



NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 1 March 2017

Time: 6.00 pm

Place: LB 31-32 - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG

Councillors are requested to attend the above meeting to transact the following business

Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources

Governance Officer: Phil Wye **Direct Dial:** 0115 8764637

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BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Nottingham on 30 November 2016 from 18.05 - 19.02

Membership

Present

Councillor Carole-Ann Jones (Chair)
Councillor Toby Neal
Councillor Jane Urquhart (Item 30 onwards)

Absent

Councillor Brian Parbutt
Councillor Alex Ball
Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Nick Burns	- Senior Community Protection Officer
Inspector Christine Busuttil	- Nottinghamshire Police
Moby Farrands	- Partnership Council
Carol Mee	- Carrington Tenants' and Residents' Association
Chanel Richards	- Nottingham City Homes
Debbie Royle	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Leigh White	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Inspector Robert Wilson	- Nottinghamshire Police
Phil Wye	- Constitutional Services Officer

25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Alex Ball (work commitments)
Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim (personal reasons)
Councillor Brian Parbutt (on leave)

Jawaid Khalil
Ben Rosser

26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

27 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

28 POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Robert Wilson, Nottinghamshire Police, gave a verbal update on crime and policing in the Berridge ward, highlighting the following:

- (a) a priority in the ward is providing a heightened police presence in areas target by antisocial behaviour (ASB). This has resulted in a reduction in antisocial behaviour of 13% in the ward;
- (b) violent crimes have reduced in the area by 26% despite a rise in other areas on the city. Violence with injury has reduced by 51% whereas violence without injury has remained roughly the same;
- (c) dwelling burglary numbers have fallen by 10 offences, and non-dwelling burglary by 7 offences. There has been a recent arrest and recovery of property from a number of burglaries;
- (d) there has been a reduction of 17% for overall crime which is a good reduction.

Inspector Christine Busattil, Nottinghamshire Police, gave a verbal update on crime and policing in the Sherwood ward, highlighting the following:

- (a) crime in the ward has increased slightly overall. The main increase has been robbery, with personal robbery up by 5 offences. There is no pattern to these;
- (b) violence against people has increased, as has crimes against society which includes prison crimes, crime involving social media and sexual offences;
- (c) ASB has reduced by 77% which is a good decrease.

RESOLVED to note the information and thank Inspectors Wilson and Busattil for the updates

29 COMMUNITY PROTECTION - AREA CLUSTER FEEDBACK AND BRIEFING NOTE FROM COMMUNITY PROTECTION

Nick Burns, Senior Community Protection Officer (CPO) introduced the report which provides a response to questions raised at the Area Cluster Meeting in September 2016. Nick highlighted the following:

- (a) CPOs work in shifts patterns from either 8am-4pm or 2pm-10pm. Both Berridge and Sherwood wards have CPOs on both of these shifts. There is a further shift by car from 3pm-11pm or 5pm-1am dealing across the city with noise and antisocial behaviour. Shifts can be flexible;
- (b) the CPO service is currently fully staffed in the Berridge ward but has a vacancy in the Sherwood ward;
- (c) the issues in Berridge and Sherwood wards are similar, with priorities being fly tipping, dog-fouling, noise and antisocial behaviour;
- (d) in the last 3 months there have been 29 Fixed Penalty Notices issued, 3 alcohol surrenders, numerous trade waste visits, 18 graffiti actions, 86 Section 215 notices issued, 187 fly tip actions, and 87 Community Protection Notice Warnings (CPWNs);

- (e) CPNWs and Community Protection Notices (CPNs) are issued for issues such as bins on streets. The process for CPNs is to first knock on doors and obtain the details of the resident, issue the CPNW and then, if the issue is not resolved, a CPN which can lead to a fine. Citizens have a 28 day appeal period. 13 full CPNs were issued in the last 3 months;

The following information was given during the discussion which followed:

- (f) stickers which used to be stuck to fly tips that had already been reported are no longer in use as they fall off in both hotter and colder weather. This is not a major issue as the turnaround for resolving bins on streets is good;
- (g) around 10 bins have been removed from households that persistently leave them out, and they have been written to. The council only has a duty to clear waste, not provide bins.

RESOLVED to note the information and thank Nick for the update

30 ISSUES/GOOD NEWS STORIES FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

Moby Farrands, Partnership Council, gave updates on the following:

- (a) a new organisation is being sought to take the lead on the NEST energy saving project in Hyson Green. It is cheap to run but needs a charitable organisation to run it;
- (b) there was an event at the Council House in October for all Area Committee Community Representatives to discuss their roles and common goals. There was discrepancy in the number of representatives from each area with Berridge and Sherwood having fewer than other areas. Lots of useful suggestions to improve Area Committees came out of the event that Neighbourhood Development Officers are discussing;

Carol Mee, Carrington Tenants and Residents Association (TRA), gave updates on the following:

- (c) the Carrington TRA continues to maintain the Green Flag and Nottingham in Bloom award-winning community garden off Church Drive, which is now benefitting from signage provided by the council and plants from Woodthorpe Park plant shop. They are also involved in improving St John's Churchyard, including laying new paths, planting trees and removing overgrown shrubbery;
- (d) the TRA worked with the council to hold a community picnic in the refurbished Pirate Park in August;
- (e) the underpass between Mansfield Road and Selkirk Way has benefitted from a deep clean by the council this year. Improvements continue to the area with extension of the planted area with wild flowers;
- (f) the TRA is taking part in Nottingham Trent University's Mapping Nottingham's Identity project, one of the aims of which is to encourage the architects of the

future to pay more attention to the character and needs of the areas they are designing buildings for.

RESOLVED to thank Moby and Carol for the updates.

31 EMPLOYMENT AND SKILLS AREA PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

Councillor Carole Jones introduced the report giving an update on the Employment and Skills Partnership, which co-ordinates and promotes employment and skills in Areas 4 and 5. The report includes the group’s agreed priorities and success stories of clients that NG7, Futures and Castle Cavendish have worked with.

RESOLVED to note the update

32 LEAD ORGANISATION UPDATE (NG7)

This item was postponed to due unforeseen unavailability. A written update will be provided at the next committee meeting.

33 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE

Chanel Richards, Tenancy and Estates Manager, Nottingham City Homes (NCH), introduced the report which provides updates on key issues which link back to local priorities and the strategic themes for NCH. The report provides summary updates on the following key themes:

- Capital Programme and major work;
- area regeneration and environmental issues;
- key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress;
- Tenant and Residents Associations updates;
- area performance;
- good news stories and positive publicity.

RESOLVED to

(1) note the update and performance information contained in the report;

(2) note the allocation of funds for 2016/17:

Ward	Actual Budget	Schemes approved	Schemes committed	Remaining budget
Sherwood	£41,993.09	£0	£0	£41,993.09
Berridge	£6,860.83	£235.00	£235.00	£6,625.83

(3) approve the Area Capital Programme funding request as set out below:

Address	Request	Reason	Cost
Alderton Road, Sherwood	Installation of new metal ball finial railings to replace the existing,	To improve the appearance of the area in light of the	£40,000

	dilapidated timber fencing to NCH properties only.	success of phase 1 at Northwood Crescent	
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34 BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD WARD REPORTS

Debbie Royle and Leigh White, Neighbourhood Development Officers, introduced the reports focussing on current priorities and issues facing the wards of Berridge and Sherwood.

