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Our reference: Your reference: Date: Friday, 25 May 2018

To all Members of the Community Development Group

**Dear Councillor** 

A Meeting of the Community Development Group will be held on Tuesday, 5 June 2018 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber Area B, Rushcliffe Arena, Rugby Road, West Bridgford to consider the following items of business.

Yours sincerely

Glen O'Connell Monitoring Officer

#### AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for absence
- 2. Declarations of Interest
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 February 2018 (Pages 1 12)
- 4. Welcome to Community Development Group

A presentation will be presented by the Executive Manager – Communities.

5. Economic Growth Update (Pages 13 - 16)

The report of the Executive Manager – Operations and Transformation is attached.

6. Update on the Public Space Protection Order (Pages 17 - 24)

The report of the Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods is attached.

#### <u>Membership</u>

Chairman: Councillor T Combellack Vice-Chairman: Councillor R Inglis Councillors: B Buschman, B Cooper, J Donoghue, M Edwards, J Greenwood, K Khan and F Purdue-Horan



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7. Community Development Group Annual Report (Pages 25 - 32)

The report of the Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services is attached.

8. Work Programme (Pages 33 - 34)

The report of the Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services is attached.

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Manager



## MINUTES

#### OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP TUESDAY, 20 FEBRUARY 2018

Held at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber Area B - Rushcliffe Borough Council, Rushcliffe Arena

#### PRESENT:

Councillors T Combellack (Chairman), J Thurman (Vice-Chairman), M Buckle, B Buschman, M Edwards, R Inglis, Khan, J Wheeler and Mrs M Stockwood (substitute for F Purdue-Horan)

#### ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors R Jones and S Mallender P Mathieson Development and Partnerships Manager – Nottinghamshire County Council

Executive

#### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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	Neighbourhoods
D Burch	Service Manager - Neighbourhoods
L Webb	Constitutional Services Officer
P Mathieson	Development and Partnerships
	Manager – Nottinghamshire County
	Council
D Hunt	Contracts, Performance and Projects
	Officer

## APOLOGIES:

Councillors F Purdue-Horan

#### 17 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 18 Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 November 2017

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 21 November 2017 were accepted as a true record.

#### 19 **Rural Public Transport Update**

The Development and Partnerships Manager at Nottinghamshire County Council delivered a presentation to provide the Group with an update regarding the provision of rural public transport available within the Borough.

The Manager outlined the frequency of bus services within the Borough and it was noted that even though towns such as West Bridgford and villages such as Bingham, Radcliffe, Keyworth and Ruddington were well served on a

commercial basis by Trent Barton and Nottingham City Transport, villages further away from these areas were not as well served. The Manager explained to the Group that the budget for local bus support was £3.95 million per year, which had been reduced from £7.5 million over the past seven years. The funding currently available for rural transport provided 11 services within the Borough at a cost of £812,000 a year. It noted that there could be changes to services in future, but that consultation would be carried out with Councillors and users of the transport before any changes were made to services or how services were provided.

The Manager provided details of community transport provision and support within the Borough. The Group were also informed of the introduction of a S19 minibus concessionary scheme for elderly and disabled residents that was currently being finalised for introduction during in 2018/19.

It was noted that although there were 118 real time bus stop displays within Rushcliffe these were mostly in its urban areas and that it was accepted that real time displays were needed within the rural areas of Rushcliffe due to the services being less frequent. The Manager advised that in order to resolve this issue a bid had been submitted to the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership to install over 500 real time bus stop displays across Nottinghamshire. In the urban areas of Rushcliffe such as West Bridgford bus lanes and other bus priority measures had been implemented in order to help bus increase punctuality. It noted that by 2018/19 99% of all operators should be real time enabled with information accessed through the Traveline and operator websites.

The Manager informed the Group that there were currently 22,500 elderly concession pass holders and 1,000 disabled pass holders (with 381 of these with companions) in Rushcliffe. The Manager also provided the Group with an update of the Nottinghamshire Total Transport Project.

The Group expressed concern about the lack of availability of public transport in the rural areas of Rushcliffe. The Manager explained that Nottinghamshire County Council were not looking to reduce services in Rushcliffe and were instead looking to provide flexible services for residents which connected into main services. It was also noted that bus destinations such as Morrison's were asked to provide funding for services via section 106 agreements, but it was up to them what level of service was provided and for what length of time. The Manager also informed the Group that the County Council pay for the pocket park and ride spaces.

Members of the Group also asked if Nottinghamshire County Council could work with the planning department at the Rushcliffe in order to enable public transport provision in new developments such as Sharphill and Fairham Pastures. The Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods agreed to discuss this with the Executive Manager – Communities.

Members of the Group also expressed concern that train services within the Borough were not being utilised fully and that Rushcliffe Borough Council should be promoting the services available to residents much more. The Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods agreed that the issue of rail services and provision within the Borough be considered for addition to the Group's Work Programme for a future Community Development Group meeting.

The Chairman thanked the Development and Partnerships Manager for attending and for answering the committee's questions.

