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To all Members of the Partnership Delivery Group

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY GROUP will be held on Thursday 24 March 2011 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford to consider the following items of business.

Yours sincerely

Head of Corporate Services

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. Notes of the Meeting held on Thursday 13 January 2011 (pages 1 - 7).
4. Update on West Bridgford Fire Station

Presentation by Richard Melaphany from the Fire Service
5. Progress Report on the Rushcliffe Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plans

The report of the Head of Community Shaping is attached (pages 8 - 9).
6. Annual Review Of Work Programme 2010/2011

The report of the Head of Partnerships and Performance is attached (pages 10 - 18).
7. Rolling 2 Year Work Programme

The report of the Head of Partnerships and Performance is attached (pages 19 - 20).

Membership

Chairman: Councillor N C Lawrence

Vice-Chairman: Councillor B G Dale

Councillors R L Butler, L B Cooper, Mrs C E M Jeffreys, R M Jones,
B A Nicholls, Mrs M Stockwood and T Vennett-Smith

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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 Safety Manager/LSP Co-ordinator
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:

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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 providing sustainability and was effective. 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 figures 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 increased 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 70% of those people involved in the project were successful. 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 had taken 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 shared services in West Bridgford 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.

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 Chairman of the 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 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 Future's 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 on 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.

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

The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

Action Sheet

PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY GROUP - THURSDAY 13 JANUARY 2011

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Actions from the previous meeting

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PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY GROUP

24 MARCH 2011

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE RUSHCLIFFE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY ACTION PLANS

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REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITY SHAPING

Summary

1. In 2009 a follow up review into the Rushcliffe Community Partnership was undertaken as part of a Peer Challenge. Their report contained recommendations which were incorporated into an action plan to cover the Management Board, the Executive, the Theme Partnerships, wider Community Engagement, and Support Arrangements which were approved by the Local Strategic Partnership Board. Work began in August 2009 to implement the action plan, including ensuring that the priorities of the Sustainable Community Strategy were delivered by the themed groups.
2. The Head of Community Shaping will give a presentation outlining the progress of the six themed action plans including highlights and exceptions. The six themes within the Rushcliffe Sustainable Community Strategy are Building Stronger Communities, Business, Children and Young People, Community Safety, Environment and Health. The presentation will include a report on the Local Area Agreement funding of £349,000 received by the partnership and an update on the allocation of this funding and projects underway and completed. Information will be provided to Members on the current position of Local Strategic Partnerships across the County and the impact of Nottinghamshire County Council's decision to withdraw support for the Rushcliffe Community Partnership. The presentation will also update members on the Action Plan for the Local Strategic Partnership for the next 12 months.

Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Members consider the presentation and endorse the work of the Rushcliffe Sustainable Community Strategy Action Plans.

Financial Comments

Members will receive an update on the Local Area Agreement funding allocation and spend to date. There are no other financial implications to this report.

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act

One of the six themes of the partnership is Community Safety and this is linked throughout the work of the partnership.

Diversity

All aspects of diversity are considered as part of the work of the partnership.

Background Papers Available for Inspection: Nil

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PARTNERSHIPS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary

1. The appended annual report provides a review of the work undertaken by the Partnership Delivery Group during the scrutiny year 2010/11. Each of the four scrutiny groups will prepare an annual report. It is envisaged that all four reports will be incorporated into a summary annual scrutiny report and this will be presented to full Council in June 2011.
2. The Group will have met on 5 occasions during the year to accommodate the busy work programme. Over the year the Partnership Delivery Group scrutinised and helped to develop the Council's significant partnerships including:
 - Effectiveness of designated public places orders in Rushcliffe
 - Domestic violence support work
 - A review of the list of the Council's partnerships
 - Working with Sure Start
 - Annual review of partnership with Spirita
 - Annual review of leisure centre contract with Parkwood Leisure
 - Annual review of First Lets and future options
 - Update on the partnership with Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club
3. The Partnership Delivery Group is asked to review the report and consider if it fully reflects the work undertaken by the Group.

Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that the Partnership Delivery Group approve the report and forward it on to Council for consideration.

