

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD REGENERATION

STRATEGIC REGENERATION FRAMEWORKS – PROGRESS UPDATE

1 SUMMARY

Members are asked to note the milestones, governance, reporting process and progress made to date for the Strategic Regeneration Framework (SRF) North West Nottingham (Areas 1, 2 and West).

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee note:-

- (a) the key milestones/programme as detailed in Appendix 1;
- (b) governance and reporting process as detailed in Appendix 2;
- (c) progress made to date on SRF North West Nottingham as detailed in section 3.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Executive Board has approved the development of three SRFs, starting with the SRF for North West Nottingham, which is identified with the wards covered by Area Committees 1, 2 and West (Bulwell, Bulwell Forest, Basford, Bestwood, Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley).
- 3.2 SRFs will be produced at the sub city level to provide an integrated, long-term (10-15 year) regeneration strategy. These strategic regeneration frameworks will build on the strengths and stability of many parts of the City, promote the renaissance of the whole of Nottingham and guide public and private investment. The frameworks will involve and engage local communities and key stakeholders within the business sector and the full range of public sector agencies.
- 3.3 Following a competitive tendering process, GVA Grimley was appointed in November 2007 as the consultancy to produce the Strategic Regeneration Framework for North West Nottingham.
- 3.4 The first phase of the SRF comprises producing a clear analysis of conditions in the area. During this phase the consultants have gathered and analysed evidence and held a series of meetings with key officers. Topics covered include the emerging Sustainable Communities Strategy and Local Development Framework, the Growth Point bid, local assets and areas of opportunity, environmental quality, green spaces, leisure and other amenities, the residential offer, employment, education, accessibility and aspiration, investment including the Building Schools for the Future

and Academy programme, primary school reorganisation, neighbourhood management, and local projects (for example Bulwell LIFT).

3.5 Briefing meetings with most ward members were held in December 2007. Further meetings with members took place in February 2008.

3.6 The consultants have produced a draft baseline report. It shows the current position of North West Nottingham and includes a strategic policy review, investment mapping, an assessment of the area in terms of employment and the economy, demography, the housing market, quality of place, transport and accessibility, urban design, the strategic spatial framework and neighbourhood characters, and strategic drivers. The purpose of the baseline is to ensure a comprehensive and robust evidence base upon which to base the SRF vision and strategy for North West Nottingham. An executive summary of the baseline is attached in Appendix 3.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is proposed that these SRFs and Neighbourhood Plans are developed over the next three years in a phased basis. A total of three SRFs will be required to cover for the whole of the City and these will be funded in partnership with English Partnerships.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The SRFs and the Neighbourhood Plans will help to co-ordinate and capture the benefits of new development proposals for the benefit of the local community and secure mixed and balanced communities.

7 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

7.1 A Steering Group and an Officers' Group for SRF North West Nottingham have been established to oversee the development of the framework. These groups comprise key stakeholders including elected Members, Neighbourhood Managers, Council Service Departments, One Nottingham, Greater Nottingham Partnership and English Partnerships.

7.2 A project team of Regeneration and other Corporate Department Officers will support this structure undertaking the day to day development and subsequent implementation of the SRF.

8 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The production of three Strategic Regeneration Frameworks will embody the strategic priority of neighbourhood transformation.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

The work to develop the SRFs and Neighbourhood Plans will be fully compliant with the City Council's Section 17 requirement.

10 VALUE FOR MONEY

Consultants have been engaged from English Partnerships' approved panel of consultants which have already gone through a rigorous selection process including costs and value for money. The development of these SRFs will ensure that the City is well placed to attract funding to deliver the necessary investments and ensure best value from our own corporate investment.

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

None

12 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

Executive Board Report Strategic Regeneration Frameworks and Neighbourhood Plans, 17 June 2007.

West Area Committee Report, Strategic Regeneration Frameworks and Neighbourhood Plans, 12 September 2007.

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Appendix 1: The Key Milestones for SRF North West Nottingham

The key milestones are:

Stage	Consultant's target date	Officer Group	Steering Group	Transforming Neighbourhoods	Executive Board	Area Committee
Baseline report	4/2/08	6/2/08	18/2/08	27/2/08	22/4/08	12/3/08
SRF structure	31/3/08	2/4/08	7/4/08	16/4/08	24/5/08	14/5/08
Draft SRF	2/6/08	4/6/08	9/6/08	18/6/08	22/7/08	16/7/08
Final SRF	4/8/08	6/8/08	11/8/08	20/8/08	23/9/08	10/9/08

Appendix 2: Governance Structure of the SRF North West Nottingham

The SRF governance structure has been established.

A group involving a range of key officers, including Neighbourhood Managers, will meet bi-monthly to review progress, share expertise and knowledge, ensure that the SRF develops in line with service and corporate strategies, programmes and policies, and consider how the implementation of the SRF may modify their areas of work.

A steering group involving senior officers, members and representatives of partners (One Nottingham, Greater Nottingham Partnership, etc.) meets bi-monthly to provide leadership to the SRF project team, review progress and champion the SRF.

Reports will be taken to Area Committees and Executive Board at critical points in the process (see programme in Appendix 1).

Representatives of community groups will have opportunities to engage with the consultants and the Neighbourhood Regeneration Team through regular local meetings to be organised by the Neighbourhood Management Team. The first round of meetings will allow residents to be involved in the development of the vision and setting of priorities (the SRF structure phase).

Appendix 3: Executive Summary of the Draft Baseline for SRF North West Nottingham

This summary will be circulated at the meeting.