#### It was RESOLVED that:

- a) the presentation of the Development and Partnerships Manager be noted.
- b) the Executive Manager Neighbourhoods discuss with the Executive Manager – Communities the possibility of the Nottinghamshire County Council working with developers of new sites within the Borough to introduce public transport provision.
- c) the issue of rail services and provision within the Borough be considered for addition to the Group's Work Programme for a future Community Development Group meeting.

#### 20 Tackling the use of Single use Plastics

The Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods presented a report to provide information on, and request comments on the action plan developed by the corporate working group that had been established to reduce the use of single use plastics within the Borough.

The Executive Manager advised that as a result of the resolution made at Council on 7 December 2017 regarding the use of single use plastics (Council Minute No.37 2017/18), a corporate working group had been formed to develop actions to be taken to deliver a reduction in the use of single use plastics. A copy of the action plan was attached at Appendix 1 of the officer's report and identified the detailed tasks to be considered across four theme areas that were:

- an audit of the single use plastic currently used across RBC in normal council activities
- to identify ways of seeking support from key partners and contractors to encourage them to commit to support similar actions
- running relevant communications and campaigns to influence and change behaviour of residents and businesses in the borough on these issues
- identifying how the Council could prohibit the use of Chinese lanterns and helium balloons at Rushcliffe Borough Council assets and parks and following good practice examples from other agencies such as Nottinghamshire County Council.

It was noted that the Corporate Working Group included representatives from across the Council as well as delivery partners such as Parkwood.

Members of the Group asked several specific questions regarding the availability of china cups instead of plastic cups for Councillors use at Rushcliffe Arena. The Executive Manager confirmed that these would not create an extra cost to the Council and would only require the caretakers to put them in the dishwasher for them to be used again.

The Group also suggested that instead producing communications material which included pictures of products that could be recycled such as water bottles and yoghurt pots, residents should be informed of the different types of plastics that could be recycled instead as for example, not all yoghurt pots could currently be recycled. The Executive Manager advised that this work sat outside the objectives of the single use plastic work stream. It was noted that the communication material about what could be recycled in the blue wheeled bin was based on county wide work supported by Veolia and industry best practice which had identified that people would prefer pictures rather than large amounts of texts in recycling communications. The Executive Manager also suggested to the Group to forward on any comments to the Portfolio Holder for Communities and Leisure who attends the Nottinghamshire Joint Waste Management Committee.

Members of the Group suggested that water fountains could be installed in town centres to encourage residents to stop buying multiple bottles of water. The Executive Manager advised the Group that the logistics of installing and maintaining water fountains could be expensive and that any decision for the Council to install such infrastructure would have to be approved by Cabinet.

The Chairman requested that an update of the work of the Corporate Working Group on the reduction of the use of single use plastics be brought back to the Community Development Group in six months' time.

#### It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) the report of the Executive Manager Neighbourhoods be noted.
- b) the draft action plan single use plastic be supported.
- c) an interim report be provided to the Group with an update regarding the action plan of tackling single use plastics at the September 2018 meeting of the Community Development Group.

#### 21 Draft Off Street Car Parking Strategy

The Service Manager – Neighbourhoods presented the report of the Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods that outlined the draft Off Street Car Parking Strategy 2018 – 2022.

It was noted that the Off Street Car Parking strategy had been developed to demonstrate the important contribution car parking made towards the economic growth of the Borough. The Service Manager advised that the Borough car parks received around 550,000 visitors each year and that off street car parks had provided an income of £521,000 for the Council in 2016/17 which was predicted to rise to £672,000 in 2017/18 with the introduction of car

parking charges at Rushcliffe Country Park. The Service Manager informed the Group that the strategy did not cover on street parking provision, as that was the responsibility of Nottinghamshire County Council.

The Service Manager asked the Group to consider the strategy and the action plan which were attached as an appendix to the officer's report. The Group were advised that any comments made would be considered so that a final strategy could be presented to Cabinet in May 2018 for approval.

The Service Manager advised that usage of the car parks could vary from year to year due to a wide range of factors for example whether major events had been held within the Borough such as Test Matches at Trent Bridge Cricket Ground. It was also noted that electric vehicle charging points would be introduced across the Borough and these would be funded by central government in a joint project with Nottingham City Council.

Members of Group supported the recent installation of new ticket machines which would be more accurate and reliable in West Bridgford car parks. The Group were also in support of a review of the evening tariff arrangements that residents had occasionally reported as finding confusing.

Members of the Group expressed concern about the limited number of car parking spaces for those who lived in newly built houses that led to residents parking on the road. The Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods agreed to discuss with the Executive Manager – Communities to explore if and how a new requirement of two parking spaces per new build could be introduced.

The Group were also pleased to see that the introduction of the strategy would not conflict with the objectives of the Nottinghamshire Transport Plan.

#### It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) the report of the Executive Manager Neighbourhoods be noted.
- b) the content of the draft off street car parking strategy be supported
- c) the Executive Manager Neighbourhoods discuss with the Executive Manager – Communities and the planning department to see if a new requirement of two parking spaces per new build could be introduced to prevent residents from parking on the road.

