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To all Members of the Community Development Group

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the **Community Development Group** will be held on Tuesday 22 November 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road, West Bridgford to consider the following items of business.

Yours sincerely

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Deputy Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Declarations of Interest
3. Notes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 23 August 2016 (pages 3 - 14).
4. Update on the Delivery of Rural Broadband in Rushcliffe

The report of the Executive Manager - Transformation and Operations is attached (pages 15 - 17).

5. South Nottinghamshire Homelessness Strategy and Review

The report of the Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods is attached (pages 18 - 22).

6. Leisure Facilities Strategy

The report of the Executive Manager - Communities is attached (pages 23 - 24).

7. Work Programme

The report of the Executive Manager - Finance and Corporate Services is attached (pages 25 - 26).

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Membership

Chairman: Councillor T Combellack

Vice-Chairman: Councillor J E Thurman

Councillors B Buschman, J Donoghue, M J Edwards, R A Inglis, K A Khan,
A L R A Pell, F A Purdue-Horan

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**NOTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP
TUESDAY 23 AUGUST 2016**

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

PRESENT:

Councillors T Combellack (Chairman), J Donoghue, M J Edwards, R A Inglis, K A Khan, F A Purdue-Horan, Mrs M Stockwood (Substitute for A L R A Pell) and J E Thurman

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

A Godfrey Regional Director, Parkwood Leisure
J Palfrey General Manager, Parkwood Leisure

OFFICERS PRESENT:

A Goodman Constitutional Services Officer
D Mitchell Executive Manager - Communities
G Pickering Environment and Licensing Manager
C Taylor Community Development Manager

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors B Buschman and A L R A Pell

6. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

7. Notes of the Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24 May 2016 were accepted as a true record.

8. Leisure Facilities Strategy

The Community Development Manager reminded Members that at its last meeting the Group had considered the key influences affecting the strategy, clarified the scope and established the priority outcomes the strategy was seeking to achieve. He explained that this second meeting would focus on gathering information in order to develop an understanding of demand through research findings on participation trends within Rushcliffe. Members would also receive a presentation from Justin Palfrey and Alex Godfrey from Parkwood Leisure that gave an overview of trends they were observing and an insight into a vision for a leisure centre of the future.

The Community Development Manager updated Members on the progress made by officers since the last meeting. As agreed, the scope of the strategy would focus on leisure centres directly provided by the Council and publically accessible sports playing pitches provided by various bodies. Community halls, children's play, golf and countryside/natural resources such as facilities for sailing or rowing were outside of scope.

A playing pitch strategy would be developed with the support from specialist consultants as an appendix to the overarching Leisure Facilities Strategy. Subsequently a tender brief had been produced which contained the requirements for the local plan stage 2. This was currently being consulted on by Sport England and various sports governing bodies to ensure that it would meet their requirements to support potential funding bids.

Members had individually identified five priority outcomes for the assessment of need from a list of ten options which provided a clear focus to the work. The five most popular outcomes, in priority order, which would be incorporated into the refreshed Strategy were;

- Contributing to aims and objectives for improving health and wellbeing and increasing participation in sport
- Developing a priority list of deliverable projects which will help to meet any current deficiencies; provide for future demands and feed into wider infrastructure planning work
- Providing evidence to help protect and enhance existing provision
- Providing evidence to help secure internal and external funding
- Ensuring the most efficient management and maintenance of sports facility provision in response to identified pressures such as budgetary pressures

The Community Development Manager reported that Officers had held a meeting in July with the Nottinghamshire Sports Partnership Insight team to explore in detail the physical activity participation data for Nottinghamshire and Rushcliffe. This had identified the emerging trends and would be used to help establish broad local issues for future action. The physical activity levels breakdown showed that participation levels in Rushcliffe for 150 minutes or more exercise each week were higher than the national average. Some of the key activities that contributed to this were sport, dance, gym and keep fit, all of which were provided at Council owned facilities. Rushcliffe also scored better than Nottinghamshire and the national average for low rates of inactivity with just over 20%. Although Rushcliffe was currently above the Nottinghamshire trend point for each measure recent trends gave cause for concern. Disabled people and lower socio-economic groups were a particular concern in terms of trends and inequalities of participation.

Mr Palfrey and Mr Godfrey informed Members that there were currently 6,435 gyms with a 9.2 million members which equated to 14.3% of the population. The market value was £4.4 billion, with 224 new centres opening last year and 158 closures of public authority facilities. Future provision would have greater focus on health and wellbeing and would need the ability to keep up with national trends such as high intensity and functional fitness. A greater number of new facilities were based on the commercial principle of return on capital expenditure and there would be a reduction in the number of facilities such as

crèches and bars, which previously may have existed. The current model for a leisure centre would include; a large fitness suite with 100 to 150 stations, at least two dedicated fitness studios, a dedicated teaching pool for swimming lessons, technology such as moveable floors, changing village style changing in pool areas, cafe facilities similar to a coffee shop style/ brand, shared services with libraries and job centres and renewables technology for utilities. Changes in behaviour meant that customers had a greater use of social media streams such as Twitter and Snapchat and expected high quality equipment. They had reduced leisure time, but greater expectation on facility opening times as 14% of people work shifts. In respect of future trends they explained that functional fitness was still in growth, there would be greater lobbying by UKActive and similar health promotions and that members would expect greater value for money. The main competition for local authorities was from budget Fitness Clubs, trampoline Parks, Theme Parks, open Spaces and Fitness On Demand.

