



**NOTES
OF THE MEETING OF THE
PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY GROUP
TUESDAY 3 JULY 2012**

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

PRESENT:

Councillors R Hetherington (Chairman), Mrs D M Boote, H A Chewings, T Combellack (substitute for Councillor Mrs M Stockwood), J E Greenwood (substitute for Councillor F A Purdue-Horan), E J Lungley, Mrs M M Males (substitute for Councillor R L Butler),

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillor S J Boote

Tracey Francis Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club

OFFICERS PRESENT:

C Bullett Deputy Chief Executive (CB)

C McGraw Head of Community Shaping

D Mitchell Head of Partnerships and Performance

V Nightingale Senior Member Support Officer

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors R L Butler, F A Purdue-Horan, Mrs M Stockwood and T Vennett-Smith

1. Declarations of Interest

There were none declared.

2. Notes of the Previous Meeting

The notes of the meeting held on Monday 19 March 2012 were accepted as a true record.

With regard to the action points the Head of Community Shaping stated that the meeting with the Fire and Rescue Service had been delayed. However, the new station manager, Richard Cropley, had now been appointed. It was proposed that the Fire and Rescue Service would attend when the Group scrutinises the Community Safety Partnership and not the Local Strategic Partnership. All other actions had been fed back to the Local Strategic Partnership.

3. Annual Scrutiny of Partnership with Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club

Tracey Francis gave a presentation on the community work undertaken by the Cricket Club. She stated that 26 clubs within Rushcliffe were affiliated to the Nottinghamshire Cricket Board of which 6 were 'Clubmark' clubs. Of these Plumtree Cricket Club were aiming to become a disability hub club. She

informed Members that Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club had 6 apprentices who were university students on sports development work placement who helped with the community work. In fact she was pleased to say that one apprentice had completed his dissertation on social inclusion, after working on the project, and had gained a first. Another highlight for the Rushcliffe area was the amount of clubs who participated in women's and girl's cricket, she explained that there were 5 senior women's teams in Nottinghamshire and 3 of these were in Rushcliffe. In respect of the County Age Group Squads over one third of the participants came from the Rushcliffe area. Members were also informed of the Club's Academy (15-19 year olds) and Emerging Players (under 15's) of which 5 out of 14 and 2 out of 11 respectively were from the Rushcliffe area.

With regard to funding it was recognised that the current economic climate was affecting the Club, and funding that had been in place was now coming to an end. The Club did have, until 2016, £53,000 annually to work with primary schools and it was hoped that this could be expanded into secondary schools. Professional cricketers attended school assemblies and children visited the Trent Bridge Classroom. The Club grant aided local clubs for capital projects but this money would probably be reduced from 2013.

Other activities included:

- a week's course as part of the Prince's Trust work
- coaching during school holidays, Friday nights and Saturday mornings
- cricket in the community schools programme
- match day mascots from local schools
- participation in the International Day of Sport

Ms Francis informed Members of the progress of the Positive Futures initiative at Cotgrave. The Club had been approached to work with hard to reach groups and to extend their remit to include 16-19 year olds. She expounded on the many successes including the two social enterprises that had been started. The girls had formed their own jewellery business and now had some retail outlets. The other enterprise concerned catering and silver service, which had been used at the Council's Civic Dinner and Staff Awards evening. This group were having discussions with Michel Roux and were in contact with Sat Bains' Restaurant. However, it was recognised that although there were high aspirations the projects needed to be handled appropriately and realistically. At present the young people were making a DVD about the project that would hopefully be used to promote the scheme and attract funding as the original funding had ceased in November 2011.

Part of the work in Cotgrave was focussed on community pride, where the young people took part in improving the area. Also the Police had provided unclaimed bicycles for renovation which were either used by the young people or given to schools, etc. Other schemes were the transition programme which helped children move from primary to secondary school; the Ready 4 Work programme, which was run in partnership with Job Centre Plus. This scheme assisted people to access jobs via the internet, help with CV's and provide any other support that was required.

Members were interested to hear about the Cohort Engagement project that involved approximately 20 young people. One of the activities had been to take 8 young men on a drug awareness course on a narrow boat, although at a cost of £1,000 was expensive it had resulted in 5 people ceasing to use drugs. Other activities including using the Outward Bound Centre at Edwinstowe.

The Group was informed that the statistics for youth crime and anti-social behaviour had dramatically declined over the last few years and although Positive Futures had had an impact it was recognised that this was due to a partnership approach. However, the Police had saved between £300-500,000 a year due to not having to tackle anti-social behaviour.

Ms Francis concluded her presentation by outlining the work undertaken with the County's Olympic Torch bearers which included one of the young people from the Positive Futures project.

Following a question Members were informed that Plumtree Cricket Club would be 1 of 3 disability hub clubs in the County and that all disabilities (physical, learning or visual impairment) were catered for.

The Group asked how the Club publicised the work that had been undertaken. Ms Francis informed Members that the Club had two publications, it was on their website and they provided a number of articles for the Nottingham Evening Post. Also due to the strength of the Club's community work it had been recognised as a national exemplar for cricket and had won many honours including being the only ground outside of London to host two Ashes tests. It was hoped that the community work could be cascaded to all the grounds involved in the Ashes.

