

## **REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE, ONE NOTTINGHAM**

### **NRF COMMISSIONING FRAMEWORK PROPOSALS**

#### **1 SUMMARY**

This report outlines the processes for determining the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) programme for 2006/07 and 2007/08. Area Chairs have previously received a verbal report (Area Chairs Panel on 18 May 2006) regarding the move towards a new approach to commissioning.

#### **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that each Area Committee:

- (i) Note proposals and timescales for the next stages of the development of the NRF programme as contained in this report.
- (ii) Note the alignment and linkages between Local Community Plans and the Floor Target Action Plans and use of NRF.
- (iii) Request from One Nottingham a further report on the proposed programme for 2006-2008, including an area assessment of activity.
- (iv) Comment on appropriate and effective ways of ensuring the involvement of Area Committees in the NRF Commissioning process.

#### **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) is a key programme in the Government's National Strategy for Neighbourhood Renewal to tackle disadvantage in the most deprived neighbourhoods in the country. Nottingham is eligible to receive NRF support as it falls within the 50 most deprived districts in England calculated by the 2004 Indices of Deprivation.
- 3.2 Currently 10% of the 2006/07 programme is being withheld by Government pending approval of sufficiently robust Floor Target Action Plans. The 2007/08 allocation is subject to the achievement of an amber/green rating of the Local Strategic Partnership (One Nottingham) by Government in this year's performance assessment. A decision on the Floor Target Action Plans is expected by the end of June and our performance assessment will be submitted to Government by 7 July 2006.
- 3.3 Between December 2005 and March 2006 the One Nottingham Board approved an extension of funding for some projects for the first six months of 2006/07. This has resulted in almost £7 million of funds being committed from an allocation of £12.8 million for 2006/07.

- 3.4 One Nottingham (in conjunction with theme partnerships) has been leading the work in developing Floor Target Action Plans to focus the NRF specifically to deliver 'added value' in the most deprived Super Output Areas (small 'neighbourhoods' as defined by statistics). This work has been required by the Neighborhood Renewal Unit, the 'sponsor' for NRF monies delivering National Floor Targets (Education, Health, Crime, Employment and Housing).
- 3.5 The Government clearly expects One Nottingham to deliver a programme which is strategic, well focused and designed to ensure the most effective targeting of resources on priority communities and neighbourhoods, as identified in the Floor Target Action Plans and Local Area Agreement.
- 3.6 The Floor Target Action Plans specify the type of activity required to deliver real outcomes for local people. They were produced following the development of a strong evidence base and analysis by partners of the scale of the challenges facing Nottingham in closing the gap in the key areas identified earlier (Education, Health, Crime, Employment and Housing). They have been endorsed by the One Nottingham Board and the City Council.
- 3.7 In parallel with the development of the Floor Target Action Plans, One Nottingham has been working closely with the City Council to identify the degree of alignment between the Floor Target Action Plans and the priorities identified in the Local Community Plans. This process is designed to provide all partners with confidence that the strategic investment plans of One Nottingham are meeting local priorities and aspirations. It also provides the basis for engaging local Area Committees in the commissioning of activity to be delivered in their areas, and subsequently monitoring performance and impact.
- 3.8 A report will be presented to One Nottingham Board on 23 June regarding the NRF programme for 2006/07 and 2007/08. This will set out a 2-phase process:
- 1 **Phase 1** – Determination of activity to be funded for the second half of 2006/07. This will provide clarity to those projects that are awaiting a decision on funding beyond the end of September 2006. Only projects and activity that meet the requirements of the Floor Target Action Plans and Local Area Agreement will be supported by NRF. Many of these projects will also be supporting the priorities identified in the Local Community Plans as the alignment work has shown. Those projects no longer supported will be given advice and help to determine their exit strategy. This work will be carried out between June and September 2006.
  - 2 **Phase 2** – In October 2006, the Partnership will consider the balance of the programme for 2007/08. One Nottingham will then have the benefit of completed and approved Local Community Plans and be able to consider the extent to which NRF can be used to support additional or complementary activities that have been prioritised locally.
- 3.9 One Nottingham Board is faced with a considerable challenge, in reducing a programme of over 400 projects to a manageable size and ensuring that robust performance management arrangements are in place.

