

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### WEST AREA COMMITTEE

#### MINUTES

of meeting held on 12 SEPTEMBER 2007 at the

Council House from 5.30 pm to 6.25 pm

Councillor Wood	(Chair)
Councillor James	(Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Cresswell	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Long	
Councillor Unczur	
Councillor Watson	

indicates present at meeting

#### Also in attendance

Ms G Bainbridge	-	BelsAtra
Ms J Harris	-	Crime and Drug Partnership
Ms B Serrant	)	Nottingham City Homes Limited
Mr S Pepper	)	
Mr R Ellis	-	Nottinghamshire Fire Authority
Ms L McCarthy	-	Nottinghamshire Police Authority
Mr J Hose	-	S.M.A.R.T

#### City Council Officers

Mr N Lee	-	Children's Services
Ms J Knight	)	Community and Culture
Mr A Mohammed	)	
Mr D Bailey	)	Environment and Regeneration
Ms J Eurge	)	
Mr D Martin	)	
Miss L Wilson	-	Resources

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

**ACTION**

**23 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Cresswell.

**24 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made.

**25 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 25 July 2007, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.**

**26 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WEST AREA COMMITTEE AT 31 JULY 2007**

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Members commented that some of the figures contained in the appendices were incorrect, for example, Aspley and Leen Valley had agreed to contribute £3000 from each ward budget for Parklife events but the money was not showing as having been deducted from the Leen Valley Ward even though the event had taken place.

**RESOLVED that, subject to the Parklife event grants being investigated and deducted from the uncommitted balance if necessary, the available uncommitted balance of £53,524 as at 31 July 2007, be noted.**

**Asif  
Mohammed**

**27 WEST AREA INCIDENTAL BUDGET**

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

**RESOLVED that funding of £5,000 be approved and met by equal contributions from each ward.**

**28 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS FOR ASPLEY**

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Members commented that this would increase community pride in the area but that it was not appropriate for the committee to allocate funding on an annual basis and if the scheme was successful then mainstream funding should be considered.

**RESOLVED that a one-off allocation of £1,650 from the Aspley Ward uncommitted budget for the purchase and erection of lights and a tree be approved.**

**ACTION****29 STRATEGIC REGENERATION FRAMEWORKS AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS**

(Director of Neighbourhood Regeneration)

Derek Martin, Director of Neighbourhood Regeneration, presented members with the following information:-

- the Local Community Plan had five themes:-
  - Choose Nottingham;
  - Respect for Nottingham;
  - Young Nottingham;
  - Active and Healthy Nottingham;
  - Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods;
- the Corporate Plan also had five themes:-
  - Choose Nottingham;
  - Respect for Nottingham;
  - Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods;
  - Supporting Nottingham People;
  - Serving Nottingham Better;
- not all neighbourhoods needed to be transformed as existing investment and neighbourhood management would be sufficient in some. There would be targeted private sector investment and proactive management in some neighbourhoods whilst others would require substantial capital/intensive management;
- there would be an area focused response to transforming neighbourhoods as poverty and deprivation was concentrated. Transformation would be a way of working so that all services were more responsive to the differing needs of neighbourhoods;
- the challenge would be to combine sustainable, transformational regeneration with the delivery of real local benefit to the City's residents and to attract new economically active residents;
- the vision for neighbourhoods needed to follow the economic vision and look at how neighbourhoods needed to be transformed. Any transformation needed to be sustainable and strong political support was required to maintain the vision;
- the key components to transforming neighbourhoods were:-
  - strategic regeneration frameworks;
  - community development;
  - getting young people into good schools;
  - challenge anti-social behaviour and crime;
  - educate parents;
  - understanding of the housing market;
  - good quality environment;
  - quality and choice in the housing offer;
  - quality and modern services;

**ACTION**

- strategic regeneration frameworks each covered one third of the City and would deliver joined up intervention. They would provide clear analysis of the physical, social and environmental conditions and capture all existing and future programmes and strategies;
- they also defined core principles and key objectives for the regeneration effort to respond to and set out long term vision for areas that would enable all stakeholders to understand the sequencing of investment decisions. They were instrumental in bringing public services together to drive up service quality.

**RESOLVED that the following be noted:-**

- (1) **the approval of three Strategic Regeneration Frameworks (SRFs) to pull together existing and emerging strategies to form the cornerstone of the Neighbourhood Transformation agenda;**
- (2) **the approval of the boundary and scope of the North Nottingham SRF as set out in the report.**

**30 LOCAL DEMOCRACY CAMPAIGN 15 – 21 OCTOBER 2007  
(Acting Corporate Director of Resources)**

**RESOLVED**

- (1) **that the proposed programme of events for this year's Local Democracy Campaign be noted;**
- (2) **that the West Area Councillor Café be held at the market at the Pelican Pub on Thursday 18 October with specific times to be arranged.**

**Asif  
Mohammed**

**31 APPOINTMENTS TO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS  
(Acting Corporate Director of Resources)**

**RESOLVED**

- (1) **that Councillor Cresswell be appointed to the Beechdale Community Association Management Committee;**
- (2) **that Councillor Wood be appointed to the Sheila Russell Community Association Management Committee;**
- (3) **that Councillor Watson be appointed to the Vale Community Association Management Committee.**