RESOLVED to note the priorities, current issues and supporting information for Berridge and Sherwood wards

35 AREA CAPITAL FUND

Leigh White, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the report providing councillors with the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways and footways.

RESOLVED to

(1) approve the Area Capital Fund programme of schemes for Berridge and Sherwood wards as set out below:

Berridge LTP Schemes

Location	Type	Councillor prioritised	Estimate	Details
Gawthorne Street/North Gate	TRO	4 November 2016	£7,250	Junction protection at the junction of Gawthorne Street and North Gate
Cardwell Street/Langtry Grove	Winter maintenance	4 November 2016	£835	Supply 2x grit bins and salt on Cardwell Street and Langtry Grove
North Gate	SNP	4 November 2016	£200	Replacement of remaining street name plate on junction of North Gate and Nottingham Road

Sherwood LTP Schemes

Location	Type	Councillor prioritised	Estimate	Details
Sherwood ward	Parking	7 November 2016	£2,100	Assessment of existing parking issues and

				identification of suitable solutions
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(2) note the commitment of funds in Berridge and Sherwood wards as set out below:

Berridge Ward

2016-2017 LTP allocation	£70,100
LTP carried forward from 2015-2016	£15,760
2016-2017 Public Realm allocation	£42,100
Public Realm carried forward from 2015-2016	£19,430
Total available 2016-2017 ACF	£147,390
Less LTP schemes	-£72,643
Less Public Realm schemes	-£5,712
Decommitted funds	£0
Remaining available balance	£69,035

Sherwood Ward

2016-2017 LTP allocation	£54,100
LTP carried forward from 2015-2016	£34,280
2016-2017 Public Realm allocation	£32,400
Public Realm carried forward from 2015-2016	£45,727
Total available 2016-2017 ACF	£166,507
Less LTP schemes	-£3,886
Less Public Realm schemes	-£1,360
Decommitted funds	£0
Remaining available balance	£161,261

36 ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY – WARD ALLOCATIONS

Debbie Royle introduced the report, informing the Committee on decisions made under delegated authority that support the local community in a variety of ways.

RESOLVED to note the actions taken under delegated authority:

Berridge Ward				
Item	Recipient	Councillor(s)	Date agreed	Total
Hyson Green festive lights switch on	Various	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	14 October 2016	£450
Black History event	Hyson Green Cultural Festival	Ibrahim, Jones & Neal	18 th October 2016	£300

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Allocation 2016/17	£15,000
Unspent balance b/fwd 2015/16	£81
Total available allocation 2016/17	£15,081
Allocated funds (spent and unspent)	£13,675
Decommitted funds	£735
Uncommitted balance as at 16/08/16	£2,141

Sherwood Ward	
Allocation 2016/17	£15,000
Total available allocation (inc. carryover from 2015/16)	£37,615
Allocated funds (spent and unspent)	£24,510
Uncommitted balance as at 31/08/16	£13,105

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NAME OF COMMITTEE / BODY Berridge & Sherwood Area Committee
1st March 2017

Title of paper:	Proposal for a Scheme of Selective Licensing for Privately Rented Houses	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	David Bishop Andy Vaughan	Wards affected: ALL
Report author(s) and contact details:	Lorraine Raynor lorraine.raynor@nottinghamcity.gov.uk Graham Demax graham.demax@nottinghamcity.gov.uk Lisa Ball lisa.ball@nottinghamcity.gov.uk	
Other colleagues who have provided input:		
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	22 nd November 2016	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>This report is to inform the Area Committee for Berridge and Sherwood of the data collection and analysis work that has been completed to inform a decision to consult on a proposal to introduce a selective licensing scheme for privately rented houses. Executive Board have approved the proposed designation in principle and a public consultation will take place on these proposals between January and March 2017.</p> <p>The use of selective licensing powers will provide the following benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An opportunity to effectively influence higher standards of privately rented houses and to ensure effective management through more extensive control; • A key tool in achieving the overall reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB); and • Lead to higher levels of customer satisfaction with private rented sector accommodation within the City • Work with landlords and tenants to provide positive advice and assistance to achieve legislative compliance, education and the provision of advice and information as appropriate. <p>The report outlines the outcomes of an evidence gathering project surrounding the need for selective licensing within the City and demonstrates the existence of problems within the proposed designation. It shows that there is a strong correlation between the criteria for introducing a scheme and the private rented housing stock in Nottingham. Whilst different parts of the City meet different grounds, collectively there is a strong argument for suggesting that the entire City should be covered by the scheme.</p>		
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Recommendation(s):	
1	note the contents of the report; and
2	offer its views on the proposal for a scheme of selective licensing for privately rented houses.
3	ask partners to actively contribute to the consultation process
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1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The proposed designated area has been chosen because evidence, gathered in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) guidance suggests that relevant statutory tests have been met and that selective licensing of privately rented houses in the area would be an appropriate tool to resolve problems.
- 1.2 Ward councillors have been consulted on the proposed scheme and designation

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The introduction of a licensing scheme for private rented accommodation to drive up standards and protect tenants across the City is a key objective in the current Council Plan for 2015-2019. Selective Licensing (a power available to local authorities to licence private rented houses) aims to improve living conditions for residents both in the private rented sector and the surrounding community and drive up standards amongst poor landlords. The scheme is an important element of the Council's commitment to safeguarding and protecting vulnerable citizens across the city and in providing quality, safe housing. In order for a scheme to be implemented there are strict statutory criteria and conditions which need to be met. The scheme will also contribute to reductions in levels of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour and also contributes to one of the Council's key objectives to "cut the number of victims of crime by a fifth and contribute to reduce anti-social behaviour."
- 2.2 Evidence gathering work has been carried out to establish if there are grounds for implementing a scheme of selective licensing in Nottingham and if so where. An evidence base to inform a designation was gathered using number of data sources. Extensive analysis of the evidence against each of the criteria. The area that has been chosen as a proposed designation to consult upon has been arrived at through the analysis of this data. The evidence that has been gathered supports a designation based on the following grounds: -
- significant and persistent problem caused by anti-social behaviour;
 - poor property conditions;
 - high level of deprivation and;
 - high levels of crime.
- 2.3 The report outlines the outcomes of an evidence gathering project surrounding the need for selective licensing within the City and demonstrates the existence of problems within the proposed designation. It shows that there is a strong correlation between the criteria for introducing a scheme and the private rented housing stock in Nottingham.

