

BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE 27 NOVEMBER 2013

Title of paper:	WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS – QUARTER 2 2013/14	
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Relevant Council Plan theme(s):		
World Class Nottingham		✓
Work in Nottingham		✓
Safer Nottingham		✓
Neighbourhood Nottingham		✓
Family Nottingham		✓
Healthy Nottingham		✓
Leading Nottingham		
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
<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"> • Ward priorities • Community engagement • Finance • Safer theme - Crime and anti social behaviour (ASB) • Neighbourhood theme – Cleansing and Environmental issues • Working theme - Unemployment rates • Housing • Community Protection • Fire • Health Theme – local health priorities <p>Locality Board</p> <p>All three Locality boards now have Nottingham City Council Directors as Chairs. Chair for the North Locality is Mark Gannon, Director of Information Technology The focus for all the Locality Boards will be on Crime and for the north, in particular Theft from Shops, Violence including domestic violence, and Criminal Damage. The Locality Board will focus on reducing crime and together with partners will take a</p>		

proactive approach. The board will be reviewing evidence including statistics every month to ensure good progress.

The following brief summary by the respective Ward NDO highlights the key issues:

Ward: Basford

NDO: Gursharan Singh Nijran

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

What are the key successes?

A number of summer events were a huge success with approximately 2,000 people attending the Vernon Park Summer Day. It was a day out for all the family with local residents having the chance to show their talent at singing and dancing.

The estate cleanliness indicator is good at the City target of 86. This is a marked improvement on previous months and reflects the efforts being put on by operatives. Also education carried out in schools is showing some benefits with our very young citizens showing more care for their environment.

ASB is down 15% in the year to September and is at almost 53% below its baseline of 2010/11. Overall crime showed rises over the summer but recent weeks have shown falls with our Police and Community Protection colleagues engaging with the local community to highlight these crimes, especially auto crime which has been the main contributor to the rise in the crime figures.

After a successful summer, the football sessions at Heathfield have come to an end. These were a huge success with up to 50 youngsters attending sessions. We are investigating ways of re-starting these sessions in the new year. The sessions went along well towards resolving issues of ASB around the Southwark School which had been problematic in the summer of 2012.

What are the emerging issues?

Although considerably down on the baseline year figure, there was a 8% increase in overall crime on the year to September, attributed to a big rise in auto crime and burglary over the hot summer months when many windows were left open. Police and Community Protection officers have been engaging with the local community advising on crime prevention measures.

Dog fouling still remains a big issue for our citizens and all our partners are working hard to challenge offenders and educate the community on the effects of dog fouling.

Fly tipping and graffiti have shown significant increases during this period. There have been increasing numbers of fridges being dumped due to the changes in what can be used for scrap metal. Work is being undertaken to target hotspots.

What events / engagement have happened and what is planned?

Engagement with local citizens around Budget Planning has already begun and a Leader Listens event is planned for November. A number of projects with schools are planned including a clean up around Ellis Guilford and health workshops in our community centres and primary schools.

What is the NAT focussing its work on?

NAT is focusing on crime around sheds – this type of crime having seen an increase in recent weeks, and fly tipping. There will also be a focus on achieving four star estates.

Ward: Bestwood
NDO: Dale Griffin

What are the key successes?

During this quarter (July – September) there have been a number of successes including:

- Various community events including Southglade Park Live (25th July) and those led by the Community Centres and local churches.
- Launch of the Love You Love the Bestwood Area campaign.
- Primary Biathlon (24th September) - Southglade Leisure Centre hosted the primary biathlon. 180 year 6 pupils took part in a 25m swim and 300m run.
- Year 7 healthy living day (26th September) – A range of partner agencies were involved with Big Wood's year 7 PSHE day. Hoping to replicate this for all our new year 7s.
- Partners working to develop a local Neighbourhood Transformation Plan
- Strong partnership arrangements between Family Community Team, Right Track and CVS to provide youth provision (involvement of Notts Police Cadets; development of a youth forum; Bait Project; Williams Olds has seen an increase of 30% in attendance and the Summer Programme was well received).
- Area Capital commitment to Beckhampton Road Safety Scheme
- High take up of Right Track Cycle Centre at William Olds Youth Centre
- Cleanliness Index target has either been achieved or slightly off target. Partners of the NAT continue to monitor.

What are the emerging issues?

Crime has seen an increase compared to the same period last year. There are a recorded 542 offences across the ward to date since April 1st. This equates to an increase of 67 offences or a percentage increase of 14%. A large proportion of these incidents relate to domestic violence. Supporting victims and addressing offenders continues to be a key focus of the Police and partner activities. It should be noted Bestwood is still in the top 5 safest places in the City.

Fly tipping has shown a significant increase during this period. There have been increasing numbers of fridges being dumped due to the changes in what can be used for scrap metal.

Work is been undertaken to target hotspots.

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.

What events / engagement have happened and what is planned?

In between July and September there have been a number of community events and meetings as shown in the Bestwood appendix. The community centres are holding a number of themed community events for Halloween and Christmas. Further events include the Bestwood Christmas Lights turn on and ward walks (See appendix B).

What is the NAT focussing its work on?

The NAT will be focussing its attention on the following:

- Reducing crime
- Achieving 4 * estates
- Continuance of Love You Love the Bestwood Area Campaign
- Focussing upon what activity the NAT could do to assist welfare reform
- Supporting local volunteers

Recommendation(s):

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| 1 | To note the key information from the Ward Performance Reports for quarter 2, 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