- South Nottinghamshire College
- Rushcliffe Business Partnership (supporting the Local Economy)

The Deputy Chief Executive (SG) explained that as a result of the Improvement Plan, her role was to chair the Executive and act as senior

advisor to the Management Board, in order to improve communication between the Board and the Executive. The Terms of Reference had also been reviewed and now provided clear guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the Board Members. A forward Plan had been developed to provide a more strategic direction and to assist with planning the Board's Agendas.

The membership of the Executive had been rationalised inline with the membership of the Board and the constitution had been amended to reflect this new structure. The terms of reference had also been reviewed and now provided clear guidance on the roles and responsibilities of the Executive members. The monitoring of the Partnership's performance had also been improved by using the Council's existing Covalent system, in order to better manage and monitor the performance of individual Theme Groups.

In respect of the Themed Groups, the membership and terms of reference had also been reviewed. Each group now had clearly defined roles and responsibilities to ensure that the priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy were delivered. The Groups' action plans had been updated and were now endorsed by the Board to ensure that resources were targeted and used effectively. The review had also identified that the Partnership needed to have wider community engagement and in response to this, an action plan had been adopted in order to improve communication. Several very successful community events had been organised, including a Community Conference and an awards ceremony.

The Executive would be strengthened by the recruitment of a co-ordinator who would provide administration support, in addition to providing performance and budget management, allowing the Partnership to function on a more strategic level.

The Deputy Chief Executive (SG) highlighted some of the Partnership's achievements, these included;

- The development of the refreshed Sustainable Community Strategy
- Rushcliffe Business Partnership networking, including a meeting with the Shadow Secretary of State for Business
- Rushcliffe Supports initiative in Bingham – helping older people in their own homes
- Area based initiatives in Cotgrave, Trent Bridge and Edwalton
- SmartWater events
- Rushcliffe Healthy Living event, formally the Kite Festival, which was jointly funded by Principia
- 4uth Festival pilot, which was currently being rolled out throughout the county
- Bridgfast, a music event that was attended by 600 young people

Members were informed that the Partnership's future plans were:

- To continue to deliver the Rushcliffe Sustainable Community Strategy through the six themed groups;
- To administer the Local Area Agreement Grant, which supported sustainable projects;

- To pursue funding in order that the Partnership could assist organisations to manage the impact of the recession;
- To give support to Cotgrave masterplanning.

In response to a question the Deputy Chief Executive (SG) explained that the Rushcliffe Community Partnership (RCP) was the brand name given to Rushcliffe's Local Strategic Partnership as it was felt that this term was more meaningful and a more friendly phrase for the community.

With regard to membership Members were informed that the recently recruited Board member for the Rushcliffe Business Partnership had been recommended by other Board members. East Midlands Ambulance Service were no longer represented within the Partnership as they felt that they could not adequately resource all the Local Strategic Partnerships in the area.

Members commented on the recent area initiatives and the 4th festival stating that these had been very successful and it showcased the work of the Partnership for residents. Although Rushcliffe Borough Council had taken the lead role the Community Awards and Conference had been organised through the Partnership with the involvement of all the RCP's key organisations.

The Chairman felt that it would be beneficial for all Members to receive a copy of the Partnership's Annual Report and a list of the Partnership's achievements.

**Action      The Community Safety Manager/LSP Co-ordinator to provide Members with a copy of the Partnership's Annual Report and to produce a briefing note listing the Partnership's achievements.**

### 36.      **Annual Report of Work Programme 2009/10**

The Chairman presented the Annual Report that provided a review of the work undertaken by the Partnership Delivery Group in 2009/10. Members were informed that reports from all four scrutiny groups would be presented to Council on 24 June 2010.

It was AGREED that the report be supported and referred to Council for consideration.

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

Members requested that an updated list of all the Council's Partner Organisations be added to the Group's work programme for June 2010.

**Action      The Head of Partnerships and Performance be requested to add the Updated List of Partnerships to the Group's Work Programme in June 2010**

Some Members requested further information about whether the current recession had impacted on Domestic Violence. The group felt that this was an

important issue and the Deputy Chief Executive (SG) agreed to investigate the possibility of holding an all Member workshop later in the year.

**Action The Deputy Chief Executive (SG) to investigate the possibility of holding a Domestic Violence workshop for all Members.**

Date of Meeting	Item
31 March 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the implementation of the Local Strategic Partnership improvement plan</li> <li>• Annual Review of Scrutiny</li> <li>• 2 year rolling work programme</li> </ul>
10 June 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approve Work Programme</li> <li>• Local Area Agreement update</li> <li>• Updated List of Partnerships</li> <li>• 2 year rolling work programme</li> </ul>
14 September 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual review of partnership with Spirita Ltd</li> <li>• Review of Children and Young People partnerships and initiatives, e.g. Surestart</li> <li>• 2 year rolling work programme</li> </ul>
3 November 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leisure Centre Contract – Annual report by Parkwood Leisure Ltd</li> <li>• 2 year rolling work programme</li> </ul>
13 January 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Lets Scheme – Annual Report</li> <li>• Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership – Update (including domestic violence)</li> <li>• Choice Based Lettings – Progress report</li> <li>• Nottinghamshire Cricket Club – Progress on community benefits</li> <li>• 2 year rolling work programme</li> </ul>
24 March 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Review of Scrutiny</li> <li>• Progress report on the Rushcliffe Sustainable Community Strategy action plans</li> <li>• 2 year rolling work programme</li> </ul>
June 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First Lets Scheme – Annual Report</li> <li>• Approve Work Programme</li> <li>• 2 year rolling work programme</li> </ul>
September 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual review of partnership with Spirita Ltd</li> <li>• 2 year rolling work programme</li> </ul>
November 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leisure Centre Contract – Annual report by Parkwood Leisure Ltd</li> </ul>

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January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership</li><li>• Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club – Progress on community benefits</li><li>• 2 year rolling work programme</li></ul>

38. **Customer Services Centre Partnership**

Members were informed that at the meeting on 9 March 2010, Cabinet agreed to appoint a Cabinet Member Group to oversee the development of the Customer Service Partnership project. Consequently the project was no longer under the remit of this Group and would therefore be removed from the Agenda as a standing item.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

**Action Sheet****PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY - WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH 2010**

<b>Minute Number</b>	<b>Actions</b>	<b>Officer Responsible</b>	
32	Membership of the Group	None	
33	Declarations of Interest	None	
34	Notes of the Previous Meeting	Members to be informed of the changes to Ringmaster and the progress of the new system via a Members Briefing note	The Deputy Chief Executive (SG)
35	Update on the Implementation of the Local Strategic Partnership Improvement Plan	a) all Members to receive a copy of the Partnership's Annual Report b) a briefing note be produced to list all the Partnership's achievements.	Community Safety Manager/LSP Co-ordinator
36	Annual Report of Work Programme 2009/10	None	
37	Rolling 2 Year Work Programme	a) Updated List of Partnerships to be added to the Group's Work Programme in June 2010 b) Investigate the possibility of holding a Domestic Violence workshop for all Members.	Head of Partnerships and Performance The Deputy Chief Executive (SG)
38	Customer Services Centre Partnership	None	