- 2.4 Evidence shows that the majority of the area covered by the Area Committee has high a high proportion of properties that are in the private rented sector (PRS) and meets one or more of the criteria for introducing a scheme, and that there is a correlation between the PRS in the area and these conditions. The issues that exist in the PRS are often compounded, with areas with a high proportion of PRS often suffering from more than one problem.
- 2.5 As part of the evidence gathering exercise, The Project Team attended the monthly Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) Meetings held for 19 of the City's 20 wards over the period June to July 2016. The meetings involved representatives from the Police, Community Protection, Nottingham City Homes (NCH) Housing Patch Managers and Family Services from NCC. The meeting were chaired by the local Neighbourhood Development Officer.

The aims of the attending the meetings was:

- To find out what issues are faced in different areas of the City in relation to the Private rented sector
- What impacts these issues have on neighbourhoods
- Look at how these issues could be addressed
- Explore what impact a licensing scheme could have on these areas, the City's private rented sector and the City in general.

In addition, an online survey was circulated to NAT attendees and their partners working in the area. Responses to the survey were received from 12 out of the 20 wards and of those that responded 85% reported that they have experienced problems or issues with the PRS in their ward. The most frequently cited issues related to ASB and poor property conditions. Other specific problems reported were fly tipping and untidy gardens.

- 2.6 The feedback gathered through the survey and NAT meetings offers a more tangible level of detail regarding the experience of issues with the private rented sector in the City. It also offers an insight into the exponential or exacerbating effects that unresolved issues can have, as well as the difficulties entailed with resolution and the pressures that these issues put on services. The evidence also highlights some direct examples of where selective licensing would enable issues in the private rented sector to be more effectively and efficiently remedied. This in turn would reduce pressure on services, release precious resources, and allow improved standards to be maintained.
- 2.7 The Council is currently consulting on the proposed scheme. Details of the proposal, evidence to support it and the consultation can be found in the attached report "Area Committee Report – Berridge & Sherwood"
- 2.8 The report seeks to demonstrate the outcomes the Council believes will be achieved by the introduction of this scheme and why making a selective licensing designation will significantly assist the Council to achieve its objectives and bring benefits to not only tenants but to the wider community. The proposed scheme of fits entirely with the Council's vision that every neighbourhood is safe, clean and a great place to live.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 A number of other options were considered as part of the Executive Board Report dated 22nd November 2016. Overall it was concluded that existing initiatives and the

exercise of available powers have not brought about the improvement in the City's PRS which is needed and there is no practical and beneficial alternative to the proposed scheme.

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 The financial comments are as per in the Executive Board Report dated 22nd November 2016

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 The legal and financial comments are as per in the Executive Board Report dated 22nd November 2016

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

6.1

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No

An EIA is not required because:

(Please explain why an EIA is not necessary)

Yes

X

Attached as Appendix 1, and due regard will be given to any implications identified in it.

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

8.1 None

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 Executive Board Report dated 22nd November 2016 Proposal for a Scheme of Selective Licensing for Privately Rented Houses

Equality Impact Assessment Form (Page 1 of 7)

Title of EIA: Proposed Designation for Selective Licensing of the Private Rented Sector

Name of Author: Graham De Max and Lisa Ball

Department: Development & Growth and Commercial & Operations

Director: Andy Vaughan and David Bishop

Service Area: Housing Strategy and Partnerships and Environmental Health

Strategic Budget EIA Y/N (please underline)

Author (assigned to Covalent): Lisa Ball

Brief description of proposal being assessed:

Selective licensing is a regulatory tool provided by the Housing Act 2004. Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004 sets out the scheme for licensing private rented properties in a local housing authority area. Under section 80 of the Act a local housing authority can designate the whole or any part or parts of its area as subject to selective licensing. Where a selective licensing designation is made it applies to privately rented property in the area.

The Council is proposing to implement a selective licensing scheme in a designated area – see map Enc 2

Under the proposed designation, all privately rented houses will require a licence; and applications will need to be made to the Council by landlords.

One of the key benefits which licensing is perceived to bring is an improvement in housing standards in a sector of the housing market in which a large number of vulnerable citizens are housed.

A further EIA will be carried out on the final scheme proposal should it progress through the various approval stages.

As part of the consultation process a Communities of Interest event will be held in order to engage with the harder to reach communities and those identified as part of this EIA who may potentially be impacted by these proposals.

During the course of consultation on the proposal (which will take place if the proposal is approved by Councillors) it is possible that other issues will be raised in relation to equality, and these will be carefully considered in the EIA of the final proposal.

Information used to analyse the effects on equality:

The Project Team held an informal focus group discussion in August 2016 and invited representatives from different communities in Nottingham to discuss experiences of living in and renting out properties in Nottingham. The aim of the session was to find out what issues are faced by different equality groups, explore what impact a licensing scheme may have on the city's different communities and equality groups, and explore options for future consultation and engagement. In addition data from the 2011 census was used to map areas with a high proportion of PRS and areas with a high concentration of bad health, age group, BME and minority ethnic population and disability and a high proportion of PRS. Learning from the existing licensing schemes has also been used.

	Could particularly benefit X	May adversely impact X (although may be only short term)	How different groups could be affected (Summary of impacts)	Details of actions to reduce negative or increase positive impact (or why action isn't possible)
People from different ethnic groups.	X	X	<p>A Focus Group was held with representatives from different communities who identified potential impacts on different sections of the community. It was acknowledged that Selective Licensing could, along with a wider set of measures, address issues associated with the Private Rented Sector (PRS) such as antisocial behaviour (ASB), poor property conditions, high levels of deprivation and crime. These may have a disproportionate effect on different types of communities. Participants agreed that there should be some form of control over landlords and that they should be accountable for the conditions in their properties</p> <p><u>People from different ethnic groups</u> The population of those living in the City's PRS comprises people from a range of different BME communities. Mapping shows that there are high concentrations of BME citizens in areas of the city where there is a high concentration of PRS properties; furthermore areas with an above</p>	<p>Positive impact can be continually improved by on-going enforcement action against non-compliant landlords.</p> <p>It is hoped that the scheme will help to tackle ASB issues in the PRS</p> <p>It is felt that overall the benefits of selective licensing outweigh the potential disadvantages; it is believed will have a positive impact on disadvantaged groups who are over-represented in many of the communities where it will be implemented</p> <p>There is no data set which links property ownership to ethnic origin, so it is not possible to quantify this impact. It is however acknowledged that there is a high level of ownership amongst the Asian community, and therefore the Council must have regard to this</p>
Men	X	X		
Women	X	X		
Trans	X	X		
Disabled people or carers.	X	X		
Pregnancy/ Maternity	X	X		
People of different faiths/ beliefs and those with none.	X	X		
Lesbian, gay or bisexual people.	X	X		
Older	X	X		
Younger	X	X		
Other (e.g. marriage/ civil partnership, looked after children, cohesion/ good relations, vulnerable children/ adults).				
<i>Please underline the group(s) /issue more adversely affected or which benefits.</i>	X	X		

