

## **CITY OF NOTTINGHAM**

### **WEST AREA COMMITTEE**

#### **MINUTES**

of meeting held on **11 JANUARY 2006** at the

Council House from 5.34 pm to 7.20 pm

Councillor Wood (Chair)  
Councillor James (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor Chapman  
Councillor Cresswell  
Councillor Long  
Councillor Markin  
Councillor Palmer  
Councillor Unczur

- indicates present at meeting

#### **Also in attendance**

Ms J Shepherd - Nottingham City Homes Limited  
Mr M Ellis )  
Mr J Scott ) Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Authority  
Mr S Beebe )  
Mr S Payne ) Nottinghamshire Police Authority

#### **City Council Officers**

Ms S Johnson - Lead Officer  
Miss L Wilson - Corporate Services  
Ms J Wilkinson - Education  
Ms J King )  
Ms N Sellears ) Leisure and Community Services  
Ms N Smyth )  
Ms S Andrews )  
Mr R Baker )  
Mr A Mohammed ) Neighbourhood Services  
Mr N Walker )  
Ms T Newcomb - Social Services

Ms P Wakefield - Programmes and Strategy Group

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

**ACTION**

**45 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's Chapman and Palmer, Mrs G Bainbridge (BelsAtra) and Mr L Kimberley (Leisure and Community Services).

**46 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**47 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 November 2005, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**48 ONE NOTTINGHAM – ONE PLAN: NOTTINGHAM'S DRAFT COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD RENEWAL STRATEGY  
(Report of Deputy Chief Executive)**

Ms Wakefield presented the report to the committee and handed out the summary brochure which would be used for consultation.

Members welcomed the plan and the priorities contained in it. Requests were made for feedback on areas where the questionnaire had been returned and the priorities that the public considered to be highest.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the area committee consider the key priorities of the working draft of One Nottingham - One Plan, in consultation with tenants' and residents' associations in the area, and feedback the results to One Nottingham by 27 January 2006;**
- (2) that information on the areas with the highest return rate of the questionnaire and the priorities that the public felt were most important be reported by One Nottingham to a future meeting of this committee.**

**Asif  
Mohammed**

**Penny  
Wakefield**

**49 AREA PERFORMANCE REPORT**

(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members welcomed the statistics contained in the report but commented that there was a discrepancy between perception of residents and the level of anti-social behaviour incidents that had been recorded.

**ACTION**

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the performance information contained in the appendices to the report be noted;**
- (2) that the report be referred to the Tenants' and Residents' Forum for more detailed consideration of the performance information in order to:-**
  - (a) help identify problem 'hot-spots', and**
  - (b) consider recommendations to services providers regarding possible management action to improve services.**

**Asif  
Mohammed**

**50 PRIORITIES FOR WEST AREA ACTION PLAN 2006-09**

**(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)**

Members commented that housing was a high priority, especially in Bilborough where there was a high number of non-standard housing, and that this should be raised with One Nottingham and included as a priority in the plan.

It was also mentioned that the infant mortality rate in the whole of the City was twice the national average and should be raised with One Nottingham so that they could investigate the issue.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the following priorities be agreed for the West Area Action Plan:-**
  - (a) Income and Employment Deprivation**
    - Employment – lone parents**
    - Employment – lowest / no qualifications**
    - Enterprise – VAT registration**
  - (b) Education, Skills and Training**
    - Percentage of schools KS3 English Level 5**
    - Percentage of schools KS3 Maths Level 5**
    - Percentage of schools KS3 Science Level 5**
    - GCSEs 5+ A\*-C**
  - (c) Crime and Disorder**
    - Anti-social Behaviour**
    - Young Offenders**
  - (d) Health Deprivation and Disability**
    - Teenage Pregnancies**
    - Coronary Heart Disease**

**ACTION**

- Fire Fatalities
- Male and Female Life Expectancy / all ages

- (e) Living Environment and Deprivation
  - Percentage satisfied with local parks
  - Percentage unacceptable litter

- (f) Barriers to Housing and Services
  - Percentage of non-decent dwellings

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| (2) | that a letter be written to One Nottingham outlining the reasons why housing should be included as a priority for the West Area;                         | Asif<br>Mohammed |
| (3) | that the number of non-standard houses and the increase in infant mortality rate be referred to One Nottingham for investigation and action;             | Asif<br>Mohammed |
| (4) | that, subject to agreement of dates with One Nottingham, a draft plan based on key priorities be submitted to this committee for approval in March 2006. | Asif<br>Mohammed |

**51 WEST AREA COMMUNITY SAFETY ACTION PLAN**  
(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members welcomed the plan and asked that it be submitted to the Tenants' and Residents' Associations in the area for comment.

**RESOLVED**

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| (1) | that the report be submitted to Tenant's and Residents' Associations in the area to comment on the contents of the Community Safety Action Plan;             | Asif<br>Mohammed |
| (2) | that, subject to completion of consultation with local communities, the Community Safety Action Plan be incorporated into the West Area Action Plan 2006-09. | Asif<br>Mohammed |

**52 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION ON THE WEST AREA COMMITTEE**  
(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

**RESOLVED** that representation of three Tenants' and Residents' Association Chairs from each ward be agreed, except in the case of Leen Valley Ward, where a representative who was not an association Chair would be acceptable.

**ACTION**

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

Members commented that more performance information was needed to provide evidence of where more resources were required.

The role of the committee in monitoring the initiative and ensuring it's accountability to local people needed to be defined.

The committee look at ways of supporting actions which would arise from local area groups.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report be noted;
- (2) that a meeting be held between the Lead Officer, Area Co-ordinator, Senior Community Officer and the Police in order to define the role of the committee in monitoring the initiative and ensuring it's accountability to local people.

**Sallyanne  
Johnson/  
Asif  
Mohammed/  
Norman  
Walker/  
Steve Payne**

**54 ASPLEY LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM**  
(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members commented that the library also served the Basford and Leen Valley Wards and they should also be asked to contribute.

**RESOLVED that £2,790 be allocated from the Aspley Ward budget to enable a community room to be established at Aspley Library and Leen Valley and Basford wards be approached for contributions.**

**Asif  
Mohammed**