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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 21 November 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby 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 22 August 2017 (pages 1 - 7)
4. Review and Future of YouNG

The report of the Chief Executive is attached (pages 8 - 10).

5. Update of the delivery of Rural Broadband in Rushcliffe

The Report of the Executive Manager – Communities is attached (pages 11 - 13)

6. Options for Tree Protection and Promotion in Rushcliffe

The report of the Executive Manager – Communities is attached (pages 14 - 17).

7. Work Programme

The report of the Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services is attached (pages 18 - 19).

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## Membership

Chairman: Councillor T Combellack

Vice-Chairman: Councillor J E Thurman

Councillors M Buckle, B Buschman, M J Edwards, R A Inglis, K A Khan,  
F A Purdue-Horan, J G A Wheeler

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**MINUTES**  
**OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP**  
**TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2017**

Held at 7pm in Council Chamber B, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford

**PRESENT:**

Councillors T Combellack (Chairman), J E Thurman (Vice-Chairman), B Buschman, M J Edwards, R A Inglis, K A Khan, F A Purdue-Horan, Mrs M Stockwood (substitute for Councillor M Buckle), J G A Wheeler.

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

M Emerson	YouNG Intern
D Mitchell	Executive Manager – Communities
P Phillips	Environmental Sustainability Officer
L Webb	Constitutional Services Officer

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillor M Buckle.

**6. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**7. Notes of the Previous Meeting**

The notes of the meeting held on Thursday 1 June 2017 were accepted as a true record.

**8. Review and Future of YouNG**

The Executive Manager – Communities presented the report of the Chief Executive to provide the Group with a progress report on the review and future of the YouNG project. The Executive Manager confirmed that the Group's comments and contributions would be published in a final report to Community Development Group in November, 2017. The report noted that the YouNG project covered three areas; work experience, YouNG markets and the YouNG Goes Euro project, and that in total the Council currently spent £220,000 per year supporting young people. This spend included the YouNG net budget, contributions made to fund the Careers Enterprise Company and the Positive Futures project, which the Council would continue to fund until December 2020.

The Executive Manager noted that the main bulk of the YouNG budget covered the salaries of the YouNG employees, which currently consisted of two interns, one apprentice and seven YouNG Ambassadors. The seven YouNG ambassadors worked to promote YouNG in their schools through assemblies and utilising social media, as well as in assisting in the organisation and running of the YouNG Markets.

The Executive Manager informed the Group that the Chief Executive had recently held a meeting with Positive Futures and NGi, who currently lead on the YouNG Goes Euro project and the Careers Enterprise Company initiative, to investigate if there were any potential opportunities to work more closely together with either Positive Futures or NGi taking a lead role.

The Group asked for further clarification about the level of success of the most recent YouNG Market. The Executive Manager assured Councillors that the Council had received excellent feedback from the YouNG Market stall holders and the YouNG Intern reported that during the most recent YouNG Market confidence and abilities of those who had previously sold at a YouNG Market had increased. The Executive Manager advised that the YouNG project was an efficient method for the Council to meet their objective of supporting young people to develop the skills needed to enter, and be successful in the workplace.

The Executive Manager asked the Group for their thoughts on whether the £220,000 budget for the Council was sufficient enough to meet the Council's objective of supporting young people within the Borough, as well as whether the budget should be reduced in order to make a saving. Members of the Group discussed the quantity of YouNG employees and whether they believed that Council's management role should be reduced over the next three years.

The Group were aware that there were a number of projects similar to YouNG currently operating in Rushcliffe secondary schools such as Young Enterprise and Aspire and believed that for the amount of money that the Council was investing in young people, the school's response was limited. Members of the Group agreed that the Council should still support the YouNG Project, that the YouNG Ambassador programme and the employment of interns should continue and that other opportunities should be investigated that could potentially provide further funding. The Group also suggested that current employees of YouNG should be given the opportunity to continue their employment at Rushcliffe Borough Council where possible and that YouNG should be promoted to new businesses in the Borough as well as to the businesses who were members of the Strategic Growth Boards.

