



CABINET – FRIDAY 10 MARCH

ORDER PAPER

ITEM DETAILS

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr. P. C. Osborne CC and Mr. B. L. Pain CC

1. MINUTES (Pages 3 - 12)

Proposed motion

That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2017 be taken as read, confirmed, and signed.

2. URGENT ITEMS

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Cabinet are asked to declare any interests in the business to be discussed.

4. LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD AND SAFEGUARDING ADULT BOARD BUSINESS PLANS 2017/18 (Pages 13 - 20)

- *The Children and Families and the Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committees considered the Business Plan priorities at their recent meetings. Draft minutes are attached to this Order Paper, marked '4a' and '4b'.*

Proposed motion

That the Cabinet notes and supports the proposed Business Plan priorities 2017/18 for the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Children Board and Safeguarding Adult Board, particularly in relation to the business of the County Council in 2017/18.

5. OFSTED INSPECTION OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF HELP AND PROTECTION, CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER, AND CARE LEAVERS (Pages 21 - 28) (Appendices pages 3 - 28)

- *The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 6 March and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '5'.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the content, grades and recommendations of the Ofsted inspection report on children's social care services in Leicestershire be noted;
- (b) That the Children and Family Services Improvement Plan which was developed in preparation for the inspection and charts progress made be noted;
- (c) That the Action Plan prepared in response to the recommendations in the Ofsted Report and which includes proposals for the future development and improvement of services to children and families, be approved as the County Council's formal response to the Ofsted Inspection Report.

6. 2018/19 SCHOOL AND HIGH NEEDS FUNDING PROPOSALS (Pages 29 - 36)
(Appendices pages 29 - 48)

- *The Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 6 March and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '6.'*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the responses to the consultation on the implementation of the National Funding Formula and the introduction of a formulaic basis for the distribution of the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant, as appended to the report, be submitted to the Department for Education;
- (b) That in addition, the Department for Education be advised of the County Council's concerns, as set out in the report, that Leicestershire, a low-funded authority, will see no improvement to its own or its schools' financial position as a result of the proposals and in particular, that;
 - (i) the reduced lump sum will adversely affect primary schools;
 - (ii) there is no evidence to support the proposed values and weightings within the schools National Funding Formula, nor are they informed by the cost of education;
 - (iii) there is disproportionate emphasis on funding targeted at deprivation and where English is spoken as an additional language and, as that attainment is relatively high in Leicestershire and deprivation relatively low, it will derive little benefit from these factors;
 - (iv) whilst there is an assumption by the DfE that schools and local authorities will deliver efficiency savings, this may not be possible as schools funding has not increased in line with costs, resulting in any efficiency gains being already realised;
 - (v) the delivery of a more efficient school estate is likely to require remodelling and rationalisation of provision, which will require significant capital investment.

7. ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT INTERIM COMMISSIONING STRATEGY 2017/18 REFRESH (Pages 37 - 44) (Appendices pages 49 - 92)

- *A corrected Annex C to the appendix (the Delivery Programme 2017/18) has been circulated separately.*
- *The Environment and Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 2 March. A draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '7.'*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the Environment and Transport Interim Commissioning Strategy 2017/18 Refresh and Action Plan be approved;
- (b) That the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised to make such minor amendments to the Interim Commissioning Strategy 2017/18 Refresh and Action Plan as he considers to be necessary, following consultation with the appropriate Cabinet Lead Member.

8. MELTON MOWBRAY TRANSPORT STRATEGY AND DISTRIBUTOR ROAD - DEVELOPMENT OF A BUSINESS CASE AND IDENTIFICATION OF A PREFERRED ROUTE (Pages 45 - 52)

Proposed motion

- (a) That a revised indicative timetable for the development of a business case for the Melton Mowbray Distributor Road (MMDR) be approved in order to enable further evidence gathering and consultation to be undertaken and the business case to be submitted to the Department of Transport in accordance with the timeframes set out in the report;
- (b) That the Director of Environment and Transport, following consultation with the Cabinet Lead Member, be authorised to undertake
 - (i) further evidence gathering during Spring/Summer 2017 to enable the ongoing development of the MMDR business case and the identification of a preferred route for the scheme;
 - (ii) consultation in late Summer/early Autumn 2017 to inform a 'preferred route' decision;
- (c) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in late 2017 seeking approval for a preferred route, so that the business case can be submitted to the Department of Transport in December 2017.

