

CITY OF NOTTINGHAM

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **15 NOVEMBER 2006** at the

Council House from 5.31 pm to 6.30 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 Lewis - Crime and Drugs Partnership
Ms M Coward) Nottingham City Homes Limited
Ms B Serrant)
Mr S Payne - Nottinghamshire Police
Ms G Coward - Public
Mr J Hose - S.M.A.R.T

City Council Officers

Ms S Johnson - Lead Officer
Mr A Houldsworth - City Development
Ms H Blackman) Children's Services
Mr N Lee)
Miss L Wilson - Corporate Services
Ms J French)
Mr M Harris) Leisure and Community Services
Ms J Knight)
Ms N Smyth)

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

36 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor's Long and Unczur and Mr P Brown (Street Scene, Neighbourhood Services)

37 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

38 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to minute 28 being amended to read 'although Bilborough residents had expressed an interest in the scheme it was felt that it should be funded through mainstream budgets', the minutes of the last meeting held on 13 September 2006, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

39 LOCAL COMMUNITY PLAN 2006-2009

(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Mr Hillary, Neighbourhood Manager, presented members with the following additional information:-

- a Local Community Plan was needed to give a clear understanding of the current position, the challenges ahead and the barriers to progress. It would also give clear vision of the priorities, aims, objectives, key actions, measures and targets;
- statistical analysis and consultation had been undertaken, city-wide themes had been agreed and local visions and objectives had been developed;
- the agreed city-wide objectives were:-
 - to increase the number of economically active people;
 - to reduce overall crime and support neighbourhood policing;
 - to reduce anti-social behaviour;
 - to achieve cleaner public spaces;
 - to increase young people in education, employment and training;
 - to reduce the number of smokers;
 - to increase the number of people who regularly exercised;
 - to increase public influence in decision making;
 - to increase public satisfaction in their living space;

ACTION

- to increase active citizenship;
- the proposed local objectives were:-
 - to improve access to benefits advice and support;
 - to improve access to training and employment advice;
 - to reduce the impact of exclusion and transition for future prospects;
 - to reduce car crime through positive actions and partnership working;
 - to sustain participation in neighbourhood policing after pilot success;
 - to improve three identified strategic and district parks;
 - to reduce teenage conceptions and promote improved sexual health;
 - to provide advice to people at risk of CVD in target neighbourhoods;
 - to transform the physical layout of estates and non-traditional stock;
 - to transform Harvey Hadden site into an accessible community resource;
- the Community Plan would be completed by including actions that service providers had taken responsibility for in previous plans, acknowledging links between actions in service plans and the West Area Action Plan. It was expected that the review stage in 2007-2008 mainstream service services would be challenged to incorporate West Area priorities directly into their service and work plans;
- key actions and measures would be refined by end of November 2006, the refinements would be agreed with the Chair and Vice-Chair through delegated powers in December 2006, the plan would be printed by the end of December 2006 and circulated to partners in January 2007. Copies of the plan would also be circulated at the next area committee meeting.

Members made the following comments:-

- consultation on the plan had been poor, it needed to be taken to Tenants' and Residents' Associations for comment. It wasn't clear what the current position was on the themes, latest baseline data with clear timescales should be used to set improvement measures;
- the plan looked nice but people wouldn't know how it affected them and what it meant. It needed to be clear how each of the ten issues would be dealt with;
- names should be assigned to the responsibility column and links with other strategies/policies should be identified.

ACTION

RESOLVED that comments on the plan be forwarded to the Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services by the end of the month.

40 AREA COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE
(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

RESOLVED that the progress on the development of the revised terms of reference, adopted on 9 June 2004, be noted.

41 AREA CAPTIAL FUND MANAGEMENT
(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

RESOLVED

- (1) that it be noted that the majority of spend this financial year be on footpaths needing reconstruction or resurfacing, as they constituted a potential tripping hazard;**
- (2) that suggestions for schemes, footpaths, street lighting, fencing repairs, environmental improvements and open space, be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Manager for possible inclusion in the programme in future years;**
- (3) that a robust consultation process be initiated in the Autumn to assess requirements from the public and interest groups for future years.**

42 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WEST AREA COMMITTEE AT 19 OCTOBER 2006
(Acting Corporate Services Director)

RESOLVED

- (1) that it be noted that some of the monies remaining in the Bilborough ward allocation be used to support Bilborough Boxing Club's efforts to become an academy as the club was proving to be a success in diverting young people away from anti-social behaviour and crime and it was considered essential that it was supported in increasing its capacity;**
- (2) that the available uncommitted balance at 19 October 2006 of £84,989.03 be noted;**
- (3) that schemes totalling £10,000 which had been completed since the last meeting of this committee on 13 September 2006 be noted.**

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

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Ms French gave a presentation on the development of the new Open and Green Spaces Framework. The issues behind the framework, the stages of its development, the types of green space across the City, and the groups who would be participating in future consultation exercises were outlined.

Members received detailed information on the amount of space allocated to parks and gardens in West Area which represented 109.41 hectares.

Ms French explained that the following key standards were to be used as a future measuring tool:-

- proximity of sites to the population
- quality of the sites
- the number of sites of a particular type in the area

Members made the following comments:-

- many parks within the area had been decommissioned and play equipment had been removed which was disappointing. It was of paramount importance to have parks and open spaces that could be used by the whole community;
- mixed management of open spaces was not appropriate and one particular service area should take responsibility for the sites;
- vandalism occurred in the parks in the area but community involvement would help to preserve parks.

RESOLVED that Ms French be thanked for her presentation.

**44 NATIONAL LOTTERY BIG LOTTERY FUND – CHILDRENS PLAY PROGRAMME PLAY STRATEGY UPDATE
(Services Director, Sport, Leisure and Parks)**

Members commented that money should be distributed based on need but they were pleased that bids could be made for the money. They also commented that it was critical to evaluate the outcomes so that schemes could possibly become mainstream funded.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the requirements and process for developing a play strategy for the City be noted;**
- (2) that local groups be consulted in order to inform the development of the Play Strategy Action Plan.**

ACTION

**45 SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND (SSCF) –
GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE FRAMEWORK**
(Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services)

RESOLVED

- (1) that the contents of the Governance and Finance Framework be noted;**
- (2) that the criteria against which all spend proposals need to be approved be noted;**
- (3) that this committee's role and responsibility as 'Delegated Authority' for the SSCF be noted;**
- (4) that progress on each programme be reported to One Nottingham Board bi-annually.**