

**NOTES**  
**OF THE MEETING OF THE**  
**PARTNERSHIP DELIVERY GROUP**  
**WEDNESDAY 6 JULY 2016**

Held at 7 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Pavilion Road,  
West Bridgford

**PRESENT:**

Councillors Mrs J A Smith (Chairman), A J Edyvean (Substitute for J Donoghue), J E Greenwood, Mrs C E M Jeffreys (Substitute for A Phillips), E J Lungley, G R Mallender, E A Plant and J G A Wheeler

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Adey Cawrey Transport Manager – Nottingham City Council  
Mark Clifford Positive Futures  
Tim Eatherington Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club

**OFFICERS PRESENT:**

D Banks Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods  
C Taylor Community Development Manager  
V Nightingale Constitutional Services Officer

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Councillors J Donoghue and A Phillips

**1. Declarations of Interest**

There were none declared.

**2. Notes of the Previous Meeting**

The notes of the meeting held on Tuesday 22 March 2016 were accepted as a true record.

Councillor Plant requested an update on the Development Company discussed at the previous meeting. The Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods responded that the details to progress a company model were still being explored however the Briefing Note for Councillors on affordable housing had been prepared and circulated.

**3. Review of the Cooperation Agreement for Fleet Maintenance and Garage Service Provision for 2015/16**

The Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods presented a report on the performance of the Cooperation Agreement for Fleet Maintenance and Garage Service Provision that the Council had entered into with Nottingham City Council in 2014. He introduced Mr Adey Cawrey, Transport Manager for Nottingham City Council, who had prepared a short presentation for members of the Partnership Delivery Group.

Mr Cawrey thanked members of the Group for inviting him to speak and informed them of his aim of presenting the performance of the Cooperation Agreement in the past year. He reminded the Group that although performance had been good during the first year of the Agreement costs had been above budget due to the resolution of a number of longstanding issues with vehicles. He was very pleased to be able to report for 2015/16 a £15,400 saving against a budget of £282,200 and that other local authorities were now starting to become interested in setting up similar arrangements.

Mr Cawrey reported that his team looked after everything with wheels in 24/7 operation 365 days a year, including a very successful out of hours service to repair and service vehicles when they are not generally required. He also gave feedback on the greater purchasing power that comes naturally when local authorities cooperate benefitting all involved. The City Council team also monitors repeat defects and used the statistical information available to feedback to the Council to help officers identify and address trends thus prolonging the life of expensive vehicles.

Councillor Smith thanked Mr Cawrey for an interesting presentation and asked if anything more could be done about diesel consumption and emissions. Mr Cawrey reported that doing scheduled maintenance on time and to a high standard was one way that this was tackled within the Agreement as this would keep vehicles running in peak condition. Another would be replacing older vehicles more frequently but he recognised this had additional cost implications.

Councillor Plant asked Mr Cawrey about his view on the Glasgow incident and who was responsible for the health issues of drivers. The Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods responded and informed the Group that RBC drivers had to comply with rigorous health checks, and that the Council prided itself on going beyond its statutory duty in the care of both its staff and general members of the public.

Councillor Smith followed up with a question about vehicle health checks. Mr Cawrey told the Group that vehicles were monitored continuously but were also subjected to a substantial annual check. He also told the Group about new procedures they had put in place this year requiring drivers to report a larger range of issues and faults which should help to keep vehicles safer in the longer term.

Councillor Smith asked whether the night shift was a permanent arrangement and Mr Cawrey reported to the Group that four mechanics worked four nights a week to keep vehicles road worthy and that this had worked out very well for Rushcliffe. Councillors Smith asked what the benefits of other councils joining would be. Mr Cawrey reported that this would work the premise and equipment assets harder and make more effective use of the City Council's resources.

The Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods reported that there was still work to do within the Cooperation Agreement, particularly the cost/benefit of additional maintenance of the back end of the refuse freighters. The City Council would also be looking at alternative fuels and a mixed economy of fuel and electricity for certain vehicles in their own fleet over the coming year.

It was AGREED that the Partnership Delivery Group had considered and made comments on the performance of the Cooperation Agreement for Fleet Maintenance and Garage Service Provision for 2015/16.

#### 4. **Review of Positive Futures**

The Community Development Manager presented a report on the performance of the Positive Futures project over 2015/16. He reported that Positive Futures started in 2009 in Cotgrave before broadening into Radcliffe on Trent, Bingham and Keyworth. In 2014, Community Development Group considered interim performance against the 4-year performance targets, with updated performance shown in Appendix A.