#### 22 Work Programme

The committee considered their Work Programme.

The Chairman requested that an interim report be provided to the Group with an update regarding the action plan of tackling single use plastics six – twelve months' time. The Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods agreed to discuss this suggestion with the Executive Manager – Communities.

Members of the Group noted their concern that they had not been consulted on a piece of art that had been commissioned for Rushcliffe Arena using the income of the sales of the art collection at the Civic Centre. The Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods advised that a sculpture option had been supported by the Portfolio Holder for Community and Leisure and agreed to ask the Executive Manager – Communities be requested to provide an update to the Group on this issue.

#### It was **RESOLVED** that:

- a) the Work Programme, as detailed below be approved.
- b) an interim report be provided to the Group with an update regarding the action plan of tackling single use plastics at the September, 2018 meeting of the Community Development Group.
- c) the Executive Manager Communities provide an update to the Group regarding the piece of art commissioned for Rushcliffe Arena.

#### 5 June 2018

Economic Development Update Review of the Public Spaces Protection Order Community Development Group Annual Report Work Programme

#### 18 September 2018

Diversity Digital by Default Single Use Plastic Action Plan Update Work Programme

#### 20 November 2018

Rural Broadband Update The Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre Update Work Programme

#### 26 February 2019

Tree Protection and Promotion in Rushcliffe Update Work Programme

#### Action Sheet Community Development Group - Tuesday 20 February 2018

Minute Number	Actions	Officer Responsible
19.	The Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods discuss with the Executive Manager – Communities the possibility of the Nottinghamshire County Council working with developers of new sites within the Borough to introduce public transport provision.	Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods Executive Manager – Communities
	The issue of rail services and provision within the Borough be considered for addition to the Group's Work Programme for a future Community Development Group meeting.	Executive Manager – Communities
20.	An interim report be provided to the Group with an update regarding the action plan of tackling single use plastics at the September 2018 meeting of the Community Development Group.	Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods
21.	The Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods discuss with the Executive Manager – Communities and the planning department to see if a new requirement of two parking spaces per new build could be introduced to prevent residents from parking on the road.	Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods Executive Manager – Communities

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

CHAIRMAN

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## Action and Response Sheet

## **Community Development Group Tuesday 20 February 2018**

Minute Number	Actions	Officer Responsible	Response
19.	The Executive Manager- Neighbourhoods discuss with the Executive Manager – Communities the possibility of Nottinghamshire County Council working with developers of nee sites within the Borough to introduce public transport provision.	Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods Executive Manager – Communities	The need for improved Public Transport is already a consideration and discussion point with developers of new sites as part of the Local Plan and planning application processes.
	The issue of rail services and provision within the Borough be considered for addition to the Group's Work Programme for a future Community Development Group meeting.	Executive Manager – Communities	Added to the work programme for November however this issue has already been considered for the Poacher Line by the Bingham and Radcliffe on Trent Growth Board and a response has been sent for government consultation.
20.	An interim report be provided to the Group with an update regarding the action plan of tackling single use plastics at the September 2018 meeting of the Group.	Executive Manager - Neighbourhoods	Added to the work programme for September 2018.

21.	The Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods discuss	Executive Manager –	Policy 1 in the emerging Local
	with the Executive Manager – Communities and the	Neighbourhoods	Plan Part 2 requires, inter alia,
	planning department to see if a new requirement of two		that, "the provision of
	parking spaces per new build could be introduced to	Executive Manager –	parking is in accordance with
	prevent residents from parking on the road.	Communities	advice provided by the
			Highways Authority;" The 6Cs
			Design Guide, adopted by the
			Nottinghamshire County
			Council, provides guidance on
			highway matters associated
			with development proposals and includes standards for off
			street parking. These standards are not prescriptive,
			i.e. they do not specify a
			minimum parking standard and
			recognise the need for flexibility
			depending on the location of
			the site in relation to services
			and public transport links. The
			level of parking required in
			relation to a specific
			development proposal would
			also be considered in the
			determination of a planning
			application, having regard to
			any consultation responses
			from the highway authority.
			In addition, the National
			Planning Policy Framework
			advises that parking standards

	should take into account: • the accessibility of the development; • the type, mix and use of development; • the availability of and opportunities for public transport; • local car ownership levels; and • an overall need to reduce the use of high-emission vehicles.
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**Community Development Group** 

5 June 2018

**Economic Growth Update** 

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#### **Report of the Executive Manager – Operations and Transformation**

#### 1. Summary

- 1.1. The last report to the Community Development Group was in February 2017. The report and presentation from the Economic Growth Manager and Officer provided detail about the work that was being delivered against the agreed priorities.
- 1.2. The Community Development Group supported the proposed actions and priorities for the coming year, and recognised the work undertaken to progress the strategic priority within the resources available.
- 1.3. Since the last report an Economic Growth Intern has been appointed to support the Economic Growth Team.
- 1.4. This report gives an update on the work done by the Economic Growth Team and the priorities for 2018/19. It will be accompanied by a presentation which will be given by the Economic Growth Manager and Officer.

