

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **16 MARCH 2011** at the

Council House from 5.30 pm to 6.20 pm

Councillor Unczur (Chair)
Councillor Wood (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chapman
Councillor Cresswell
Councillor Foster
Councillor James
Councillor Long
Councillor Watson

indicates present at meeting

Local representative in attendance

Mr J Herring - Strelley Tenants and Residents Association
Mr J Hose - SMART

Others in attendance

Ms K Curnow - Area Manager) Communities
Mr A Miller - Centre Manager, Leisure Centres)

Mr J Carnell - Principal Officer, Transport Projects) Development
Mr P Wells - Pavement Officer, Highways Construction)

Mr M Leavesley - Constitutional Services Officer - Resources

Ms P Bradbury) SSE Contracting
Mr J Fitzpatrick)

Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.

ACTION

21 APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Chapman (on other City Council business).

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

23 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 12 January 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

24 AREA CAPITAL SCHEMES 2010/11 - UPDATE

(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Further to minute 7 dated 14 July 2010, the Committee was informed of the latest position regarding environmental improvement programme works currently being undertaken in the area, and were asked to approve future works as detailed in the appendices to the report.

During discussion, the following points were raised and comments made:

- in the Bilborough area there had been an unacceptable time-lag between completion of street lighting works and resurfacing of the pavements;
- the south side pavement of Strelley Road required pot-hole works as a matter of urgency.

RESOLVED that, subject to the following, the report be noted and the schemes detailed in appendix 2 be approved:

- (1) **that the proposed £300,000 works to Beechdale Road shop frontages be undertaken and the costs be met with funds from the Leen Valley ward allocation and not, as stated in the report, from the Bilborough ward allocation;**
- (2) **prior to allocation of funds to future works, the Area Manager be requested to consult with ward Councillors to ensure the correct ward budget allocation was used.**

K Curnow

25 AREA BUDGET 2010/11 UPDATE

(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Further to minute 13 dated 15 September 2010, the Committee received an update regarding West Area schemes funded from it's ward member allocation monies.

During discussion, the following comments were made:

- future reports should also include those schemes where money had been allocated but had yet to be spent, giving Councillors a clearer picture of how much each had left to allocate;
- concerns were raised regarding the use of part of each Councillors' allocation in a 'central pot', rather than each individual being responsible for allocation of the total amount of their own funds.

K Curnow

RESOLVED that the report be noted and the allocation to local schemes of Ward Member funds, as detailed in appendix 1, be approved.

26 WARD ACTION PLAN PRIORITIES

(Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Ms Curnow informed the Committee of the proposed Ward Action Plans, which listed local priorities and actions, based on statistical information and following local consultation events, and which had been approved by the One Nottingham Thematic Partnerships.

It was reported that the priorities would cover five themes from the Nottingham Plan: Working, Family, Safer, Neighbourhood and Healthy Nottingham.

During discussion, the following comments were made:

- none of the priorities had been discussed at Leen Valley ward meetings;
- one of the Bilborough ward priorities was to provide facilities for the young, but there were already numerous currently underused facilities in the area;
- no Councillor on this Committee was willing to agree the Ward Action Plan until after the May local election and following further consultation.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the report be noted;**
- (2) that the Neighbourhood Manager be requested to forward to each Councillor a copy of the outcomes from any consultation events conducted in their ward;**
- (3) that the priorities, as detailed in appendix 1, and the timescale for delivery, as detailed in appendix 2, be not approved.**

K Curnow**27 STREET LIGHTING PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE (PFI)**

The Committee received a presentation from Pennie Bradbury, SSE Contracting, informing it of the latest position regarding the street lighting PFI scheme being undertaken throughout the City.

Ms Bradbury reported the following:

- SSE Contracting was working in partnership with Nottingham City Council as the service provider for the street lighting PFI contract and was experienced in PFI contracts, having undertaken similar works in both northern and southern England;
- the 25 year contract with the City included replacement of approximately 24,000 lampposts and changing of approximately 11,000 lanterns;
- the scheme involved major long term investment and employment by both SSE and the City Council, provided an improved quality of lighting and road safety and supported corporate crime and carbon reduction initiatives;

ACTION

- the new lighting would include remote monitoring via a Central Management System (CMS). The CMS would control dimming and reduce burning hours (leading to reduced carbon dioxide emissions). Once replaced, the old lighting materials would be recycled where possible;
- each of the 20 city wards would have works carried out during the first 30 months of the contract;
- all streets were designed on an individual basis and drawn up by fully trained designers, with visits being made to the streets they were designing to ensure proposals fitted in with the streetscape (such as in conservation areas);
- approximately 20 days before work started on-site, a pre-start letter drop was undertaken, advising what would happen during the construction period, how residents could help and providing contact details for SSE;
- during installation there would be instances of old and new columns side by side. This was due to the use of existing power supplies prior to transfer to the new columns.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the information be noted;**
- (2) that the thanks of the Committee to Ms Bradbury for the presentation be recorded;**
- (3) that the thanks of the local representatives to the contractors, for the professional and efficient way in which work had recently been undertaken in the area, be recorded.**