

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **13 MAY 2009** at the

Council House from 5.34 pm to 6.51 pm

- ✓ Councillor Chapman
- Councillor Cresswell
- Councillor Foster
- Councillor James
- ✓ Councillor Long
- Councillor Unczur
- Councillor Watson
- ✓ Councillor Wood

indicates present at meeting

Also in attendance

Ms G Bainbridge	-	BelsAtra
Mr J Hose	-	S.M.A.R.T
Mr N Brown)	Architecture 2B
Mr J Lancaster)	
Ms R Hassett	-	CB Richard Ellis/PZ Cussons
Ms A Olek)	NHS Nottingham City
Mr S Oliver)	
Ms C Caldwell)	What Really Matters (SupportNet Bilborough
Ms A Hayes)	Community Self-Directed Support Project)

City Council Officers

Ms J Wilkinson	-	Keys to Success, EIP)	Children's Services
Mr A Hore	-	Children and Families)	
Ms F Cusick	-	Health Action Officer)	
Ms J Christou	-	Community Centre)	
		Co-ordinator)	Community and Culture
Mr A Miller	-	Beechdale Swimming Centre)	
		Manager)	
Mr A Mohammed	-	Area Manager)	
Mr R Percival	-	Principal Planning Officer	-	Environment and Regeneration
Mr M J Parker	-	Committee Administrator	-	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

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Council Wood be appointed Chair of the Area Committee for the Municipal Year 2009/10.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor James be appointed Vice-Chair of the Area Committee for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Unczur (on the other City Council business), and Mr and Mrs Thorpe.

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

5 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 March 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

**6 WARD MEMBER ALLOCATIONS 2009/10
(Acting Director of Local Communities)**

Consideration was given to the revised report, copies of which were placed round table.

Referring to the original report, members noted that the allocation of individual budgets to Ward members had been revised from the original £10,000 per member to £ 15,000 per member in Aspley, £20,000 per member in Bilborough and £12,000 per member in Leen Valley wards respectively, based on the indices of multiple deprivation and population size. The Area Manager was asked to write separately to elected members to confirm the formula which had been used to arrive at the revised figures.

RESOLVED that the position be noted and the Area Manager be requested to confirm the details of the formula used to arrive at the revised figures.

Asif Mohammed

ACTION**7 NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM UPDATE AND FUNDING REQUESTS**

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Members made the following observations regarding the Action Team updates and requests for financial assistance:-

Seagrave School mining trip: parents should be made aware of the financial support which had been given to the trip by the Area Committee.

Bilborough Library Anniversary: a further award from Councillor Wood's individual member budget could be made in order to enhance the celebrations.

LAG Issue prioritisation: work would continue regarding the prioritisation of issues raised during LAG meetings. The correlation between the quality of the involvement of Neighbourhood Action Officers and the success of the Dog Poo pilot was emphasised.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Neighbourhood Action Team updates, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted;
- (2) that the following funding requests be approved and met from individual Ward Member budgets as indicated:-

<u>Request</u>	<u>Ward Member</u>	<u>Amount</u> £
Arnold Women's football trip	Cresswell	225
	Watson	225
Segrave education mining trip	Chapman	250
	Cresswell	125
	Watson	125
Bilborough library's 50th anniversary celebrations	Wood	2,600
	Cresswell	1,200
	Watson	1,200

8 WEST AREA HEALTH UPDATE

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The report identified issues including higher than average levels of smoking, high obesity levels and restricted diet, lower than average levels of exercise, higher-than average levels of mortality due to circulatory diseases and increased levels of teenage pregnancy as presenting particular challenges, both to the health of local residents and to the ability of health professionals and services to deliver improvements.

ACTION

The report included information about how practice-based commissioning of directly commissioned services by local GPs and the involvement of the Health Action Officer in the delivery of a range of health activities across the area could help reduce inequalities and improve the current position.

