

Meeting	Communities Department Briefing
Date	30 April 2007 (commencing at 2 pm)

Membership

Councillor Reg Adair	Councillor John Knight
Councillor Steve Carroll	Councillor Bruce Laughton
Councillor Jen Cole	Councillor Tom Pettengell
Councillor Mike Cox	Councillor David Shaw
Councillor Sybil Fielding	Councillor Stella Smedley
Councillor Glynn Gilfoyle	Councillor Mark Spencer
Councillor Keith Girling	Councillor John Stocks
Councillor Helen Holt	Councillor Brian Wombwell

1.0	<p><u>Welcome and Introduction</u></p> <p>Cllr Glynn Gilfoyle opened the meeting and explained the purpose of the event to update Members and the public on key areas of development within the Communities Department.</p>	
2.0	<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr Sybil Fielding, Cllr Keith Girling, Cllr Helen Holt, Cllr David Shaw and Cllr B Wombwell.</p>	
3.0	<p><u>Departmental Update</u></p> <p>Mick Burrows, Strategic Director updated members on progress and developments in the Communities Department and the delivery of core strategic priorities, including matters discussed at the last briefing in November 2006.</p>	
3.1	Cllr Brandon Bravo referred to a pessimistic article in the Evening Post about Holme Pierrepont which needs a reply.	Mick Burrows
3.2	<p>Cllr Mark Spencer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • said he had had experience of the Considerate Farmers Code working. • requested a list of schools that had converted to woodheat. • requested that the Winter Road Safety Campaign look at the impact of removing grit bins on pedestrians as well as road users. • queried the good progress made on West Bridgford 	J Stocks

	Community Hub.	
3.3	Cllr Laughton asked to see a long term plan for the consultation and closure of Household Waste & Recycling Centres.	
3.4	Cllr Brandon Bravo raised concerns about the scheduling of different sets of roadworks that impact on a particular area at the same time and suggested that communication and scheduling could be better.	
4.0	Regeneration – The Strategic Direction Cllr Steve Carroll gave a presentation on the priorities for Regeneration. Celia Morris, Geoff George, Caroline Agnew and Sue Green were present to answer questions.	
4.1	Cllr Mark Spencer suggested that procurement of products closer to home could help local businesses and would be more sustainable. Cllr Stocks said it was a question of getting the balance right between price, quality and protecting the environment.	
4.2	Cllr Kay Cutts asked whether there was help available for school leavers who leave school without jobs or qualifications. Cllr Steve Carroll said that he was aware of gaps and was keen to work more with Children & Young People to develop this area further.	S Carroll
5.0	Highways Cllr Stella Smedley provided Members with an update on the current management plan and developments within Highways and outlined ongoing issues and proposals for future work.	
5.1	Cllrs Saddington and Stewart raised an issue about the development of a mini roundabout on the A616 and access to the sugar factory. Bob Hart will look into this.	BH
5.2	Cllr Mark Spencer asked what progress had been made on looking at the cost saving of turning street lights off at midnight. Cllr Smedley said that the Department was currently looking at the impact but there are road safety issues.	
5.3	Cllr Mike Cox asked whether the safety camera strategy would change with new ownership. Bob Hart said that new criteria would be coming out and the Department would continue to work with the Safety Partnership.	
5.4	Cllr Jen Cole asked whose responsibility it was to let the public know about roadworks. Cllr Smedley said that a lot of work was	

	done to brief Members about roadworks but more could be done to let the public know what is happening.	
5.5	Concerns were raised about civil parking enforcement and its effect on local shopping. Cllr Cutts said that she would like to see 30 mins-1 hour free parking for shoppers.	
6.0	Feedback	
6.1	Members agreed the departmental briefing was useful and would like to see them continue. Members asked for more notice of the date of future meetings and for papers in advance.	