

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CABINET TUESDAY 14 JUNE 2016

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

PRESENT:

Councillors J N Clarke (Chairman), R L Butler, J E Cottee, S J Robinson

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors H A Chewings, R M Jones, A MacInnes, G R Mallender

OFFICERS PRESENT:

A Graham Chief Executive

P Linfield Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services

K Marriott Executive Manager - Transformation
D Mitchell Executive Manager - Communities

N Carter Deputy Monitoring Officer

A Poole Constitutional Services Team Leader

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors D J Mason, R G Upton

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8 March 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Positive Futures

Councillor Cottee presented the proposals for the future delivery of Positive Futures within Rushcliffe from January 2017 onwards. He explained that the project, delivered by Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and run initially in Cotgrave since 2009, was extended to Radcliffe on Trent, Bingham and Keyworth in January 2013. From then to date, 695 young people had been supported by the project.

The current Positive Futures programme was scheduled to operate until December 2016. A proposal had been received from Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club to deliver Positive Futures for a further 4 years and to extend the scope of the project to support young people who would attend the East Leake Academy. Councillor Cottee explained that the content would be similar to current delivery.

It was explained to Members that the current project was funded by a loan to grant of £90,000 per annum. The proposal presented an annual cost of

£110,000, which represented an increase of £20,000 per annum from the current agreement. This would be funded from the revenue budget.

Councillor Butler supported the proposal and highlighted how successful the project had been in Cotgrave in supporting young people. He explained that he had received good feedback from a variety of people and organisations in Cotgrave, as well as Radcliffe on Trent and Keyworth. He added that the presence of a Positive Futures office in Cotgrave was a benefit for the community. He reflected that some concerns had been raised earlier in the year, when it became apparent that funding may not be available to continue the project. He was, however, pleased that this was not now the case and there was an opportunity for the project to continue and expand.

Councillor Clarke echoed the comments, stating that Positive Futures had been very successful at South Nottinghamshire Academy in Radcliffe on Trent and that news of the extension would be well received.

Councillor Cottee reminded Members that the project would continue in Cotgrave.

RESOLVED that Cabinet:

- a) Supports the extension of the Positive Futures programme from January 2017 to December 2020 (4 years delivery) at a cost of £110,000 per annum and forwards this for approval by full Council in view of the change to the budget.
- b) Supports the targeting of Positive Futures work to young people aged 9yrs and above within the catchment areas of East Leake Academy, South Nottinghamshire Academy, South Wolds Academy and Toothill School;
- c) Delegate authority to the Executive Manager Communities in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Community Services to establish agreed targets for performance monitoring and approval of any future amendments to the focus of the project.

4. Land Transactions Cotgrave

Councillor Robinson presented a report regarding the principles for the Heads of Terms negotiated for the land swaps required to bring the Cotgrave town centre scheme to fruition.

He highlighted that, in December 2015, Cabinet had agreed the allocation of £2.5m from the Asset Investment fund in addition to previous funding to further support the regeneration of Cotgrave Town Centre and the delivery of industrial units on the colliery land. He explained that the Cotgrave Strategic Board oversaw the progress of this very important project. He highlighted that Appendix 3 of the report detailed what would be achieved and that plans included space for development of a new multiservice centre which would house Cotgrave Town Council, the Library, Nottinghamshire Police, health provision including a pharmacy, and the Rushcliffe Borough Council contact point.

He explained that eleven houses on Scotland Bank had been acquired from Metropolitan Housing using grant funding and that the land allocated for health service provision would be leased to the Belvior Health Group on a long term peppercorn rent with no premium for the land.

Councillor Robinson highlighted that there was further work to be carried out regarding the negotiations, and that he would be involved in this exercise which would be led by the Chief Executive and the S151 Officer.

Councillor Butler supported the proposals stating that this detailed another step in a complex journey. He recognised that there were more serious discussions to be held with partners and key stakeholders and added that he was grateful to officers and residents for their progress. Members supported this and praised the due diligence and hard work of officers.

Councillor Robinson highlighted how well all partners had worked jointly bringing together their wider agendas for the benefit of the community.

Councillor Clarke recognised that this had been challenging at times and officers had worked hard to reach a successful conclusion. He stated that the focus should be on the success of the end result.

RESOLVED that, to enable the delivery of a new Multiservice Centre in Cotgrave and the regeneration of the town centre, Cabinet

- a) supports the land swap principles between the public sector partners (Rushcliffe Borough Council, Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottinghamshire Police) in line with the Government's One Public Estate policy;
- b) agrees the lease of land to the Belvoir Health Group for the delivery of new health centre provision in Cotgrave with the recommended restrictions on title;
- c) agrees the long leasehold of part of the Multiservice Centre to Cotgrave Town Council:
- d) agrees to the acquisition of 11 houses on Scotland Bank from Metropolitan Housing at a peppercorn value;
- e) supports the principle of landswaps with Metropolitan Housing for the acquisition of the remaining 3 houses on Scotland Bank and parking land behind Scotland Bank and receives a future report on these negotiations;
- f) delegates the completion of negotiations to the Chief Executive and S151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economy (Deputy Leader).
- 5. Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

RESOLVED that the public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following item of business pursuant to Regulation 4 (2) of the above Regulations on the grounds that it is likely that exempt information may be disclosed as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

6. Civic Marketing Exercise

Members discussed the report presented by Councillor Robinson detailing the Civic Marketing Exercise.

RESOLVED that

- a) The Civic Centre at Bridgford House is disposed of as surplus to requirements
- b) The freehold interest of the Civic Centre be sold on an unconditional basis
- c) Offer A made by Investor 1 be pursued to completion
- d) The Chief Executive is delegated to make immediate arrangements to finalise negotiations and arrange for the exchange of contracts with completion and vacant possession of the Council-occupied parts of the building by March 2017
- e) The Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance and Economy are delegated Authority to agree the recommendations of the Chief Executive to secure the sale to Investor 1
- f) Prior to completion Full Council to consider the report of the Corporate Governance Group if required, regarding any concerns that materialise in respect of due diligence undertaken.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.

CHAIRMAN