

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **26 JULY 2006** at the

Council House from 5.32 pm to 6.55 pm

Councillor Wood (Chair)
Councillor James (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chapman (minutes 17 to 22 inclusive)
Councillor Cresswell
Councillor Long
Councillor Markin
Councillor Palmer
Councillor Unczur

indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

Mrs G Bainbridge - BelsAtra
Mr M Bowyer - Broxtowe Partnership Trust
Mr S Pepper) Nottingham City Homes Limited
Ms J Shepherd)
Mr J Hose - SMART

City Council Officers

Ms K Shaw - City Development
Miss L Wilson - Corporate Services
Ms N Smyth - Leisure and Community Services
Ms S Andrews)
Ms J Fullerton) Neighbourhood Services
Mr I Gardner)
Mr A Mohammed)

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

17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chapman, Councillor Palmer, Ms S Johnson (Adult Services, Housing and Health) and Mr S Payne (Nottinghamshire Police Authority).

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Wood declared a personal interest in minute 22 as a Strategic Board Member of Nottingham City Homes Limited, insofar as the item related to the performance of Nottingham City Homes Limited.

19 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 May 2006, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

The Chair informed the committee that the Area Action Plan would be sent to members and Tenants' and Residents' Associations for their consideration and included on the agenda for the next meeting.

20 SUBMISSION DRAFT STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT – COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN PLANNING
(Report of Lead Services Director, City Development)

RESOLVED

- (1) that it be noted that the public consultation period for the Submission Draft Statement of Community Involvement would be for six weeks commencing in August;**
- (2) that members submit comments on the content of the Statement to the Corporate Director of City Development within the period.**

21 WEST AREA COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN
(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Members made the following comments:-

- service areas should take responsibility for aspects of the plan that were within their remit and take the Community Safety Plan into account when setting budgets, etc;
- the number of objectives within the plan was a concern as there was no definite order in which they would be tackled. Two or three issues with the greatest impact should be prioritised;

ACTION

- whilst there was an acknowledgment local communities were able to participate in identifying priorities for the plan there were some concerns about the lack of involvement when identifying solutions and establishing responses to priorities;
- it was difficult to measure the outcomes of some projects; it was imperative to ensure that issues were not duplicated in the Local Area Agreement.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Community Safety Action Plan be adopted and distributed to all service departments; **Asif Mohammed**
- (2) that any future funding allocated to community safety in the West Area via service departments should demonstrate an alignment with the plan.

22 AREA PERFORMANCE REPORT

(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

RESOLVED

- (1) that the information be noted;
- (2) that the report be submitted to the Tenants' and Residents' Forum and the author of the report be invited to attend that body for questioning. **Asif Mohammed**

23 NRF COMMISSIONING FRAMEWORK PROPOSALS

(Report of Chief Executive, One Nottingham)

The following comments were made:-

- it was unclear whether performance had improved with support from area committees so it needed to be robustly monitored to demonstrate that area committee support was having a positive influence;
- it was important to influence mainstream funding as other funding sources would not always be available. Service departments would have to consider supporting projects if there was evidence that they had made a positive impact in the area;
- there was concern that some projects had not been notified as to whether or not they had been successful in securing future funding.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;

ACTION

- (2) that One Nottingham be requested to give adequate notice to those whose funding would cease and that a list of projects not receiving future funding and explanations as to why be circulated to local members.

Asif
Mohammed

24 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WEST AREA COMMITTEE AT 22 JUNE 2006

(Report of Acting Director of Corporate Services)

RESOLVED

- (1) that the uncommitted balance at 22 June 2006 of £95,989.03 be noted;
- (2) that completed schemes totalling £30,400 and a saving of £5,000 on Aspley and Bells Lane Community Training Centre security improvements be noted;
- (3) that it be noted that £54,000 had been allocated to the committee from the City Council's 2006/07 Revenue Account.