Members considered the link between health and illness, age and the issues of accessibility. Mr Godfrey confirmed that there were consultation rooms at the gyms and that private companies could provide physiotherapy sessions.

Action The Community Development Manager to include the key issues of accessibility and age in the refreshed strategy

Members discussed the importance of the link between nutrition and health and felt that the Strategy should reflect this. The Community Development Manager explained that that nutrition could be reflected under the health and wellbeing outcomes and that this was connected to wider actions plans that the Council has in place. The Executive Manager – Communities explained that nutrition was included in the Health Strategy and that the Council worked closely with its partners on this issue. Parkwood were responsible for the range of food that was provided at the centres and that it was aims to be both healthy and commercially marketable.

In response to questions, Mr Palfrey confirmed that discounted offers were offered to local business to encourage staff to use the facilities. Concessionary memberships were offered to people on GP referrals and Parkwood was currently working with its sister company to improve this service.

Members raised the issue of the ageing facilities and poor access at Bingham Leisure Centre being a barrier for potential users. The Executive Manager – Communities explained that Bingham was a key facility in the original Strategy and that this would be carried through into the refreshed version.

Mr Godfrey explained that Parkwood actively engaged with young people under the age of 16 as they were the future customers. They worked with many local clubs to provide classes including swimming and judo and worked with partners on initiatives including “this girl can”. Swimming was still a growing area and they provided water safety campaigns.

The Community Development Manager informed Members that it was not proposed to undertake a widespread general public consultation exercise. This was due to the major change in leisure provision currently taking place with the construction of the new Rushcliffe Arena which would impact on responses. Furthermore the new strategy would build on the previous strategy in the form

of a refresh and as such extensive public consultation was not deemed appropriate. Consultation was planned to be undertaken in two main 'blocks' during October 2016 and January 2017. The October 2016 'consultation block' aimed to build up a greater understanding of supply and demand, and identify any key issues., whereas the January 2017 'block' would involve gathering views on the draft Strategy. The organisations that were proposed to be consulted included Town and Parish Councils, schools, leisure centre based clubs, NHS Rushcliffe Clinical Commissioning Group, Nottinghamshire local authorities and other sporting stakeholders.

In respect of the consultation being conducted through "Survey Monkey", the Group felt that a stall or display should be provided at the Leisure Centres to enable customers that were not IT literate to take part in the survey.

Action The Community Development Manager to arrange for stall or display that should be provided at the Leisure Centres to enable customers that were not IT literate to take part in the survey

Members welcomed the consultation through the Town and Parish Forum and acknowledged that this would include community groups in West Bridgford. They suggested that the YouNG group could also be used to spread the word. In respect of consultation across the border with Derbyshire and Leicestershire the Community Development Manager explained that the Council was a member of the Nottinghamshire Leisure Group, but that consultation with neighbouring Boroughs such as Charnwood Borough Council could also be incorporated.

The Group supported the decision not to undertake a full public consultation and felt that this should be highlighted in a proactive manner in Rushcliffe Reports.

Action The Community Development Manager to provide an article in Rushcliffe Reports explaining the Council's proposed consultation to support the strategy development

Members felt that the Emmanuel School should be included in the list of consultees.

Action The Community Development Manager to include the Emmanuel School in the list of consultees

It was AGREED that the Group;

- a) had considered the demand for leisure provision within Rushcliffe and that the key issues of accessibility and age should be included in the refreshed strategy; and
- b) approve the consultation plan as detailed in Appendix 2, subject to the inclusion of displays at the Leisure Centres and addition of the Emmanuel School.

The Chairman thanked Mr Palfrey and Mr Godfrey for their presentation and answering Members questions.

9. **Proposed Introduction of a Public Space Protection Order**

The Environment and Licensing Manager gave a presentation to the Group on the proposal to introduce a Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) to control the activities of street drinking and rough sleeping in key areas of West Bridgford and Edwalton. The PSPO would replace the existing Designated Public Protection Order (DPPO) covering central West Bridgford and was in response to the evidence and community concerns of inappropriate behaviour in wider public places. He explained that under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, there was provision for local authorities to introduce measures to address anti-social behaviour in public places that was detrimental to the local community's quality of life. The PSPO replaced three existing powers of Dog Control Order, Gating Order and Designated Public Place Order (alcohol ban).