Financial Comments

There are no direct financial implications arising from the matters in this report

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act

There are no direct Section 17 implications arising from the matters in this report

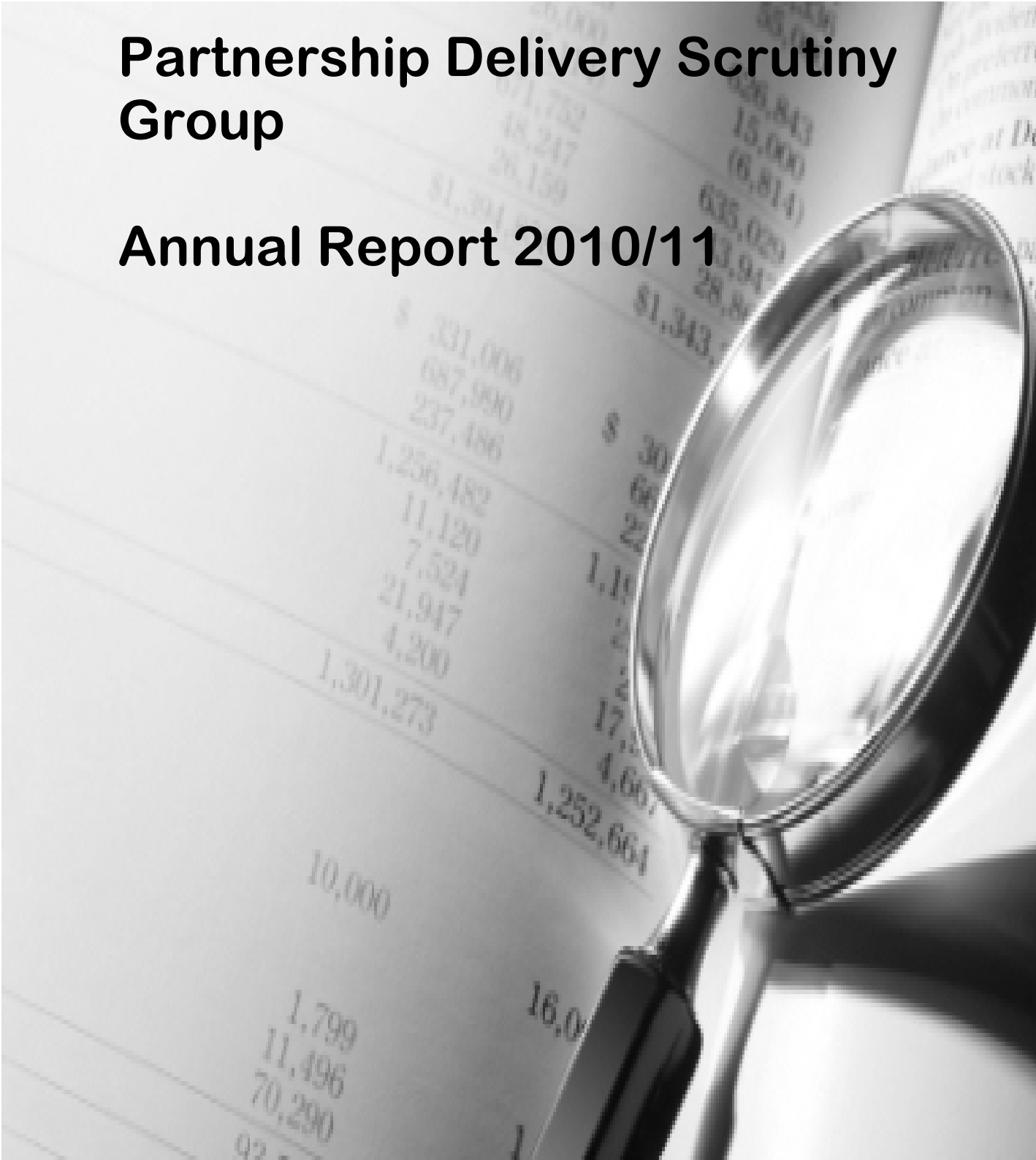
Diversity

There are no direct diversity implications arising from the matters in this report

Background Papers Available for Inspection: Nil

Partnership Delivery Scrutiny Group

Annual Report 2010/11



Chairman's Foreword

This annual report is a summary of the main work which the group has undertaken over the past year. Scrutiny allows the Council to question what it does. It helps ensure efficiency, effectiveness and good value for money. Scrutiny leads to better accountability and better decisions based on a thorough review process. The Partnership Delivery Group has focussed its efforts into ensuring that our many partnerships are structured and focussed on delivering their objectives.

