

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **16 JANUARY 2008** at the

Council House from 5.30 pm to 6.03 pm

Councillor Wood	(Chair)
Councillor James	(Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chapman	
Councillor Cresswell	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Long	(minutes 40 to 46 inclusive)
Councillor Unczur	
Councillor Watson	

indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

Ms J Wilkinson	-	Keys to Success
Mr S Pepper	-	Nottingham City Homes Limited
Mr J Hose	-	S.M.A.R.T

City Council Officers

Mr N Lee	-	Children's services
Mr A Miller)	Community and Culture
Mr A Mohammed)	
Mr A Houldsworth	-	Environment and Regeneration
Ms K Pocock	-	Performance and Strategy
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

40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chapman (other

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Council business), Councillors Cresswell and Watson, Gill Bainbridge (BelsAtra) and Jane Lewis (Crime and Drug Partnership).

41 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Long declared a personal and prejudicial interest in item 5 (minute 47), Staindale Drive Garages Security Improvements, as the garages backed on to his property, and left the room prior to consideration of this item.

42 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 14 November 2007, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

43 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WEST AREA AT 30 NOVEMBER 2007
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

RESOLVED that the uncommitted balance of £37,874 be noted.

44 PARKS DEVELOPMENT – APPLICATION FOR RELEASE OF SECTION 106 FUNDS TO MATCH FUND IMPROVEMENT WORKS ON OPEN SPACE
(Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks)

Members queried where the £3,450 from works on Harwill Crescent, Aspley was being spent but there was no-one present from Parks Development to resolve the query.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the release of section 106 funds for the development of open space in West Area be approved;**
- (2) that Aspley ward members be informed of where the £3,450 from works on Harwill Crescent was being spent in the area.**

**Eddie Curry/
Asif Mohammed**

45 AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES
(Directors of Neighbourhood Regeneration and Housing)

Members made the following comments:-

- further consultation was needed with Tenants' and Residents' Associations on where the work was required;
- the Area Committee needed to have some input into the environmental works controlled by Nottingham City Homes Limited, as it was crucial that their consultation linked with the committee;

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- even though the utility companies were aware of the work the Council was doing, and the Council had worked with them to establish their work programme, it was still a frequent occurrence for them to carry out work after the Council had resurfaced a pavement. If this was to continue then the utility companies needed to replace the surface to the same standard as the Council.

RESOLVED that the following be noted:-

- (1) **the total spend to 30 November 2007 of £1,684,000;**
- (2) **the funds available for the remainder of the programme of £731,000;**
- (3) **the value of works committed for 2007-08 of £791,000.**

46 REVIEW OF THE PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE – CONSULTATION BY THE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE STANDING PANEL

(Director of Performance and Scrutiny)

The Chair informed the committee that consultation had already begun in the area at a meeting of the Tenants' and Residents' Association Chairs and the Neighbourhood Manager reassured members that further consultation would be carried out by forwarding the questions from the report to Tenants' and Residents' Associations, meeting with school representatives from the area, forwarding the questions to specialist services e.g. Youth Inclusion Project and involving the Education Welfare Officers for the area.

The Chair also informed the committee that it was of paramount importance to involve people in the consultation that were representative of the area e.g. from a deprived background, and a forum would be established to enable this to take place.

Jill Wilkinson, Keys to Success informed members that each school had a school council and would each be electing two representatives to be on the Education in Partnership Council which would discuss key issues in the area. This new group could be utilised for the consultation process.

Members made the following comments:-

- there was a weakness in engagement and dialogue with young people which needed to be improved. Young people were the future and it was important that their needs were being met;
- Leen Valley didn't have many Tenants' and Residents' Associations so another way would have to be devised to consult in the area;

ACTION

- all vulnerable groups needed to be engaged and consulted as they were the ones who didn't voice their opinions. There needed to be real consultation over a very broad spectrum.

RESOLVED that the questions be submitted to Tenants' and Residents' Associations and all other relevant groups within the area for consideration and that a collective response be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Team by the first week in March 2008.

Asif Mohammed

Councillor Long left the room prior to consideration of the next item.

47 STAINDALE DRIVE GARAGES SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

RESOLVED that £500 from the Leen Valley ward uncommitted balance be approved as a contribution towards the cost of installing a high quality metal gate at the garages to the east of 57-59 Staindale Drive.