

**WEST AREA COMMITTEE – 16 SEPTEMBER 2009**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Action Team Update and Funding Requests</b>	
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<b>Relevant Council Plan theme(s):</b>		
Choose Nottingham		√
Respect for Nottingham		√
Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods		√
Supporting Nottingham People		√
Serving Nottingham Better		√
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):</b>		
As part of the new Neighbourhood Management way of working, Neighbourhood Action Officers (NAO) and the Health Action Officer (HAO) will submit a report at every Area Committee with an update of work currently being carried out and any issues and concerns raised by members of the community.		
<b>Recommendations:</b>		
1	That the Neighbourhood Action Team updates, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.	
2	That the funding requests be approved and met from the budgets as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.	

**1 BACKGROUND**

See Appendix 1

**2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

The requests for funding contained within Appendix 2 arose from consultation with members, the local community and officers.

### **3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

None

### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

#### **4.1 Aspley:**

Funding of £1000 contribution towards the Bells Lane and Aspley Tenants and Residents Association (Bells Lane Community Centre) Summer Programme:

- £330.00 from Councillors Chapman's budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor Chapman's budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere, currently stands at £4,150.00.
- £330.00 from Councillors Unczur's budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor Unczur's budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere, currently stands at £4,150.00.
- £340.00 form Councillors James' budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor James' budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere, currently stands at £4,150.00.

#### **4.2 Bilborough:**

Funding of £500 for the Beechdale Community Association as a contribution towards refurbishment can be met by £500.00 from Councillor Cresswell's budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor Cresswell's budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,150.00.

Funding of £300 for the Beechdale Community Centre coach trip to Matlock as a contribution towards final costs can be met from Councillors Cresswell's budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor Cresswell's budget , not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda currently stands at £3,150.00

Funding of £60 towards the school education mining project as a contribution towards final costs can be met from Councillors Cresswell's budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor Cresswell's budget, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda currently stands at £3,150.00

Funding of £100 towards 'bloomin Strelley' as a contribution towards the purchase of bulbs and plants can be met from Councillors Cresswell's budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor Cresswell's budget, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda currently stands at £3,150.00

Funding of £800 for the Rose Inn Community Boxing Club safety flooring as a contribution towards final costs can be met from the Crime and ASB budget. The uncommitted balance of Crime and ASB budget , not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda currently stands at £15,000.00

### **5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)**

The projects are reliant on the money from this Committee, without which they can not take place.

**6 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

None

**7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

None

## NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM UPDATE

### **Aspley**

- 1 Ward walks are established and going well in the Aspley ward.
- 2 The Neighbourhood Action Teams (NATs) continue to work towards resolving priorities raised at Local Action Groups (LAGs)
- 3 Aspley's week of action themes of children and young people and engagement and health was a real success with real partnership working achieved across the Aspley Beat.

Information on some of the activities:

- Police, Aspley and Bells Lane Partnership, NAO and HAO served fruit at the Ambleside Primary, Rosslyn Primary and Ellis Guilford School and Sports College sports day engaging with over 1200 children and young people. The Head of Sports at Ambleside primary said "the fruit is a welcomed extra to our sports days and, as the children themselves said, a boost to the performance on the day. It's a fantastic idea as not only does this fit in with schools health agenda (eating 5 a day) but also widens their palette in terms of the different fruits available, some of the children do not eat all of the fruit served at the sports day much at all". The most appreciated comment (from teachers) was that the engagement over the lunch time period and sitting, eating and talking to the children was fabulous;
  - NAO and teachers held a scarecrow and arts competition at Rosslyn Primary and Ambleside Primary with the Lord Mayor and the Aspley and Bells Lane Partnership judging and selecting winners;
  - working with Catch22, youth service and Police we also organised a day in the youth criminal justice system which saw ten targeted young people take a tour of the Bridewell Police Station, visiting the cells and finger print rooms and then a magistrates facilitated session at the community courts;
  - working with the Salvation Army (Aspley Office) we took on a community challenge which saw the open space of Stepney Court transformed into a wonderful planted, seated area (partners included residents of Stepney Court, 8 x local volunteers, BETRA (Broxtowe Estate Tenants and Residents Association), the Salvation Army, Nottingham City Homes, Woodthorpe Grange, Streetscene and Broxtowe Partnership Trust).
- 4 The Greens Car Parking Schemes are now complete. The children from Ambleside Primary and the Horticultural Officer worked really hard planting the 75 shrubs on the Tilbury Rise Green. The children are also looking forward to bulb planting in October 2009.
  - 5 The environmental improvements to the brick planters outside the Co-op on Strelley Road are now complete with the planters restored, cleaned-up and planted. The area looks fantastic, bright and welcoming.

### **Bilborough**

- 1 An NAO for Bilborough will be recruited by the end of September 2009. In the interim period other members of the Area Management Team have ensured continuity in providing support for local communities. Members can contact the Area Manager or

other NAO's with any enquiries.