#### 2. **Recommendation**

It is RECOMMENDED that

- a) Members endorse the actions and priorities proposed for the coming year; and
- b) Members recognise the work officers are doing to progress this strategic priority within the resources available.

#### 3. Supporting Evidence

- 3.1. The priorities presented to Community Development Group in February 2017 included:
  - The establishment of a further Growth Board in East Leake
  - Progress the work of the West Bridgford and Bingham / Radcliffe on Trent Growth Boards.
  - Submit final business cases to secure Growth Deal money for 2017/18 (for the A46 corridor schemes)

- Promote and maximise local benefit of external funding and support via D2N2 Growth Hub
- Deliver the Cotgrave regeneration scheme
- Work with developers on bringing forward strategic employment sites via developer forums
- Work with the N2 Economic Growth Officers to deliver the N2 Growth strategy.
- Support the Chief Executive on the Skills Agenda
- Deliver the Digital Growth Programme in Rushcliffe.
- Deliver the Careers and Enterprise Company initiative.
- Deliver the projects which have been awarded funding from the Notts Pre Development Fund
- Market the employment land acquired in Bingham
- Secure funds from Highways England to progress the RAF Newton site.
- Support Notts County Council with further rollout of the Broadband programme.
- 3.2. The presentation will provide more detail about the work that has been completed, is being delivered and is planned against all of these priorities.
- 3.3. The following priority areas of work have been identified for 2018/19:
  - Deliver the Cotgrave regeneration scheme including the progression of phase 2 of the scheme
  - Progress the work of the local and strategic growth boards
  - Work with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) to explore options for the reallocation of Growth Deal funding.
  - Continue to work with D2N2 Growth Hub and Rushcliffe Business Partnership to deliver workshops and provide support to local businesses.
  - Work with the N2 Economic Growth officers to support the Notts Chief Executives group and N2 Economic Prosperity Committee.
  - Continue with the delivery of the Digital Growth Programme in Rushcliffe.
  - Delivery of an action plan for the employment and skills partnership, to include
    - Delivery of the Careers and Enterprise Company
    - Delivery of European Social Fund projects; Moveahead and Stayahead
    - Implementation of Construction Industry training Boards Client Based Approach on development sites
  - Draw down funds for remaining projects which have been awarded funding from the Notts Pre Development Fund
  - Work with developers to draw down funding (Growth and Housing Fund and Housing Infrastructure Fund) secured for strategic sites.
  - Progress funding application with Highways England to support infrastructure works at Fairham Pastures.

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

The Economic Growth Team works with colleagues across the Council and the County to maximise the value that can be brought to economic growth work. Some projects (e.g. bringing forward development sites) can be long term and take significant support and negotiation. Where possible the Council will seek further external funding to help secure growth opportunities.

#### 5. Implications

#### 5.1. Finance

Significant external funding has been secured including Growth Deal funding, Notts Pre Development funds, Growth and Housing funding from Highways England and Housing and Infrastructure Funding from Homes England. The team will be working with developers to draw down this funding before 2021.

There is a commitment to contribute to the Digital Growth Programme which was launched in February 2017 and also to the Careers and Enterprise Company initiative.

In order to ensure that sufficient resources are available to fund necessary work or activities,  $\pm 100,000$  was allocated from the New Homes Bonus reserve to support the Growth Boards. This is managed and allocated through the Strategic Growth Board. Some of this funding has been spent but there is  $\pm 60,854$  remaining in the budget.

Financial implications of projects are reported in the Medium Term Financial Strategy and ongoing financial reports to Cabinet and Corporate Governance Group.

#### 5.2. Corporate Priorities

Supporting economic growth to ensure a sustainable, prosperous and thriving local economy is identified as a corporate priority within the Corporate Strategy 2016 - 2020.

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

Community Development Group 5 June 2018 Update on the Public Space Protection Order

#### **Report of the Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods**

#### 1. Summary

- 1.1. On 2 February 2017 the Council introduced a new Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) which controls the activities of street drinking and outdoor sleeping in key areas of West Bridgford and Edwalton. It is a requirement of the enabling legislation namely the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 to review the Order after the expiry of 3 years.
- 1.2. The purpose of this report is to respond to the scrutiny request for an interim update on the current situation regarding the use and impact of the PSPO.

#### 2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that the Community Development Group consider and make comment on the interim update of the PSPO.

#### 3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. Under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 there is the provision for local authorities to introduce measures to address anti-social behaviour in public places. Essentially, the Act replaces three existing powers with one new power the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO).
- 3.2. The new orders are more flexible and can be applied to a much broader range of issues than previously and are deigned to stop individuals or groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public space. The Council must be satisfied on reasonable grounds that activities carried out in a public space will have or are likely to have:
  - A detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality
  - Are persistent or continuing in nature
  - Are unreasonable
  - And justify the restrictions imposed.
- 3.3. The need for a PSPO was established with the support of ley partners such as the Police and Nottinghamshire County Council to help tackle anti-social behaviours associated with street drinking and outdoor sleeping, namely:
  - Vomiting, urinating and defecating in public areas;
  - Littering;
  - Violence, aggressive or intimidating behaviour;
  - Criminal damage.