9. COMMUNITY SPEED ENFORCEMENT (Pages 53 - 58)

- *Comments have been received from Mr. D. C. Bill MBE, CC on behalf of the Liberal Democrat Group which are attached to this Order Paper, marked '9a'.*
- *Comments have been received from Mr. D. Snartt CC which are attached to this Order Paper, marked '9b'.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That funding of £500,000 for the programme of trial sites from the 2016/17 underspends be approved;
- (b) That the programme of trial sites detailed in paragraph 19 of the report be approved and that the Director of Environment and Transport be authorised to carry out the necessary consultation with partners and communities and to implement the programme;
- (c) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet when a response is received from the Department for Transport regarding the retention of fine income and setting out proposed local criteria for the wider use of speed cameras based on that identified in paragraph 22 of the report.

10. BETTER CARE FUND PLAN 2017/18 – 2018/19 (Pages 59 - 70) (Appendices pages 93 - 96)

- *The Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered a report on 1 March and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '10'.*

Proposed motion

- (a) That the preparations and governance arrangements for the approval and submission of Leicestershire's Better Care Fund Plan for 2017/18 - 2018/19 be noted;
- (b) That national Better Care Fund guidance, still to be published, and any requirements associated with the additional allocation for social care announced in the Budget on March 8th will be considered as needed in finalising and submitting the Leicestershire Better Care Fund Plan;
- (c) That the continuation of the rolling Better Care Fund Section 75 Agreement, and associated governance arrangements be noted;
- (d) That it be noted that the Disabled Facilities Grant for Leicestershire paid to the County Council will be allocated through the Better Care Fund to the seven District Councils - in accordance with Government guidance to allow those Councils to provide major adaptations to eligible residents, but also to encourage them to think strategically about the use of home adaptations, the use of technologies to support people in their own homes, and to take a joined up approach to improving outcomes across health, social care and housing;
- (e) That the early agreement of Blaby District Council, Harborough District Council, Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, Melton Borough Council, North West Leicestershire District Council and Oadby and Wigston Borough Council, in approving the Lightbulb Service model and business case (to introduce a more streamlined approach to processing disabled facilities grants) be welcomed;

- (f) That in line with (d) and (e) above and with all possible information having been provided to its officers, the decision-making body of Charnwood Borough Council be asked to confirm if that Council will support the implementation of the Lightbulb Service, given that the service will now proceed to implementation across all other Districts during 2017/18.

11. LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE STRATEGIC GROWTH PLAN: JOINT STATEMENT OF CO-OPERATION (Pages 71 - 76) (Appendices pages 97 - 100)

- *The Scrutiny Commission considered this report on 8 March and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '11'.*

Proposed motion

That the Joint Statement of Co-operation Relating to Objectively Assessed Need for Housing be approved.

12. WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD GREAT COMMUNITIES IN LEICESTERSHIRE: DRAFT COMMUNITIES STRATEGY 2017-21 (Pages 77 - 82) (Appendices pages 101 - 154)

- *The Scrutiny Commission considered this report on 8 March and a draft minute is attached to this Order Paper, marked '12'.*

Proposed motion

- That the draft refreshed Communities Strategy 2017-21 be approved for consultation and engagement with stakeholders;
- That the process for developing a Communities Strategy Action Plan as set out in the report be approved;
- That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet in autumn 2017 setting out the outcome of the consultation and submitting the final Communities Strategy for approval.