The Group felt that moving forward the YouNG project needed to be more focused, concentrating on fewer elements, with its main focus being on business and employability skills and that there should also be somebody employed full time, with sufficient experience in order to manage the project. The Group also requested that they receive further clarification of the objectives for the future of YouNG.

The Chairman requested that the Group should be provided with information of the current career paths of the first cohort of those who had taken part in the YouNG Project in order to help quantify the success of YouNG.

The Group agreed the following summary

- They were supportive of continued budget provision at the same level (£220k per annum) for a three-year period to assist in partnership negotiations.

- They valued the ambassadors, apprentices and interns and found it difficult to prioritise in any one area.
- They would like the programme to be more focussed but also delivering to a wider audience.
- They acknowledged opportunities for increased partnership working with Positive Futures / NGi with an emphasis on the need for clear full time management of the programme moving forward.

The Group thanked the Executive Manager - Communities and the YouNG intern for attending the meeting and answering their questions.

**It was RESOLVED that:**

- a) the progress to date regarding initial discussions and the emerging delivery model of YouNG, its links to the other young people related projects that the Council fund and deliver, and how this links to the strategic task of 'facilitating activities for children and young people to enable them to reach their potential', be noted.
- b) the comments of the Group on the future plans for the continuation, or otherwise of YouNG be incorporated into the report of the Chief Executive, and that the report be presented at the 21 November 2017 meeting of the Community Development Group prior to the report being submitted to Cabinet.
- c) the Group be provided with information regarding the current career paths of the first cohort of those who had taken part in the YouNG Project.

**9. Tree Protection and Promotion in Rushcliffe**

The Environmental and Sustainability Officer gave a presentation to the Group on tree protection and promotion within the Borough. The Environmental and Sustainability Officer advised that the trees and woodlands policy was currently included in the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy which had been approved by Cabinet in November 2015. It was noted that Woodland coverage currently stood at 575 hectares or 1% of the Borough with this relatively low figure being largely due much of the land in the Borough having been mainly used for arable farming. The Environmental and Sustainability Officer informed the Group that areas with larger tree cover in Rushcliffe included Cotgrave Forest and Borders Wood. It was also noted that the areas with the lowest coverage of trees were in the Vale of Belvoir. The Environmental and Sustainability Officer asked the Group to consider:

- Whether the borough had sufficient coverage of trees and woodlands
- The direction and options that the council should take on tree protection and planting within Rushcliffe.

- What recommendations, if any, would they like to be taken Cabinet for their consideration.

The Group expressed concern about the low number of trees in the Vale of Belvoir as well as in the urban areas of the Borough and agreed that the Council should be promoting the planting of trees. The Group also suggested that the Council should look at the possibility of forming partnerships with land owners and seeking grants from organisations such as the Woodland Trust in order to promote increased tree planting.

The Executive Manager – Communities advised the Group that the Council were promoting tree growth within the Borough in many different ways. The Group was advised that during the Sharphill housing development only twenty trees were removed to enable the development to take place, however, there would be a significant number of trees included in the development plans associated with the proposed Park.

Members of the group made further suggestions on how tree planting could be promoted across the Borough which included asking children to ‘name a tree’ where they could be recognised for helping the environment. The Environmental and Sustainability Officer stated that one of the main issues that the Council faced when promoting tree growth within the Borough was that the Council did not own most of the land so the only way in which tree planting and protection of existing trees could be promoted was by encouraging land owners to plant more trees and by enforcing planning restrictions and Tree Protection Orders. Members of the group suggested that if a tree was removed from a landowners own plot they must inform the Council and replace it. The Executive Manager noted that this proposal could be communicated to residents through Rushcliffe Reports, but that the Council would have limited powers to enforce it.

The Chairman encouraged members of the Group to spend a proportion of their Community Support Scheme Grant on the promotion of tree planting within their ward. Members of the Group also suggested that the Borough could work with the Town and Parish Councils to proactively conserve and promote trees and woodlands in their local area and that Councillors could nominate groups and organisations who had promoted tree growth within the Borough for the Rushcliffe Community Awards.