3.4. Failure to abide by these orders may result in the issue of a fixed penalty of £100 with an early repayment reduction to £60, which if not paid may then result in prosecution (maximum fine £1000 for most offences). It should be noted that revised statutory guidance was issued in December 2017 which specifically states that:

"Public Spaces Protection Orders should not be used to target people based solely on the fact that someone is homeless or rough sleeping...These orders should be used only to address any specific behaviour that is causing a detrimental effect on the community's quality of life within the control of the person concerned"

3.5. Reassuringly this revised guidance supported the Council's original position and decision to create the PSPO based on evidence and feedback of problems linked to specific geographical locations.

#### 4. Current position

- 4.1. Since the Order became effective on 1 March 2017 neither the Police nor the Council has found it necessary to use the enforcement powers available within the PSPO. However alternative powers have been used namely CPWs (Community Protection Warnings), CPNs (Community Protection Notices) and CBOs (Criminal Behaviour Orders) as well as dispersal powers. A total of 16 CPWs/ CPNs have been issued since July 2017 in respect to street drinking with an outdoor sleeping connection or for outdoor sleeping.
- 4.2. By working with our partners through the Rough Sleepers group, street outreach teams and the Police it is apparent that the numbers of people sleeping outdoors has continued to increase. This may be attributable to national trends and also the fact that there may be a displacement of individuals from the City as a result of their interventions.
- 4.3. Notwithstanding the fact that thus far the PSPO powers have not been actively used the Police are supportive of maintaining the PSPO as a useful tool in particular circumstances. It has also helped to focus attention and resources to particular areas with known problems in West Bridgford, Edwalton and Gamston and act as an effective deterrent such as reducing the impact of criminal damage in woodland areas from people sleeping outdoors. The creation of the PSPO was also a guiding factor for the formation of the multi-agency rough sleepers group to identify and discuss known individuals to attempt to address the root cause of their offending which may be mental health, alcohol or drug related and to channel them into the most appropriate support networks.

#### 5. Implications

#### 5.1. Finance

Costs are contained within existing community safety budgets. So far there has been no income generated from the payment of fixed penalty notices.

#### 5.2. **Lega**l

None.

#### 5.3. Corporate Priorities

**Maintaining and enhancing our resident's quality of life** – Ensuring that appropriate controls are in place to manage street drinking and outdoor sleeping are an important tool to help maintain a safe, attractive and clean environment all of which has a significant positive impact on our residents quality of life.

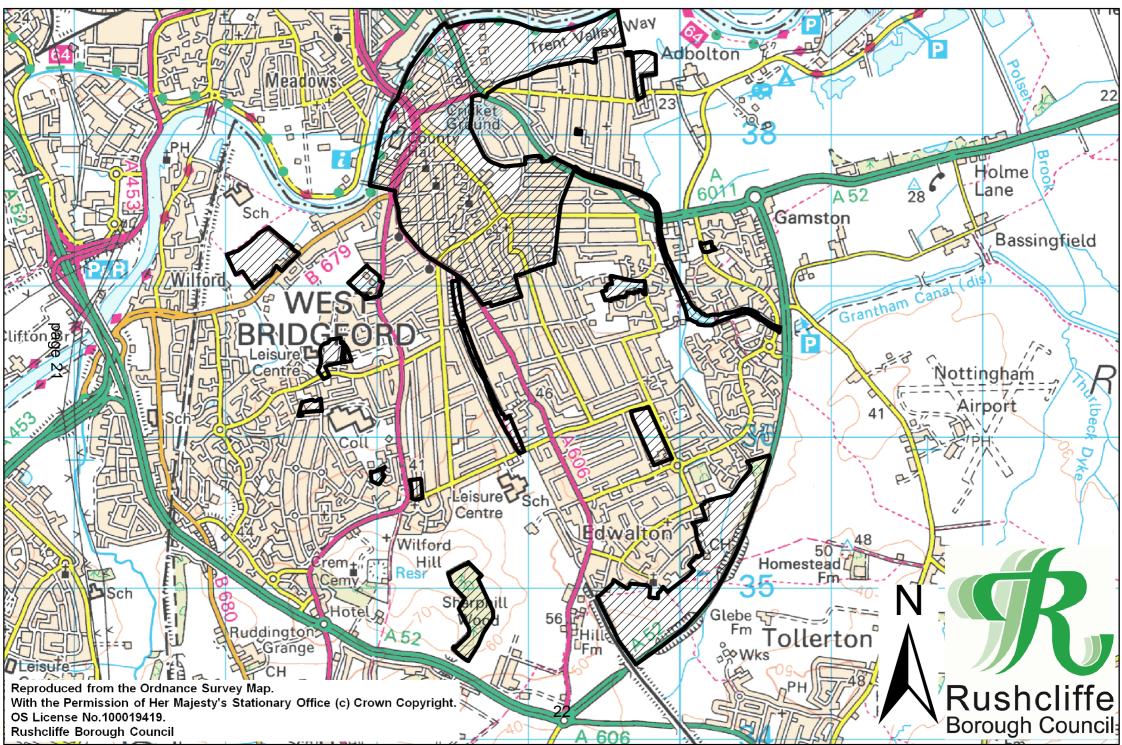
#### 5.4. **Other Implications**

None.