A local authority could make a PSPO in respect of any public space within its administrative boundary, even if it did not own the land. It could include any place that the public has access, on payment or otherwise, as of right or by virtue of express or implied permission. The new orders were more flexible and could be applied to a much broader range of issues. They gave local authorities the ability to design and implement their own prohibitions or requirements, subject to certain conditions being met. The Council must be satisfied on reasonable grounds that activities carried out in a public space would have, or were likely to have; a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality, were persistent or continuing in nature, were unreasonable and justified the restrictions imposed.

The Environment and Licensing Manager explained that a PSPO either prohibited or restricted specific activities, or both, within an identified area. The prohibitions or requirements must be reasonable and prevent or reduce the detrimental effect or risk of occurrence. The Order could restrict activities including street drinking, rough sleeping, lighting of fires, urinating, public littering or any type of behaviour that could cause a nuisance. Failure to abide by the Order would result in a fixed penalty of £100, which if unpaid could lead to prosecution. A PSPO could last for up to three years, with no restrictions on the amount of times it could be renewed, subject to the need remaining and appropriate consultation.

The Environment and Licensing Manager outlined the current situation and issues in West Bridgford. The existing DPPO, that covered parts of the Trent Bridge and Lady Bay Wards, had been in place since 2010. The restrictions only related to alcohol and could only be enforced by a Police Constable. Between June 2015 and May 2016, the Council and Police had collected a substantial evidence base totalling 84 reports of Anti-Social Behaviour involving street drinking and associated activities. The proposed new PSPO would extend the existing DPPO area within West Bridgford and control the consumption of alcohol and the prohibition of rough sleeping.

The Council had carried out an extensive consultation from 1 July 2016 to 12 August 2016 with interested parties including; the Chief of Police, the PCC, Landowners, local Borough Councillors, Community Representatives and Organisations, as well as local residents. In addition it was publicised via the Council's website, twitter and Facebook and through the local media. A total of

30 responses were received, with support from the Police, Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC), Local Residents, Ward Members and the PCC. Notably there was a request for an extension to the proposed area to incorporate NCC parks and Gamston Parish Play area. However, there were a small number of respondents that were concerned about rough sleeping and how the Council would continue to support the homeless.

In response to these concerns, the Council had held discussions with The Friary and would continue to provide a grant of £5,000 to support the homeless. The Council was currently working with partners on a new homelessness prevention strategy and would adopt a proportionate enforcement response to deal with anti-social behaviour and crime.

The Environment and Licensing Manager concluded his presentation by outlining the next steps in the process. Once the 'restricted areas' had been finalised and the Legal Order had been drafted, an Equalities Impact Assessment would be carried out. A report would then be submitted to Council and if approved, the Order would be publicised, and suitable signage would be erected prior to being enforced by the end of 2016.

In response to questions, Members were informed that although there were isolated incidents in other parts of the Borough, rough sleeping and alcohol were an issue mainly in West Bridgford due to the size and location of the area. The Group expressed concern that anti-social behaviour could be displaced to the Green Line if it was not included in the PSPO. The Environment and Licensing Manager confirmed that currently there was no evidence of any issues in the area and although there had been no request from local groups, it should be included as a preventative measure.

Action The Environment and Licensing Manager to include "The Green Line" in the restricted area for the West Bridgford PSPO

The Environment and Licensing Manager confirmed that following the introduction of the Order, activities including weekend parties, camping and alcohol consumption would become prohibited in open areas like Sharphill Woods. Local Authority Officers would have the power to enforce the order and would work in partnership with the Police. It was hoped that quick enforcement of the new regulations would discourage antisocial behaviour and the public would be more inclined to report any incidents. In respect of signage, it was recognised that this could present some challenges as some open spaces had many entrances. If successful, consideration would be given to introducing PSPOs in other towns and villages in the Borough, where there were incidents of anti-social behaviour

Members expressed concern in relation to the effect that the PSPO would have on rough sleeping and whether enforcement was the right approach. They requested that if the Order was introduced, officers provide feedback on the situation to the Group.

Action The Environment and Licensing Manager to provide the Group with feedback on rough sleeping following the introduction of the PSPO

It was AGREED that Members support the proposal to introduce a Public Space Protection Order.

10. **Borough Art Collection Disposal**

The Executive Manager – Communities reminded Members that in April 2013 Cabinet had agreed that the opportunity to sell or loan the Borough Art Collection should be taken where appropriate, after seeking expert advice and approval from the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Community Protection and the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Resources. In February 2015 the collection was valued by Mellor's and Kirk Fine Art Auctioneers and approval was given to sell many items subject to a reserve price being met. The sale took place in November 2015 and raised £23,290 gross, with net proceeds of £14,910.35 after costs. However the "Procession of the May Queen" by Herbert Wilson Foster, valued at £25,000 - £50,000, failed to sell and expert advice indicated it was unlikely to do so in the near future.

In December 2015 Council supported a motion that 'The Council recognises as part of its civic leadership the role of the Arts in the lifestyle of its residents and requests that imaginative proposals are brought forward for investing all the proceeds of the public auction and private sales of its artworks in new programmes and projects for the Arts for consideration by Cabinet and to include such investment in its future Budgets'.

