

WARDS AFFECTED:
Aspley, Bilborough, Leen Valley.

ITEM No

WEST AREA COMMITTEE
11 JANUARY 2006

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

PRIORITIES FOR WEST AREA ACTION PLAN 2006-09

1 SUMMARY

1.1 This report informs members of the key issues that should be considered as priorities in line with One Nottingham Partnership guidance.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that members agree the following priorities for the *West Area Action Plan 2006-09*:

- Health Deprivation and Disability
 - Teenage Pregnancy
 - Coronary Heart Disease
- Employment, Education and Training
 - Adult Education
 - Long-Term Unemployed
- Pre-16 Education
 - Key Stage 2 Maths
 - Key Stage 2 English
 - GCSE Passes
- Crime and Disorder
 - Burglaries
 - Youth Offending

2.2 A draft plan based on key priorities to be presented to this area committee for approval in March 2006.

3 BACKGROUND

3.1 Members may recall that a report, *Area Action Planning 2006-2009*, was presented to this Area Committee at its meeting on the 16 November 2005. The report outlined the process recommended for the development of a new round of action plans.

3.2 The key focus for the new round of action plans is:

- Stronger local governments
- Stronger local communities
- Services tailored to meet the need of neighbourhoods
- Joined-up service delivery

3.3 A major difference between previous action planning processes and this round of action planning is the requirement that the plans link directly into service and strategic processes of partner organisations.

3.4 The City-Wide Steering Group for Action Planning have requested a *Project Scoping*

Form (Appendix 1) outlining key output measures and timescales for the action planning process from each area.

- 3.5 Each area is expected establish a steering group for action planning whose responsibility will be to share intelligence and statistics to determine priorities for the 2006-09 action plan. A list of steering group members is attached (see Appendix 1, Project Scoping Form Item 4.)
- 3.6 The steering group, as requested by the One Nottingham Partnership, identified the priorities for the action plan based on the *Indices of Deprivation* information provided by the Observatory. Each group has been asked to identify four (maximum six) priorities based on the *Indices of Deprivation* data. Once priorities have been agreed there is an expectation that detailed consultation will be carried out and justification for each priority provided to the One Nottingham Partnership
- 3.7 The steering group have completed the template provided by One Nottingham Partnership (*Evidence for Identification of Area Action Plan Priorities*) – see Appendix 2.
- 3.8 The Broxtowe Partnership Trust have carried out a similar exercise targeting the Broxtowe area of Aspley Ward. See Appendix 3.

4 PROPOSALS

- 4.1 It is proposed that members agree on the priorities identified for the *West Area Action Plan 2006-09*.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The One Nottingham Partnership has agreed to the availability of resources to fund the process of action planning.

6 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The proposals contained in this paper are a means to ensuring that equality of opportunity and equality issues and principles are considered, and adopted in all aspects of the area committee functions. At the recommendation of One Nottingham Partnership, extra efforts will be made to engage with BME communities.

7 STRATEGIC AIMS

- 7.1 This report will contribute towards the following strategic aims:

- Ensuring Local Involvement In Decision Making
- Making Nottingham A Safer City
- Creating A More Attractive Place To Live And Work
- Promoting Education And Lifelong Learning
- Creating Employment Opportunities For Local People
- Improving The Health Of Local People
- Maximising Leisure And Cultural Opportunities

8 BEST VALUE

8.1 Best Value Principles will be considered and adopted and will be achieved through working in partnership with agencies and local communities to provide efficient, effective and economic services.

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

West Area Strategic Steering Group Minutes (DEC 2005)

10 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

10.1 *OCPN Performance Management Data* (The Observatory, March 2005)

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APPENDIX 1

ACTION PLAN PROJECT SCOPING FORM

PROJECT SCOPING FORM

PROJECT TITLE:	West Area Action Planning
PROJECT SPONSOR:	OCPN
PROJECT MANAGER:	Asif Mohammed
TARGET COMPLETION DATE:	End of March 2006

1. REASON FOR UNDERTAKING THE PROJECT

The project will result in the following:

e.g. practical achievements, service improvements, financial benefits

Improvement in local service delivery to meet local needs through the development of 9 Area Action Plans. These will be reflected in Service Plans within the city council as well as those of partners.