The Executive Manager recommended that tree protection and promotion could become an item at a future Parish Forum and that there was an opportunity for Councillors to upgrade the policies stated in the Local Plan Part 2 with regard to tree protection and promotion. Members of the Group agreed that a further report should be presented to the next Group meeting before any recommendations were taken to Cabinet.

The Group thanked the Executive Manager - Communities and the Environmental Sustainability Officer for attending the meeting and answering their questions.

**It was RESOLVED that:**

- a) That the report of the Executive Manager – Communities be noted.

- b) That the comments and suggestions made by the Group with regard to tree protection and promotion within the Borough be incorporated into a further report to be presented at the 21 November 2017 meeting of the Community Development Group prior to a report being submitted to Cabinet.

#### 10. **Work Programme**

The Group considered and agreed its work programme. It had been agreed that a further report considering Tree Protection and Promotion in Rushcliffe would be presented at the next meeting.

Date of Meeting	Item
21 November 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on Rural Broadband</li> <li>• Review and Future of YouNG</li> <li>• Tree Protection and Promotion in Rushcliffe</li> <li>• Work Programme</li> </ul>
20 February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the Public Spaces Protection Order</li> <li>• Work Programme</li> </ul>

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

## Action Sheet

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP - TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2017

Minute Number	Actions	Officer Responsible
8.	a) The Group to be provided with further clarification about the future objectives of YouNG.  b) The Group to be provided with information regarding the current career paths of the first cohort of those who had taken part in the YouNG Project.	The Chief Executive.  Due to data protection laws
9.	A further report to be presented to Community Development Group before recommendations are taken to Cabinet.	Executive Manager – Communities.

**Action and Response Sheet**  
**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP - TUESDAY 22 AUGUST 2017**

Minute Number	Actions	Officer Responsible	Response
8.	<p>a) The Group to be provided with further clarification about the future objectives of YouNG.</p> <p>b) The Group to be provided with information regarding the current career paths of the first cohort of those who had taken part in the YouNG Project.</p>	<p>The Chief Executive.</p> <p>Executive Manager – Communities.</p>	<p>A further report to be presented to Community Development Group 21 November 2017.</p> <p>As the personal data for the original YouNG ambassadors was held to carry out their roles as employees the Council had no reason to keep the contact details of minors that had finished their ambassador role and so the data had to be deleted due to data protection laws. However, now Councillors see the importance to track the progress of everyone that has had an experience with young it will establish a reason why the Council will continue to hold personalised data of young people who have participated in a YouNG project or programme moving forward. The YouNG Interns have now been tasked to establish an alumni programme to track the young people and to send them periodic updates from the young project.</p>
9.	<p>A further report to be presented to Community Development Group before recommendations are taken to Cabinet.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">7</p>	<p>Executive Manager – Communities.</p>	<p>A further report to be presented to Community Development Group 21 November 2017.</p>

## Report of the Chief Executive

### 1. Summary

- 1.1. On 1 June 2017, the Community Development Group received a presentation on the Internet Guru report. The Group received a number of options to consider the future delivery of the YouNG project.

They were as follows:

- Continue the programme as it is
- RBC continues to fund a scaled down version of YouNG by consolidating services and discontinuing some projects currently offered
- Explore options with other partners
- Cease delivering YouNG

- 1.2. The group requested that officers initially explore options with other partners to deliver YouNG as a collaborative arrangement. They also requested that a member briefing session be convened to provide wider Members with a better understanding and insight into the work of YouNG. This Member session was delivered on 19 of July 2017.

- 1.3. A further update was provided to the group on 22 August 2017 in which members provided clarity on the parameters for YouNG and a timescale for funding the YouNG initiative to enable it to develop a sustainable future and assist with partnership negotiations.

- 1.4. This paper aims to provide an update on progress to Community Development Group which will include a presentation from Trent Bridge Community Trust regarding options for the future delivery of YouNG and a timeline to bring back a proposed model to ensure a sustainable future for YouNG.