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Background papers Available for	a) Report to Council September 2016
Inspection:	b) PSPO made 2 Feb 2017
List of appendices (if any):	Appendix 1 – Map of Proposed PSPO Areas
	Appendix 2 – List of Streets to be included in the
	PSPO

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## Proposed Public Space Protection Order 2016 Appx 1



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## Street Index, list of streets to be included in the Public Space Protection Order

Abbass Circus	Mahal Oraya	
Abbey Circus	Mabel Grove	
Abbey Road	Manvers Road	
Abingdon Road	Marlborough Court	
Albert Road	Melton Grove	
Annesley Road	Melton Road	
Avon Gardens	Millicent Grove	
Balmoral Avenue	Millicent Road	
Blake Road	Musters Road	
Bridge Grove	Orston Road East	
Bridgford Road	Oxford Road	
Byron Road	Park Avenue	
Central Avenue	Patrick Road	
Church Croft	Pavilion Road	
Church Drive	Peveril Court	
Clumber Road	Portland Road	
Colwick Road	Priory Road	
Davies Road	Radcliffe Mount	
Edwalton Avenue	Radcliffe Road	
Edwinstowe Avenue	Rectory Road	
Eltham Road	Rosebery Avenue	
Epperstone Road	Rushworth Avenue	
Ethel Road	Sandringham Avenue	
Exchange Road	Scarrington Road	
Florence Road	Stratford Road	
Fox Road	Terrian Crescent	
George Road	Thoroton Road	
Glebe Road	Trent Side North	
Gordon Road	Trent Side	
Hawkesworth Road	Tudor Road	
Henry Road	Tudor Square	
Highfield Grove	Violet Road	
Highfield Road	Welbeck Road	
Hound Road	Wellington Crescent	
Loughborough Road	Weinigton Crescent William Road	
Ludow Avenue	William Noau	

## Parks, Playgrounds, Common spaces to be included in the Public Space Protection Order

Adbolton Lane Play Area	
Alford Road Playing Fields	
Ambleside (Gamston) Play Area	
Boundary Road Playing Fields	
Bridge Fields Park	
Bridgford Park	
Buckfast Way Open Area	
Collington Common	
Denton Drive Play Area	
Edwalton Golf Course	
Grantham Canal Towpath	
Gresham Playing Fields	
Greythorne Drive Play Area	
Ten Acres (Adbolton Lane)	
Playing Fields	
The Green Line	
The Hook	
Oak Tree Close Play Area	
Sharphill Woods	
West Park	



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

#### 1. Summary

- 1.1. This annual report reviews the work undertaken by the Community Development Group during 2017/18. Each of the scrutiny committees prepares an annual report and these will be presented to full Council in September 2018. The Group has met four times during the year.
- 1.2. Over the year, the Community Development Group received excellent presentations from a number of external speakers from key partners and officers keen to help the Group understand the main issues facing the Rushcliffe community at this time.
- 1.3. In addition, the Group specifically scrutinised:
  - Review and Future of YouNG
  - Options for Tree Protection and Promotion in Rushcliffe
  - The Delivery of Rural Broadband in Rushcliffe
  - Rural Public Transport
  - Tackling the use of Single use Plastics
  - Draft Off-Street Car Parking Strategy 2018 2022
- 1.4. The Community Development Group is asked to review the report and consider if it fully reflects the work undertaken by the group.

#### 2. Recommendation

It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Community Development Group approve the report and forward it on to Council for consideration.

#### 3. Risk and Uncertainties

There are no direct risks and uncertainties arising from this report.

#### 4. Implications

#### 4.1. Finance

There are no direct financial issues arising from this report.

#### 4.2. Legal

There are no legal issues arising from this report.

#### 4.3. Corporate Priorities

The Corporate Priorities are considered as an integral part of the Group's Work Programme.

#### 4.4. **Other Implications**

There are no other issues arising from this report.

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Background papers Available for	None.	
Inspection:		
List of appendices (if any):	Appendix 1 – Annual Report 2017/18	

## **Community Development Group**

#### Chairman's Foreword

I am pleased to write this foreword to this year's annual report of the Community Development Group. This year our work has been interesting, challenging and rewarding. We have covered many significant topics in order to ensure Rushcliffe communities thrive and prosper.

Thanks must go to the many staff who gave us presentations throughout the year, with particular thanks to those who have supported this Scrutiny Group.

We have scrutinised many topics ranging from the Review and Future of YouNG, Options for Tree Protection and Promotion in Rushcliffe, the Delivery of Rural Broadband in Rushcliffe, Rural Public Transport Update, Tackling the use of Single use Plastics and the Draft Off-Street Car Parking Strategy 2018 - 2022.

