



Meeting: Communities Scrutiny Group

Thursday, 3 October 2019

Review of Service Agreements with Trent Bridge Community Trust

Report of the Executive Manager – Communities

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. This report provides Councillors with the opportunity to consider the future partnership with Trent Bridge Community Trust (TBCT) who deliver the Positive Futures and YouNG projects on behalf of the Council via two separate service level agreements, both of which are due to expire on 31 December 2020 (attached for information in Appendix 1 & 2).
- 1.2. On 27 September 2019, Councillors received a presentation from Trent Bridge Community Trust representatives Tim Eatherington (Finance and Development Director) and Mark Clifford (Positive Futures and YouNG Manager). This covered performance against the current service level agreements as well as a proposal to continue both projects (contained for information in Appendix 3).
- 1.3. This report provides the Group with an overview of the current service level agreements and the business case proposal provided by Trent Bridge Community Trust for the period 2021 to 2025, and options for future commissioning of these services.
- 1.4. The Group is asked to consider the options from one of the following commissioning proposals;
 - a) Commission Trent Bridge Community Trust to combine the current Positive Futures and YouNG Service Level Agreements at existing levels of £192,000 per annum for the period 2021-2025.
 - b) Commission Trent Bridge Community Trust to combine the current Positive Futures and YouNG Service Level Agreement at a reduced level of £150,000 per annum (22% reduction).
 - c) De-commission delivery of one or both of the Positive Futures and YouNG projects at the end of the current Service Level Agreement period.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that the Communities Scrutiny Group recommend a preferred option for consideration by cabinet.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 3.1. The current Service Level Agreements for Positive Futures and YouNG expire at the end of December 2020.
- 3.2. An early decision on the future scope of this work will enable sufficient time to plan for a smooth transition into a potential new agreement. It will also facilitate incorporation of relevant provision in the forthcoming budget cycles.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1. In 2008, Rushcliffe Borough Council provided Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club with a loan of £1.23 million to enable the Club to develop a new stand and safeguard the test match status of the ground. In return, the Cricket Club provided a programme of community benefits which included developing the Positive Futures Programme in Cotgrave.
- 4.2. In December 2012, a decision was made to convert £450,000 of the loan to Nottinghamshire County Cricket Club to a grant in respect of the significant community work undertaken, with further amounts of £90,000 to be converted to grant on an annual basis for four years to December 2016 in return for the provision of Positive Futures extending to other areas within the Borough.
- 4.3. In June 2016, Council supported the extension of the Positive Futures programme from January 2017 to December 2020 (four years delivery) at a cost of £110,000 per annum. Council supported targeting Positive Future work at young people aged nine years and above within the catchment area of East Leake Academy, South Nottinghamshire Academy, South Wolds Academy and Toot Hill School.
- 4.4. In January 2018, Council supported the establishment of a new Service Level Agreement with Trent Bridge Community Trust to take over the running of the Council-led YouNG Project from April 2018 to December 2020 (2 year 9 months delivery) at a cost of £82,000 per annum. Council supported targeting YouNG at young people aged 12 years and above across the entire Borough with a particular focus on employability and work experience.
- 4.5. In broad terms, the Positive Future Service Level Agreement agrees to provide targeted support to young people aged nine and above within the catchment areas of East Leake Academy, South Nottinghamshire Academy, South Wolds Academy and Toothill School. The support provided within the above areas includes; mentoring support, accreditations, educational workshops, term-time and holiday activities and links with other programmes such as YouNG.
- 4.6. The YouNG Service Level Agreement agrees to promote and grow the brand of YouNG in an entrepreneurial way:
 - To provide 30 dedicated hours (per week) management of the programme. To develop an accreditation scheme for businesses to be young person friendly and provide work experience placements.
 - To deliver a weekly YouNG ambassadors programme which includes a YouNG ambassador representative from each of the seven secondary

schools across Rushcliffe and provides; mentoring support, accreditations, educational workshops, careers advice and guidance and employability activities via digital channels into schools.

