

REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

AREA COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

1 SUMMARY

The membership and terms of reference of the Area Committee are set out below.

2 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Area Committee notes its membership and terms of reference as determined by Council.

3 BACKGROUND

At its first meeting in the 2007/08 municipal year, Council appointed the following members to this Area Committee and approved the terms of reference indicated: -

Membership

Labour Group

Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cresswell
Councillor James
Councillor Watson
Councillor Wood

Liberal Democrats Group

Councillor Foster
Councillor Long

Terms of reference

- (a) To approve, ensure the delivery of and monitor neighbourhood action plans and other relevant area plans;
- (b) to lead and co-ordinate regeneration and renewal activity at an area level;
- (c) to undertake and co-ordinate consultation within their areas;
- (d) within budgetary limits, to be empowered to undertake any measures to achieve the following objectives: -
 - (i) the promotion or improvement of the economic well being of their area;
 - (ii) the promotion or improvement of the social well being of their area;
 - (iii) the promotion or improvement of the environmental well being of their area;

- (e) to agree priorities, work programmes and variations in performance standards, including through Neighbourhood Renewal processes, in respect of the following services: -

Footpaths replacement
Street lighting
Patch maintenance
Grounds maintenance on community parks and playgrounds (excluding heritage sites and Bulwell Hall and Bulwell Forest Golf Courses)

- (f) in respect of services in the local area, and if urgent, via a panel of the Chair, Vice-Chair, an opposition member (if there is one) and a community representative, to approve: -

Housing environmental improvements
Highway environmental improvements of a local nature
Minor traffic schemes, diversions and closures under highways and road traffic legislation, of a local nature
Applications for footpath closures on grounds of amenity or development

and to be consulted on proposals for the following services in relation to the local area:-

Licensing applications
Strategic planning applications
Schools re-organisation
Detailed proposals for landscaping, open space provision, park equipment provision and other local enhancements relating to agreements under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and section 278 of the Highways Act 1980;

- (g) to be part of the process for monitoring and scrutinising the performance of local services (provided by the Council and other bodies) and provide feedback and recommendations on their effectiveness to the Executive Board and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, to include: -

Refuse collection
Housing - void properties
Community Safety
Voluntary sector grants – a half yearly report

- (h) to contribute to Best Value Reviews;
- (i) to advise the Executive Board and Overview and Scrutiny Committee on local needs and priorities and on the impact of Council policy on their areas;
- (j) to input local needs and priorities, identified through area working, to the preparation of corporate budgets, policies and strategies;

- (k) to prepare, implement and review local projects in consultation with local communities and secure funding from appropriate sources;
- (l) to build partnerships between other public, private, voluntary and community organisations, local residents' and tenants' associations;
- (m) to suggest and/or approve proposals of local significance to rationalise the City Council's operational property holdings and to be consulted on any proposals to dispose of operational property holdings in their area of more than local significance; a proportion of capital receipts to be retained in accordance with a scheme to be determined by the Executive Board;
- (n) to allocate grants in amounts not exceeding £5000 to community or voluntary organisations for purposes of benefit to the area covered by the committee, within a framework to be approved and reviewed from time to time by the Executive Board;
- (o) to make appointments to outside bodies (where the body relates to the area concerned) as specified by the Executive Board;
- (p) to approve any further matters delegated from time to time by Council or the Executive Board.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

None

7 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

None

8 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

None

9 VALUE FOR MONEY

None

10 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information

None.

11 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

Nottingham City Council Constitution.

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