I would like to thank all Members for their very active involvement, support and professionalism during the meetings and particularly my Vice Chairman, Councillor John Thurman.

Councillor Tina Combellack Chairman



Councillor T Combellack Chairman



Councillor J E Thurman Vice Chairman

#### What we are responsible for?

The Community Development Group's remit is to scrutinise:

- Community priorities and proposed solutions
- Engaging and identifying needs of key groups
- Building relationships to ensure that policies empower communities
- Reputation management gained via communications and promotion
- Town and Parish Councils shared working (identifying opportunities whilst establishing priorities)

A major element of the Group's role is to understand the key issues for residents, and encourage them to give their views about matters of importance. The Group also ensures the Council maintains its excellent reputation via effective communications.

#### Our work this year

During this year the Group considered many service areas and issues within its scrutiny role, particularly:

- Review and Future of YouNG
- Tree Protection and Promotion in Rushcliffe
- The Delivery of Rural Broadband in Rushcliffe
- Rural Public Transport in Rushcliffe
- Tacking the use of Single use Plastics
- Off Street Car Parking Strategy 2018 2022

#### Review of and Future Delivery of YouNG

The members of the Community Development Group were tasked by the Council's Cabinet to examine the future delivery option for YouNG following the receipt of an independent report on the initiative. In June 2017 the Group received a presentation from the Chief Executive which provided an overview of YouNG, its achievements to date as well as a range of potential options for its future delivery. The Group also received a presentation from the Principal Community Development Officer who outlined the findings of the independent Report. Finally NGi delivered a presentation that examined how the YouNG initiative was able to help young people succeed in a global environment.

Members of the Group, while being supportive of the broad objectives of the YouNG initiative felt that in order for them to be able to fully evaluate the initiative potential future delivery options, further information was required and agreed that a further report be presented to the Group detailing the future plans for the development and continuation of YouNG.

At its meeting in September, the Group received a presentation from the Executive Manager – Communities who advised the Group that it was being investigated if a collaboration between Positive Futures and the Council could potentially be developed in order for the YouNG initiative to continue. Members of the Group agreed 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 businesses from across the Borough.

The Group felt that moving forward the YouNG project needed to be more focused, concentrating on fewer elements, with its main focus being on increasing business and employability skills for the young people on the programme, supported by an adequate staff resource.

At its meeting in November, the Group received a presentation from the Trent Bridge Community Trust who provided information on a service delivery model for a potential delivery partnership arrangement between YouNG and the Trust. The Group were advised that this partnership would be able to maximise the positive outcomes for the young people on the programme and utilise the funding available to YouNG by utilising the expertise and contacts of the Trent Bridge Community Trust. Members of the Group were supportive of the Trust's proposals to increase YouNG's engagement with local businesses in order to enable greater access to work experience placements and were reassured that the YouNG Ambassadors would continue to promote the opportunities of YouNG in all secondary schools to ensure universal provision throughout the Borough. Members of the Group also supported the proposal that the Council would no longer employ the interns and the ambassadors directly, but would continue to provide overall governance for YouNG.

Members of the Group expressed their support the proposed delivery model, on condition that the Trent Bridge Community Trust could commit to work predominantly with Rushcliffe businesses. Members also requested that the Trent Bridge Community Trust provided quantitative information on the number of work experience placements provided and on the number of young people involved with the project. The Group also agreed that it was essential that the Council provide transitional support to the Trent Bridge Community Trust whilst they establish their delivery of the YouNG Project.

The Council's Cabinet considered a report on the future of YouNG, containing the recommendations made by the Community Development Group on 9 January, 2018 where the Group's recommendations were approved for implementation.

#### Tree Protection and Promotion in Rushcliffe

The members of the Community Development Group reviewed how the Council protected and promoted trees within the Borough. Members considered various options for addressing the challenge of protecting and promoting trees in the Borough where woodland coverage currently stands 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.

At its meeting in August the Group received a report and presentation from the Environment and Sustainability Officer on potential solutions for increasing tree promotion in the Borough, which were then considered by members of the Group. As a result of these considerations a further report was brought to the Group at its November meeting where a range of detailed solutions on tree promotion and protection measures that could be implemented were considered. Members of the Group were particularly in favour of the Tree Warden Scheme, co-ordinated by The Tree Council, which was a national initiative to enable people to play an active role in conserving and enhancing their local trees and woods. Members of the Group were also supportive of the 'free tree scheme', which was currently operating in North West Leicestershire where residents were supplied with trees to plant.

A report detailing the recommendations made by the Community Development Group was considered by the Council's Cabinet on 9 January, 2018 where the Group's recommendations were approved for implementation along with a £50,000 revenue budget over three years to support the initiatives.

