

**BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE 11 SEPTEMBER 2013**

Title of paper:	<b>WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS – QUARTER 1 2013/14</b>	
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<b>Relevant Council Plan theme(s):</b>		
<b>World Class Nottingham</b>		✓
<b>Work in Nottingham</b>		✓
<b>Safer Nottingham</b>		✓
<b>Neighbourhood Nottingham</b>		✓
<b>Family Nottingham</b>		✓
<b>Healthy Nottingham</b>		✓
<b>Leading Nottingham</b>		
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):</b>		
<p>The ward performance reports provide updates on key issues and themes which link back to local priorities and the strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020. The reports provide summary updates on the following key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ward priorities</li> <li>• Community engagement</li> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Safer theme - Crime and anti social behaviour (ASB)</li> <li>• Neighbourhood theme – Cleansing and Environmental issues</li> <li>• Working theme - Unemployment rates</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Community Protection</li> <li>• Fire</li> <li>• Health Theme – local health priorities</li> </ul> <p><b>The following brief summary by the respective Ward NDO highlights the key issues:</b></p> <p><b>Ward: Basford</b>  <b>NDO: Gursharan Singh Nijran</b>  The Basford ward lies just to the north-west of the city. It benefits from excellent transport links with Ring Road passing through ward and also NET line 1 running north-south through it. In all aspects, it is a ward very representative of the city with many key indicators, such</p>		

as ethnicity, health, population density and unemployment being similar to the average values of the city.

### **What are the key successes?**

We have had major successes in reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in the Basford ward. ASB is more than 37% down on the year to June 2013. Compared to the 2010/11 baseline there has been 54% reduction in ASB. Overall crime is down 23% compared to the baseline year, and 4.71% down on last year. These continuing reductions are down to the hard work of our police and community protection partners. At their meeting of 21 June the Old Basford Neighbourhood Watch Association voted to close the organisation. With new methods of communication such as Alert and the reducing crime figures, the group's role had reduced over recent years.

Estate cleanliness and satisfaction rates amongst local citizens are good – the index score down from the same period last year. The recent good weather may account for this slight drop.

Both Basford and Heathfield Community Centres continue to offer a number of services including regular youth club nights. Basford now has something to offer young people on most evenings. The football training at Southwark School on two evenings a week have been a huge success attracting 40 to 50 youngsters per session.

The Highbury Community Based Fitness Gym has become a central point for a large number of young people from Highbury diverting them from the streets and encouraging healthier lifestyles and providing courses for fitness instructors in partnership with Get Active.

### **What are the emerging issues?**

Dog fouling parking issues remain the two main issues for our citizens. Working with our partners, we are making progress in addressing these issues.

Health inequalities also remain a big challenge and more events around this theme will be pursued throughout the summer and in October with two days of action health being the central theme.

Smooth transition of the Area 2 Lead Organisation will be essential to ensure continuity of a large number of the services provided for our citizens particularly through our community centres.

Reducing costs will be an important consideration in our activities. Working with colleagues and partners, we will examine ways of reducing areas requiring maintenance. One such scheme being worked up is on land near Selwyn Close.

### **What events / engagement have happened and what is planned?**

A number of community events are also planned for the summer – Highbury Vale on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of August and Vernon Park on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August.

### **What is the NAT focussing its work on?**

NAT continues to tackle the much improved anti-social behaviour around the priority neighbourhood area, and dog fouling with regular covert operations.

**Ward: Bestwood**  
**NDO: Dale Griffin**

### **What are the key successes?**

Joined-up working continues to be highlighted by partners as one of the key benefits since the launch of the Bestwood NAT in January 2013.