- 2 A week of action is planned for the 26 October 2009 and activities such as a clean up campaign, health awareness, targeting of known offenders and visits to adventure parks are planned.

The first planning meeting for the Bilborough week of action will be held on the 26 August 2009 at the Bilborough offices.

### **Leen Valley**

- 1 The LAGs continue to set priorities for both the Police and Nottingham City Council to work on, these presently include:

- in the Beechdale Beat, the LAG did not identify one particular issue of concern at its recent meeting. A number of issues raised are currently being looked into; this includes planning issues on Aspley Park Drive, anti-social behaviour at the rear of the shops on Aspley Lane and road safety bollards on Kingsbury Drive;
- in the Ainsley Beat, the LAG identified community safety issues on the Cricketers Estate as a priority. Consultation has begun on the estate which has involved a questionnaire being delivered to all homes. The aim of the questionnaire is to find out what concerns people have about living on the estate. Community safety information was also distributed with the questionnaire. There have also been a number of anti-social behaviour incidents on the allotments at the rear of Grassington Road and as a result, the Police, Fire Safety and Neighbourhood Management along with the Allotments Association are organising a Community Safety event in the Autumn;
- in Hyson Green a LAG has been formed and two meetings have been held. A wide range of issues have been raised and these are currently being investigated as a new Neighbourhood Action Team is set up. Support from Neighbourhood Management was given to a tenants and residents association in the New Whitemoor area to apply for funding from the Home Office – Home Watch Fund. If funding is successful the association will be distributing community safety packs to all houses and flats on the New Whitemoor Estate.

- 2 With regards to the Robert Shaw field, an agreement has been reached between Park Services and Robert Shaw Primary. As such, work has now started on re-developing the playing field and a new pedestrian and vehicular gate has been installed. The school has also agreed to take on regular maintenance of the field and the local Tenants and Residents Association are planning a formal opening of the field in the Autumn.

- 3 The NAO continues to work with the Friends of King George V Park. The group, in partnership with Neighbourhood Management and Parks Services, organised an official opening day of the new equipment. The event held in June 2009 was considered a success and was well attended by lots of local families. Consultation has also nearly finished on the new play area. Tenders will go out play equipment companies in early Autumn and further consultation will then be planned for children and young people to choose the most appealing design. This play equipment will be installed by March 2010.

### **Area wide**

A total of 23 community groups or informal groups of individuals participated in the Nottingham in Bloom, Neighbourhood Awards in the West Area. Judging of all

applicants took place in July 2009, the judges on the whole were extremely impressed with the effort made by groups in the West Area. An awards ceremony has been organised by East Midlands in Bloom. In addition, a local event is being planned for early Autumn, which will look at how we can build on this year's success.

### **Health Action Officer**

- 1 National Families Week – 25 – 30 May 2009.  
The HAO took over the lead co-ordination of West Area activities in support of this national initiative. The week was extremely well supported by agencies and voluntary sector groups within the West Area Children and Young Peoples Partnership and included 'Street Doctor' – health checks in the community, recycling activities, Big Picnic, youth and play activities, churches open access and mega days.
- 2 The HAO was invited to attend the Norcomm GP cluster board meeting on 17 June 2009 to support the Norcomm Practice-based Commissioning Team and to help progress the 'Street Doctor' – health checks in the community initiative. The cluster is very keen to get out into the community and the HAO is supporting NHS Nottingham City to achieve this. The initiative has been put on temporary hold as the flu pandemic is taking a great deal of medical practitioner's time at present.
- 3 Derby Road Medical Centre is being supported in the formation of a steering group made up of local residents who will influence the types of services which the new GP practice to be built in Bilborough will offer. The practice will be built on the site of the old Wollaton Grange Community Centre on Tremayne Road and is to be named Grange Farm Medical Centre. This work is ongoing.
- 4 Melbourne Park Medical Centre, Melbourne Road, Aspley is being supported in forming a steering group made up of local agencies and residents to influence the types of additional services to be offered when the practice is extended. This work is ongoing.
- 5 Bilborough Medical Centre, Bracebridge Drive is also being supported in its community engagement around additional services which will be offered in the extended GP surgery. All available engagement opportunities will be offered to Dr Khalique. This work is ongoing.
- 6 Nostalgia Day – over 50's health event, 30 June 2009  
The traditional over 50's health day was themed this year as it was timed to coincide with Armed Forces Day, hence the 1940s uniformed theme. Over 42 stalls holders, made up of agencies and community groups, were in attendance and various health checks and activities were on offer throughout the day. Unfortunately, the day was held during the hottest spell of weather and, through the media warnings to elderly people to stay indoors, attendance numbers were poor. Those who were in attendance were extremely complimentary about the event and benefited from all manner of advice, information and taster sessions of healthy activities. A full evaluation of the event will take place shortly.
- 7 Aspley weeks of action – 15 - 24 July 2009.  
HAO input into the weeks of action was:  
Street Doctor initiative – young people and sexual health 15 July 2009 at Aspley Lane shops but this was cancelled at the last minute due to unavailability of medical practitioners and agencies due to the hot spot pandemic flu status in Nottingham.  
Street Doctor initiative – men aged 40+ health checks 22 July 2009 at Broxtowe Lane

shops. Practitioners and agencies were all signed up to the day but, because of a breakdown in the booking system for the Infobus, the bus was not available for this day so again, the initiative was cancelled that very morning.