The project will achieve the following end outcomes:

End outcome	How it will be measured	Target (if known at this stage)
Stronger local governance achieved by enabling us to fulfil the terms of reference for area committees	To be confirmed	tbc
Stronger local communities, with residents more involved in their communities through their involvement the Area Action planning processes	Satisfaction of local residents with opportunities to influence local services	tbc
Services which are better tailored to meet the needs of neighbourhoods	Satisfaction of local residents with local services	tbc
"Joined up" service delivery to meet the needs of the local community	Satisfaction of local residents with local services	tbc

2. THE MAIN ACTIVITIES THE PROJECT WILL INVOLVE

Task/activity	Start date	End Date
Complete project management scoping exercise and present to service manager	10 Oct 05	10 Oct 05
Agree priorities for West Area Action Plan through the Area Committee	11 Jan 06	11Jan 06

Present action plan process report to the West Area Committee	16 Nov 05	16 Nov 05
Revive the WASP, working closely with key partners and local area-based partnerships	1 Oct 05	15 Nov 05
Present process for action planning to the WASP and gain approval	15 Nov 05	15 Nov 05
Collate all statistical data for each theme/issue in the West Area and use such data to identify gaps	Oct 05	31 Mar 06
Organise an action plan review seminar through the WASP	Jan 06	Feb 06
Organise theme-based seminars to identify gaps in existing action plan for 2004-06	Oct 05	Feb 06
Calculate budget required in devising the West Area Action Plan. Costs to include seminars, consultation and production/dissemination of documents.	31 Oct 05	15 Dec 05
Consult with all service managers expected to respond to priorities identified in the action plan and agree their role in implementing the objectives to be carried out by Corporate Steering Group	Nov 05	Feb 06
Write up draft action plan for 2006-09	Jan 06	tbc
Present draft action plan to WASP for ratification	Feb 06	Mar 06
Present draft action plan for the West Area Committee's approval	15 Mar 06	15 Mar 06
Proof-read action plan and amend as appropriate	15 Mar 06	20 Mar 06
Organise printing of the action plan with appropriate printers	21 Mar 06	25 Mar 06
Identify mailing list and consult with the WASP prior to sending copies of the action plan	26 Mar 06	31 Mar 06
Mail out action plan 2006-09	Apr 06	Apr 06

3. WHEN THE PROJECT WILL BE UNDERTAKEN

The project will run from 01/09/05 to 31/0306.

4. WHAT RESOURCES WILL BE REQUIRED

PROJECT TEAM

Project Team Member	Role
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Asif Mohammed	Project Manager
Richard Baker	Project Administrator
Sarah Andrews	Project Officer and Health lead
Mark Bowyer	Partner (Broxtowe Partnership Trust)
Helen Bradley	Partner (PCT)
Roger Simmons	Partner (PCT)
Insp. Steve Payne	Partner (Police)
Marie Cann-Livingstone	Partner (Aspley Partnership)
Gill Bainbridge	Community Representative
Paula Clarke	Partner (Education)
Jill Wilkinson	Partner (Education)
Alison Day	Partner (Education)
Sue Shaw	Partner (Adult Education)
TBC	Partner (Business)
Simon Hunter	Partner (Parks)
Paul Brown	Partner (StreetScene)
Tracey Newcomb	Partner (Social Services)
Ken Beaumont	Partner (YOT)
Dave Warren	Partner (Youth Services)
Shaun Heathcote	Partner (Sport & Leisure)
Michael Ellis	Partner (Fire Service)
Liz Lawrence	Partner (Age Concern)
Norman Walker	Partner (Community Services)

FINANCIAL & MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS

Does the project manager have all the required financial and material resources to undertake this project? <i>If not, please complete the resource gaps section below</i>	YES
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SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED

Does the proposed project team have all the skills, knowledge and experience to undertake this project? <i>If not, please complete the resource gaps section below</i>	YES
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RESOURCE GAPS

You should clearly state what type of resources you need and what for. For financial gaps, this means what budgets you need for specific activities.

Resource Gap	How it will be met

5. STAKEHOLDER ASSESSMENT

Stakeholder	How is this stakeholder likely to...		How will we engage with this stakeholder
	be affected by the project?	affect the project?	
Broxtowe Partnership Trust	There may be some implications for this partnership in where it's future areas of responsibility will be	They will be an important member in the implementation of this project	Through the West Area Strategic Partnership
Aspley Partnership	The partnership worker is currently funded until March 06...	...hence, not clear as to how this partnership work will continue or impact on the project	Through the West Area Strategic Partnership
West Area Strategic Partnership	These partnerships, which exist in the West Area, will be required to contribute to the process of action planning. In the long term there is an expectation that they will contribute to monitoring the performance of organisations and agencies toward the achievement of the action plan	All area based partnerships will have an important role in the achievement of this project	
West Area Health Partnership			
West Area Local Learning Partnership			
West Area Community Safety Working Group			