<p>average PRS also have an above average % of the population that are from a BME background Overcrowding is likely to be an issue in some areas and illegal conversions of properties particularly affect new and emerging communities.</p> <p>Potential benefit: Improved quality and safety of accommodation for BME tenants in the rental market due to the compliance with licensing conditions. Life chances/opportunities are affected by housing. As accommodation improves outcomes should improve. May also improve health and wellbeing as homes are improved.</p> <p>Potential adverse impact:</p> <p>(a)Landlords Background: Property investment by the Asian community is the foundation of their financial interests. Property portfolios seen as ‘pension schemes’ and a means to support: families (within the UK and back in Pakistan and India), communities and faith institutions. Life savings are often invested in property. Great concern that the proposals will seriously damage property portfolios having a ‘knock-on’ effect of reducing ‘yields’ and lowering income that can be used to support families, the community etc. Representatives of this community perceive that landlords in their community have already been disproportionately affected by the additional licensing scheme and another scheme may</p>	<p>potential adverse impact. Licence applications will provide an opportunity to capture ethnic monitoring data and provide better data on ownership of PRS. This was introduced as part of the Additional Licensing scheme. Out of 1379 Licence Holders, 105 declared their ethnicity. Of these 105 40% are White British/Irish, 47% Asian and 13% Black/Other. Of the Asian landlords to declare their ethnicity the majority, 62% are Asian Pakistani, and make up 35% of landlords where ethnicity is known.</p> <p>It is also acknowledged that this is a highly complex issue which will require a lot of support and explanation to certain sections of the community so that they fully understand what is expected of them and are able to comply with the requirements. Such a role should be carried out by the Housing Strategy and Environmental Health teams.</p> <p>Overall, the additional costs to landlords over five years is considered to be small, although it is acknowledged that those with larger portfolios needing to pay multiple licence fees will have a large upfront outlay.</p> <p>It is intended that accredited landlords will receive a discount on the fee.</p>
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have a big impact on their portfolios

(b)Tenants

The effect of large cohorts of renters in a community was discussed. Different areas of Nottingham have different amenities that attract people from different ethnic groups. This leads to a concentration of particular ethnic groups in an area. This can put pressure on services in that area as the community is less diverse. It can also mean tension between different communities.

Overcrowding in the PRS was discussed. People from new and emerging communities may be particularly affected by overcrowding or illegal/substandard conversions. Issues of subletting were identified as a key issue that needs to be addressed. This is a particular problem amongst new and emerging communities.

Concern that landlords will inevitably increase rents to cover licensing costs and costs of works to comply with licensing conditions. One of the unintended consequences of a scheme may be to push tenants further into food and fuel poverty. People from BME communities may be more likely to earn less than non BME communities. Poor standards of accommodation are often at the lower end of the market and landlords may have to do more to their properties at this end to meet the standards required.

There is a risk that Selective licensing will result in rent increases, but this impact would not be fully understood until the scheme had been implemented. Consideration has been given to the potential impact of the cost of licensing being passed on to tenants through higher rents. It is felt that over the five year term of the scheme the proposed licence fee will not constitute more than a few pounds per week. The evidence from the Council's additional licensing scheme suggests that although rents in student HMOs (which make up a significant proportion of the city's HMOs) increased after the introduction of additional licensing, this was part of an upward trend in student rents that was also experienced by other cities with large student populations. It is therefore a risk that the Council should be aware of, but one which is based on speculation.

The Council does not believe that standards of accommodation should be compromised in the interests of greater affordability. These are standards that the Council believes landlords should already be meeting. Outcomes of the scheme that are designed to tackle excess cold will result in lower heating bills and reductions to fuel poverty releasing income to tenants

The scheme may cause landlords to withdraw properties from the sector and lead to less homes being available for renters.

Disabled people or carers

Mapping shows no apparent overlap between areas of high PRS and population experiencing disability. This may be due to the small cohort. Focus group identified that tenants with disabilities often face particular problems when renting properties. They may have problems with security of tenure. Landlords are reluctant to facilitate property adaptations and getting these agreed with landlords was highlighted as a particular difficulty. Tenants with health issues are also much more likely to be affected by problems with damp and housing disrepair issues. They may face problems with getting repairs done quickly. Disabled tenants are much more impacted by the cold and issues such as no heating or hot water affect them more. Disabled tenants have also highlighted problems renting properties when they have assistance dogs, as these are seen as pets and they are not pets.

Potential benefit: An improvement in property standards which it is believed licensing will bring will have a positive impact on the lives of such people

Potential adverse impact: Tenants in this equality strand could be affected by rent rises and other

adjustments to the PRS market that might result from licensing changes.

People from different faith groups

Potential adverse impact: Issues already stated regarding Asian landlords could apply to this equality strand. It should be noted that the Muslim community cannot receive, for religious reason, 'interest' from investments and therefore property is a preferred investment, hence this makes this community sensitive to any matters that could affect property prices or yields.

Lesbian, gay or bisexual people; and

Men, women (including maternity/pregnancy impact), transgender people

Although the proposals are not believed to specifically have an adverse impact on these groups, the risk already mentioned of rent increases could have an impact on all sections of the community.

Older or younger people

Although the proposals are not believed to specifically have an adverse impact on these groups, the risk already mentioned of rent increases could have an impact on all sections of the community.

Outcome(s) of equality impact assessment:

- No major change needed X
- Adjust the policy/proposal
- Adverse impact but continue

•Stop and remove the policy/proposal

Arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact of this proposal / policy / service:

If the proposal proceeds to a final decision by the Council to implement, a further review of this EIA will take place. It may be possible to use referral data to agencies such as Housing Aid, Notts Housing Advice etc to see what specific impacts the scheme is having if it is implemented.

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Before you send your EIA to the Equality and Community Relations Team for scrutiny, have you:

1. Read the guidance and good practice EIA's
<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/article/25573/Equality-Impact-Assessment>
2. Clearly summarised your proposal/ policy/ service to be assessed.
3. Hyperlinked to the appropriate documents.
4. Written in clear user friendly language, free from all jargon (spelling out acronyms).
5. Included appropriate data.
6. Consulted the relevant groups or citizens or stated clearly when this is going to happen.
7. Clearly cross referenced your impacts with SMART actions.

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Proposal for a Scheme of Selective Licensing for Privately Rented Houses

Background to the proposal

The introduction of a licensing scheme for private rented accommodation to drive up standards and protect tenants across the City is a key objective in the current Council Plan for 2015-2019. Selective Licensing (a power available to local authorities to licence private rented houses) aims to improve living conditions for residents both in the private rented sector and the surrounding community and drive up standards amongst poor landlords. The scheme is an important element of the Council's commitment to safeguarding and protecting vulnerable citizens across the city and in providing quality, safe housing. The scheme will also contribute to reductions in levels of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour and also contributes to one of the Council's key objectives to "cut the number of victims of crime by a fifth and contribute to reduce anti-social behaviour."

Before making a final decision as to whether to make (and seek confirmation of a scheme) the Council is required to conduct a full consultation for a minimum of 10 weeks which should be informative, clear and to the point, so that the full details of the proposal can be readily understood. It is proposed that consultation be carried out for a period of 11 weeks between 16th January 2017 and 31st March 2017, and will include information on the proposed scheme, the reasons for it and how it has been arrived at, and indicative information regarding fees and conditions. The proposed fee is £600 with a reduced fee of £460 for accredited landlords.