### 2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Community Development Group:

- a) Note the progress to date and provide feedback regarding discussions that have taken place with Trent Bridge Community Trust and the emerging delivery model for YouNG.

### 3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. To provide guidance and direction for the future delivery of the YouNG initiative.

## **4. Supporting Evidence**

4.1. The Community Development group of the 22 August provided guidance to officers to explore the option of collaborating with Trent Bridge Community Trust and other partners to deliver YouNG.

- They were supportive of continued budget provision at the same level (£220k per annum) for all youth related activities for a three-year period to assist in partnership negotiations.
- They valued the ambassadors, apprentices and interns and found it difficult to prioritise in any one area.
- They would like the programme to be more focussed but also delivering to a wider audience.
- They acknowledged opportunities for increased partnership working with Positive Futures / NGi with an emphasis on the need for clear full time management of the programme moving forward.

## **5. Other Options Considered**

5.1 Other options are still being considered and will be worked on in more detail depending if the outcome of discussions with the partners listed above are not able to be progressed.

This includes:

- Continue the programme as it is
- RBC continues to fund a scaled down version of YouNG
- Cease delivering YouNG

## **6. Risk and Uncertainties**

6.1. The risk is that a viable option for the future delivery of YouNG cannot be identified and, therefore, the initiative has to cease. This would leave a gap in employment support and guidance for young people in the Borough.

## **7. Implications**

### **7.1. Finance**

The net budget for YouNG in 2017/18 is £82,000, excluding recharges. Implications from any proposals arising from the Trent Bridge Community Trust presentation will need to be considered as part of the Medium Term Financial Strategy, which should ultimately be at least budget neutral.

### **7.2. Legal**

There are no direct implications contained within this report.

### 7.3. Corporate Priorities

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

### 7.4. Other Implications

YouNG work actively to promote equal opportunities in all aspects of service delivery.

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<b>Background papers Available for Inspection:</b>	Report to the Community Development Group, 17 March 2015. 'YouNG Update.'  Report to Cabinet, 8 September 2015. 'Establishment of YouNG as a Community Interest Company.'  Report to Cabinet 10 January 2017 'Review and Future of YouNG.'  Report to Community Development Group 1 June 2017  Report to Community Development Group 22 August 2017
<b>List of appendices (if any):</b>	None.



## Community Development Group

21 November 2017

### Update on the Delivery of Rural Broadband in Rushcliffe

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## Report of the Executive Manager – Communities

### 1. Summary

- 1.1. Over the past 4 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

### 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 gained 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 autumn 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 was originally planned to be delivered through contract 2 rollout. Now following further modelling this has increased to 5.6%, delivering 98% superfast coverage by September 2018. This modelling utilised underspend and gainshare funds released from contract 1.
- 3.6. Ahead of the procurement for a third contract, the programme has undertaken an Open Market Review (OMR) which establishes which properties do not currently have access to superfast broadband and are not due to have superfast broadband provided through the commercial delivery of any infrastructure provider.
- 3.7. This differs from previous OMRs the programme has undertaken in that the results are at premises level rather than postcode. Meaning that we now have a list of address which do not have access to superfast Broadband
  - 1,889 White Premises
  - 1,324 Under review Premises
- 3.8. White premises are the properties which cannot currently access superfast speeds and where there are no further plans to provide superfast broadband either through the BBfN programme or the commercial deployment of any infrastructure provider.
- 3.9. Under review premises are areas where premises level broadband coverage has not been clarified. These areas have previously been indicated to have planned commercial coverage for superfast broadband but those plans have been reported through the OMR as being 'at risk' of not being completed. Areas that potentially have superfast premises but where individual premises cannot yet be identified have also been marked "under review".
- 3.10. Of the 1,889 white premises approximately 60 of which were identified as built during the last 3 Years. This lack of investment is adding to the challenge that the BBfN programme faces and is certainly not what the residents and businesses would expect of newly built, modern properties. It is widely reported that it is more efficient to install broadband infrastructure as sites are developed. Revisiting new developments, disturbing newly laid roads and paths is burdensome to the Council and infrastructure providers.
- 3.11. Newly built properties unable to benefit from 21st century connectivity should not be accepted; particularly in light of recent commitments from Openreach (who worked with the Government and the Home Builders Federation) on an agreement to provide Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) infrastructure - for free - to all new developments of 30 or more dwellings and offering co-funding for smaller developments. This is alongside similar offers from other infrastructure providers such as Virgin Media.
- 3.12. Contract 3 of the council will focus on deployment across Bassetlaw and Newark and Sherwood District council areas as these areas represent the majority of unserved properties across the county. However the contract will

retain the capability to include further deployment across Rushcliffe should further funding be made available.