He handed over to Mr Mark Clifford and Mr Tim Eatherington who are responsible for delivering the project on behalf of Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club and the Borough Council.

Mr Clifford informed the Group about the young people that are referred to the programme, as well as outlining the key aim of the programme which is to improve the confidence of these young people and ultimately to get them back into the classroom. In many cases, the intervention of Positive Futures had prevented the exclusion of young people from schools and their social network. The programme had also expanded to include support to the families of young people participating in the programme.

Councillor Smith asked Mr Clifford to explain the referrals process for members of the Group. Mr Clifford clarified that referrals came mainly via schools and the programme required parental agreement to involvement in the scheme.

Councillor Plant asked Mr Clifford how often they saw the young people engaged in the programme. Mr Clifford related that this is dependent on need and what point the young person is in the programme, the key was to be flexible and understanding. Councillor Jeffreys commented that the programme appeared to be turning disaffected young people into well rounded and contributing individuals. Mr Clifford responded by informing the Group that the programme had helped 22 NEETs (Not in Education, Employment or Training) over the last year. These individuals required a different kind of help to identify their own skills and build a CV, some were assisted into voluntary programmes and others required help with more practical items such as finding suitable accommodation or accessing benefits.

Mr Clifford informed the Group about the take up target for the programme, 450 interventions, and reported that work was ongoing to increase participation rates in Bingham. Mr Taylor informed the Group that the programme would shortly be expanding into East Leake and that the team would be working with staff at the Academy to identify young people who would benefit from the programme. Councillor Lungley asked whether Mr Clifford would consider taking the programme into City schools. Mr Clifford reminded the Group that the Positive Futures team was only funded to work in Rushcliffe and is actually very small with only 2ftes, 1pte and 4 apprentices. Mr Clifford went on to talk about some of the positive projects young people on the scheme had been involved in; including sporting competitions, sprucing up

local areas and feeding into the local community, and developing information for other young people for example on the topic of internet safety.

Mr Clifford went on to talk about the celebration at the end of each year's programme which was considered a very important part of the project to help young people understand the journey they have been on and the progress they have made. The celebration involves the young person's family as well as any other organisations that have helped in delivering individual cases. Councillor Wheeler asked what the team would do if money was not a barrier. Mr Clifford responded that more substantial finances would allow them to increase the number of people they employed and would enable those people to become better trained leading to better outcomes for young people. The Group considered whether additional funding could be sourced from outside the Council to enable the programme to expand.

Councillor Wheeler thanked Mr Clifford for a very informative presentation and congratulated him on his very dedicated and effective team. Councillor Smith reinforced this point, noting that working on this project was very much a vocation not a job, and the success of the project depended on the team's personal commitment.

It was AGREED that Members had considered the report and presentation about the performance of Positive Futures and were very impressed with achievements throughout the programme and during 2015/16.

#### **5. Partnership Delivery Group Annual Report 2015/16**

The Group discussed the Annual Report and agreed that they had covered a great deal over the last year.

It was AGREED that Members had considered the report and were happy for it to be forwarded on to Council for consideration.

#### **6. Work Programme**

The Group considered its work programme. It was noted that the Group would consider the partnership with Metropolitan Housing at its next meeting as well as receiving an update on the RCAN/RCVS Service Level Agreement. Members of the Group were asked to put forward questions for Metropolitan Housing for consideration at the next meeting.

Councillor Wheeler raised a concern about the timings of items within the work programme, such as MHT, Waterloo and the Rushcliffe Business Partnership, linking through to the budget setting process. The Chairman pointed out that the budget setting process starts in October. The Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods confirmed this and pointed out that it was a quirk of timing that meant that a Positive Futures report is being considered at both Cabinet and Partnership Delivery Group concurrently. However, he continued by adding that Cabinet had considered the future funding of the Positive Futures scheme, whereas Partnership Delivery had been asked to reflect on performance over the last year.

Councillor Smith asked if the Group had any further comments to note. The Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods raised the possibility of reviewing the list of partnerships covered by the Group and the Building Control Partnership was one that was suggested as a possible item for consideration in the future. Councillor Smith said she would raise this at the next Scrutiny Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen meeting.

Councillor Greenwood would like the representative from Metropolitan to cover maintenance in their presentation at the next meeting. Additional questions should be forwarded to the Constitutional Services Officer by 9 September to enable Metropolitan Housing to incorporate these into their presentation. This request will also be advertised in Members Matters in late August or early September.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.