13. ACCOMMODATION STRATEGY FOR WORKING AGE ADULTS 2017-2022 (Pages 83 - 90) (Appendices pages 155 - 270)

- *The Adults and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered this report on 7 March and supported the proposals.*

Proposed motion

- That the Accommodation Strategy for Working Age Adults (aged 18-64) 2017-2022 and action plan (attached as Appendix A to the report) be approved;
- That the proposed review of current policy around nomination agreements, highlighted in the Strategy, be noted;

- (c) That a further report be submitted to the Cabinet during 2017/18 outlining the progress made on the implementation of the Strategy and setting out more detailed potential capital investment proposals for the provision of more cost effective accommodation options for Working Age Adults.

14. INTEGRATED COMMISSIONING OF A DEMENTIA COMMUNITY AND HOSPITAL IN-REACH SUPPORT SERVICE (Pages 91 - 98)

Proposed motion

- (a) That the joint commissioning arrangement for dementia support services under a single contract for Leicester and Leicestershire be approved, noting that contract management arrangements are still to be finalised;
- (b) That the Director of Adults and Communities be authorised to take action as necessary to implement the proposed joint procurement and commissioning of a single community and hospital in-reach dementia support service as set out in paragraphs 40 to 45 of the report, which will include appropriate contract management arrangements.

15. DISCHARGING LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL'S INTERNAL AUDIT FUNCTION (Pages 99 - 104)

Proposed motion

That the County Council be recommended to -

- (a) Accept the delegation of Leicester City Council's internal audit function in accordance with the provisions of Section 9EA of the Local Government Act 1972, the Local Authorities (Arrangement for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 and all other enabling powers;
- (b) Agree to enter into an Administrative Collaboration Agreement (the Agreement) with Leicester City Council under S9EA of the Local Government Act 1972, such Agreement to be reviewed and renewed as and when necessary for the duration of the delegation in (a) above;
- (c) Authorise the Director of Corporate Resources to agree:
 - (i) the detailed terms of the Agreement at (b) above for an initial period of three years and to thereafter negotiate and agree the terms of future Administrative Collaboration Agreements as are necessary for the duration of the delegation;
 - (ii) the detailed arrangements for the transfer of the City Council's internal audit staff to the County Council in accordance with the Transfer of Undertakings (Protection of Employment) Regulations 2006 (TUPE).

16. DATES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS 2017/18 AND 2019/20 (Pages 105 - 106)

Proposed motion

That the County Council be recommended to hold meetings on the following dates during the next two municipal years:-

Wednesday 28 June 2017
 Wednesday 27 September 2017
 Wednesday 6 December 2017
 Wednesday 21 February 2018 (Budget Meeting)
 Wednesday 21 March 2018
 Wednesday 16 May 2018 (Annual Meeting)
 Wednesday 27 June 2018
 Wednesday 26 September 2018
 Wednesday 5 December 2018
 Wednesday 20 February 2019 (Budget Meeting)
 Wednesday 20 March 2019
 Wednesday 15 May 2019 (Annual Meeting)

17. ITEMS REFERRED FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY.

No items have been referred from the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

18. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN HAS DECIDED TO TAKE AS URGENT

None.

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**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

**LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND LOCAL SAFEGUARDING
CHILDREN'S BOARD - BUSINESS PLAN 2017/18.**

MINUTE EXTRACT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2017

The Committee considered a report of the Independent Chairman of the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Board which set out the business plan priorities for the coming year, 2017/18. A copy of the report, marked Agenda Item 8, is filed with these minutes.

The Independent Chairman, Mr Paul Burnett, outlined the priorities going forward and advised the Committee that these priorities paid due regard to the findings of the Ofsted inspection report. He drew particular attention to his concerns regarding services for promoting the emotional health and wellbeing of young people and supported the views expressed in the earlier discussion on the Ofsted report about seeking improvements in the CAHMS service and developing an early intervention offer.

In response to a comment regarding improving support for young care leavers who were homeless or at risk of being homeless, Mr Burnett indicated that he would take the concerns now expressed to the Safeguarding Board Executive for consideration.