#### **4. Risk and Uncertainties**

- 4.1. The significant number of under review premises will need to be monitored. For these properties to be provided with access to superfast speeds relies on the infrastructure providers (such as Openreach and Virgin Media) to deliver the broadband infrastructure that they have indicated they will provide, through their commercial investment plans over the coming years. Opportunities should be sought to facilitate this investment within the Borough.
- 4.2. New properties being built without access to superfast broadband is unacceptable, developers need to do their bit to facilitate the installation of the broadband infrastructure as the properties are built. As a planning authority the council is well placed to encourage developers to do this, particularly through making the developers aware of the support the infrastructure providers are offering.

#### **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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<b>Background papers Available for Inspection:</b>	None.
<b>List of appendices (if any):</b>	None.



## Community Development Group

21 November 2017

### Options for Tree Protection and Promotion in Rushcliffe

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## Report of the Executive Manager - Communities

### 1. Summary

- 1.1. Tree protection and promotion was discussed at the Community Development Group meeting on 22 August 2017.
- 1.2. It was resolved at that meeting that the comments and suggestions made by the Group with regard to tree protection and promotion within the Borough be incorporated into a further report to be presented at the 21 November 2017 meeting of the Community Development Group prior to a report being submitted to Cabinet.
- 1.3. A list of potential options based on the discussions of the meeting of 22 August is presented in the attached document for consideration by members. Furthermore additional consultation was undertaken at Rushcliffe Town and Parish Forum on 9 November where strong support was received for the establishment of a new grant fund and Parish level involvement with tree promotion.
- 1.4. Many of the proposed actions can be contained in current budgets but there are recommendations for additional funding/grants which if all are adopted would equate to £19,000 per annum revenue and capital of £80,000.
- 1.5. 'Via East Midlands' provides highways services for Nottinghamshire County Council, including the management of roadside verges and forestry. Nottinghamshire County council have policies for trees on highways verges, namely their 'Highway Network Management Plan' (online at <http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/highway-network-management-plan>) and 'Tree Conservation and Maintenance Policy'. These in principle are supportive of trees in the highway verge (not including Trunk Roads, which are the responsibility of Highways England), provided they are not detrimental to health and safety. They commit to replace trees on the county highways if it is safe to do so.

## 2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that Members consider:

- a) The proposed options
- b) Which options, if any, you would like to be taken to Cabinet?
- c) If funding should be provided to support the proposed options

## 3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. To consider how the Community Development Group resolution of 22 August 2017 should be implemented.

## 4. Implications

### 4.1. Finance

No implication at this stage, however any decisions resulting could have financial implications.

### 4.2. Legal

Supports the duty of the council in exercising its functions, to have regard, so far as is consistent with the proper exercise of those functions, to the purpose of conserving biodiversity, enacted by the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

### 4.3. Corporate Priorities

This supports two of the priorities of the Council's Corporate strategy:

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

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<b>Background papers Available for Inspection:</b>	None.
<b>List of appendices (if any):</b>	<b>Appendix 1 - Tree Options</b>

