



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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