What is Selective Licensing?

The Housing Act 2004 requires local housing authorities to license houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) if they are over 3 storeys and accommodate more than five people who form two or more households. This is called **mandatory licensing**. The Act also gives authorities the power to introduce licensing schemes for other HMOs if certain conditions are met. This is called **additional licensing**, and the Council has been operating a scheme of additional licensing since January 2014. The other form of licensing within the Act (Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004) is called **selective licensing**. This enables authorities to license all other privately rented houses if certain conditions are met. By requiring landlords to apply for a licence to rent out their homes, the Council is able to ensure that the landlord is a "fit and proper person" and, through compliance with the conditions set out in the licence, is providing safe, well managed accommodation.

It is now the law that any proposed scheme exceeding either 20% of the area's private rented sector or 20% of its geographical area must be confirmed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The scheme which the Council is proposing exceeds both criteria and will require Secretary of State approval.

Why does the Council think licensing is necessary?

The City's private rented sector (PRS) has expanded significantly in recent years. Between the 2001 census and the 2011 census, the proportion of households living in privately rented homes increased by 12%. Since 2011 the sector has increased in

size even more. The Building Research Establishment (BRE) carried out a wide-ranging stock survey for the Council in the summer of 2016 and found that the City's private rented sector comprised 43,000 properties.

The increase in the PRS shows how important the sector is as a source of accommodation for Nottingham citizens. People live in the PRS for a number of reasons: because they can't afford to buy a home; they can't access social housing; the relative flexibility and easy accessibility of the PRS suits their lifestyle or the stage in their career; they don't want the responsibility and financial commitment of home ownership. Whatever the reason for living in the sector, the Council believes that tenants should experience a good quality home. This is clearly shown in the Council Plan 2015-19. Enormous progress has been made in improving the social housing stock in the city via the decent homes programme and the Council believes that all Nottingham residents should have access to a high standard of accommodation, whether renting or buying.

As well as using all the powers it has under the legislation to tackle poor housing conditions and poor management the Council has undertaken a number of other initiatives in order to drive up standards in the PRS, most notably landlord accreditation through two major partners, Unipol and Decent and Safe Homes (DASH). Both schemes are voluntary however, and even though many good landlords have joined the schemes (together known as the "Nottingham Standard"), it remains a relatively small proportion of the sector. The Council therefore believes that much more is needed in order to get landlords to comply with their responsibilities. A scheme of selective licensing will, it is believed, enable the Council to ensure that landlords are proactive in making sure that their properties meet certain standards. Landlord's will also take responsibility for management of their properties, supporting good neighbourhoods and assisting with the prevention of crime and ASB in those neighbourhoods.

The strategic case for selective licensing

The 'Council Plan' states that it wants all Nottingham citizens to be able to access a good quality home, and sets out its key objectives for achieving this. Amongst these is a proposal to introduce a citywide licensing scheme for the private rented sector. The proposal for a scheme of selective licensing therefore forms part of a much wider ambition to deliver good quality housing in the City.

The Council believes that regardless of whether you own, are buying or renting your home that it should be safe, warm, and meet modern standards. Although there is a focus on private rented sector within the Council Plan, the plan also seeks to increase the supply of new homes and ensure that consistent standards of management and repair are maintained by housing associations. Put together, these priorities form a multi-tenure approach to housing based on achieving good quality across the city's stock.

The Council recognises the importance of the PRS within the housing market. It seeks to make use of the sector as a positive housing option for people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. It fulfils a gap in the market in parts of the City where there is little or no social housing, but where people want to live for reasons such as their support networks. The PRS houses many people on low incomes who are dependent on housing benefit via the Council to support their

housing costs. It is quite clear, therefore, that the Council needs a well managed and well maintained PRS stock in order to meet some of its housing objectives and to be part of an overall, well-balanced housing market.

Selective licensing fits with this approach. If we genuinely support the sector and want to ensure that citizens can have a better guarantee of standards within the PRS we need a way of achieving that. The existing powers, schemes and initiatives aimed at tackling poor housing and raising standards have not been sufficient in delivering the PRS we want to see. A licensing scheme, which sets out a clear set of conditions and expectations will, it is believed, bring a step-change in the way in which the City's PRS is managed and tackle the significant problems which our evidence shows currently exist within the sector.

How the scheme will help the Council achieve its objectives.

The proposed selective licensing scheme is above all aimed at improving standards within the PRS as part of an overall objective to bring a higher quality of housing across all tenures. However, the Council believes that its positive impact will be seen beyond just housing and will help to achieve a number of wider objectives, such as:

- Health and wellbeing: it is well known that poor housing can contribute to ill health, and that improving housing conditions, e.g. tackling damp and cold can improve health. Poor housing can also contribute to, or exacerbate mental health problems. The Council and its partners in housing organisations and the health services are working together to achieve housing objectives which lead to a healthier and happier community. Selective licensing will be a significant part of this.
- Crime and antisocial behaviour: It is one of the Council's highest priorities to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour (ASB). The evidence we have compiled to support the case for selective licensing shows that there is a strong correlation, or relationship, between the PRS and crime and ASB. Licensing brings a greater responsibility on landlords to manage their properties better, including the responsibility themselves not to utilise properties for criminal behaviour as well as taking responsibility for the behaviour of their tenants. This is seen as a significant tool in tackling crime and ASB.
- Educational attainment: The Council wants to improve the attainment of children attending city schools. Better housing – a safe, warm and comfortable environment in which to study - can help. Many children are now living in PRS homes, and we want to ensure that the housing they live in is helping them to thrive and do well at school.
- Economic success of the City: The Council and its partners are ambitious for Nottingham to be a growing city economically, providing high quality jobs in thriving industries and businesses. To do this it needs a good quality housing stock which can attract and accommodate workers, particularly younger, aspirational people at the beginning of their "housing career" who are not ready to buy. A higher standard PRS with a better reputation for good quality housing will help this ambition, and a selective licensing scheme will help to achieve this.

Evidence to support the proposal

The law sets out a range of conditions to be met before a Council may implement a selective licensing scheme. Whilst Councils do not need to meet every condition, strong evidence must be shown to support the condition(s) which are being relied upon.

In simple terms the law says that a selective licensing scheme or “designation” may be made if the area to which it relates satisfies one or more of the following conditions. The area is one experiencing:

- Low housing demand (or is likely to become such an area) ;
- A significant and persistent problem caused by anti-social behaviour;
- Poor property conditions ;
- High levels of migration;
- High level of deprivation;
- High levels of crime

In considering whether to designate an area for selective licensing on the grounds of property conditions, migration, deprivation and crime the local housing authority may only make a designation if the area also has a high proportion of property in the private rented sector. It is for each Council to determine what constitutes “a high proportion of properties in the PRS”. Nottingham City Council selected all areas in Nottingham with a PRS level higher than the national average of 19% as a starting point and adjusted this to remove multi person households (which would not be covered by selective licensing) to arrive at a figure of 16.3%.

The Council considers that there are grounds for a selective licensing scheme based on the antisocial behaviour, poor property conditions, deprivation and crime conditions.