During this quarter there have been a number of successes including:

- The Big Wood School Day of Action – a commitment has been made to hold a further day in March 2014 and to work with the Primary Schools in the area to undertake a similar day of action in June 2014.
- Joined up approaches to improving the appearances of Churchfield Plantation and Leen Valley Areas.
- Good Ofsted results for Henry Whipple and Glade Hill Primary Schools
- Careers events at Big Wood School
- Increase in partnership involvement in PHSE activities (Police, Fire, Community Minister)
- Partners working to develop a local Neighbourhood Transformation Plan
- Launch of the community Bestwood Cycle Centre at William Olds Youth Centre

Crime showed an early rise during the quarter but has stabilised. This is unsurprising as Bestwood has shown year on year reductions and the figures are so small. The rate (per 1000 of the population) of all crime in Bestwood is better than the average rate for the 20 wards. ASB has reduced in comparison to last years figures and is also better than the average rate for the 20 wards.

The Cleanliness Index target of 86 is continuing to be achieved. Fly tipping has shown a significant reduction with a decrease of 27 incidents on the previous year. The NAT will continue to monitor graffiti as this has shown an increase, however no specific pattern or tagging has been identified by officers.

### **What are the emerging issues?**

Unemployment remains to be a priority with Bestwood being ranked 4th out of 20 wards for the highest rates of Job Seekers Allowance claimants. The NAT will continue to promote citywide initiatives within the ward and support and initiatives as directed by the Locality Management Board.

Domestic Violence incidents have increased which has shown as a North Locality Trend. This is being looked at a senior operations level and at the Locality Management Board. NAT will support this smart approach across the North Locality.

### **What events / engagement have happened and what is planned?**

Southglade Park Live held their second event on 25<sup>th</sup> July and attracted hundreds of people.

Bestwood Estate Community Centre consulted local people at this event and at their own

Summer fair to find out what activities local people wanted to see at their centre. This information is being used to shape the centre's development plan.

Leen Valley will similarly be holding a community event on 27<sup>th</sup> July to engage with local people. Bestwood Park Community Centre will be attending the Bestwood Park Church fun afternoon where they will be hoping to recruit volunteers and capture local views.

Partners are launching the Love You Love the Bestwood Campaign on 25<sup>th</sup> July. The aim of this campaign is to celebrate the many successes of local people and investment /improvements into the area over the last few years. This will be an ongoing campaign where partners will encourage the views of local people and hold celebratory events.

### **What is the NAT focussing its work on?**

The NAT will be focussing its attention on the following:

- Local Neighbourhood Transformation Plans – aligning where possible to Area Capital Funds, Nottingham City Homes environmental and s.106
- Development of the Love You Love the Bestwood Area Campaign

### **Recommendation(s):**

1	To note the key information from the Ward Performance Reports for quarter 1, 2013/14.
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## **1 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Neighbourhood Working has been important for a number of years in Nottingham as a means of engaging better with citizens and to drive forward service improvement.
- 1.2 The Nottingham Plan has a goal that ‘public service delivery will be better integrated and appropriately devolved, ensuring more accessible and responsive services for all and giving residents more control over what happens in their neighbourhoods’; the Ward Performance reports help to support this.
- 1.3 The Ward Performance Reports captures work at a local level to support the Nottingham Plan; it is a short summary of key updates on priorities and issues in the ward. More detailed implementation plans sit behind the report such as the Ward Action Plan, Neighbourhood Action Team's Action Log, Crime Drug Partnership (CDP) plans and other partner's implementation plans.
- 1.4 The Ward Performance Reports are co-ordinated by Neighbourhood Development Officers every quarter, with the data analysis undertaken by the CDP.

## **2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 2.1 Ward performance reports provide a descriptive and statistical picture of what is happening at a ward level and invite community representatives to comment, debate, and challenge and identify how they can add value to improve their

neighbourhoods.

- 2.2 Ward performance reports also monitor progress in the wards and act as a catalyst for debate about the key performance issues impacting upon the ward on a quarterly basis.

**3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 None

**4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

- 4.1 None

**5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)**

- 5.1 None

**6 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 6.1 Equality Impact Assessment not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)

**7 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

- 7.1 Neighbourhood Working Framework 2012 CLT report

**8 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

- 8.1 None