- To redefine and develop a range of work experience placements under the following headings; Snapshot (business insight (half day/1 day), Traditional (1 week), Long Term 1 or 2 days per week (reduced timetable).
- To promote work experience and employability opportunities via a dedicated website and through social media and other marketing channels and a commitment to recruit and develop Interns annually.

5. Risks and Uncertainties

- 5.1. There is a risk that operational problems may be encountered by Trent Bridge Community Trust delivering either the Positive Futures or YouNG projects, or partner agencies could disengage with the programme which could affect achievement of the outcome targets. This is not identified as a significant risk due to the programme of area-based partnership meetings and employment of experienced staff.
- 5.2. The Trent Bridge Community Trust business case proposal is in the region of £254,000 per annum. With funding of £192,000 per annum requested from Rushcliffe Borough Council. This leaves an approximate shortfall of £62,000 per annum (option 1). This option assumes that the additional funding required would be secured from other partners.
- 5.3. If Rushcliffe Borough Council contribute at a reduced rate of £150,000 (option 2). Trent Bridge Community Trust would need either make reductions to the programme or source the total shortfall in funding of £104,000 per annum from other partners to keep the level of service outlined in the business case at its current rate.

6. Implications

6.1. Financial Implications

- 6.1.1. The £110k per annum commitment for Positive Futures is funded from Council reserves until the end of the current Service Level Agreement. The budget for the YouNG Project of £82,000 per annum is included as part of the revenue budget.
- 6.1.2. Any future commitment to a new Service Level Agreement would result in an annual revenue increase of £110,000 (option 1) or £68,000 (option 2) for the duration of the agreement.
- 6.1.3. If Rushcliffe Borough Council resolve to decommission both Service Level Agreements with Trent Bridge Community Trust at the end of the current period (December 2020), this would result in a revenue saving of £82,000 per annum.
- 6.1.4. The options presented in this report should be considered in the wider context of the medium term financial strategy and will need to be discussed as part of the budget process.

6.2. Legal Implications

6.2.1. The Positive Futures and YouNG projects are supported by a Service Level Agreement between Rushcliffe Borough Council and Trent Bridge Community Trust. Both agreements incorporate a break clause for both parties providing a minimum of six months' notice.

6.2.2. It is proposed to combine any new Service Level Agreement into a single agreement and incorporate the necessary break clause for both parties providing a minimum of six months' notice. The agreement will be subject to legal review.

6.3. Equalities Implications

6.3.1. The Equality Act 2010 places a responsibility on all local authorities to have due regard to the impact of its policies on people with protected characteristics enabling all residents to play a full and active part in society, free from fear or discrimination. The Service Level Agreements with Trent Bridge Community Trust create opportunities for the children and young people of the Borough to fulfil this ambition by accessing youth related programmes and initiatives.

6.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

6.4.1. The Positive Futures and YouNG projects provide a number of diversionary activities to young people to reduce the risk of crime and antisocial behaviour and increase employability through work experience and employability opportunities.

7. Link to Corporate Priorities

Both projects outlined in this report support the Council's priority 'Quality of Life' ensuring the Borough is a great place to live for young people.

8. Recommendations

It is RECOMMENDED that the Communities Scrutiny Group recommend a preferred option for consideration by cabinet.

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Background papers available for Inspection:	Report of Partnership Delivery Group 8 January 2018 - Review of Service Agreements

	<p>with Trent Bridge Community Trust (TBCT)</p> <p>5 July 2017 - Review of Positive Futures</p> <p>Cabinet Report</p> <p>9 January 2018 – Review and Future of YouNG</p>
<p>List of appendices:</p>	<p>Appendix 1 – Trent Bridge Community Trust Business Case proposal - A Positive Future - Beyond 2020</p> <p>Appendix 2 - Positive Futures Service Level Agreements 2017-2020</p> <p>Appendix 3 - YouNG Service Level Agreement 2018 - 2020</p>