The evidence collected by the Council using a number of sources such as complaints records, Police data, the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)¹ and a comprehensive stock condition survey carried out by the Building Research Establishment can be summarised thus:

- In line with national trends, rates of Crime and ASB have been reducing in the City. However, overall, both Crime and ASB can still be seen as significant problems in Nottingham.
- Research shows that crime and ASB rate is significantly higher in areas with a high proportion of private rented households (both including and excluding HMOs), and the rate in these areas was above the overall rate for the City.

ASB

- Nottingham has higher rates of incidents of ASB compared to the national average.

¹ The Indices of Multiple Deprivation is a set of data collected at national level showing the relative levels of deprivation in all local authority areas in England

- The rate of ASB calls (especially noise related) and rates of crime is higher in areas with a high proportion of PRS.
- Combining the Police data on ASB with the Council's own data shows there is a positive correlation between the rates of all ASB and noise related ASB and areas with a high proportion of PRS.
- The PRS accounts for a 10% variance in the rate of noise related ASB calls.
- For every 2 reports of ASB received by the Council in areas with a low proportion of PRS, 3 are received in areas with a high proportion of PRS.
- When compared to the owner occupied sector the rate increases to for every 3 reports in areas with a low proportion of PRS, 5 are received in areas where there is a high proportion of PRS

Poor property conditions

- Areas with a high proportion of PRS are more than twice as likely to experience issues of disrepair and one and a half times more likely to experience excess cold
- PRS properties are more likely to experience these issues as a result of tenure type and not tenure concentration
- Two thirds of complaints to the Council are attributable to the PRS that are not HMOs
- For every 3 reports made to the Council for areas with a high proportion of PRS, there would be 2 made in areas with a low proportion.

Deprivation

- Nottingham has high levels of deprivation. Out of the 182 City's lower super output areas (LSOAs), 61 are in the 10% most deprived in the country, and 110 are in the 20% most deprived. Overall, Nottingham is the 8th most deprived district in the country.
- Deprivation is measured by 7 distinct elements that make up the index of multiple Deprivation (IMD)
- Areas with a high proportion of PRS have higher levels of Crime, Barriers to Housing, and Living Environment and have lower levels of Income, Employment and Education than areas with a lower proportion of PRS in an areas
- Areas with a high proportion of PRS have lower than average performance in at least one of the indices, and 87 of the 88 areas are in the lower half of the City's ranking in one or more of the types of deprivation.

Crime

- Areas with a high proportion of PRS have higher incidences of all types of crime compared to the City overall and to areas with a lower proportion of PRS.
- Police data on crime shows that areas with a high proportion of PRS are almost twice as likely to experience crime as the rest of the city.
- 45% of areas where there is a high proportion are almost twice as likely to experience a crime rate in excess of the City average, with five areas also exceeding the national average.
- For every additional unit of PRS property the rate of crime is expected to increase by more than one and half times. A 15% difference in the crime rate

can be attributed to the proportion of PRS of in an area. The biggest variation of which is for violent crime.

- Crime is also one of the elements that is a measure of Deprivation. Areas with a higher proportion of PRS have a worse overall performance for crime as an indication of deprivation, than those with a low proportion, with 58% being in the lower half of the City's rank.

The issues that exist in the PRS are often compounded, with areas with a high proportion of PRS often suffering from more than one problem. Overall the analysis undertaken shows there is a positive correlation between the proportion of PRS in an area and rates of both ASB and crime and levels of deprivation, with the majority of areas suffering from issues associated with all three of these criteria.

Qualitative Evidence gathered in the neighbourhoods to support the proposal

The experiences of a number of stakeholders working in the City's neighbourhoods were sought. This included Police officers, Neighbourhood Development Officers, Nottingham City Homes Patch Managers, and Community Protection Officers. This was done by engaging with the Neighbourhood Management Team (NATS) and attending their monthly meetings. In addition, an online survey was circulated to NAT attendees and their partners working in the area.

The responses to the survey echoed the discussion at the NAT meetings, where the primary issue raised by attendees was poor property conditions. Landlords' not undertaking repairs is seen as a key issue and is felt to be having a significant impact on communities. Poor housing conditions are considered to have a disproportionate effect on those who are already vulnerable and whose accommodation in poorly maintained private rented sector properties reflects existing issues of deprivation and poverty. I.e. the low rents that can be afforded entail low property standards. Properties in the private rented sector that are in a poor state of repair or empty for a long period of time contributed to the area looking unkempt and were felt to exacerbate existing levels of ASB and Crime, something that is often compounded by increased incidences of fly tipping, untidy gardens and rubbish dumping in neighbourhoods.

Significant problems with ASB associated with private rented sector property were reported both in the on line survey and in the discussions at the NAT meetings. Whilst the biggest issue reported in the online survey was noise and rowdy behaviour affecting people living in or visiting the vicinity, the single biggest issue brought up at the NAT meetings was rubbish and waste, such as problems with fly tipping, the accumulation of rubbish around properties or in shared alleyways between properties and overflowing bins being left on the street.

The City Council offers a free bulky waste service to help combat these problems, but this simple and free solution is not being utilised due to tenants leaving the responsibility to landlords and/or landlords not taking responsibility for their properties. This issue was most significant when properties came vacant and it was felt that this was quite a difficult issue to resolve on account of the tenant having left and the landlord being difficult to trace and contact. Neighbourhood Development Officers reported significant problems with trying to establish who was responsible for a property and getting landlords to take action.

71% of respondents to the on line survey said it was difficult to identify if properties are privately rented or owner occupied and NATs found issues associated with the PRS particularly difficult to solve compared to other tenures. This discussion further highlighted the difficulty officer had in establishing responsibility for private rented sector properties and all survey respondents said they used their local community contacts to try and establish tenure and ownership.

Another barrier to resolving issues in the private rented sector that was identified was having to deal with both landlords and tenants - who often held the other responsible. Tenants often lacked information or were not sufficiently empowered to take action themselves, whereas landlords were often reluctant to take ownership of what they see as their tenants' problem. There was also felt to be a general lack of cooperation from some landlords. Officers also cited language barriers or fear of intimidation/retaliation as causing problems when speaking to tenants.

Discussions also highlighted that officers are seeing an increasing number of vulnerable people being housed in the private rented sector, who are not being supported in the ways they would be in social housing. This in turn, is increasing the amount of ASB and therefore the requirement for Police and Community Protection to address it. Housing Patch Managers are also called upon to deal with ASB when tenants in the private rented tenants are causing problems for NCH tenants.

A number of wards highlighted the changing nature of communities and the transitions in tenure from social rented and owner occupied to private rented, transitions that are putting pressures on services. A predominantly owner occupied ward had pockets of private rented with problems of deprivation that is largely hidden from the rest of the community. Another ward that was once predominantly social housing but became owner occupied through right to buy is seeing an increase in PRS due to the improvement of transport links.

