

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE EAST (A.C.E) **(DALES, MAPPERLEY, AND ST ANN'S)**

MINUTES

of meeting held on **12 MARCH 2012** at

Loxley House from 7.00 pm to 7.25 pm

- ✓ Councillor Sue Johnson (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Rosemary Healy (Joint Vice-Chair)
- Councillor Jon Collins
- ✓ Councillor Emma Dewinton
- ✓ Councillor Gul Khan
- ✓ Councillor Dave Liversidge (minutes 35 to 37 inclusive)
- ✓ Councillor David Mellen (from minute 38, inclusive)
- ✓ Councillor Thulani Molife
- Councillor Ken Williams

Community Representatives

- ✓ Ms Janet Summers - (Joint Vice-Chair) St Stephen's Church
- ✓ Mr Andrew Campbell - African Caribbean and Asian Forum
- Mrs Jean Brennan - Alexandra Park Residents Association
- Mrs Andrea Stone - City Heights Mapperley
- Bishop Joan Richards - Elohim Development Academy
- Mr Richard Brown - Friends of Colwich Woods
- Miss Cynthia James - Gains Tenants and Residents Group
- Mr Christopher Prior - Jesse Boot Community Basketball and Sports Trust
- ✓ Mr David Towers - Mapperley Park Residents Association
- Mr Michael Nkanka - Nottingham African Centre/ Nigerian Community Group
- Ms Bea Tobolewska - Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Refugee Forum
- ✓ Ms Cherry Underwood - Renewal Trust
- ✓ Miss Joanne Gordon - St Ann's North Tenants and Residents Association
- Mrs Leila Henry - Stonebridge City Farm
- Ms Joanne Ians-Hall - St Ann's Unity in the Community
- Mr Peter Wright - Sneinton Tenants Outreach Programme
- Mr Greg Feltham - Sneinton Tenants and Residents Association
- ✓ Mr Dennis Sanderson - Sneinton Hermitage Community Centre

✓ indicates present at meeting

Citizens and Partners in attendance

Miss Holly Aisthorpe) Citizens
Mr Saul Bosworth)

City Council colleagues in attendance

Mrs Irene Andrews	- Market Development Programme Manager	- Children and Families
Mrs Dorothy Holmes	- South Locality Manager	- Communities
Ms Catherine Ziane-Pryor	- Constitutional Services Officer	- Resources

Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.

35 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Jon Collins, on other Council Business, Councillor Ken Williams, and Andrea Stone, City Heights. An apology for predicted lateness was received from Councillor David Mellen.

36 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

With regard to agenda item 4, 'Streamlining Investment to The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS):Update On Applications for Area Grants', Councillor Dave Liversidge informed the Committee that, until the Committee were informed of the recommendation of the Area Grants Panel, he would not know if he would need to declare an interest or not. However, if the recommendation in any way revealed a connection with the Renewal Trust, as Council representative on the Renewal Trust he would consider this to be a significant enough interest to withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item.

Councillor Thulani Molife informed the Committee that he was Chair of 'Ecoworks' and Councillor Rosemary Healy informed the Committee that she was a board member of 'Ecoworks', neither considered their interest to be significant enough to leave the room during consideration of the agenda item 'Streamlining Investment to The Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS):Update On Applications for Area Grants'.

37 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 12 February 2013 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

38 STREAMLINING INVESTMENT TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS): UPDATE ON APPLICATIONS FOR AREA GRANTS

Further to the declarations of interests as detailed in minute 36 above, during the delivery of this item and presentation of the Grant Panel's recommendation, it became apparent to Councillor Dave Liversidge that he should declare an interest which he felt was significant enough for him to withdraw from the meeting for consideration of the following item.

Further to minute 33 dated 12 February 2013, Mrs Irene Andrews presented the report and briefly outlined the background and benefits of a simplified grant funding structure which was to replace the current funding arrangements which involved between 40 and 50 individual contracts, to a system where the City Council had contracts with potentially only 8 Lead Organisations.

For each Area in the City, there was to be a Lead Organisation which was to develop a relationship with the City Council and Area Committee, and be responsible for ensuring that all outcomes identified for their Area, were delivered.

It was noted that, of the £31.1 million investment in the Voluntary and Community Sector this year, £1.79 million had been directed to Area based funding across the City.

The Area Grants Panel, had recommended that the Renewal Trust be appointed the Lead Organisation for Area Committee East. The Committee were then asked to comment on this recommendation.

Councillors requested further information regarding the 14 initial applications for Lead Organisation.

It was noted that Mapperley Ward Councillors were to send a letter to the commissioners and to members of the Executive Board Commissioning Sub Committee, raising issues, the details of which were not disclosed at the meeting.

In response to community representatives' questions as to what sort of relationship the Lead Organisation would have with the Area Committee and how the organisation would be monitored, Mrs Andrews said that there was an expectation that the Lead Organisation would build a relationship with the Area Committee and report to it on a regular basis, the time scale of which could be suggested by each Area Committee. At this point, Mrs Andrews could not confirm if reporting to the Area Committee, including the report of Quality and Commissioning, had been specifically detailed in the contract, but the Committee could request that it be included.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the progress made on Phase One of Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector, be noted;**
- (2) that Mrs Andrews forward the following requests from the Committee, to the Quality and Commissioning Team, for specific consideration with regard to inclusion in the Lead Organisation contract:**
 - (a) a requirement to report to Area Committee East on a six monthly basis, with local level feedback provided at more regular intervals;**
 - (b) that, as proposed in the report, the quarterly monitoring reports be submitted to the Area Committee;**
- (3) that, Mrs Andrews inform Ward Councillors of which organisations had applied for the role of Lead Organisation for the Area;**
- (4) that, following the decision of the Executive Board Commissioning Sub Committee, the Quality and Commissioning Team:**
 - (a) inform Ward Councillors of the membership of the consortium;**
 - (b) submit a report to the May 2013 meeting, updating the Committee on the progress and activity of the Lead Organisation, and include:**

- (i) details of the contractual requirements of the Lead Organisation to engage and report to the Area Committee;**
- (ii) details of the consortium membership.**

39 FUTURE MEETING DATES

Contrary to the date listed on the agenda, it was now proposed that the Committee meet on 21 May 2013, and not 14 May 2013.

RESOLVED that the following proposed future meeting dates be noted:

2013

**21 May
30 July
12 November**

2014

11 February