

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **13 SEPTEMBER 2006** at the

Council House from 5.30 pm to 6.06 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 B Serrant - Nottingham City Homes Limited
Mr C Gannon - Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Service
Mr L Rawson) Nottinghamshire Police Authority
Mr S Payne)
Mr J Hose - S.M.A.R.T

City Council Officers

Ms P Clarke) Children's Services
Mr N Lee)
Mr J Lee - City Development
Miss L Wilson - Corporate Services
Ms N Smyth - Leisure and Community Services
Ms S Andrews)
Mr M Hillary) Neighbourhood Services
Ms A Lynch)
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.

ACTION

25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Long and Palmer, Ms G Bainbridge (BelsAtra), Ms H Blackman (Children's Services) and Ms S Johnson (Lead Officer).

26 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

27 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 26 July 2006, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**28 PROPOSAL TO FUND PROVISION OF SKIP SCHEME
(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)**

Members made the following comments:-

- the scheme was beneficial to the area but should be funded through mainstream budgets if it were to continue annually;
- Bilborough and Leen Valley didn't express an interest in running the scheme. However, the scheme should continue to run in Aspley and funding be met from the Aspley Ward budget.

RESOLVED

- (1) that £6,000 be allocated from the Aspley Ward budget to fund the continuation of the scheme in the Aspley area;
- (2) that Neighbourhood Services, Waste Management Section administer the scheme and monitor the budget with Nottingham City Homes identifying appropriate referrals;
- (3) that the criteria for the scheme, detailed at Appendix A, be approved.

**29 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WEST AREA AT 11 AUGUST 2006
(Report of Acting Director of Corporate Services)**

RESOLVED that the available uncommitted balance of £90,989.03 be noted.

**30 OPEN AND GREEN SPACES FRAMEWORK
(Presentation by Jenni French, Open and Green Spaces Strategy Development Co-ordinator)**

In the absence of Ms French this item was withdrawn.

ACTION

31 LOCAL DEMOCRACY WEEK 16-20 OCTOBER 2006

(Report of Acting Director of Corporate Services)

RESOLVED

- (1) that the proposed programme of events and related fringe activities for Local Democracy Week be noted;
- (2) that the Councillor Café for West Area be held on Thursday 19 October 2006 during the market in the Pelican Public House car park from 11.00 am – 3.00 pm.

32 GATING ORDERS TO REDUCE CRIME AND ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

(Report of Lead Services Director, City Development)

Members made the following comments:-

- a major downside to gating-off alleyways, etc was that it may block off the fastest route for emergency services to access a property;
- there was concern about displacement, as past experience had demonstrated, when alley ways were blocked off people usually found an alternative way through.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the resolutions of Executive Board at its meeting on 20 June 2006 be noted;
- (2) that the role of area committees in the gating order process be noted.

33 LOCAL COMMUNITY PLANS – PROGRESS REPORTS

(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

RESOLVED

- (1) that a presentation on the Local Community Plans be made at the next meeting; **Mark Hillary**
- (2) that the proposals and timescales for the next stages of the development of the Local Community Plans be noted.

34 NEIGHBOURHOOD ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION TEAMS

(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;

ACTION

(2) that members' suggestions for suitable locations and projects for the deployment of the teams be reported to the Neighbourhood Manager.

**35 DELEGATION OF SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITIES PILOT
DECISION MAKING TO AREA COMMITTEES**

(Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

RESOLVED that this item be deferred to the next meeting.