The ability to scrutinise means that members must be objective and independent of the decision-making Cabinet. Key strengths of the scrutiny process are the impartiality and objective assessment of the Council's performance, policies and services.

This year has been particularly busy and much work has been carried out against a background of intense change – a recession, economic austerity, a new Government and the announcement of unprecedented cuts in local government funding. Yet, despite these hardships, this year has once again been interesting, informative and challenging.

Our work this year with other organisations will lead to even more productive partnerships and this scrutiny process contributes significantly to ensuring Rushcliffe remains the partner of choice when new opportunities present themselves.

I would like to thank all my colleagues for their constructive debate, productivity and consummate professionalism during the meetings.

We would also like to record our appreciation to our partners and Council staff for attending the meetings and for ensuring a high quality scrutiny process.



Councillor Nigel Lawrence
Chairman



Councillor Brian Dale
Vice Chairman

What we do

The main role for Rushcliffe's four scrutiny groups is to:

- Develop a programme of scrutiny focusing on priority outcomes for the community
- Ensure that this work helps the Council to implement its plans and policies effectively.
- Challenge and question existing policies and the way services are delivered and recommend any improvements to Cabinet and Council.
- Ensure that scrutiny helps the Council to improve, implement best practice and provide excellent value for money.

The Partnership Delivery Scrutiny Group's specific role is to:

- Make sure existing partnerships are effective and grow and develop
- Help ensure partnership working is considered the norm to ensure benefits such as synergy, better use of assets and resources, better value for money, remove duplication etc
- Forge public sector partnerships to deliver community benefits
- Develop an approach to future partnership working with both the public and private sector

Our work this year

The main thrust of the work continued to be monitoring services, helping develop policy and consultation prior to Cabinet.

During the year the Group considered many services and issues, particularly:

- Effectiveness of designated public places orders in Rushcliffe
- Domestic violence support work
- The wide range of partnerships
- Working with Sure Start
- Annual review of the Rushcliffe Sustainable Community Strategy
- Annual review of partnership with Spirita
- Annual review of leisure centre contract with Parkwood Leisure
- Annual review of First Lets and future options
- Update on the partnership with Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club

Designated public places orders

In June 2010, the Group discussed the use and implementation of the designated public places orders in Cotgrave, West Bridgford and Radcliffe on Trent. These orders represent one way the Council and the Police work together to curb anti-social

behaviour and underage drinking. The Group concluded that the orders had led to a general decrease in crime, had proved popular with residents and are an effective multi-agency approach. Combined with other initiatives such as Positive Futures in Cotgrave to engage young people likely to be on the verge of a life of crime, partners felt these orders were having a positive impact on keeping Rushcliffe as the safest place in Nottinghamshire. West Bridgford differs from Cotgrave in that it has a vibrant night-time economy which brings the risk of a different sort of anti-social behaviour, for example, street drinking and drug use. However, partners are working with bars and City colleagues and the Trent Bridge Week of Action in December 2010 allowed for a more targeted approach to continue.

Domestic violence support

The Scrutiny Group was updated in June about the excellent work carried out by the Council's domestic violence coordinator and partners, plus the comprehensive support mechanisms in place which are highly appreciated by clients. The Group learnt about work in schools to increase 'respect' and reduce bullying and sexual abuse, as well as about the Freedom Programme, the Sanctuary scheme and time-specific campaigns such as those run around Christmas. Some future plans were explained, namely to expand rural access points, hold another community theatre event and to have thought provoking street theatre at the youth event Bridgifest. The Group was made aware that Cotgrave had a high level of reporting of incidents due to a focus of services located there eg Sure Start and Trent Bridge had a high level of repeat incidents, perhaps due to the lively night-time economy.

Partnerships

The group discussed an up to date list of Council partnerships - ie who the Council worked with, on what projects and the costs involved. In summary, the Scrutiny Group concluded that there were a wide range of partnerships in operation which would need close scrutiny given the current uncertain economic position.