#### The Delivery of Rural Broadband in Rushcliffe

At the February meeting of the Community Development Group members received a progress report on the on the delivery of Nottinghamshire County Council's programme to provide 98% of Nottinghamshire with a fibre broadband network, capable of delivering superfast broadband by 2018. Members of the Group were concerned that between 1800 and 1900 properties in Rushcliffe which did not have access to a high speed network, but were reassured that steps were being taken by Nottinghamshire County Council with their partnership with BT to provide access for these properties to high speed internet access.

The Group will be looking again at rural broadband provision next year to monitor and assess how access to high speed broadband in rural areas is progressing.

#### Rural Public Transport in Rushcliffe

At the February meeting of the Community Development Group members received a report from the Development and Partnerships Manager at Nottinghamshire County Council on the provision of rural public transport in Rushcliffe. Members of the Group were advised that due to budgetary pressures that County wide that the budget for local bus support was £3.95 million per year, which had been reduced from £7.5 million over the past seven years. Members were concerned there could be changes in how the 11 supported rural bus services in Rushcliffe were provided, but welcomed the assurance that any changes to services would only be made after a full consultation with councillors and service users.

Members of the Group agreed that rural bus services should be more actively promoted to increase usage and that Nottinghamshire County Council should work with the Council's Planning department in order to enable public transport provision in new developments such as Sharphill and Fairham Pastures.

The Group will continue looking at rural public transport provision next year and will be widening their considerations to include rail service provision.

#### Tackling the use of Single Use Plastics

As a result of the resolution made at Council on 7 December 2017 the Community Development Group were requested to consider the following:

"Rushcliffe Borough Council resolves that in response to environmental concerns about single use plastics, and harm to farmers' livestock, wildlife and the local environment by Chinese lanterns and helium balloons, an item be placed on the community development group scrutiny work programme for 2018 to consider and advise on the following objectives.

a) Assess the current use and feasibility of reducing single use plastic in relation to Council activities

- b) Consider the mechanisms to ban the use of Chinese lanterns and helium balloons on Rushcliffe Borough Council land and open spaces.
- c) Consider the provision of Council advice and information on single use plastic, Chinese lanterns and helium balloons for local residents, Parish/Town Councils and businesses
- d) Make any recommendations for consideration by Cabinet."

At the February meeting of the Community Development Group members were provided with information on the corporate working group that had been established to develop actions to be taken by the Council to enable it to deliver a reduction in the use of single use plastics.

The action plan covered four theme areas that were:

- an audit of the single use plastic currently used across the Council in normal council activities
- identifying ways of seeking support from key partners and contractors to encourage them to commit to support similar actions
- running relevant communications and campaigns to influence and change behaviour of residents and businesses in the borough on these issues
- identifying how the Council could prohibit the use of Chinese lanterns and helium balloons at Rushcliffe Borough Council assets and parks and following good practice examples from other agencies such as Nottinghamshire County Council.

Members of the Group welcomed the actions that had been taken and suggested that china cups should be made available instead of plastic cups for the Councillors to use at Rushcliffe Arena. This action was implemented following the meeting. The Group also suggested that more communications material should be produced to inform residents of the different types of plastics that could and could not be recycled.

The Group will be continue to look at the Council's work to reduce its use of singleuse plastics next year and look forward to receiving a progress report regarding the activities included in the action plan in September 2018.

#### Off-Street Car Parking Strategy 2018 – 2022

At the February meeting of the Community Development Group members were presented with the Draft Off Street Car Parking Strategy 2018 – 2022 for their consideration in advance of the strategy being submitted to Cabinet.

Members of Group supported action taken by the Council in the recent installation of new ticket machines which would be more accurate and reliable in the Council's West Bridgford car parks. The Group also supported a proposed review of the evening tariff arrangements that residents had reported as finding confusing.

The Group expressed concern about the limited number of car parking spaces for those who lived in newly built houses that led to residents parking on the road. The Group were reassured that The Executive Manager – Neighbourhoods agreed to would discuss with the Executive Manager – Communities to explore if and how a

new requirement of two parking spaces per new build could be introduced for newly built properties.

A report on the draft Off Street Car Parking Strategy which included the comments and suggestions made by the Community Development Group was considered by the Council's Cabinet on 15 May, 2018 where the Draft Off Street Car Parking Strategy was approved for implementation.

#### Member Panels

The Group did not establish any Member Panels this year.

#### Call-ins

The Group did not discuss any call-ins this year.

#### Looking forward to the year ahead

The Group will continue to help review and shape policy, ensuring improvements are implemented. This will be done by developing a challenging work programme linked to the Council's transformation strategy.

# Agenda Item 8



#### **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
18 September 2018	<ul> <li>Report on Diversity in Rushcliffe</li> <li>Digital by Default</li> <li>Tackling the Use of Single Use Plastics Action Plan Update</li> <li>Work Programme</li> </ul>
20 November 2018	<ul> <li>Rural Broadband Update</li> <li>The Defence and National Rehabilitation Centre Update</li> <li>Rail Provision and Services within Rushcliffe</li> <li>Work Programme</li> </ul>
26 February 2018	<ul> <li>Tree Protection and Promotion in Rushcliffe Update</li> <li>Work Programme</li> </ul>

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