

**MINUTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
CABINET
TUESDAY 11 JUNE 2013**

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

PRESENT:

Councillors J N Clarke (Chairman), D G Bell, J A Cranswick, J E Fearon, N C Lawrence and D J Mason

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors A MacInnes, R Jones, G R Mallender
1 Member of public

OFFICERS PRESENT:

D Mitchell Executive Manager - Communities
L Reid-Jones Democratic Services Manager
P Steed Executive Manager – Finance and Commercial
D Swaine Executive Manager - Operations and Corporate Governance

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

There were no apologies for absence.

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14 May 2013 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Future Delivery Of Positive Futures In Rushcliffe

Councillor Fearon presented a report of the Executive Manager - Communities regarding the future delivery of Positive Futures in Rushcliffe. The report set out progress made since the decision of Cabinet on 4 December 2012 to continue with Positive Futures and establish its geographical scope and focus.

By reference to the report Councillor Fearon informed Cabinet that a new delivery model had been developed in conjunction with the Positive Futures Team, part of the Community Development Team at Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club which would achieve real outcomes for Rushcliffe's young people. The approach, focussing on the identified areas of most need, mirrored the approach taken when the Cotgrave project was designed.

The report identified that whilst there were minimal levels of youth crime within Rushcliffe, when combined with the issues of child poverty and anti-social behaviour, there was a higher level of risk in Cotgrave, Radcliffe on Trent,

Bingham West and Keyworth South. Councillor Fearon informed Cabinet that the vast majority of young people from the areas identified attended one of three secondary schools: South Nottinghamshire Academy, Toothill or South Wolds and that youth workers from Positive Futures were currently working with young people in both South Nottinghamshire Academy and South Wolds.

He went on draw attention to particular cohorts of young people who had been identified in three different age groups: transition – year six age group; intervention – year eight age group; and aspiration – young people aged 16 to 21 who were not in education, employment or training. In continuing, Councillor Fearon stated that the report detailed performance standards required to be met in order to deliver the arrangement with the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and these were set out in paragraph 16 of the report. He added that these indicators would be used to ensure that value for money had been obtained from the project and that outcomes had been achieved. He stated that the project was built on the excellent work of Positive Futures in Cotgrave.

Councillor Cranswick stated that the proposed scheme had been improved based on the experience from Cotgrave Positive Futures, and that feedback from those involved over the last four years had been encouraging. In relation to anti-social behaviour Councillor Cranswick believed that it had been reduced considerably in Cotgrave and this was good news. He stated that it was important to have a service level agreement in place which set out targets in detail and drew Cabinet's attention to the performance measures set out in paragraph 16 of the report. He reminded Members that Cabinet had agreed in December 2012 to convert £90,000 per annum of the existing loan into a grant for each of the four years should the targets be met. He added that if the targets were not fully met this would need to be addressed.

Councillor Mason endorsed the comments made by other Cabinet Members and highlighted the link to the YouNG project which was launched in September 2012. She believed that the development in the use of social media to link young people in the Borough was a positive step. She added that it was not only children who benefitted from the Positive Futures project, but also young adults and this was beneficial for the Borough.

Councillor Fearon informed Cabinet that the Trent Bridge area had not been included in the extension of Positive Futures as an analysis of the statistics showed that the young people involved were not from the Borough.

Councillor Clarke commented that the Council was not funding the Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club but was seeking their assistance in investing in young people in the Borough. He stated that factors were in place for the service level agreement and this would demonstrate measurable outcomes arising from the investment.

Councillor Cranswick added that there was also a peripheral advantage arising from such schemes, particularly in terms of impact of family and friends of those directly participating.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the Positive Futures project be extended beyond Cotgrave to include the target areas of Radcliffe on Trent, Bingham West and South Keyworth wards by 2014/15;
- b) the work of Positive Futures be targeted to include a cohort of young people aged between 10 and 24 from each of the identified areas over the next 4 years;
- c) the Positive Futures team's intention to deliver its work in partnership with South Nottinghamshire Academy, South Wolds and Toothill secondary schools in the form of mentoring and behavioural support for identified young people, and also within the community to provide increased sport and physical activity provision in the identified geographical areas for all young people, be supported;
- d) the Section 151 Officer be given delegated authority to approve the future loan to grant conversions based on the achievement of the outputs outlined in the performance management framework which will be monitored by the Positive Futures Management Board, in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Resources.