Working with Sure Start

The Group found out more about the Council's involvement with Sure Start which is run by Nottinghamshire County Council and aims to provide early support for parents and carers to ensure children are safe, well looked after, eat properly, develop and achieve their potential at school. The service helps to reduce teenage pregnancies, reduce childhood obesity, help children in workless houses, helps eliminate deprivation and the success is very much dependent on a multi-agency approach. The Group was told that the future of the service was unclear in difficult economic times. Sure Start had been helped by the work of the Council's housing options team, as well as specific help from the domestic violence coordinator. The Group endorsed the work being undertaken by the Borough Council in relation to Sure Start.

Annual review of partnership with Spirita



Every year the Group reviews partnership arrangements with Spirita to ensure the relationship remains productive and that residents are getting good value for money. The Group learnt that since 2003, 250 affordable homes had been built in the Borough and this far exceeded the target of 150. This level of achievement was particularly praiseworthy in a subdued house-building market. Members learnt that Spirita was on target to ensure all its homes were of a 'decent' standard by the end of 2010.

At the previous annual review the Group was concerned that the responsive repair service was not meeting tenant's expectations. However, one year on this problem had been addressed as evidenced by a significant fall in complaints and by working with another repairs contractor. Spirita also addressed other areas of previous concern, reporting that estate inspections were now regular and well publicised with residents becoming involved. The number of voids was now improving with a new incentive to encourage tenants to leave properties in a good state of repair by offering a financial incentive. Spirita updated the group on sheltered homes, highlighting people's changing tastes and expectations about retirement living, pointing out that some stock was now over 30 years old and not suitable for elderly people. However, this Notts-wide issue was being addressed by a new group led by the Council's strategic housing manager.

Members learnt about incentives to encourage people in family housing to downsize if homes were too big for their needs and this would also be addressed via the new choice based letting scheme. Improvements to customer service had resulted from Council staff who had been trained to offer a walk-in advice service for Spirita customers, plus there was also a dedicated phone line at the Civic Centre to report repairs and a tenant-led panel scrutinised complaints.

The Group considered whether the partnership represented good value for money, debating the indicators such as whether a scheme received Homes and Communities Agency grant funding, how many homes had been built, funding arrangement and many more issues. The Group felt that the partnership continued to provide very good value for money in terms of providing affordable housing, albeit that this did not preclude the Council from working with other agencies in the future and considering other options.

Annual review of leisure centre contract with Parkwood Leisure

The Council's partnership with Parkwood Leisure was the subject of scrutiny at November's meeting when it reviewed the past year's operation. The Group concluded that the partnership was working well. This third review provided some highlights and a few areas for improvement including:



- A high level of governance was in place and contract compliance was being achieved.
- Increase in visitor and Expression member numbers, refurbishment of gyms, successful Investors in People accreditation, introduction of free swimming for the over 60s (funding from the Government has since been withdrawn) and free swimming lessons were all successes.
- Implementing the Aiming High project to bring leisure to people with disabilities widened access to leisure.
- The apprenticeship scheme is working well. An advanced scheme will be developed and a graduate training scheme will be introduced.
- Customers have complained at some sites about poor standards of cleanliness and this could be addressed by recruiting extra staff where necessary
- An online booking system will be developed.
- Parkwood demonstrated its commitment to improving energy efficiency/reducing its carbon footprint eg via obtaining ISO 14001, raising staff awareness etc
- The GP referral scheme was working well
- Budget gyms opening up in Nottingham would pose a real competitive threat
- Joint use sites presented several issues in terms of litter, vandalism and cleanliness, but there were good relationships with schools
- The phone system at Rushcliffe will be replaced
- Family night at Rushcliffe is being re-pacakaged to attract more attendance. Junior pump session for teenagers was working well and the triathlon was proving popular, as was teenage gym sessions.

Annual review of First Lets and future options

The Group scrutinised the First Lets web-based service which is run with Broxtowe and Gedling Borough Councils and helps marry good tenants with good landlords, create a buoyant rented sector and help prevent homelessness.



There had only been 39 tenancy lets in Rushcliffe and performance was not as high as expected. The Council was committed to the scheme until March 2011, but as the other two partners wanted to merge First Lets with the Choice Based Lettings scheme, Members recommended that this course of action should be followed after thorough questioning, but yet still consider retaining the Good Tenants Scheme.

Review of the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership

At January's meeting, the Group learnt about changes to the Partnership which was now aligned with the police division and could share resources and expertise over the three boroughs.