## Appendix 1: Tree Options

Enforcement		Budget
TPO	i) Training in TPO for councillors / parishes ii) Councillors and Parishes to notify suitable trees to Landscapes Officer (could be supported by Tree Wardens, see below)	Existing
Planning	Include policies in Local plan part 2 e.g. "All planning applications will be considered with reference to the Rushcliffe Nature Conservation Strategy"	No budget required
Community Infrastructure Levy	Establish a community Infrastructure levy to provide funds for tree planting / ecological enhancements, via planning gain from development sites that are unable to mitigate their ecological requirements on site.	Existing
Promotion		
Rushcliffe Grants	i) Specimen trees / gateway trees to villages (potential new grant for small number of trees in prominent positions similar to the previous parish grant / cricket willow grant) ii) Existing Rushcliffe Biodiversity Management Grant (will support tree planting of native trees e.g. in hedgerows or open spaces for nature conservation purposes) iii) Community Support Scheme, councillors can allocate, funding from their community support scheme allocation to tree planting	New Budget required - £5000 pa  Existing or increase of £1000 to expand  Existing Members budget
Free tree scheme	Public supply of trees (as per a scheme run by North West Leicestershire District Council see <a href="https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/news/2017/09/27/bring_life_and_colour_to_the_district_through_free_tree_scheme">https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/news/2017/09/27/bring_life_and_colour_to_the_district_through_free_tree_scheme</a> )	New budget required - £10,000 (based on 13,500 trees supplied, as per NWLDC at 50p each plus admin costs)
Other Grants	Links to the Woodland Trust grants and Forestry Commission grants are given on the Rushcliffe Borough Council website. This information can also be shared at events and was published in the 'trees for life' article in the spring 2016 Rushcliffe Reports.	No budget required
Tree Charter	Woodland Trust campaign to promote to build a future in which trees and people stand stronger together. Action can be as simple as signing up to receive free copies of the Tree Charter's newspaper "Leaf!" to gathering signatures of support, to more imaginative projects and activities around trees, for which funding of up to £1500 is available.	Existing budget
Hedge Tree Campaign	Tree council campaign to mark saplings with easy-to-see tags, so that they can be avoided when cutting hedges	Existing budget
Tree Wardens	The Tree Warden Scheme is a national initiative to enable people to play an active role in conserving and enhancing their local trees and woods. The scheme was founded and is co-ordinated by The Tree Council.	£500 p.a. required

	<p>Tree Wardens are volunteers, appointed by parish councils or other community organisations, who gather information about their local trees, get involved in local tree matters and encourage local practical projects related to the trees and woods.</p> <p>This is a scheme we could promote through the parish network and organisations in the urban area and support by organising training, wardens could help identify opportunities for promotion, planting and protection.</p>	
Forum	<p>i) Parish Forum – promotion of opportunities for parishes to promote, plant and protect trees, including all the items above. Use County landscape assessment to identify opportunities for each parish.</p> <p>ii) Landowners Forum - promotion of opportunities for landowners to promote, plant and protect trees, including all the items above, working with NFU, IDB, Small Woodland Owners Group, Rushcliffe Business Partnership etc.</p>	<p>Existing budget</p> <p>Existing budget</p>
Highways trees	Discussions with Highways England and NCC about verge management are ongoing. Including volunteer verge management	Existing or possibly £500 p.a.
Community Awards	Ensure there are awards for environmental actions including tree planting / promotion / protection – Could be called the Paul Green Award (previous chair of Rushcliffe Agenda 21 and promoter of environmental projects including ‘Trees across Rushcliffe’)	Existing Budget
<b>Property</b>		
Adopt a tree	Scheme to plant trees via funding from public subscribers. Need to identify where these trees could be planted. Could also be linked to a carbon offset scheme.	New Budget to manage £2000 p.a. plus purchase of land £80,000*, but would have income from subscriptions

\* Estimated at 10 hectares at £8000 per ha.



**Community Development Group**

**21 November 2017**

**Work Programme**

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**Report of the Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services**

**1. Summary**

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

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

**2. Recommendation**

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

**3. Reasons for Recommendation**

Date of Meeting	Item
21 November 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and Future of YouNG</li> <li>• Update on Rural Broadband</li> <li>• Options for Tree Protection and Promotion in Rushcliffe</li> <li>• Work Programme</li> </ul>
20 February 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rural Transport</li> <li>• Car Parking Strategy</li> <li>• Review of the Public Spaces Protection Order</li> <li>• Work Programme</li> </ul>

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