The Group considered the report that outlined the outcome of the sale and details of the remaining pieces within the collection. The Executive Manager – Communities explained that the income raised was capital and as such, could not be used to support any revenue projects. All the pieces except for the clock in the Mayor's Parlour and four paintings had been sold and the sale proceeds included the five pieces of art that had been sold to Nottingham City Council. Members' proposals for investing the proceeds of the sale included a competition to create a sculpture outside the new Arena building, a display area for local artists' work within the reception at the Arena, supporting existing arts in the Borough and funding for an "Arts Week" in West Bridgford involving local business.

The Group discussed the option of using the proceeds to fund start-up costs for the creation of an "Arts Week" in West Bridgford, which would support economic development and become self-funding in future years. The project would mirror similar events in other towns and could involve local businesses and shops providing art and music on their premises and an art exhibition at Lutterell Hall. Members supported the initiative, however it was felt that this was a revenue project and potentially could be funded through the Growth Board. The provision of a display area in the reception at the new Arena for local artists to exhibit and sell work was also considered a revenue project.

The Group supported the idea of a feature sculpture or piece of art outside the entrance to the new Arena which would be owned by the community. They felt that the project could potentially be in the form of a competition involving young people led by a local artist.

Action The Executive Manager – Communities to investigate the possibility of a feature sculpture/piece of art at the Arena

In respect of the “Procession of the May Queen” the Group questioned the setting of the painting and whether it was, as believed, in Bradmore. The Executive Manager – Communities explained that previous research suggested the location was more likely to be Stoke and that attempts had been made to sell it in that area.

Action The Executive Manager – Communities to provide the Group with confirmation of where the “May Queen” painting was set

In response to questions on the current condition, the Executive Manager – Communities confirmed that there was damage to the frame and that the painting required cleaning, although previous expert advice had recommended against this. He agreed to investigate the cost of having the frame repaired and the painting cleaned, and seek advice on whether it was worth doing.

Action The Executive Manager – Communities to investigate the cost of having the frame repaired and the painting cleaned, and seek advice on whether it was worth doing

The Group felt that the “May Queen” should remain in Rushcliffe as it had been painted by a renowned local artist, however they recognised that due to its size, finding a suitable location could prove difficult. The painting was currently in storage and officers had already explored many options, including selling and loaning the painting out to various venues including Stanford Hall. The Group requested that officers further investigate the possibility of displaying the “May Queen” painting at Stanford Hall.

Action The Executive Manager – Communities further investigate the possibility of displaying the “May Queen” painting at Stanford Hall

It was AGREED that the Group recommends to Cabinet;

- a) that the proceeds of the sale of the Borough Art Collection should be invested in a feature sculpture/piece of art at the Arena; and
- b) that officers further investigate the possibility of displaying the “Procession of the May Queen” painting by Herbert Wilson Foster at Stanford Hall

11. Community Development Group Annual Report 2015/16

The Chairman presented the Annual Report that provided a review of the work undertaken by the Community Development Group in 2015/16. Members were informed that reports from all four scrutiny groups would be presented to Council on 22 September 2016.

It was AGREED that the report be approved and forwarded to Council for its consideration.

12. Work Programme

The Group considered the report of the Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services that set out details of the proposed work programme for the municipal year 2016/17.

In respect of the suggestions raised in relation to the Borough Art Collection, Members agreed that feedback should be provided through Members' Matters and that further scrutiny by the Group was not required.

Action The Executive Manager – Communities to provide feedback on the suggestions in relation to the Borough Art Collection via Members' Matters

The Group AGREED the Work Programme as set out below:

Date of Meeting	Item
22 November 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leisure Strategy Development• Revised Homelessness Strategy• Rural Broadband Update• Work Programme
21 February 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leisure Strategy Development• Economic Development Update• Work Programme

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Action Sheet

Community Development Group - Tuesday 23 August 2016

Minute Number	Actions	Officer Responsible
7 Notes of the Previous Meeting	None	
8 Leisure Facilities Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) include the key issues of accessibility and age in the refreshed strategy b) arrange for stall or display that should be provided at the Leisure Centres to enable customers that were not IT literate to take part in the survey c) provide an article in Rushcliffe Reports explaining the Council's proposed consultation to support the strategy development d) include the Emmanuel school in the list of consultees 	Community Development Manager
9 Proposed Introduction of a Public Space Protection Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) include "The Green Line" in the restricted area for the West Bridgford PSPO b) provide the Group with feedback on rough sleeping following the introduction of the PSPO 	Environment and Licensing Manager
10 Borough Art Collection Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) investigate the possibility of a feature sculpture/piece of art at the Arena b) provide confirmation of where the "May Queen" painting was set c) investigate the cost of having the frame repaired and the painting cleaned, and seek advice on whether it was worth doing d) further investigate the possibility of displaying the "May Queen" painting at Stanford Hall 	Executive Manager – Communities
11 Community Development Group Annual Report 2015/16	None	
12 Work Programme	Provide feedback on the suggestions in relation to the Borough Art Collection via Members' Matters	Executive Manager – Communities