RESOLVED:-

That subject to the comments now made the priorities of the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Board in relation to children safeguarding be supported.

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**ADULTS AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 7 MARCH
2017**

SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD BUSINESS PLANS 2017/18

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT

The Committee considered a report of the Independent Chairman of the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Board which set out the business plan priorities for the coming year, 2017/18. A copy of the report, marked “Agenda Item 10”, is filed with these minutes.

The Independent Chairman, Mr. Paul Burnett outlined the priorities going forward and advised the Committee that these had been heavily influenced by the Care Act. He drew particular attention to the number of cases of “self-neglect” leading to increasing numbers of adult protection alerts. This remained a challenging issue as cases were not always visible to trained staff or communities.

In response to a comment regarding the engagement of partner organisations, it was noted that there was a good level of engagement, though there remained some issues in the dissemination of important safeguarding messages to frontline staff.

RESOLVED:-

That, subject to the comments now made, the priorities of the Leicestershire and Rutland Local Safeguarding Board in relation to adult safeguarding be supported.

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**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

**OFSTED INSPECTION OF SERVICES FOR CHILDREN IN NEED OF
HELP AND PROTECTION, CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER AND CARE
LEAVERS**

MINUTE EXTRACT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2017

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children and Families concerning the outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection of children social care services in Leicestershire and an Action Plan prepared to address the recommendation contained with the Ofsted report. A copy of the report, marked Agenda Item 8, is filed with these minutes.

In response to questions and comments made by members of the Committee, the Director and Cabinet Lead Member advised as follows:-

- i) The most recent self-assessment undertaken had concluded that the outcome of the inspection was likely to find that the Authority would be rated as requiring improvement but noting that there were areas of good practice. The Ofsted findings therefore reflected the most recent self-assessment and the Council should therefore accept the findings and seek to address the recommendations contained in the report;
- ii) Based on the self-assessment and in advance of the Ofsted inspection the Department had begun to address some of the issues now identified in the Ofsted report with an investment of £0.5million for making improvements. As a result the Action Plan contained references of work having commenced in January. The Ofsted inspection team were made aware of these proposals and whilst generally supportive advised that they were unable to factor these into their consideration as it was too early to assess their impact;
- iii) The Action Plan would be revised in the light of further work being undertaken and having regard to the impact of the work already underway. As such, and given the need to engage with partners, it was not possible to provide a definitive statement of the resource requirements at this stage. In this regard the Committee were reminded that many of the proposed actions did not have a resource requirement but were about embedding good management and social work practices within teams;

- iv) There was no clear view as to an appropriate social work case load as it varied with the complexity of the case and experience of the staff dealing with the case. However, having recognised that case-loads were on the high side part of the £0.5 million investment was used to engage temporary social work staff. The aim of the department was to have permanent staff in post wherever possible but given the increasingly competitive market for social work staff it needed to engaged interim staff;
- v) With regard to the criticisms made about support to newly qualified social work staff this had been accepted. The Department was now working with the Learning and Development service to address this and involved providing support and mentoring from senior practitioners.
- vi) The concerns regarding First Response related primarily to the timeliness of response and not so much the quality of the response. The Action Plan had prioritised this area with a view to seeking early improvements in response times;
- vii) The Action Plan would be submitted to Ofsted as required. Under the current arrangements there would not be a direct follow up on the Action Plan. There was need to have in place robust systems to ensure implementation of actions but also to provide evidence as to whether such actions were having the desired impact. In addition the Department would look to other means of assessing its performance including a Peer Review process;
- viii) The difficulties identified in the Ofsted report regard therapeutic services such as CAMHS were recognised. The most recent Care Quality Commission report into therapeutic services provided by the Leicestershire Partnership Trust also raised similar concerns. In this regard members were advised that a summit was to be held in mid-March involving the key stakeholders to find a way forward. The Director indicated that he would be pressing for a review of the CAMHS contract and for the development of a new pathway for services which included some early interventions which would in turn reduce the need for more intensive services. The development of the new Children's Plan and the establishment of a new Children's Partnership Group as part of the Health and Wellbeing Board would provide a dedicated forum for championing children health services;
- ix) The concerns raised regarding housing support for young people aged 16-17 was acknowledged and the Director would seek to bring forward actions aimed at speeding up support for these young people.