Members welcomed the initiatives being taken and the following comments were made during the ensuing discussion:-

- the desire for closer working arrangements in the formulation and implementation of future plans was welcomed and the potential for interaction between local communities and cluster group presented a genuine opportunity and was a positive development;
- despite a review of floor targets, there remained a perceived difficulty in obtaining evidence to support assertions of improvements on health issues during the last five years, the on-going collation of monitoring information on heart disease and pregnancy rates was noted;
- liaison between GPs and other professionals could be improved still further, and if the opportunity could be taken to meet on a six monthly basis, this could be used to assess progress, with further progress reports being submitted for information to the Area Committee;
- the intervention of the PCT and improved use of budgets to avoid waste and duplication were welcomed, but efforts should still be made to assess the value for money element of health provision;
- though a pervasive issue difficulties in the provision of access to NHS dental provision for all local residents was a continuing concern as should be pursued with the Commissioning Manager;
- further information should be provided on proposals to increase health provision in the area;

Anna Olek

Asif Mohammed

RESOLVED that the position be noted and Ms Olek and Mr Oliver be thanked for their attendance and comments

9 SUPPORTNET – BILBOROUGH COMMUNITY SELF-DIRECTED SUPPORT PILOT PROJECT

(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Self-directed support and personal budgets which had been implemented in Bilborough since April 2009, were seen as a radical development in healthcare and the pilot project was a response by the Authority to their introduction and was an attempt to create support for those who were already eligible or may become so in the near future.

ACTION

SupportNet, had been established in the Bilborough to assist the growth of flexible social work support, to provide a range of trustworthy services to adult local residents who required assistance and support and who benefited from self-directed support. The range of services to be provided, with the aim of improving the quality of life for elderly residents, had been developed from issues identified by residents and users during information sessions. Although directed primarily at users, those who with had carers or whose parents were disabled, would also be eligible for assistance.

The project was administered by a multi-agency steering group which already included the PCT, libraries and community representatives and it was also hoped that local residents and businesses could be encouraged to become involved.

Notwithstanding the project's pilot status and relative newness, Members commented on the need for it to have a more structured plan including specific actions and targets and to ensure that the benefits were publicised as widely as possible, including those people who either could not, or did not wish, to attend public meetings.

The intention of the project to operate as a pilot before wider implementation after eighteen months was noted. However, expansion of the model, which was partially funded from Social Care Reform Grant, would be dependent on affordability and, in the short-term at least, would require the Authority to be more creative in its approaches to delivering the service.

RESOLVED that the position be noted.

**10 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ON CUSSONS FACTORY SITE,
WILKINSON STREET – PLANNING CONSULTATION**

Although not required to declare an interest in this matter by the Members' Code of Conduct, as members of the Development Control Committee, Councillor Chapman, Foster and Wood informed the meeting that, in order not to fetter their discretion to determine the matter should it be considered by the Development Control Committee at a future meeting, they intended to treat this item as an information gathering exercise only and would express no view upon it.

Mr Brown, Ms Hassett and Mr Lancaster attended the meeting to present an initial concept for the possible redevelopment of the former Cussons factory site on Wilkinson Street as a residential area and to gain some insight into possible issues prior to a public exhibition to be held on 15/16 May 2009.

ACTION

The meeting noted that the scheme sought to propose a legacy solution for the site, by incorporating retained chimneys. The MasterPlan indicated a total of 257 2,3 and 4 bedroomed family housing with public open spaces. Vehicular provision was regarded as secondary.

The following matters were identified as having the potential to become issues during consideration of any future application:-

- the possibility of the development generating increased traffic on Wilkinson Street, it being noted that this matter would be addressed part of any application's traffic statement ;
- responsibility for the on-going maintenance of public/green spaces, where the relevant City Council department lacked budgetary provision to undertake the work, it being noted that discussions with the Highways division on this matter were continuing and that the issue was likely to be provided for by the terms of a Management Agreement with the developers;
- the site layout and possible internal arrangement of back-to-back terraced housing, where residential amenity may be in danger of being sacrificed on affordability grounds and where currently, bathrooms appeared to enjoy no access to natural light.

RESOLVED that the position be noted.

11 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED that the Area Committee meet at 5.30 pm on the following Wednesdays during the remainder of the current Municipal Year:-

2009

**15 July
16 September
11 November**

2010

**13 January
10 March
12 May (provisional)**