Responses

Minute Number	Actions	Officer Responsible	Response
8 Leisure Facilities Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) include the key issues of accessibility and age in the refreshed strategy b) arrange for stall or display that should be provided at the Leisure Centres to enable customers that were not IT literate to take part in the survey c) provide an article in Rushcliffe Reports explaining the Council's proposed consultation to support the strategy development d) include the Emmanuel school in the list of consultees 	Community Development Manager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) noted and will be incorporated b) Hard copy of consultation questionnaires were provided to all leisure centre c) Article included in the winter 2016 edition d) Emmanuel school included within schools consultation
9 Proposed Introduction of a Public Space Protection Order	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) include "The Green Line" in the restricted area for the West Bridgford PSPO b) provide the Group with feedback on rough sleeping following the introduction of the PSPO 	Environment and Licensing Manager	<p>'The Green Line' has been added into the Proposed Order.</p> <p>It is proposed to submit a report approximately 12 months after implementation that will include an update on the 'rough sleeping' element of the order.</p>
10 Borough Art Collection Disposal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) investigate the possibility of a feature sculpture/piece of art at the Arena 	Executive Manager – Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Option to investigate sculpture/piece of art at the new Arena will be discussed with the Portfolio holder and will be progressed after the move to the new centre

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) provide confirmation of where the “May Queen” painting was set c) investigate the cost of having the frame repaired and the painting cleaned, and seek advice on whether it was worth doing d) further investigate the possibility of displaying the “May Queen” painting at Stanford Hall 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) The painting is inspired by the May Queen ceremony from the Staffordshire village of Endon which is famous for having a popular well dressing festival every May bank holiday. Before he moved to West Bridgford, Herbert W Foster was an artist for Minton in Stoke on Trent and a lot of the oil paintings he did in later life depict scenes from the Staffs area in his formative years. For information: Councillor Edwards feels that the painting could be linked to Bradmore. c) Further advice is being sought on the renovation of the picture but it is not considered appropriate to instruct a repair pending a relocation of the painting. d) The potential relocation to Stamford Hall has still to be discussed with the owners who are currently refurbishing and developing the facility which will not be open until late 2017. Alternative solutions for relocating this painting are welcomed.
12 Work Programme	Provide feedback on the suggestions in relation to the Borough Art Collection via Members’ Matters	Executive Manager – Communities	Articles will be placed in Members’ Matters at the relevant times.



Community Development Group

22 November 2016

Update on the Delivery of Rural Broadband in Rushcliffe

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Report of the Executive Manager – Transformation and Operations

1. Summary

- 1.1. Over the past 3 years, Nottinghamshire County Council has been leading a programme to deliver fibre broadband across Nottinghamshire. This is a multi-million pound programme which will result in 98% of Nottinghamshire premises being able to access a network, capable of delivering superfast broadband by 2018.
- 1.2. Members will receive a presentation from Phil Berrill, Broadband Programme Manager, Better Broadband For Nottinghamshire Team (BBFN), Economic Development, Nottinghamshire County Council on:
 - What's already covered (Contract 1)
 - What's planned for coverage in Contract 2
 - Next steps.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that the Community Development Group consider and make comments on the presentation from Nottinghamshire County Council Officers on the rollout of fibre broadband in the Borough.

3. Supporting Evidence

- 3.1. Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire is a £31m partnership between the County Council and a range of funding partners including Central Government, European Regional Development Fund, D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership, BT and the area's district, borough and City councils. Rushcliffe Borough Council has contributed £245,000 to the programme.
- 3.2. The programme builds on from the commercial roll out of fibre based broadband which alone provided superfast access to 86% of properties in Nottinghamshire. As a result of the Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire programme, over 95% of properties across the county will gain superfast access by March 2016.
- 3.3. In May 2015 Nottinghamshire County Council announced a £6.3m deal to extend the reach of fibre further. This Contract 2 rollout will increase coverage to 98% of homes and businesses across the county by spring 2018.