6. STATUTORY & CORPORATE REQUIREMENTS

Are there any statutory or corporate requirements the project will have to meet? **NO**

If so, give details

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APPENDIX 2

EVIDENCE FOR IDENTIFICATION OF AREA ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES

Evidence for identification of Area Action Plan Priorities

AREA: West Area (Aspley, Bilborough, Leen Valley)

1	2		3	4	5	6	7	8
DEPRIVATION	RANK	RANK	CONSULTATION	COMMUNITY STRATEGY	NRF TARGET	JUSTIFICATION	PRIORITY	PRIORITY RANK
'Top' 4 issues for your area based on the Indices of Deprivation. (6 max)	Rank in City (Worst SOA in the area)	Rank in Country (Worst SOA in the area)	Consultation/ engagement data that backs up Indices of Deprivation. (If necessary up to 4 specific issues identified through consultation/ engagement – put lower in the table)	Community Strategy Priority which link to issue identified	NRF target/s which link to the issue identified	Justification for choosing priority	4 Priorities for your area (6 max)	(1 is highest, to 4/(max6) lowest)
Income and Employment Deprivation	Income: 1/176 Employment: 9/176	32/32,482 (16 SOAs in worst 10% nationally) 596/32,482 (10 SOAs in worst 10% nationally)	There are a considerable number of families in the West Area that are in receipt of income support and have children receiving free school meals. A number of single parent families will also be an underlying factor in making income deprivation a key priority in the West Area. Whilst many individuals are in employment, it is very likely – based on previous statistical	Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods	Employment - lone parents Employment - lowest / no qualifications Enterprise – VAT registration	Lone parents make up a sizable proportion of the local community and are normally the most difficult group to support in accessing employment opportunities due to inadequate childcare arrangements and basic skills deficiency. Many young people leave school with	Employment - lone parents Employment - lowest / no qualifications Enterprise – VAT registration	1

			information – that many individuals are in receipt of an income considerably below the national average.			no qualifications and therefore have limited employment opportunities. Additionally, many residents in Aspley are discriminated against by employers. There are a number of local people who have vocational skills which can assist them in becoming self-employed and establishing their own businesses.		
Education, Skills and Training	2/176	7/ 32,482 (20 SOAs in worst 10% nationally)	Consultation with local communities, Education Services, the Voluntary Sector and young people clearly make this a major priority. Many young people in the West Area are disenfranchised from mainstream education provision because of its focus on academic success. In previous action plans it was recognised that access to vocational opportunities should be	Choose Nottingham	Percentage of schools KS3 English Level 5 Percentage of schools KS3 Maths Level 5 Percentage of schools KS3 Science Level 5 GCSE	It is vital that improvements in education are achieved at the beginning of young people's transitions to secondary education. Hence, efforts should be made to address barriers to learning at KS3 and, given the evidence available which demonstrates that young people's	Percentage of schools KS3 English Level 5 Percentage of schools KS3 Maths Level 5 Percentage of schools KS3 Science Level 5 GCSE 5+A*-C	2

			increased for young people in the West Area. Hence, we now have the 14-19 curriculum and the possibility of an NHS Academy in the area which will contribute to addressing this deprivation. Recent survey information provided by Connexions shows that approx. 32% of young people leaving William Sharp School are not in employment or any form of training (Education Action Zone).		5+A*-C	performance deteriorates on entering secondary education, every effort should be made to support this difficult transition.		
Crime and Disorder	2/176	15/32,482 (23 SOAs in worst 10% nationally)	Generally, due to the efforts of the police and partnership working, the number of vehicle crimes, burglaries and robberies are decreasing in the West Area. However, given that there is a disproportionately higher percentage of young people in West Area communities, ASB is proportionately higher. The ASB for the West Area demonstrates the need to prioritise this as a key crime issue.	Respect for Nottingham	Overall Crime Rate ASB Young Offenders	The #1 priority for crime and disorder should be ASB and the targeting young offenders given that there are more young people involved in crime living in the West Area compared to the rest of the city.	ASB Young Offenders	3
Health Deprivation and	6/176	243/32,482	Rates of teenage pregnancy and coronary	Active and Healthy	Teenage Pregnancy	There are a number of people	Teenage Pregnancy	4