RESOLVED:-

That the Cabinet be advised that the Committee notes the recommendations set out in the report and:-

- a) accepts the findings of the Ofsted inspection report;
- b) welcomes and supports the Action Plan prepared in response;
- c) would wish to work with the Department and Lead Member to develop a new performance management and monitoring framework so that the proposed actions are implemented and monitored to ensure that they are delivering the required improvements in services to children and young people;
- d) has requested the Director of Children and Families Service to report to the next meeting with an update on the action plan and proposals new performance and monitoring referred to in (c) above.

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**CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

2018/19 SCHOOL AND HIGH NEEDS FUNDING PROPOSALS.

MINUTE EXTRACT FROM THE MEETING HELD ON 6TH MARCH 2017

The Committee considered a report of the Director of Children and Families concerning a proposed response to the consultation paper issued by the Government on the National Funding Formula (NFF) for schools and the formulaic basis for the distribution of the High Needs Block of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) in 2018/19. A copy of the report, marked Agenda Item 8, is filed with these minutes.

The Cabinet Lead Member advised the Committee that the F40 Group were not in favour of the proposals outlined in the consultation document even though a number of them would benefit. Leicestershire would see no overall benefit and most schools would be adversely affected. He advised that whilst a robust response would be made to the Government he did not hold out much hope for a significant change to the proposals now outlined.

A number of members expressed concerns at the impact that the proposals would have on Leicestershire Schools who were already amongst the lowest funded in the country and the potential risk to the viability of small schools.

Some members of the Committee expressed their concern at the use of the word 'disproportionate' in recommendation (b) (iii) and suggested this be deleted.

It was moved by Mr Snartt and seconded by Mr O'Shea:-

That the Cabinet be advised that this Committee supported the proposed response to the consultation as set out in the report and the appendices thereto'

The motion was put and carried, five members voting for the motion, no members voting against and with five members abstaining.

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**ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –
2 MARCH 2017**

**ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT INTERIM COMMISSIONING STRATEGY
REFRESH 2016/17**

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT

The Committee considered a Cabinet report of the Director of Environment and Transport concerning the Interim Commissioning Strategy which was due to be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 10 March. A copy of the report, marked “Agenda Item 8”, is filed with these minutes.

The Chairman welcomed to the meeting the Cabinet Lead Member for Environmental matters, Mrs. P. Posnett CC who was present to respond to any questions members had in regard to the report.

In introducing the report, the Director drew members’ attention to the fact that the Strategy was essentially the Department’s business plan outlining its key areas of focus over the next year. The Strategy was regarded as being “interim” as it would be informed by the Council’s ongoing refresh of its Strategic Plan and the development of an “Outcomes Framework”. The Director also drew members’ attention to the fact that, due to a printing error, a further annex (Annex C) to the report had not been circulated as intended. This document was tabled for members (and published with the papers for the meeting online) and included the Department’s full list of programmed works.

Arising from questions, the following points were noted:

- The Strategy represented a positive step forward for the Council and demonstrated that the Department was in a good position to progress projects in the event of successful funding bids;
- The “individual requests” referred to in paragraph 5.3 of the report (page 29) was intended to mean that requests for improvements to the highway which did not demonstrate they would contribute to growth, improve safety or maintain highway assets would be progressed. The Strategy would be amended to make this position clearer;
- The Leicester and Leicestershire Integrated Transport Model was a fully WebTAG compliant model (the DfT’s web-based guidance on appraising transport projects and proposals) and the Director had full confidence in it. It was used successfully as a tool to evidence the effects of growth and transport schemes on the highway for the purpose of funding bids and for managing development and growth in Leicestershire. It was felt that the many successful

bids achieved since its launch had justified the significant financial investment the Model had required. It was noted that it was intended to licence its use to other authorities and developers to generate an income to offset the model's cost.