#### NHS Career Road show/Expert Seminar

Both of these should have taken place during the Aspley weeks of action but because of poor buy-in from agencies for the Careers Road Show and participants for the Expert Seminar these were both cancelled. However, on a good note, they are being re-arranged to coincide with the Strelley week of action in October 2009 and we already have a significant number of agencies signed up to support the Careers Road Show. This will be advertised in 450 goody bags which are being handed out to parents who are taking their children on the Butlins trip on 28 August 2009, along with the usual round of advertising.

- 8 The HAO now sits on the Smoke Free Homes Steering Group. The steering group is looking at all aspects of the initiative with a view to relaunching the programme with smarter outcomes. This work is ongoing.
- 9 The HAO is actively working with Aspley Library in putting on a coffee morning during Mental Health Week. This will take place on 6 October 2009 from 10.00am-12.30pm.
- 10 The HAO is supporting and/or co-ordinating the following initiative in West Area:
  - change makers for heart health and cancer. The 2 groups are being supported by giving the volunteers as many opportunities of community engagement as possible with a view to them carrying out their PDSA's (Plan Do Study Act) surveys;
  - Overview and Scrutiny Panel – Dentistry Review. Opportunities for local engagement have been provided for the Overview and Scrutiny Team and elected members to consult about local dentistry provision. This work is ongoing;
  - On the Ball – Notts County Football in the Community. This initiative targets, men aged 18+ and acts as a mental health self-esteem/confidence building course. It commences on 3 November 2009 at YMCA Melbourne Park.

**FUNDING REQUESTS**

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Background</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>	<b>Allocating Budget</b>
Bells Lane and Aspley Tenants and Residents Association (Bells Lane Community Centre) Summer Programme	Aspley	Each year the Bells Lane Tenants and Residents Association provide 48 weeks of after school facilities on Saturday mornings 10.00 am – 12.30 pm for a contribution of 30p with 30 plus children per week attending, 18 sessions of backpacking on Sundays from 9.00 am – 7.00 pm where youngsters use the Sherwood Forester bus route and backpack predominantly around Nottinghamshire and its places of interest with 15-20 children per session attending, 10 weeks of holiday activities 10.00 am – 1.00 pm Monday to Thursday and 10.00 am – 4.00 pm on Fridays, excluding bank holidays, for a maximum of 70 children which is free of charge, and two camps – one for 1 week for 12 youngsters aged 8-15 (this year to Thurlby YHA in Lincolnshire), and one for 4 days (the bank holiday weekend at Cromford Wharf Shed in Derbyshire) for 21 youngsters aged 5-15.	£1000 contribution (overall cost £3000)	£330 from Councillor Chapman's budget  £330 from Councillor Unczur's budget,  £340 from Councillor James' budget.
Beechdale Community Centre Improvements	Bilborough	The Beechdale Community Centre is spending a considerable amount of its resources to improve the entrance area and the kitchen. In total approximately £6,000 will be spent.	£500 contribution (overall costs £6,000)	£500 from Councillor Cresswell's budget
Beechdale Community Centre trip		The Beechdale Community Centre are wanting to organise a trip to Matlock illuminations for local tenants and residents. Councillor Cresswell has been approached for a contribution towards the trip which may cost approximately £1000.	£300 contribution	£300 from Councillor Cresswell's budget



School Mining Education Project		A local resident who has been working with infant and junior schools within the West Area has requested £60 to help purchase wooden boxes to transport mining memorabilia as part of his education programme.	£60	£60 from Councillor Cresswell's budget
'Bloomin Strelley'		Residents from Strelley put forward a local initiative as part of the East Midlands in Bloom neighbourhood awards. In light of the success of their campaign this year they are keen to improve the public realm and make Strelley a more beautiful place. The group have requested £100 to purchase bulbs and plants to help achieve their objectives to make Strelley a place that all residents can be proud of.	£100	£100 from Councillor Cresswell's budget
Rose Inn Community Boxing Club		The current landlord of the Rose Inn Pub in Strelley is converting a disused skittle alley into a boxing club for the benefit of the community. The landlord is a qualified ABA coach for the Scots Grey amateur boxing club. Most of the work to convert the skittle alley is being funded by the landlord. In order to begin using the boxing club safety flooring has to be installed given that young people from the age of 10 years will be trained at the club. £800 is required to install the new flooring. Given the over subscription at Bilborough boxing club, the new facility will be a welcome resource.	£800	£800 from the West Area Crime and ASB budget