Disability		(18 SOAs in worst 10% nationally)	heart disease (CHD) are some of the highest in the city. Consultation events organised with health professionals and community representatives have indicated the two issues mentioned to be of major concern for the West Area. The PCT, during a presentation to the Area Committee, also highlighted these issues. Generally, indices of deprivation for the West Area are amongst the highest in the city and therefore ill-health will be one of the outcomes of such rates.	Nottingham	CHD Fire Fatalities Male & Female Life Expectancy	with long-term illness who will have contributed to higher levels of health deprivation. However, there are other indicators such as an increased number of single parent families and regular smokers who will feature in this being a key priority for the West Area.	CHD Fire Fatalities Male & Female Life Expectancy	
Living Environment Deprivation	32/176	3,745/32,482 (No SOAs in worst 10% nationally)	The Indices of Deprivation do not recognise the West Area as being poor in this category, but many local surveys conducted since 2000 show that local people would like better parks, improved street lighting, cleaner streets and less graffiti. Hence, if meeting local people's needs is a key objective then this priority has to be addressed. Local councillors have on	Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods	Percentage satisfied local parks Percentage unacceptable litter	Recent surveys involving young parents conducted by Sure Start identified a need to provide safer parks and play areas for young people. This did not focus just on the physical improvements to the environment but also stressed the importance of supervised parks access. There	Percentage satisfied local parks Percentage unacceptable litter	5

			<p>numerous occasions, through their case studies, had to deal with the issue of vandalism to the living environment.</p>			<p>have been a number of incidents in the West Area involving vandalism to local park facilities such as Broxtowe Country Park and Melbourne Park.</p>		
<p>Barriers to Housing and Services</p>	<p>16/176</p>	<p>6,351/32,482 (No SOAs in worst 10% nationally)</p>	<p>Consultation carried out to identify priorities for the 2004-06 West Area Action Plan identified a need to rebuild temporary housing stock. Many people living in such properties have reported that they were unfit for habitation. Whilst there is no evidence to suggest that there is a link between these properties and poor health, many of the inhabitants have suggested that they have experienced respiratory disorders and depression. It has to be pointed out this is subjective evidence rather than objective information.</p>	<p>Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods</p>	<p>Percentage of non-decent dwellings</p>	<p>Whilst housing stock in the West Area has been modernised and maintained to a decent level, there are still a number of properties such as BISF, Tarrans and Newland housing stock that need to be rebuilt. Originally these properties were built to provide temporary accommodation after the Second World War. A number of properties have been rebuilt but the unavailability of resources means that this is not possible for all properties. The</p>	<p>Percentage of non-decent dwellings</p>	<p>6</p>

						Decent Homes Standards money, subject to Nott'm City Homes being able to secure this, will not address this issue as it is not part of the Quality Standards of improvements to housing that future funding can be used for.		
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APPENDIX 3

EVIDENCE FOR IDENTIFICATION OF AREA ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES (BROXTOWE ESTATE)

Evidence for identification of Area Action Plan Priorities

AREA: Broxtowe Estate

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DEPRIVATION	RANK	RANK	CONSULTATION	COMMUNITY STRATEGY	NRF TARGET	JUSTIFICATION	PRIORITY	PRIORITY RANK
'Top' 4 issues for your area based on the Indices of Deprivation. (6 max)	Rank in City (Worst SOA in the area)	Rank in Country (Worst SOA in the area)	Consultation/engagement data that backs up Indices of Deprivation. (If necessary up to 4 specific issues identified through consultation/ engagement – put lower in the table)	Community Strategy Priority which link to issue identified	NRF target/s which link to the issue identified	Justification for choosing priority	4 Priorities for your area (6 max)	(1 is highest, to 4/(max6) lowest)
Income Deprivation	1	32		Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods	Overall employment rate	Result of no employment/ low paid/ insecure employment. Blunt tool, best fit.	Income Deprivation	1
Education Skills and Training	2	7		Choose Nottingham	Employment – Lowest/No Qualifications	Country rank. Number one will not be affected without attention to this-lifelong learning.	Education Skills and Training	2
Crime and Disorder	3	34		Respect for Nottingham	Overall Crime Rate	Blunt tool, best fit.	Crime and Disorder	3
Children Affected by Income Deprivation	4	86		Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods	Employment – lone parents	Ultimate solution is parental employment. Mid-way measures include parenting support and self-	Children Affected by Income Deprivation	4

						help programmes, after school provision and play.		
Employment Deprivation	9	596		Choose Nottingham	Self Employment Rate	Skills training concentrating on construction and trades should result in increased self-employment.	Employment Deprivation	5
Health Deprivation and Disability	16	649		Active and Healthy Nottingham	Teenage conceptions rate	Blunt tool, best fit. A complex of long term illness and caring issues, but primary statistics relate to teenage conception.	Health Deprivation and Disability	6