

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

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

Council House from 5.33 pm to 6.18 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 B Serrant	-	Nottingham City Homes Limited
Mr J Hose	-	S.M.A.R.T

City Council Officers

Mr J Dymond)	
Mr S Edwards)	Community and Culture
Mr A Mohammed)	
Mr J Tilford)	
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

30 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cresswell, David Broughton (Fire and Rescue Service), Alison Thorpe (Strelley Tenants' and Residents' Association) and Clive Thorpe (Area Panel Chair).

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

32 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 10 September 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

33 CHRISTMAS FAYRE

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Asif Mohammed, Area Manager, informed the Committee that £5,000 would provide a Christmas tree with lights and fairground rides. The fayre would be held in a different ward each year and would provide an opportunity to consult with members of the community that would not usually attend events specifically organised for consultation. The Neighbourhood Management Team were developing posters to be displayed around the area and arranging advertising in the Evening Post and Arrow. Tenants' and Residents' Associations were also willing to help promote the event.

Members made the following comments:

- a breakdown showing expenditure was required to enable members to see where the money was being spent. Any promotional material needed to be branded with a Nottingham City Council – West Area Committee logo to ensure local people knew where the funding had come from;
- the event needed to be monitored to ascertain whether it was successful to enable the Area Committee to consider whether it was appropriate to fund the fayre annually;
- involving residents in the process and setting up of the fayre would add to its success as they would feel ownership of the event and it would encourage others to attend.

RESOLVED

- (1) that £5,000 from the Economic and Wellbeing budget be allocated for the West Area Christmas Fayre, to be held on 12 December 2008 at Harvey Hadden Stadium;**
- (2) that a breakdown of costs for the event be provided to members and that promotional material be branded with a Nottingham City Council – West Area Committee logo.**

Asif Mohammed

ACTION**34 CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY SAFETY CAMPAIGN**
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Members commented that, as the number of street robberies had increased, the pack should also contain information on how to keep yourself and your belongings safe whilst out shopping. The pack should be branded with the Nottingham City Council – West Area Committee logo to ensure that local people knew where the funding had come from.

RESOLVED that £5,000 be allocated from the Crime and Anti-social Behaviour budget for the Christmas Community Safety Campaign to supply residents in ‘hot spot’ areas, identified in partnership with Nottinghamshire Police, with a pack containing resources and information, branded with the Nottingham City Council – West Area Committee logo, to prevent burglaries and street robberies.

Asif Mohammed

35 WOLLATON VALE COMMUNITY CENTRE – SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Members commented that this was not the type of application they would usually support, as they expected the responsible department to fund any improvements and maintenance. However, on this occasion the Community Centre Association was contributing 50% of the costs and the Community Centre had been completely funded by the voluntary sector.

RESOLVED that, subject to a Single Gateway application being submitted and approved, £800 be allocated from the Crime and Anti-social Behaviour budget as a contribution towards the upgrading of CCTV at Wollaton Vale Community Centre.

36 ‘PATHFINDER’ PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME FOR 2008/09 AND 2009/10
(Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks and Director of Targeted Services for Children and Young People)

Members made the following comments:

- consideration should have been given to opening a park co-terminus with the opening of Birchover Community Centre in Bilborough;
- West Area had a shortage of parks and there was a need to address the lack of play equipment;
- the delay in developing the Amesbury Circus play area meant that other areas of the development had suffered and been vandalised due to the lack of facilities for young people;
- Area Committees would not be able to fully address the £60,000 shortfall in funding so other funding streams needed to

be investigated.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the proposals for the City as a whole, as detailed in the report, be noted;**
- (2) that the allocation of ‘Pathfinder’ funding on the selected playgrounds within the area for year one (2008/09) and year two (2009/10) be supported;**
- (3) that the use of the ‘Pathfinder spreadsheet’ as a mechanism for identifying future playground investment priorities within each area and Citywide be noted.**

37 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES AREA PANELS – AREA COMMITTEE REPRESENTATION

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Members felt it would be more appropriate for a community representative to represent the Area Committee on the Area Panels, particularly Gill Bainbridge (BelsAtra) or John Hose (S.M.A.R.T), as they attended the Area Committee regularly.

RESOLVED that either Gill Bainbridge or John Hose be nominated to represent the Area Committee on the Nottingham City Homes Area Panels and that, to allow discussion with the two nominees, a decision on this be conveyed to Nottingham City Homes at a later date.

Asif Mohammed

38 LOCAL PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Members commented that the report would have been more relevant if the appendices had been area specific, rather than generic. Concerns were raised regarding the presentation of the information as it was considered that the text in the screen prints were not sufficiently clear.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the proposed structure of the Performance Management Framework for Neighbourhood Management be noted;**
- (2) that the Neighbourhood Management Team take the lead in the implementation and co-ordination of the Performance Management Framework by working with its partners both internally and externally;**
- (3) that the submission of two reports a year by the Neighbourhood Management Team, outlining progress of performance for the area, be approved;**

ACTION

- (4) that the development of training to support the Area Committee in understanding the performance reports, and taking an active role in performance management, be approved.**