- 3.4. In the first stage of the Better Broadband programme, Rushcliffe's superfast coverage increased from 73% to 92.4%, with almost 9,500 properties gaining superfast broadband access for the first time.
- 3.5. A further 3.6% uplift in coverage for Rushcliffe is currently planned through the Contract 2 rollout, ensuring 96% superfast coverage.
- 3.6. The Programme is currently working with BT, the delivery partner, modelling further broadband deployment utilising underspend and gainshare funds released from contract 1.
- 3.7. The contractual arrangement with BT includes a 'gainshare' mechanism which is triggered once take up of fibre broadband services (at contract level) exceeds the 'commercial average' rate of 20%. Nottinghamshire County Council has invested significant revenue resources in awareness raising and 'demand stimulation' activities to ensure that residents and businesses in fibre enabled areas are aware of the new services available to them. This revenue investment is bearing fruit, with take-up rates at the end of October 2016 of 33%. Resulting in a gainshare allocation thus far of £2.2 million for Nottinghamshire.
- 3.8. Alongside other contract savings and underspend this further investment is being targeted at the borough and district council areas of Bassetlaw, Newark and Sherwood and Rushcliffe as these three areas are set to achieve less than the county average of 98% at the end of current planned investment. This will aim to bring the coverage above 98% in line with the other Nottinghamshire district and borough councils
- 3.9. Some properties in the final 2% in Rushcliffe will have access to fibre broadband which will provide a speed uplift from their current service. However, this will be below the 24Mbps minimum speed to be considered superfast.
- 3.10. The final 2% represents around 1,000 properties in Rushcliffe which will not have access to superfast broadband by the end of Contract 2. The programme coverage is assessed at a post code level. Meaning whilst the number of properties left unserved has been assessed, the programme does not hold a list of the specific premises which will remain unserved.
- 3.11. The modelling currently being undertaken is expected to be complete by the end of November 2016. Once complete the programme will have a view of where the coverage will be deployed. The BBFN team can then commence work to compile a list of properties which will not be served by the programme. However this requires information from the internet service providers such as Virgin and BT regarding exactly which properties they can serve. This is information which providers in the past have been reluctant to share.
- 3.12. This detailed mapping of premise level information is crucial to determining the best strategy for extending broadband coverage to all Nottinghamshire homes and businesses. Nottinghamshire County Council is looking at all

possible funding and technical solutions to increase coverage to as many unserved properties as possible over the coming years.

4. Risk and Uncertainties

4.1. The co-operation of the major internet service providers is vital to enabling the mapping of the unserved properties and devising the best strategy for reaching them. Further funding, if it became available, would also enable more properties to be enabled with access to fibre broadband.

5. Implications

5.1. Finance

There are no financial implications contained in this report.

5.2. Legal

There are no legal implications.

5.3. Corporate Priorities

- Supporting economic growth to ensure a sustainable, prosperous and thriving local economy.
- Maintaining and enhancing our resident's quality of life.

5.4. Other Implications

None

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Background papers Available for Inspection:	None
List of appendices (if any):	None

Report of the Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods

1. Summary

- 1.1. The Council has to publish a homelessness strategy at least every five years. This report sets out to update Members on the key achievements of the South Nottinghamshire Homelessness Strategy 2013-17 and provides an opportunity to consult on the development of the new joint Homelessness Strategy 2017-2021.

2. Recommendation

Members are requested to

- a) note the progress on the draft South Nottinghamshire Homelessness Strategy and provide feedback on the broad principles and proposed priorities to preventing and tackling homelessness as part of the wider consultation process with key partners and stakeholders, and
- b) endorse the draft consultation strategy to prior to the final strategy being considered by Cabinet.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. The Draft South Nottinghamshire Homelessness Strategy seeks to:

- a) Raise awareness among Members, officers, partners and the public about the homelessness challenges facing the Borough and wider South Nottinghamshire area and the Council's actions in response
- b) Focus resources on projects that make a practical difference with a strong focus on preventing homelessness
- c) Meet the Council's statutory requirement to produce a Homelessness Strategy at least every 5 years
- d) Accord with the Council's Corporate Plan.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1. The three Boroughs of Broxtowe, Gedling and Rushcliffe have strategic responsibility for meeting our legislative requirements under the Homelessness Act 2002.

- 4.2. Section 1(4) of the Homelessness Act 2002 requires Local Authorities to publish a new homelessness strategy within a period of 5 years beginning with the day on which their last homelessness strategy was published.
- 4.3. This is the second joint homelessness strategy for the three Boroughs. The last joint homelessness strategy was published in 2013. The three Councils have utilised the joint Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan to promote and focus effective partnership working across the three areas including multi agency working through the South Nottinghamshire Inter Agency Homelessness Forum, the body which monitors progress on the action plan.
- 4.4. At a time of increasing pressure on homelessness services brought about by a number of factors including welfare reform, a reduction in the number and range of support services provided by partner agencies and pressures on the continued supply of social rented affordable housing, the draft consultation Homelessness Strategy sets out a pro-active approach to preventing homelessness, working in partnership with neighbouring Councils and other key partners including those with a skills, education and training remit to ensure a holistic approach.
- 4.5. The draft strategy builds on the achievements of the previous Homelessness Strategy and sets out a framework for continued improvements.
- 4.6. Key achievements in the 2013 homelessness strategy (Apr 2013 – Mar 2016, Rushcliffe BC only) include:

Preventing homelessness

- Provided advice and assistance to 3,717 individuals
- Development of the Citizens Advice Outreach service at the Rushcliffe Community Contact Centre
- Nearly 1000 households have had their homelessness prevented, including 270 in the private rented sector
- Made 480 direct nominations to households threatened with homelessness through the 'planned move process'
- Implementation and review of the Housing Allocations Policy to make best use of existing and new social rented housing, including a reduction in the time spent in temporary accommodation
- Provision of 210 affordable homes through successful partnership working
- 140 educational seminars provided to over 2000 young people at risk of homelessness through the schools project
- Achieved White Ribbon status and rolled out the White Ribbon Campaign in partnership with Nottingham Rugby Club obtaining over 360 written pledges
- Implemented the Nottinghamshire Social Landlord pre-eviction protocol
- Improved the targeted spending of Discretionary Housing Payments to prevent homelessness