4. **Community Governance Review – Edwalton**

Councillor Clarke presented a report of the Executive Manager - Operations and Corporate Governance regarding a Community Governance Review in Edwalton. He informed Cabinet that Council had received a valid petition in September 2012 from residents requesting the establishment of a parish council for Edwalton. Progressing the petition had been deferred until completion of the Borough wide electoral review, undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. He explained that the electoral review had now concluded and that the Council was required to carry out a Community Governance Review in the Edwalton Village Borough ward in accordance with Part 4 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. The report set out the key issues to be considered and the area being reviewed was the area on which the petition was based, this primarily being the Borough's current Edwalton Village Ward and small parts of Musters, Gamston and Tollerton Wards.

Councillor Clarke stated that it would be necessary to set up a cross party Member Group in order to progress the review, with the terms of reference as set out in appendix four of the report. He highlighted the key stages in the review timetable which would begin with a consultation exercise from the end of June until 16 August 2013.

Councillor Cranswick stated that this was a detailed report and it was necessary to follow due process in order to obtain views.

Councillor Lawrence stated that he was sympathetic to the request and sought an assurance that those being consulted understood the scope of the parish council and its role.

The Executive Manager - Operations and Corporate Governance explained that the consultation would include a leaflet setting out the process and giving brief details of the role of a parish council. He added that it was difficult to give an exact description of the role as it was dependent on the nature and extent of the responsibilities which it undertook, particularly in terms of asset transfer. This would be a matter for the parish council should it be established. He informed Cabinet that officers had researched best practice from other local authorities and had utilised this in preparing the terms of reference and consultation material. He reminded Cabinet that councillors had a role as community leaders to ensure residents were aware of the consultation.

RESOLVED that:

- a) the process involved for the delivery of a Community Governance Review, the proposed timetable and the associated resource implications be noted;
- b) a cross party Member Group be established to consider the Council's position in response to the consultation to be undertaken as part of the review;
- c) the Member Group terms of reference be endorsed and referred to Council for approval (appendix 4 of the report);
- d) the terms of reference for the Community Governance Review as set out in appendix 2 of the report be referred to Council for approval in order that the process can commence in line with the proposed timetable in appendix 3 of the report.

5. Local Government Boundary Commission Review – Implications for Rushcliffe

Councillor Clarke presented a report of the Executive Manager - Operations and Corporate Governance regarding the implications of the recent Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) Review. He reminded Cabinet that the LGBCE commenced a review of ward boundaries in Rushcliffe in January 2012 and had published its final report in February 2013. The review had recommended a reduction in the number of councillors to 44 across 25 wards. The proposals would be laid before Parliament and would come into effect at the Borough elections in May 2015. The report summarised the implications for the Boundary Commission's report and set out three key areas of work required in preparation for implementing the changes so that they were in place for the local elections in 2015. The report also outlined the three areas:

- Consideration of the impact on councillor positions as a consequence of the reduced number of councillors
- If necessary, consideration of a review of the Members' Allowance Scheme by an Independent Remuneration Panel
- The delivery of a borough wide Polling District Review in order to implement the changes to ward boundaries and ensure the correct allocation of polling districts and polling places.

Councillor Clarke informed Cabinet that officers would now need to progress the work.

Councillor Cranswick stated that the key was to ensure that any proposals were built on the new number of 44 councillors.

RESOLVED that Council be recommended to:

- a) consider and recognise the key areas of work required in order to implement the Local Boundary Commission for England's recommendations; and
- b) receive further reports in respect of these key work areas as and when necessary.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN