

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **12 MARCH 2008** at the

Council House from 5.30 pm to 6.35 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 Lewis	-	Crime and Drugs Partnership
Mr G Amos)	GVA Grimley Limited
Mr A Pollard)	
Ms J Wilkinson	-	Keys to Success
Mr S Pepper)	Nottingham City Homes Limited
Ms S Serrant)	
Mr J Hose	-	S.M.A.R.T

City Council Officers

Ms A Lynch)	Community and Culture
Mr A Mohammed)	
Ms S Campbell)	
Ms J Eurge)	Environment and Regeneration
Ms R Norat)	
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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48 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Unczur and Richard Ellis (Fire and Rescue Service).

49 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

50 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 January 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

51 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WEST AREA COMMITTEE AT 31 JANUARY 2008

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

RESOLVED that the uncommitted balance of £37,374 be noted.

52 BROWNIE GROUPS IN ASPLEY AND LEEN VALLEY – REQUEST FOR FUNDING

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Asif Mohammed, Acting Neighbourhood Manager, introduced the report and requested that members approve the funding for the Brownie Groups to purchase craft and games equipment.

RESOLVED that a one-off allocation of £1500, to support the Brownie Groups purchase necessary equipment, be approved and met from the Aspley and Leen Valley wards uncommitted balance.

53 POSITIVE ACTIVITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE 2008/09 PROGRAMME

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Asif Mohammed, Acting Neighbourhood Manager, introduced the report and informed members that the contribution made the by the Area Committee would be managed by the West Area Neighbourhood Management Team.

Members commented that it would be useful to see the programme of activities planned for the young people.

RESOLVED

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- (1) that a contribution of £6,000, to be met by equal contributions from each ward and managed by the West Area Neighbourhood Management Team, to support the delivery of the Positive Activities for Young People programme 2008/09 be approved;
- (2) that details of the programme of events be circulated to members of this committee.

Asif Mohammed

54 SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITY FUND (SSCF)
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Members commented that the projects were well focussed and were dealing with the right issues. They were innovative and deserving of mainstream funding as they addressed local needs as well as meeting Local Area Agreement targets.

RESOLVED that the current financial position for 2007/08, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, as agreed by the Local Implementation Group and approved by this Committee, be noted.

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

Sioban Campbell, Management Support Officer, Highways Maintenance, introduced the report and requested that members note the information contained within the report and its appendices.

Members queried why recommendation (d) was requesting their approval and they were informed that this was an error and should say note.

Members made the following comments:-

- it would be helpful to have a detailed report on what work had been carried out and what was still pending so that they were well informed when decisions needed to be made on the 2008/09 budget;
- members should have the option of spending part of the budget on hardstandings and were disappointed that they had not been consulted by Nottingham City Homes Limited when they decided to remove this option.

RESOLVED that the following be noted:-

- (1) the total spend of £1.872 million to 31 January 2008;
- (2) that to date 49 footpaths and 41 works to the public realm had been completed;
- (3) that the available funds until the end of March 2009 totalled £661,000;

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- (4) the value of committed works for 2007/08 of £673,000;**
- (5) that 12 footpaths and 17 public realm works were expected to be completed by 31 March 2008.**

**56 STRATEGIC REGENERATION FRAMEWORKS (SRF) –
PROGRESS UPDATE**
(Director of Neighbourhood Regeneration)

Gavin Amos and Anthony Pollard of GVA Grimley Limited presented members with the following information on the SRF for North West Nottingham:-

- the team working on the SRF was multi-disciplinary and combined expertise in spatial planning, regeneration, economic development, urban design and transport planning;
- the role of the SRF was to:-
 - set the future context for sustainable investment and development to guide effective service delivery and to facilitate the effective planning of North West Nottingham;
 - provide a clear, comprehensive framework for future investment decisions achieved through the alignment of existing strategies and programmes;
 - promote the consensus about the long-term strategic objectives, priorities and opportunities across all neighbourhoods;
 - provide an integrated cross-departmental and multi-agency approach to neighbourhood regeneration;
 - demonstrate how North West Nottingham would help achieve the ambitious vision set out in the Sustainable Community Strategy;
- there were three Strategic Regeneration Areas for Nottingham, which included North West (SRA1), East (SRA2) and Southern (SRA3);
- the framework would cover the North West which included Area 1 (Bulwell and Bulwell Forest), Area 2 (Basford and Bestwood) and West Area (Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley);
- the SRF was being developed to encourage private sector investment based upon a coherent vision, a route map to delivery and an understanding of the role and contribution of the public sector. It would work with the Local Development Framework and add value to area based opportunities;

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- key objectives of the SRF included:-
 - producing a radical but deliverable solution;
 - a visionary approach based on physical investment and co-ordinated long term multi-sector, socio-economic interventions;
 - recognising typology of places and settlements;
 - creating 'neighbourhoods of choice';
 - place-shaping;
 - securing 'buy-in' to a deliverable vision for North West Nottingham;
 - working with the community and raising aspirations;
- strategic drivers included:-
 - connecting with economic growth and linking the revival of neighbourhoods to the wider economic opportunities across the City;
 - growth of population including natural change and immigration which a new housing supply would ensure the continuation of;
 - delivering 'neighbourhoods of choice' by overcoming physical and social issues to improve the quality of place and more balanced and sustainable communities;
 - regeneration investment through a co-ordinated programme to ensure capital and revenue investment had an impact;
- western areas had a strong representation in the worst 5% nationally and almost the whole area fell within the worst 30%;
- there were high levels of worklessness which was driven by low incomes and poor skills and low aspirations;
- there was a lack of diversity in the housing stock with monotonous estates and accessibility issues;
- social stigmatisation and poor quality of an area lead to acute patterns of deprivation, poor external perceptions and low educational performance;
- there were high levels of multiple deprivation and the Aspley ward was the most deprived in the study area falling in the top

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5% most deprived nationally;

- there were concentrations of economic activity as over a third of the population in Beechdale were elderly and a quarter of the population in Bilborough suffered from a long-term limiting illness;
- there were concentrations of residents with little or no qualifications;
- there were high levels of crime and anti-social behaviour with Broxtowe Park being a particular issue that needed to be addressed;
- there was poor access to services and employment and the retail provision was poor;
- the area was dominated by social rented housing stock and there was a lack of quality greenspace;
- there was a lack of commercial property stock and local employment opportunities in Aspley coupled with poor employment sites;
- to the east of Leen Valley there were flooding issues;
- a key conclusion was that, given the investment across North West Nottingham, including the West Area historically, and the continuation of deeply entrenched deprivation issues, there was a clear need for a new approach. This approach could include:-
 - redevelopment options;
 - a holistic multi-agency approach;
 - comprehensive regeneration through physical and socio-economic intervention;
- the draft SRF structure defining the broad themes, objectives and vision for the SRF would be completed in April 2008;
- there would be an officer, member and partner conference on 24 April 2008 to establish and agree a vision for the SRF and assist in the development of a preferred conceptual spatial framework;
- the first residents conference would be held on 17 May 2008 to ensure that every resident was given the opportunity to share in the development of the SRF;

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- a final vision and transformational projects would be completed by June 2008 with the full SRF, including implementation plan, being complete by September 2008.

Members made the following comments:-

- one of the most important components was non-standard housing as this had a great impact on the area. Residents needed to be well informed of what was happening;
- once the SRF framework was complete it was important to fully involve the area committee in any consultation;
- the West Area had the highest population of under 18 year olds so it was crucial to engage with young people as they were the future;
- there was a need for communication with all parties involved which would mean regular newsletters and meetings with residents;
- consultation events needed to be carried out in the community to target those that weren't involved in Tenants' and Residents' Associations.

RESOLVED that the following be noted:-

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

57 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the provisional cycle of meetings commencing at 5.30 pm on the following Wednesdays be noted:-

2008

**14 May
16 July
10 September
12 November**

2009

**14 January
11 March**