- 3.10 Activity that is approved by the Board will be subject to a commissioning process before activity can commence. This process has been outlined in a previous report to presented to the City Council. It is designed to ensure that projects are delivered in an effective manner, secure value for money and promote equity. Following approval, service specifications will be developed by multi-sector groups including a representative providing an Area perspective, to ensure that service design reflects local circumstances and needs.
- 3.11 One Nottingham will also provide each Area Committee with a summary of proposed NRF supported activity in their area and how that activity aligns with their priorities, as identified in their Local Community Plan. An early assessment of the linkages between plans is attached at Appendix A.

#### **4 PROPOSALS**

- 4.1 This report has been circulated primarily to up-date Area Committees on an emerging process. Area Committees are being asked to note the proposals and timescales for the next stages. One Nottingham will provide a further up-date to Area Chairs at the Area Chairs Panel on 13 July following the decisions taken by One Nottingham Board on 23 June 2006.
- 4.2 It is proposed that Area Committees comment on appropriate and effective ways of ensuring their involvement in the NRF Commissioning process.

#### **5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The full financial implications of the NRF programme will be contained in a report that will be presented to the One Nottingham Board on 23 June and subsequently to Executive Board in July. Further information will be provided to Area Chairs at the Area Chairs Panel on 13 July 2006.

#### **6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None specifically relating to this report.

#### **7 OBSERVATIONS OF OTHER OFFICERS**

None specifically relating to this report.

#### **8 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

The Floor Target Action Plans are required to address inequality in the city and specifically to target actions at the most disadvantaged groups and neighbourhoods. The plans contain a specific analysis in relation to BME groups and all plans have undergone an Equalities Impact Assessment.

#### **9 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information**

None

**10 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

None

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## Appendix A: Floor Target Action Plan Summary of Priorities

### Health Deprivation and Disability:

Local Objectives	Priority Neighbourhoods	Priority Groups / Communities of Interest
<p>Reducing deaths due to Cardio Vascular Disease (CVD)</p> <p>Increasing physical activity of adults</p> <p>Reducing smoking</p> <p>Increasing intake of fruit and vegetables</p> <p>Reducing infant mortality</p>	<p>The 20% Super Output Areas (SOA) with the worst CVD standard mortality rate (SMR) under 75:</p> <p>Arboretum (4 SOAs), Basford (2 SOAs), Berridge (3 SOAs), Dales (2 SOAs), Mapperley (1 SOA), Radford &amp; Park (4 SOAs), St Anns (3 SOAs), Aspley (4 SOAs), Bestwood (2 SOAs), Bilborough (6 SOAs), Bulwell (4 SOAs) Clifton North (1 SOA)</p>	<p>Priority groups that live within the target neighbourhoods:</p> <p>Adult (in particular men) aged 40 or over</p> <p>Adults at high risk or living with CVD</p> <p>Minority ethnic groups (Pakistani, African Caribbean &amp; Indian)</p>

### Crime:

Local Objectives	Priority Neighbourhoods	Priority Groups / Communities of Interest
<p>Reduce crime with a focus on the 4 biggest crime types (criminal damage, theft from a vehicle, wounding and burglary)</p> <p>Reduce crime and re-offending through interventions with offenders and by preventing young people becoming engaged in crime</p> <p>Reduce drug related offending, particularly as it relates to volume, serious and organised crime</p> <p>Empower communities to inform partnership activity and take direct action to reduce crime</p>	<p>Wards - Bridge, St Anns, Arboretum, Bulwell, Radford and Park, Dunkirk and Lenton, Aspley</p> <p>Neighbourhoods (based on police beats) – Aspley, Broxtowe, Meadows, Bulwell, Bestwood</p>	<p>BME communities, students, priority and prolific offenders</p>