Overall, the Council believes it has the evidence to support a scheme of selective licensing on a citywide basis. Whilst a few parts of the City do not meet the statutory criteria the vast majority of the Council's area does and to omit these areas from the proposal would create boundaries for the scheme which would be difficult to understand and undermine the completeness and objectives of the scheme. The Council may also legitimately take into account the likelihood of displacement, which is a poor landlord moving from one area which is covered by licensing to an area that is not. On this basis it is felt that a City wide scheme is justifiable.

Why making a selective licensing designation will significantly assist the Council to achieve its objectives

Crime and antisocial behaviour

The evidence shows that there is a strong correlation between levels of crime and ASB and private rented properties. Selective licensing (through the conditions to be attached to a licence) will make it a requirement for landlords to manage their properties more effectively, particularly by ensuring that tenancy conditions are clear and set out in proper tenancy agreements. Conditions will require landlords to deal with breaches effectively, giving greater assurance to local communities that private rented homes in neighbourhoods are being properly managed. In letting out properties landlords must take responsibility for the potential impact on neighbouring

properties. Licensing will bring a far greater onus on landlords to ensure this. From this shift towards greater landlord responsibility for the conduct of their tenants it is hoped to see a significant reduction in antisocial behaviour. Where landlords do not adhere to their conditions the Council will use a proportionate approach to enforcement to seek to ensure compliance as detailed in its enforcement and compliance guide

It is known from the Council's DCLG-funded rogue landlord initiative that the private rented sector can be a base for criminal activity, and the data the Council has analysed shows a correlation between crime and the PRS. The requirement for a landlord to be a fit and proper person will ensure that those with criminal background are precluded from letting out properties to rent. As with antisocial behaviour, there will also be an expectation that through more effective enforcement of tenancy conditions, criminal activity involving PRS tenants will reduce. Therefore through licensing the Council expects to see a reduction in the level of crime associated with private rented properties.

Poor Property Conditions

The Council's evidence, obtained through a robust stock condition survey suggests a higher level of disrepair and incidence of HHSRS category one hazards than in both the owner occupied and social rented sectors. The licence conditions which will apply to the scheme will require landlords to be proactive in ensuring that their properties are well maintained. There are powers under the Housing Act 2004 to enforce compliance and tackle poor property conditions, but these rely on reporting, something which tenants are often reluctant to do for fear of retaliatory action by landlords. Licensing gives a clear statement of what is expected, both for landlords and tenants. Through the increased proactivity required by licensing and compliance with licence conditions, the Council hopes to see a significant improvement in property conditions in the PRS, one which matches its ambition for high quality homes for everyone in Nottingham, irrespective of tenure.

As part of the proposal a review of the Council's existing licensing schemes was undertaken. This illustrates the effect licensing can have in improving property conditions and demonstrates the track record that the Council has in using licencing schemes as an effective tool to improve property conditions.

The review of both schemes highlights that less than half of landlords (44% mandatory and 45% additional licensing scheme) are not compliant with standards on the first compliance inspections. We know that when the Council inspects properties compliance levels increase and therefore property conditions are improved. This is evidenced through the relatively low level of enforcement actions taken by the Council. The review also highlighted that of the licences issued under additional licensing, 72% required additional conditions or had restrictions placed on the licence. This demonstrates how licensing allows the Council to impose additional conditions to address specific problems that are identified with properties.

Deprivation

In large parts of the proposed designation, the Council is relying on the City's high levels of deprivation as a condition for introducing a selective licensing scheme. Nottingham scores particularly poorly on income, health, crime, and living

environment. Areas where there is the greatest deprivation are also areas where some of the greatest health inequalities exist within the City. Selective licensing alone will not improve the City's performance in terms of deprivation, but it can play a part. Poorly maintained and ineffectively managed homes will inevitably have a negative impact on the range of indicators used to measure deprivation.

Selective licensing, also helps to tackle homelessness by providing a two pronged approach that both addresses the issues that lead to homelessness and by providing an increased supply of higher quality accommodation for those displaced by it. Raising standards of management and property conditions helps to increase the supply of homes which meet the standards required to allow the fulfilment of homelessness duties via the PRS. At the same time selective licensing will tackle and help to reduce instances of poor management that may lead to households losing their homes and presenting for homelessness assistance. Having a good quality, stable home also helps other vulnerable tenants such as jobseekers. If housing conditions are improved and the overall quality of housing rises, it will contribute to the Council's overall ambition to reduce deprivation and ensure that all of its citizens can enjoy the City's prosperity. The Scheme will also provide an opportunity to assist other vulnerable tenants through safeguarding, prevention of exploitation and signposting tenants to services that will support improved health, for example assistance such as smoking cessation or prevention of fuel poverty.

Introducing licensing with its relevant conditions and inspection regime, signposting for wider benefit and proposals for joint working and opportunistic approach for supportive funding for improvement such as energy initiatives will assist with matters such as reducing fuel poverty, increased health and wellbeing, less sickness absence from work and school all of which will support increased household income and health.

The Council can also clearly demonstrate the effect its existing schemes have had on improving property conditions, where it is easier to effect shorter term improvements, in the HMO sector. The outcomes of this are evidenced through the decrease in complaints relating to housing conditions. The Council believes that these improvements in property conditions will directly lead in the longer term to a reduction in deprivation being experienced not only in the properties that are licensed but in the wider community. The Council is able to evidence through the improvements to property in the social rented sector that improvements in property conditions lead to improvement in health. The Council believes that further licensing via the proposed scheme will also enable the Council to improve conditions in the wider PRS where they are clearly needed.

The proposed scheme of selective licensing fits entirely with the Council's vision that every neighbourhood is safe, clean and a great place to live. Existing initiatives and the exercise of available powers have not brought about the improvement in the City's PRS which is needed: there is no practical and beneficial alternative to the proposed scheme

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BERRIDGE & SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE – 1ST MARCH 2017

Title of paper:	Section 106 Funding for Valley Road Park and Peggy's Park	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	n/a	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
The report outlines the proposal for the spend of £190,887.68 open space Section 106 funding.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the Committee endorses the allocation of £190,887.68 of Section 106 funding (from planning application 14/00436/PFUL3) as set out in the report.	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Parks Development Team have set out proposals for the spend of £190,887.68 of Section 106 funding that is available to spend on the “upgrading existing children's play spaces at Peggy's Park in Daybrook and Valley Road”.
- 1.2 The spend proposals are as follows:

Site	Proposals	£
Valley Road Park & Play Area	Footpath improvements and new path link to play area	£75,000.00
	Additional bins near skate park and play area	£2,000.00
	Additional play equipment at Valley Road	£25,000.00
	Replacement rowing machine	£2,500.00
	Interpretation / signage / noticeboard	£5,000.00
	Car park improvements	£500.00

Peggy's Park & Play Area	Interpretation and signage	£5,000.00
	Painting of sculpture and fencing	£3,000.00
	Goal posts for grassed area	£1,500.00
	Improvements to old BMX area (possible skate park)	£71,387.68
TOTAL		£190,887.68

1.3 These proposals are based on discussions with Councillors, local people and the Neighbourhood Development Officer for the area.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

2.1 The development that generated the funding was the former Haywood School site, planning reference 14/00436/PFUL3.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 If the Section 106 funding is not allocated and spent, it would be possible for the developer to reclaim it.

