

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **14 JANUARY 2009** at the

Council House from 5.30 pm to 6.06 pm

Councillor Wood	(Chair)
Councillor James	(Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chapman	(minutes 42 to 50 inclusive)
Councillor Cresswell	
Councillor Foster	
Councillor Long	
Councillor Unczur	(minutes 43 to 50 inclusive)
Councillor Watson	(minutes 43 to 50 inclusive)

indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

Ms L McCarthy	-	Nottinghamshire Police
Mr J Hose	-	S.M.A.R.T

City Council Officers

Ms J Wilkinson	-	Children's Services
Mr A Crofts)	
Ms C Elmhurst)	Community and Culture
Mr A Mohammed)	
Mr A Houldsworth	-	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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39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cresswell, Gill Bainbridge (BelsAtra) and Jane Lewis (Crime and Drugs Partnership).

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40 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

41 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 12 November 2008, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

42 NOTTINGHAM IN BLOOM NEIGHBOURHOOD INITIATIVES

(Director of Sport, Leisure and Parks)

In addition to the information presented in the report, maps showing the proposed locations of troughs and planters were circulated. The locations were proposals and could be changed but assessments of any new locations would have to be carried out to ascertain if they were suitable. The proposed locations were as follows:

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| Melbourne Road |) | |
| Hollington island |) | troughs |
| Broxtowe Lane central reservation |) | |
| Broxtowe Lane traffic island |) | |
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| Bracebridge Drive shops |) | planters |
| Strelley Road |) | |

Members commented that this was supported by tenants' and residents' associations throughout Aspley and Bilborough but there were no troughs or planters proposed in Leen Valley which needed to be addressed.

RESOLVED

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| (1) that local tenants and residents be consulted on the colour scheme and locations for the Blooming Neighbourhoods campaign; | Asif Mohammed |
| (2) that local neighbourhoods be supported in taking part in the Grass Roots campaign. | Asif Mohammed |

43 FINANCIAL POSITION OF WEST AREA COMMITTEE AT 30 NOVEMBER 2008

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

RESOLVED that the available uncommitted balance of £37,374.00 be noted.

ACTION**44 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM UPDATE AND REQUESTS FOR FUNDING**

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The Area Manager informed members that details of the Community Chest initiative were not included in the report as it was an area wide project and information on all of the applications received had previously been emailed to members. All but one of the applications had been supported.

Members commented that in future they would like to see all of the applications requesting funding before making a final decision. The application which had not received support was from Wollaton Vale Community Centre, as this was for painting and decorating which members felt should be met from their maintenance budget.

The Area Manager reassured members that information on all Community Chest applications would be circulated at an earlier stage in the future.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that the following requests for funding, totalling £8,810.00, be approved:**
 - (a) £1,710.00 as a contribution towards Christmas parties across Aspley on 19, 20 and 22 December 2008 and the intergenerational tea dance on 17 February 2009, met through contributions of £710 from Councillor Chapman's budget, £500 from Councillor James' budget and £500 from Councillor Unczur's budget;**
 - (b) £600.00 to have a number of large boulders placed on Beechdale Mews Park to prevent football being played and causing damage to residential fencing, met from Councillor Foster's budget;**
 - (c) £1000.00 as a contribution towards publicity material for the Local Action Groups covering the three beat areas in Leen Valley, met from Councillor Long's budget;**
 - (d) £5,500.00 to replace trees and resurface the pavement on Robinswood Road, to be met from the Leen Valley Public Realm budget.**

45 AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES 2006-09

(Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Regeneration)

RESOLVED that the following be noted:

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- (1) the total spend of £2.311 million to 31 July 2008, as detailed in Appendix A of the report, at the locations in Appendix B;
- (2) that to date 63 footpaths and 57 works to the public realm had been completed;
- (3) the available funds of £27,000 for the remainder of the programme to the end of March 2009, as detailed in Appendix A to the report;
- (4) the value of works previously approved for 2007/08 of £868,000, as detailed in Appendix A to the report, at the locations in Appendix C;
- (5) that 14 footpaths and 28 works to the public realm were expected to be completed by 31 March 2009.

46 AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES 2009-11

(Director of Housing and Neighbourhood Regeneration)

Members commented that there was no housing capital allocation detailed in the report and the reason for this needed to be investigated with Nottingham City Homes. They needed to be reminded that the funding had to be allocated through the Area Committee and not their Area Forums and that ward members needed to be consulted on proposals.

RESOLVED that the following, as detailed in Appendix A to the report, be noted:

- (1) the overall allocation for West Area of £1,976,000.00;
- (2) the allocation for the Aspley ward of £904,000.00;
- (3) the allocation for the Bilborough ward of £790,000.00;
- (4) the allocation for Leen Valley ward of £282,000.00.

47 LOCAL COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT PLAN 2008-11

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Members welcomed the plan to achieve empowerment opportunities for local communities in the area and commented that it needed to be ensured that local members were involved in the delivery of the plan.

RESOLVED that the Local Community Empowerment Plan 2008-11 be noted.

ACTION**48 SAFER, STRONGER COMMUNITIES FUND - UPDATE**
(Acting Director of Local Communities)**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the schemes delivered in 2006-2008, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the following projects be approved:
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| (a) Broxtowe Country Park maintenance and refurbishment; | £9,000.00 |
| (b) Co-op planters refurbishment and planting scheme; | £5,000.00 |
| (c) contribution towards setting up of Greenfields Childcare and training provision in Broxtowe; | £16,000.00 |
| (d) target hardening scheme | £5,000.00 |
| | Total £35,000.00 |
- (3) that the Area Manager and Chair of the Local Implementation Group be granted authority to allocate underspend and remaining Local Implementation Group budget towards area priorities.

49 STANTON TIP, BULWELL – DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT
(Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director of Resources)**RESOLVED that the following be noted:**

- (1) the contents of the report to be considered by Executive Board on 20 January 2009;
- (2) that a further report, considering the options for future involvement of the City Council in the site, would be taken to Area Committees and Executive Board once remediation and infrastructure works had been completed.