### Employment Deprivation:

Local Objectives	Priority Neighbourhoods	Priority Groups / Communities of Interest
Reduce incapacity benefit and income support dependency Improve basic skills & employability  Enhance confidence & aspirations amongst the most deprived communities	Aspley, Arboretum, Bestwood, Bridge, Bulwell, St Anns, Dales, Bilborough & Basford (DWP priority wards)	Lone Parents, Minority Ethnic Groups (Pakistani, African Caribbean)

### Education, Skills and Training:

Local Objectives	Priority Neighbourhoods	Priority Groups / Communities of Interest
<p>Education:</p> <p>Improve achievement of pupils from black and minority ethnic communities</p> <p>Improve achievement at ages 14-19 for young people who are likely to become disengaged from schools, not continue into education, employment or training at ages 16-17 or not to achieve qualifications at level 2 by age 19 (equivalent 5 A*-C at GCSE)</p>	<p>For work on 14-19 achievement - the following neighbourhoods are known to have low GCSE achievement:</p> <p>Aspley, Bilborough, Bulwell, Bestwood parts of Arboretum/St Anns/Radford and Park wards</p>	<p>For BME work - 'City Black' pupils<sup>1</sup>, Pakistani &amp; Bangladeshi pupils, &amp; 'new arrivals' who need English language support (Measured at Key Stage 3)</p> <p>For work on 14-19 achievement: Children Looked After Young People with Disabilities African Caribbean Boys Dual Heritage Pupils Teenage Parents Young Offenders who are supervised by the Youth Offending Team</p>
<p>Teenage Pregnancy:</p> <p>Reduce the number and rate under 18 years of teenage conceptions in Nottingham City</p>	<p>Reduce the number of teenage conceptions in Nottingham's five hotspot wards: Aspley, Bulwell, Bilborough, St Anns and Bestwood wards – these wards have the highest numbers and rates of teenage conception</p>	<p>White European, African Caribbean/White, African Caribbean</p> <p>Children and young people in care and leaving care, young people with low educational attainment, young people involved in offending behaviour, young people with poor mental health/low self esteem/aspirations, teenage parents.</p>

<sup>1</sup> The definition of 'City Black' as defined by Children's services is: Black Caribbean, Black African, Other Black Heritage, Dual Heritage Caribbean/white, African/white

**Barriers to Housing and Services:**

Local Objectives	Priority Neighbourhoods	Priority Groups / Communities of Interest
<p>Develop capacity and service delivery of Nottingham City Homes (NCH) to achieve a minimum 2 * inspection rating and access ODPM resources for decent homes investment</p> <p>Synchronised approach to decent homes investment by City Council, NCH and registered social landlords</p> <p>Establish an effective multi agency response to private sector housing conditions</p> <p>Develop an effective housing partnership</p>	<p>Aspley, Arboretum, Bestwood, Bulwell, Bridge, St Anns (TBC)</p> <p>(6 of the 7 most disadvantaged wards in Nottingham – IMD data)</p>	<p>Vulnerable households in non decent private sector housing including families with children</p>

**Cleaner and Greener (Liveability):**

Local Objectives	Priority Neighbourhoods	Priority Groups / Communities of Interest
<p>Reduce litter &amp; detritus</p> <p>Reduce fly tipping</p> <p>Improve customer satisfaction with parks and open spaces</p>	<p>St Anns, Aspley, Bulwell, Arboretum, Bestwood, Bilborough wards (6 most disadvantaged wards in Nottingham, (IMD data))</p> <p>Will also aim to increase satisfaction with cleanliness in Dunkirk &amp; Lenton &amp; Bridge wards as these have particular problems</p>	<p>Increase satisfaction with cleanliness amongst BME Communities</p> <p>Increase satisfaction with parks and open spaces amongst women &amp; unemployed people</p>