Members commented on the 'say Yes' Challenge which had been a Nottingham based initiative for disaffected young people. It had been a 12 week programme to address social inclusion funded by John Lewis, Boots and Victoria Centre. Ms Francis was aware of the project which had now been disbanded and agreed that it would have been beneficial to have built upon. However, as with all projects funding was not readily available.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Group, thanked Ms Francis for her presentation and for answering questions. The Group were extremely supportive of the work undertaken by the Club.

Officers reminded the Group that the current partnership and loan arrangement were being reviewed by Cabinet by December 2012.

In summary:

- The Cricket Club had developed a wide range of cricket activities across the Borough to help develop both boys and girls cricket
- The support work as part of the Positive Futures work in Cotgrave had been inspirational and the teams and individuals should be congratulated for all the hard work
- There had been excellent outcomes in terms of reduction in anti-social behaviour and juvenile crime which can be measured but the Group

also felt that the more difficult to measure outcomes in motivating children to develop themselves and gain employment had also been significant

- The funding for the scheme finished in November 2011 and whilst the programme is secure in the near future it was recognised that further financial support would be required to maintain the programme
- The Group felt this was a showcase scheme and wanted to support and promote the activities and results being achieved

It was AGREED that the Group would encourage Cabinet to look positively at the significant social and community benefits arising from the partnership and would encourage them to do all possible to facilitate the long term continuation of the partnership benefits when reviewing the loan arrangement.

4. **Request for Scrutiny of SureStart in Rushcliffe**

Following a request at the last meeting the Head of Community Shaping presented a report which gave further details on the work of SureStart in the Rushcliffe area. Members were now asked to consider the issue and to determine if the topic should be included in the Group's work programme and what the scope of the review should be. Members were also asked to consider if this could be addressed by providing Members with more information.

Members were concerned that the current services were being depleted and they were being rebranded as part of a family centre, thus extending their remit from children under 5 years to under 11's. Also part of their remit was to reach every child under 5 and Members wanted to know if this had been achieved, how they contacted hard to reach groups, including grandparent/father carers and child minders.

Officers confirmed that there was currently a rebranding and also explained that a new person had been appointed and that they were in a transitional period at present. It was felt that this was a fledgling partnership and it was a good opportunity to see how the relationship could be improved, although it was recognised that the Council did not have a lot of influence.

Members agreed that this should be an item for scrutiny but should be put into the programme after there has been sufficient time for the service to +be embedded. With regards to the scope it was felt that there were five items

- Current impact and level of service provided
- Depletion of current service and possible future service delivery
- Impact of rebranding and wider age limit
- Efforts to contact hard to reach groups
- Service delivery in deprived areas

It was AGREED that this issue should be included within the Group's work programme.

5. Request for Scrutiny of Advice Networks

Following a request at the last meeting the Head of Community Shaping presented a report which gave further details regarding the Rushcliffe Advice Network. Members were now asked to consider the issue and to determine if the topic should be included in the Group's work programme and what the scope of the review should be.

Officers explained that the Borough Council was a partner of the Rushcliffe Advice Network which would be in operation for three years. As the project had now been running for one year it was felt that it was an opportune time to review the service. Members were informed that the Network had received £500,000 of lottery funding. The Head of Partnerships and Performance explained that the Council's Customer Services Advisors were being trained to act as the first point of contact to assist people with debt advice before signposting customers to either the Rushcliffe Advice Network or Citizens Advice Bureau.

With regards to the scope it was felt that there was an opportunity

- to raise the profile of the network
- review the first year of operation, the level of activity and how the funding had been utilised

It was AGREED that this issue should be included within the Group's work programme.

6. Rolling 2 Year Work Programme

The Group considered its work programme. It was agreed to add the Review of the Rushcliffe Advice Network to the Group's November meeting and a Review of SureStart to the Group's meeting in March 2013.

In respect of the Group's next meeting Members were asked to consider what questions they would like to be presented to Metropolitan Housing Trust. The Group asked that Waterloo Housing Association should also be invited to attend.

Members stated that at the last meeting Metropolitan Housing Trust had said that they would provide contact details which as yet had not materialised. The Head of Community Shaping stated that officers had been following up the issue of contact details. She also stated that it would not be beneficial to have both registered providers in the meeting together, however the meeting could be structured for them both to attend.

The Chairman stated that as part of the Localism Bill Members could act as representatives for any resident and therefore the registered providers needed to have a plan on how this would work. He also felt that Councillors needed training to ensure that they had the correct skills to deal with these issues.

It was AGREED that the work programme should be amended to include the two new issues. Members also agreed to provide officers with questions for

Metropolitan Housing Trust and Waterloo Housing Association before the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Action Sheet

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Minute Number	Actions	Officer Responsible
6. Rolling 2 Year Work Programme	a) Include Rushcliffe Advice Network into the programme for the Group's November meeting b) Include a review of SureStart into the Group's March meeting.	Head of Partnerships and Performance