

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **14 NOVEMBER 2007** at the

Council House from 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm

Councillor Wood	(Chair)
Councillor James	(Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chapman	(minutes 35 to 39 inclusive)
Councillor Cresswell	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Long	
Councillor Unczur	(minutes 35 to 39 inclusive)
Councillor Watson	

indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

Ms G Bainbridge	-	BelsAtra
Ms J Lewis)	Crime and Drug Partnership
Ms C Oliver)	
Mr D Withey	-	Lincoln University
Ms B Serrant)	Nottingham City Homes Limited
Mr S Pepper)	
Ms L McCarthy	-	Nottinghamshire Police Authority

City Council Officers

Mr P Hemphill)	Children's Services
Mr N Lee)	
Mr E Curry)	Community and Culture
Mr A Miller)	
Mr A Mohammed)	
Mr I Vernalls	-	Environment and Regeneration
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.

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32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from John Hose (S.M.A.R.T), Sallyanne Johnson (Lead Officer) and Ann Lynch (Priority Neighbourhood Co-ordinator).

33 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

34 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 12 September 2007, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

35 RIVER LEEN AND DAYBROOK STRATEGIC FLOOD RISK ASSESSMENT

(Director of Planning and Transport Strategy)

Members made the following comments:-

- Bilborough, more specifically Birchover Park, was affected by flooding due to Tottle Brook;
- the number of tenants and residents replacing front gardens with tarmac or concrete caused problems as rain water could not drain into the ground;
- planning permission was often granted for developments on flood plains which could cause issues with flooding and insurance premiums in the future;
- it was imperative that people affected by the strategic flood risk assessment were informed of the possibility of their homes being at risk of flooding.

Mr Vernalls, Team Leader, Projects, Environment and Regeneration, responded as follows:-

- development on the flood plains was not always a negative factor as flooding could be prevented if the development was carefully modelled;
- the Environment Agency was holding flood surgeries in the New Year along the River Leen. Postcards would be sent to the properties affected by the strategic flood risk assessment informing them that they lived on a flood plain and inviting them to the flood surgery.

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RESOLVED that the consultation being undertaken by the Environment Agency and the contents of the report be noted.

36 'BREATHING SPACE' – NEIGHBOURHOOD PRIORITY GREEN SPACE INVESTMENT PLANS

(Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks)

Members made the following comments:-

- the ranking of the priorities was a concern as most tenants and residents felt that community parks were the greatest priority in the West Area. They wanted somewhere with plenty of facilities that was safe for their children to play;
- it was difficult to make a decision on appropriate people to nominate to represent the area on the City Wide Green Space Forum without knowing the terms of reference and remit of the Forum;
- there was a limited amount of money and external funding available so it was necessary to shorten the list of priorities.

Mr Curry, Head of Parks and Open Spaces, Community and Culture responded to minute 11 of the meeting held on 6 June 2007, regarding the legality of spending Section 106 money from Plantation Side on Broxtowe Country Park. It was reported that with that particular application, the Section 106 money from Plantation Side had to be spent on the site but normally it would be possible to spend the money anywhere within the area committee boundary.

RESOLVED

(1) that the following be noted:-

- (a) the progress of 'Breathing Space';**
- (b) the updated Action Plan which incorporated consultation responses;**
- (c) the consultation carried out on the development of the Neighbourhood Priority Green Space Improvement Plans;**
- (d) the ranking of the sites within West Area to be included in the Neighbourhood Priority Green Space Improvement Plans;**

(2) that, subject to a copy of the terms of reference for the City Wide Green Space Forum being submitted to the Chair for consideration, delegated authority be granted to him for identification and nomination of an elected member and a

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member from the voluntary sector to represent the area on the that body.

37 NOTTINGHAM UNIVERSITY SAMWORTH ACADEMY
(Director of the Building Schools for the Future Programme)

Members made the following comments:-

- the proposed building was bland and needed to be more inspiring to attract community group use. It was important to liaise with community groups about the appearance and layout of the new academy;
- staff parking and demolition of the old William Sharp School would cause problems in the area which needed to be identified and addressed prior to work commencing.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

38 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Members commented that they were happy with funding the project this year but, if it was successful, it would require mainstream funding in the future.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that a one-off allocation of £1,677 from the Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley Wards uncommitted balances be approved;**
- (2) **that a report on the savings made as a result of the pilot be submitted to a future meeting of this committee.**

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Linda McCarthy**

39 PROVISION OF SKIP SCHEME 2007/08
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

RESOLVED that £4,000 be allocated from the Aspley ward uncommitted budget to fund this scheme.