Members were pleased to learn that crime in Rushcliffe had dropped by over 10% (April to December 2010 compared with previous year), however anti-social behaviour had increased. Yet Rushcliffe still had the lowest crime figures of the three boroughs.

One of the highlights was the success of the Integrated Offender Management project which helped prevent re-offending by giving help with employment, drugs and family issues. The community safety officers had been pivotal in the success of this project where 70% of criminals involved had not re-offended. The police outlined how the Nottinghamshire Police was to be organised in future and reiterated that the partnership would still concentrate on a geographical basis and would target specific community problems. Another highlight for the coming year would be the development of the Rushcliffe Community Contact Centre which would be a good one-stop-shop for both organisations.

One area of concern given current budgetary pressures was working with young children to deter them from a life of crime, but there would probably not be enough funding for future diversionary tactics. The Group were informed that the South Nottinghamshire Community Safety Partnership was highly regarded and used as an example nationally.

Update on the partnership with Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club

The Group were updated on the community benefits package and the Cotgrave Positive Futures project. Highlights over the past year included:

- Supporting the 34 club mark accredited clubs in the Borough
- Working with six schools in the Borough to provide coaching and links to clubs
- Encouraging children by making them match day mascots, donating tickets and bats to raise money for groups, schools and charities
- Ensuring that young people were included in the Academy and Emerging Players programmes
- Focussing on women and girls' cricket
- Progress with Positive Futures included a jewellery-making activity which had evolved into a social enterprise, there had been improved behaviour at school, a dance group set up and a huge reduction in anti-social behaviour.

Priorities for this coming year included more opportunities for young people aged 16 to 19 and expanding the apprenticeship scheme. The Group concluded that this partnership represented excellent value for money.

Update on the Fire Service

Rushcliffe Sustainable Communities

The year ahead

The Group will continue to scrutinise the Council's work with partners, along with key service areas as outlined in the annual work programme. This work programme will be confirmed at the first meeting of the municipal year.

REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PARTNERSHIPS AND PERFORMANCE

Summary

This report sets out a rolling work programme for the Partnership Delivery Group for 2010/11 based on the areas proposed and supported by the Group during the previous municipal year.

Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that the Partnership Delivery Group agrees the proposed work programme for 2010/11.

Background

1. The work programme for the Partnership Delivery Group is developed around the corporate priorities that fall within its remit and takes into account the timing of the Group's business in the previous municipal year and any emerging issues and key policy developments that may arise.
2. At its meeting on the 14 January the Group agreed to amend the programme to include a refresh of the list of the Council's partnerships for the June 2011 meeting. A presentation on the roles and remit of the Partnership Delivery Group has also been added to the June meeting agenda to assist new members to the group.
3. The following table sets out the proposed rolling 2 year work programme.

Date of Meeting	Item
24 March 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Review of Scrutiny • Update on West Bridgford Fire Station • Progress report on the Rushcliffe Sustainable Community Strategy action plans • 2 year rolling work programme
20 June 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role and remit of the group • Updated list of the Council's partners • Approve Work Programme • 2 year rolling work programme
26 September 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual review of partnership with Spirita Ltd • 2 year rolling work programme

Date of Meeting	Item
28 November 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure Centre Contract – Annual report by Parkwood Leisure Ltd • 2 year rolling work programme
23 January 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership - update • Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club – Progress on community benefits • 2 year rolling work programme
19 March 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Review of Scrutiny • Progress report on the Rushcliffe Sustainable Community Strategy action plans • 2 year rolling work programme
June 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve Work Programme • 2 year rolling work programme
September 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual review of partnership with Spirita Ltd • 2 year rolling work programme
November 2012	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure Centre Contract – Annual report by Parkwood Leisure Ltd • 2 year rolling work programme
January 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership - update • Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club – Progress on community benefits • 2 year rolling work programme

Financial Comments

No direct financial implications arise from the proposed work programme

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Act

In the delivery of its work programme the Group supports delivery of the Council's Section 17 responsibilities particularly in relation to the performance of the Council.

Diversity

The policy development role of the Group ensures that its proposed work programme supports delivery of Council's Corporate priority 6 'Meeting the Diverse needs of the Community'.

Background Papers Available for Inspection: Nil