- Air quality was a responsibility for the district councils as planning authorities and for this reason no air quality measures were included in the Strategy. The Council did however remain in active dialogue with the districts to enable plans to be developed in this area. Whilst it was acknowledged that air quality was increasingly becoming a high profile issue, it was not currently regarded by the Government as a key driver with regard to sustainable development;
- The County Council submitted joint bids for funding with the City Council when it made sense to do so. Joint funding bids tended to be more successful. It was noted that the volume of housing growth in the County would inevitably impact the flow of traffic to and from the City;
- The Council's plans to bring Recycling and Household Waste Sites "in-house" were on track to be completed by July. The potential for trade waste to be accepted at sites other than Whetstone was being investigated.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Environment and Transport Interim Commissioning Strategy 2017/18 be supported;
- (b) That the comments of the Committee be forwarded on to the Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 10 March.

**Cabinet – 10th March 2017****Liberal Democrat Comments on Community Speed Enforcement**

When this initiative was first promoted by Cabinet last month I voiced support as it is a good idea to use speed fines to fund the cost of community road safety cameras, which has been a Lib Dem policy for a while. I was even willing to overlook that this seems to have been timed to coincide with an election.

However, now a £0.5m spending commitment has appeared, giving me concerns that politics is taking priority over a sensible use of money.

I understand that it is being promoted as a trial in order to lobby the Government to agree to allow speeding fine revenue to be kept locally, but as the Government is yet to fully respond to the initial proposals, there is no evidence to suggest that this trial would go any way towards changing its mind on this policy.

As such I have great concern that we are rushing to spend such a large sum of money when we don't have a good reason to believe that it will achieve the stated goals. Communities will only be helped by this initiative if the trials lead to the Government changing its mind on its speeding fines policy.

I urge Cabinet to hold back on spending large sums on this project until we receive feedback from the Government and we can be more confident that a trial would lead to the desired outcomes, otherwise we are just spending half a million pounds on seven cameras.

Given that the Council is having to make severe cuts to vital services, it feels wrong to spend so much on a political gesture!

David Bill

Liberal Democrat Spokesman for Environment and Transport

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CABINET - 10 MARCH 2017

ITEM 9 - COMMUNITY SPEED ENFORCEMENT

COMMENTS FROM MR. D. SNARTT CC

I fully support the proposed Community Speed Enforcement Scheme. I attended the latest Woodhouse Parish Council meeting this week where Councillors were delighted that Woodhouse Eaves had been chosen as one of the 7 trial sites within the County.

Woodhouse Parish has a long standing traffic group which was one of the first to participate in the County Council Community Speed Watch Scheme and with the Parish Council have fundraised VAS signs to monitor vehicle speeds and influence speed reduction.

They have captured an extensive amount of data on vehicle speeds in various parts of the Parish. Also acquiring details of the Bedford Scheme they have advocated average speed cameras as the best solution for reducing traffic speeds within villages.

I am sure the local community will be enthusiastically involved in any consultation and implementation of the trial, subject to Cabinet approval.

Mr. David Snartt CC
(Bradgate division)

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HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 1 MARCH 2017

BETTER CARE FUND REFRESH

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT

The Committee received a report from the Director of Health and Care Integration which provided an overview of progress to refresh and submit the Leicestershire Better Care Fund Plan for 2017/18 – 2018/19. A copy of the report, marked 'Agenda Item 12', is filed with these minutes.

