

MEETING	CABINET
DATE	6 MARCH 2012
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS ALEXANDER (CHAIR), CRISP, FRASER, GUNNELL, LOOKER, MERRETT, SIMPSON-LAING (VICE-CHAIR) AND WILLIAMS

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## **PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL**

### **118. NEIGHBOURHOOD WORKING - A NEW APPROACH**

*[See also under Part A minutes]*

This item was the subject of a pre-decision call in.

Members considered a report that proposed a new model of Neighbourhood Working through which the Council would work with partners to deliver better services for York's communities.

It was noted that paragraph 19 of the report should read...  
"There will be three ward publications a year for each ward..."

The Cabinet Member stated that the proposed model of working had taken into account the financial situation and the changing demographics. It would be more efficient than the current arrangements and would bring improvements for Members, residents and the voluntary sector. There would be clear channels for reporting problems and ward credits would enable funding to be targeted where it was most needed. No decisions had yet been made in respect of staffing.

Members stated that there were a number of flaws in the current arrangements and they expressed their support for the proposed model of Neighbourhood Working. It would enable resources to be allocated where they were most needed.

Discussion took place regarding the importance of ensuring that there was a fair allocation of youth services in wards and that

these were linked to need. The provision of activities for young people was an important issue for many residents.

**RECOMMEND:** That Council approve a change in the Council's constitution in respect of ward committee arrangements, as set out in the Annex to the report.

**REASON:** To deliver better services for York's communities.

Councillor Alexander, Chair  
[The meeting started at 5.30 pm and finished at 7.10 pm].