

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **16 NOVEMBER 2005** at the

Council House from 5.30 pm to 7.15 pm

Councillor Wood (Chair)
Councillor James (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cresswell
Councillor Long
Councillor Markin
Councillor Palmer (minutes 32 to 40 inclusive)
Councillor Unczur (minutes 32 to 37 inclusive)

- indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

Ms G Bainbridge - BelsAtra
Dr Khaliq - Bilborough Medical Centre
Mr S Pepper)
Ms J Shepherd) Nottingham City Homes
Ms H Sudbury)
Ms H Bradley)
Ms J De Gruchy)
Mr C Packham) Nottingham City Primary Care Trust
Mr R Simmons)
Mr S Payne - Nottinghamshire Police Authority

City Council Officers

Ms S Johnson - Lead Officer
Mr M Gregory - City Development
Miss L Wilson - Corporate Services
Ms S Andrews)
Mr S Heathcote)
Ms J Marsden) Leisure and Community Services
Mr L Kimberley)
Ms N Smyth)
Mr R Baker)

Mr K Heathcote)
Ms J King)
Ms C Knight) Neighbourhood Services
Ms J Lewis)
Mr A Mohammed)
Mr N Walker)

Ms I Kakoullis) Social Services
Ms T Newcomb)

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

ACTION

32 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chapman (on other City Council business), Ms H Bell (West Area Local Learning Facilitator), Mr M Bowyer (Broxtowe Partnership Co-ordinator), Mr J Scott (Nottinghamshire Fire Authority) and Mr H White (Leisure and Community Services).

33 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests made.

34 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 September 2005, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair subject to the correct recording of Mr Lee Kimberley's name.

35 URGENT ITEM – CLOSURE OF BILBOROUGH DOCTORS' SURGERY

The Chair of the meeting was of the opinion that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in view of the special circumstances that 1800 patients from the surgery had been transferred to practices outside of the area and the matter should properly be discussed by this committee.

Doctor Khalique reported that the surgery would not re-open. This meant that 1800 patients had had to be transferred to two other doctors 1.7 and 3.5 miles away from the area. He expressed concern that elderly patients would find it difficult to access those surgeries, especially in bad weather. He also informed the committee that another local doctor was due to retire and that it was unsure whether or not his surgery would remain open after he had retired.

The Chair of the committee expressed disappointment that there had been no consultation and that patients had not been given the opportunity to choose an alternative surgery. He suggested that the committee should write to the Primary Care Trust (PCT) regarding the lack of consultation

and request that there should be consultation regarding the future of the other surgery mentioned by Doctor Khalique.

Mr Simmons assured members that the closure of the surgery and the dispersal of patients to surgeries such a distance away from the area was a last resort and that letters were being sent to patients informing them of which surgery they had been transferred to and also that there were alternative surgeries available in Bilborough.

RESOLVED that a letter be sent to the Primary Care Trust regarding the lack of consultation about the closure of the surgery and requesting that there was substantial consultation regarding the future of the other surgery.

Asif Mohammed

36 WEST AREA HEALTH INEQUALITIES REPORT

(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members were informed of the four major health issues in the West Area and the initiatives that were in place to try to address the problems.

RESOLVED that the initiatives in place to combat health inequalities in the West Area be included in the strategic action plan.

37 WEST AREA HEALTH PARTNERSHIP – COMMUNITY HEALTH PROFILE

(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members were informed that any financial support for the Health Profile Working Group would come from the incidental budget.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the work of the Health Profile Working Group in developing the profile, be noted;**
- (2) that financial support be given to the working group towards the production of copies of the profile for distribution.**

38 ACTION ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members welcomed details of recent work carried out within the West Area on domestic violence and the fact that some local schools had expressed an interest in working with the Domestic Violence Forum.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that progress on domestic violence work within the area be monitored by this committee;**

- (3) that the Area Co-ordinator write to local schools that hadn't expressed an interest in working with the Domestic Violence Forum to encourage them to take part.

39 NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING IN THE WEST AREA
(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

RESOLVED that this item be deferred until the January 2006 meeting of this committee.

40 STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – A GUIDE TO COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING
(Report of Services Director – Planning, Transport and Highways)

Members suggested that tenants and residents associations should be consulted on planning applications.

RESOLVED:-

- (1) that it be noted:-
- (a) that the public consultation period for the draft Statement of Community Involvement would be six weeks;
 - (b) that the aim of the Statement of Community Involvement was to provide a framework for effective consultation in the planning process and allowing for greater engagement of the community and stakeholders in decision making;
- (2) that the weekly planning application list be e-mailed to the Chairs of local Tenants' and Residents' Associations.

Richard Baker

41 AREA PERFORMANCE REPORT
(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

RESOLVED

- (1) that it be noted that future reports would include more detailed information on the perceived reasons for differences in performance between areas and current or proposed management actions to make improvements;
- (2) that a small working group be established to help identify problem 'hot spots' and to consider recommendations to service providers regarding possible management action to improve services.

42 AREA ACTION PLANNING 2006-2009
(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members commented that more feedback needed to be given to members of the community after they had been consulted on a proposal, in order to

let them know that their ideas had been taken into consideration.

RESOLVED that the framework for the development of the plans be adopted by members be involved in steering the project.

43 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WEST AREA COMMITTEE AT 18 OCTOBER 2005

(Report of Acting Director of Corporate Services)

RESOLVED that the available uncommitted balance of £72,359.00 be noted.

44 2005/06 FOOTWAY AND CARRIAGEWAY PLANNED MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME

(Report of corporate Director of City Development)

RESOLVED that the report be noted.