In presenting the report the Director of Health and Care Integration raised the following points:

- (i) The National Guidance for the Better Care Fund was still outstanding. Along with this Guidance it was expected that figures would be provided for the amount each Local Authority would receive as part of the Disabled Facilities Grant. As these figures had not been provided yet the funding total provided in the report was only indicative.
- (ii) The Better Care Fund comprised funds from the core budget of both local authorities and Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Arising from discussions the following points were noted:

- (i) The following services would have changes to their funding arrangements during 2017/18:-
 - Two hospital and community based dementia services provided by the voluntary sector were being recommissioned on a Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland wide basis. The BCF funds associated with these services would be applied to the new arrangements,
 - The part of the Lightbulb housing service which was designed to improve the timing of hospital discharge was funded by the Better Care Fund. This service was highly effective and would continue to be funded by the BCF in 2017/18. The funding position would be reviewed for 2018/19 to determine if it would continue to be funded from the BCF or from the Lightbulb service, which would be fully established by this time.
 - Clinical Commissioning Groups did not intend the Carers Health and Wellbeing Service to be recommissioned beyond April 2017 as the National Carers Strategy would be implemented at that time.
- (ii) Members raised concerns regarding technical problems with the First Contact web based referral form and reassurance was given that consideration would be given to how to resolve these problems.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the report be noted.

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SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 8 MARCH 2017

**LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE STRATEGIC GROWTH PLAN: JOINT
STATEMENT OF CO-OPERATION**

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT

The Commission considered a Cabinet report of the Chief Executive concerning the Joint Statement of Co-operation Relating to Objectively Assessed Need for Housing which would be the subject of a Cabinet decision at its meeting on 10 March. A copy of the report, marked “Agenda Item 9”, is filed with these minutes.

Arising from a discussion, the following points were noted:

- Full sign up to the Statement by local authority partners would strengthen its status. The Statement set out the latest evidence on housing needs and housing land capacity but did not commit partners to any housing provision figures. It was known, however, that local planning authorities were taking account of the evidence in the Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessments (HEDNA) and that this evidence would be tested through the local plans process. It was acknowledged that all authorities were at different stages of this process;
- It was felt that the approach being taken by the County Council to support the development of the Strategic Growth Plan was pragmatic as it would assist housing growth to be planned in a sustainable way, and also ensure the Council fulfilled its ‘duty to co-operate’;
- The City Council was not expecting to be able to meet its objectively assessed need for housing requirement for housing growth and it was expected therefore that this would have implications for the housing figures for the districts.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Leicester and Leicestershire Strategic Growth Plan: Joint Statement of Co-operation be supported in principle, but that the Cabinet be advised that concerns remain around the expected housing shortfall in the City and how this may then be re-distributed to the districts;
- (b) That the comments of the Commission be forwarded on to the Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 10 March.

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SCRUTINY COMMISSION - 8 MARCH 2017

**WORKING TOGETHER TO BUILD GREAT COMMUNITIES IN LEICESTERSHIRE:
DRAFT COMMUNITIES STRATEGY 2017-21**

DRAFT MINUTE EXTRACT

The Commission considered a Cabinet report of the Chief Executive concerning the draft refreshed Communities Strategy which would be the subject of a Cabinet decision at its meeting on 10 March. A copy of the report, marked "Agenda Item 10", is filed with these minutes.

Arising from a discussion, during which the general principles of the Strategy were welcomed, the following points were noted:

- In response to a comment that there appeared to be little focus in the document given to the expected outcomes from work with communities and how its success could be measured, it was suggested that this would be considered in finalising the Strategy and included in an associated action plan following engagement with partners. A view was then made that the expected outcomes should be included in the Strategy;
- A view was expressed that there had previously been an over focus on how work with communities could contribute to the County Council's priorities and that there should be an increased focus on the priorities of communities. It was noted that this would be a focus of the Strategy but that it would be necessary to fully utilise the skills of the County Council staff in order to have an honest dialogue with communities about their priorities and what was deliverable from the County Council's perspective.

RESOLVED:

- (a) That the draft Communities Strategy 2017-18 be supported in principle, but that the Cabinet be advised that there should be greater recognition in the document for the expected outcomes from this work and how it was expected that these would link to the County Council's strategic objectives and those of communities;
- (b) That the comments of the Commission be forwarded on to the Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 10 March.

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