Help at the point of homelessness

- Maintained low numbers (80) of homeless applications where homelessness could not be prevented
- Successfully implemented a referral pathway and protocol for County Children & Young Persons

- Avoidance of families and children in bed and breakfast accommodation where ever possible
- Modernisation of the Council's temporary accommodation to accommodate homeless households and support the Syrian Vulnerable Person's Resettlement Programme
- Successful quick access accommodation with move on options included for single vulnerable homeless with support needs (160 young people assisted)

Supporting the move away from homelessness

- Referrals to health visitors and school nurse of all homeless households accommodated in temporary accommodation
- Provided targeted support to vulnerable individuals at temporary accommodation
- Regular attendance of County Multi Agency Risk Assessment Committee (MARAC) for victims of domestic violence
- Re-launched the First Lets private rented initiative and held two annual private landlord partnership events to promote the availability of private rented properties for households on low incomes.

4.7. The proposed strategy adopts a structured approach and broadly follow the themes identified in the previous strategy which reflect the three primary objectives identified in the Homelessness Act 2003:

- Prevention of homelessness by enabling people to access adequate and appropriate housing advice
- Help at the point of homelessness to prevent rough sleeping
- Enabling the move away from homelessness, including support to live in new move-on accommodation.

4.8. The proposed strategy expands on the primary objectives in the areas where we need to do more to prevent and tackle homelessness. The final strategy will include a full action plan under each of the following themes subject to a review of the consultation findings:

4.8.1. **Minimising demand** – to work with partners to reduce the demand for homelessness services through delivering interventions to ensure that households know where to access advice and support at the appropriate time that assists them to avoid or deal with issues that could lead to homelessness. This will include further engagement with young people on the realities of housing choice.

4.8.2. **Reducing the extent of crisis presentations** – working in a more joined up way to identify those households at high risk of homelessness by making sure agencies can recognise the indicators of housing stress and be able to act appropriately to prevent homelessness.

4.8.3. **Delivering effective services at the point of contact** – ensuring that households who approach services across South Nottinghamshire will be able to access effective advice and assistance to prevent homelessness, either by enabling them to remain where they are or by facilitating a move into more appropriate accommodation. These services will also provide access to other services promoting education,

training and employment opportunities, health services, life-skills and benefits advice. These will strengthen people's chances of resolving their housing problems.

- 4.8.4. **Providing appropriate accommodation options** – ensuring that partners are able to facilitate access to appropriate accommodation to prevent and resolve homelessness in the short, medium and long term, including the Private Rented Sector and that there are appropriate pathways into housing with support and move on accommodation where appropriate.
- 4.8.5. **Moving people away from homelessness** - reducing incidences of repeat homelessness through enabling a range of options that will assist people in accessing education, training, employment or other appropriate support. This will assist people to move away from homelessness.
- 4.9. The Draft Strategy has been developed through the South Nottinghamshire Inter Agency Homelessness Forum, which includes representatives from all three Boroughs; County Council and a number of partner organisations with a homelessness remit. It also takes account of data trends across the South Nottinghamshire area relating to homelessness.
- 4.10. The Strategy strongly focuses efforts on preventing homelessness. This is reflective of the emerging Government priorities and statutory obligations for local authorities contained in the Homelessness Reduction Bill 2016-17. The Bill, which received its second reading in Parliament on 28 October, seeks to refocus English local authorities on efforts to prevent homelessness. As such, it is anticipated that additional resources will be made available to housing authorities to comply with the new statutory requirements. The progress of the Bill will be monitored in order to ensure that the final homelessness strategy fully reflects new requirements and maximises opportunities to bolster efforts to prevent homelessness.
- 4.11. The consultation on the South Nottinghamshire Homelessness Strategy is available on Survey Monkey at <http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/media/rushcliffe/media/documents/pdf/housing/Homelessness%20Consultation%20for%20Survey%20Monkey.pdf> and runs for a 12 week period from 11 November 2016 to 3 February 2017. Following consultation, it is anticipated that the post consultation draft will be produced by 31 March 2017.
- 4.12. Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) – An Equalities Impact Assessment will be undertaken prior to the post consultation draft strategy being produced.

5. Risk and Uncertainties

- 5.1. No risks have been identified at this stage. However, a further evaluation of risks will be considered as part of the consultation process.

6. Other Options Considered

- 6.1. Production of a Homelessness Strategy at least every 5 years is a statutory requirement. Commencement of consultation now will enable statutory duties with this regard to be met.

6.2. Rushcliffe Borough Council could produce a stand-alone Homelessness Strategy. However, we work closely with Broxtowe and Gedling Borough Councils in many aspects of housing and are able to pool resources; many statutory and voluntary sector agencies work across the area so they only need a single channel of engagement rather than three separate relationships and Nottinghamshire County Council treats the three boroughs as a single area for the purposes of commissioning housing related support services.

7. Implications

7.1. Finance

Actions planned will be contained within existing budgets. Any additional costs are subject to appropriate internal and external funding streams being identified.

7.2. Legal

None

7.3. Corporate Priorities

Maintaining and enhancing our resident's quality of life – Strong partnership working will enable residents to have safer, healthier and live longer lives in which they are able to fulfil their aspirations. Effective services delivered in partnership to prevent and tackle homelessness will significantly contribute to improving the quality of life of many of our most vulnerable residents.

7.4. Other Implications

None

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Background papers Available for Inspection:	Homelessness Strategy Consultation document – http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/media/rushcliffe/media/documents/pdf/housing/Homelessness%20Consultation%20for%20Survey%20Monkey.pdf Homelessness Strategy and Review 2013 – 17 http://www.rushcliffe.gov.uk/media/rushcliffe/media/documents/pdf/housing/South%20Notts%20Joint%20Homelessness%20Strategy%202013.pdf
List of appendices (if any):	None



Rushcliffe
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Community Development Group

22 November 2016

Leisure Facilities Strategy

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Report of the Executive Manager - Communities

1. Summary

- 1.1. Cabinet resolved in March 2016 to delegate responsibility to the Community Development Group to review the current Leisure Facilities Strategy and report back to Cabinet with a recommendation of an updated strategy.
- 1.2. The Community Development Group has met twice (May and August) to consider the scope of the strategy, key strategic influences, current participation levels within Rushcliffe, leisure industry trends and consultation proposals.
- 1.3. This third meeting will involve a presentation from the Community Development Manager on the supply side of provision and review of consultation.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that the Group;

- a) Comment on the supply of leisure provision within Rushcliffe, identifying any key issues the refreshed strategy should consider; and
- b) Comment on the consultation undertaken and proposed

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. A clear understanding of leisure supply and views of users and stakeholders is important to establish the future vision for leisure facility provision within Rushcliffe.

4. Supporting information

Summary of progress since 23 August

- 4.1. A presentation was delivered to the parish forum on 5 October covering the need for a strategy, scope, influences and an initial consultation workshop. A total of 40 delegates attended representing 17 Parish and Town Councils. Feedback responses indicated that 83% found the session very/extremely useful, with the remaining 17% stating that it was moderately useful.
- 4.2. An analysis of the supply of facilities in Rushcliffe compared to local and similar districts has been undertaken and will be covered within the presentation delivered to members.

- 4.3. Discussions have taken place with Sport England to commission a bespoke run of the Facility Planning model which will provide evidence of the current adequacy of facilities within Rushcliffe and the situation following housing growth identified within the Core Strategy.
- 4.4. A playing pitch strategy inception meeting was held on 12 October with consultants KKP, Sport England Regional Planning Manager, sport governing body representatives from cricket, football, hockey and rugby and internal colleagues from planning and sports development.
- 4.5. A Leisure Centre sports clubs survey (in both electronic and paper format) was launched on 20 October and a secondary schools survey launched week commencing 7 November.
- 4.6. A short update on the leisure strategy refresh and consultation plan was provided at the Bingham and Radcliffe on Trent local Growth Board.

5. Risks and uncertainties

- 5.1. It is important that the Council has an up to date Leisure Facilities Strategy in order to guide and help support future provision. Without such a strategy there is a risk that investment associated with housing development may not be realised and that over time facilities will fall short of the needs of residents.

6. Implications

6.1. Finance

There are no direct financial implications of this report. The outcome of the Leisure Strategy review itself may result in financial implications which would need to be factored into the Council’s Medium Term Financial Strategy.

6.2. Legal

There is no statutory requirement to produce a Leisure Facilities Strategy and there are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.3. Corporate Priorities

Leisure provision contributes directly to two corporate priorities, namely:

- Maintaining and enhancing our residents’ quality of life
- Transforming the Council to enable the delivery of efficient high quality services

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Background papers Available for Inspection:	None
List of appendices (if any):	None



Community Development Group

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Work Programme

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Report of the Executive Manager - Finance and Corporate Services

1. Summary

1.1. The work programme for the Community Development 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 throughout the year.

1.2. Members are asked to propose future topics to be considered by the Group, in line with the Council's priorities which are:

- *Supporting economic growth to ensure a prosperous and thriving local economy - Our economy;*
- *Maintaining and enhancing our residents' quality of life - Our residents;*
- *Transforming the Council to enable the delivery of efficient high quality services - Our Council.*

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that the Group notes the report and considers any future topics.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

Date of Meeting	Item
22 November 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure Strategy Development • Revised Homelessness Strategy • Rural Broadband Update • Work Programme
21 February 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure Strategy Development • Economic Development Update • Work Programme
May 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leisure Strategy Development • Work Programme

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