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 The City has section 106 receipt 14/00436/PFUL3 for the amount of £190,887.68, at present this receipt is not earmarked for any schemes and as such is available to fund the works proposed above. The section 106 receipt will be earmarked for the works contained within this report subject to a Delegated Decision.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 Legal comments will be sought at the Delegated Decision stage of approvals.

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

6.1 N/A

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because this report does not include proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions.

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

8.1 None.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 Section 106 agreement: Nottingham City Council and Strata Homes Yorkshire Limited and the Royal Bank of Scotland re the former Haywood School, Edwards Lane, Nottingham, dated 2nd September 2014.

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Berridge and Sherwood Area Committee 1st March 2017

Title of paper:	Area Based Grant – Area 5 update	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
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Community Services		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>This report provides progress on the Area Based Grant (ABG) for Area 5 for the last three quarters alongside performance monitoring data. It sets out the key priority areas, funding allocation for each priority and details of delivery partners and their activities and their performance against expected outputs and outcomes. The report provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Background and context to the ABG and funding allocation to the lead organisation. • Key priority areas, delivery partners and allocation of funding • Performance and monitoring data by the lead organisation against the contract by each priority area. 		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note the progress and performance report based on three quarters activity for the Area Based Grant by the appointed Area based Lead Organisation – NG7 Training, Employment and Advice (NG7 TEA).	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 NG7 Training, Employment and Advice (NG7 TEA) was appointed by Nottingham City Council as the Area Based Lead Organisation in April 2016 to coordinate the Area Based Grant for Area 5 following the successful delivery of the first round of the Grant.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The total allocation of the Area Based Grant for 2016/17 for Area 5 is £170,968 including management fee.
- 2.2 A Needs Analysis for Area 5 informed the developed of 4 key priority areas/themes which support the strategic priorities of the Nottingham Plan 2020 and the Nottingham City Council Plan 2015-19 as well as identification of local priorities.
- 2.3 NG7 TEA undertook consultation for each priority area and liaised with key stakeholders and the local voluntary sector organisations, establishing a process to identify a range of delivery partners to develop provision in order to address the identified priorities, targets and outcomes.
- 2.4 Details of priorities, funding allocation and delivery partners for 2016/17 are set out below:

Priority	Activities	Delivery Partner	Allocation
Priority ONE: Employment and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to employment support Support for language and skills training Develop network of digitally connected clubs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NG7 TEA City College 	£47,000
Priority TWO: Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Universal and static provision Diversionary provision Summer holiday events Targeted support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asian Women's Project KK Sports Pythian Club SUMAC Hyson Green Cultural Festival 	£64,000
Priority THREE: Support for community infrastructure – Community Associations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to community centres Activities at community centres Support for Community Associations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Edwards Lane CC Forest Fields CC New Basford CC Sherwood CC 	£20,765
Priority FOUR: Support for local VCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of advice and support to smaller VCS and grass root groups Support to new and emerging groups for migrant communities. Small grants fund 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NVCS Nottingham Equal Partnership Council 	£30,000
Local Priority: Income Deprivation Affecting Older People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising awareness and support to local groups working with older people to access support and funding for their users. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership Council 	£2000

- 2.5 NG7 TEA has met with each delivery partner and agreements specifying the service delivery, targets and expected outcomes to be delivered as well as monitoring requirements have been issued.
- 2.6 Due to the delays in commencement of the Grant programme not all partners were able to launch their activities on 1st April 2016 so delivery of activities is at variable stages and each partner has plans in place to ensure the annual targets and outcomes are met. NG7 TEA will be undertaking performance monitoring and providing detailed report of activities and progress to the Area Committee twice a year.
- 2.7 NG7 TEA in agreement with key stakeholders and the delivery partners has agreed themed based consortium meetings aligned to current wider partnership meetings for

that theme, where appropriate, to avoid duplication and meeting overload. It was agreed this model would ensure delivery partners are embedded within and connected to the wider networks for their priority/theme, facilitating better communication of relevant information, increasing understanding and knowledge of provision and gaps and enabling the sharing of good practice.

2.8 Progress and Performance

NG7 TEA has established strong partnerships with the local voluntary sector groups and put in place service level agreements with providers for the different priority areas. There have been some teething issues with data capture and monitoring returns, which NG7 has been working with the providers to overcome so that performance and achievements are fully captured and reported upon but also celebrated.

2.9.1 Employment, Skills and Training:

Being economically active is a pathway out of poverty and deprivation. As such the provision of practical support to encourage and assist individuals to access the labour market is an essential need to address in the area. Employment, skills and training continues to remain a priority need for the area. This is one of three priorities of Area 5 Committee as well as being the main priority of the vast number of residents, especially migrants who have moved into the area. Whilst there has been an improvement in the numbers in employment, the transient nature of the area means there are always new settlers from East European countries which means there is on-going high demand for employment support services. NG7 TEA in partnership with City College Nottingham deliver the employment and skills priority theme through a number of interventions across a range of sites in Area 5 to ensure ease of access and improve uptake of support. The service is provided in a client centred non-threatening, user friendly way. Clients have access to a comprehensive drop in employment support including support with job searches, CV writing, completing on-line applications, preparing for interview, presentation skills, advice on financial support and sign posting to other services as appropriate. The support is delivered using a hub and spoke model from NG7 TEA, a geographically well placed location on a busy high street with high visibility offering drop-in facilities and support 9-5pm, 5 days a week. Further outreach support is delivered through 6 community venues in different geographical locations across Area 5. The staff are culturally sensitive, most are bi-lingual and in addition, volunteer interpreters provide weekly support in 3 languages (Hungarian, Romanian and Bulgarian) for the increasing numbers of Eastern European migrants.

Due to the late start of the Area Based Grant there is a couple of months lag in monitoring and performance reporting data, that said targets are expected to be exceeded as full quarter of activity is still to be reported upon.

Performance against targets

Outputs:

- Target to deliver 200 job/work club sessions – actual = 183
- Target to create 40 ESOL training places – actual = 91
- Target to create 40 conversational English classes – actual 79

- Target to add 3 new work club sessions – This target has been achieved with 2 new sessions being delivered from Radford Road and mobile sessions are delivered at various community events.

Outcomes:

- Target is 450 people accessing job clubs – actual = 701
- Target 60 people supported into work – actual = 48
- Target 100 people accessing language support – actual = 110
- Target 30 workplace/volunteering opportunities created – actual = 19

2.9.2 Young People:

A comprehensive range of activities are delivered by a group of providers named in section 2.4 across different sites and venues within Area 5, ranging from universal, targeted/divisionary and holiday provision to address the scale and complexity of needs of a diverse group of young people in the Area. A consortium of partners named in section 2.4 are represented by NG7 TEA at the Young Peoples Panel meetings, fully engaging with discussions and developments. NG7 and its partners are actively engaged with the Central Youth Providers Forum, Early Help Team and a range of other agencies to ensure everyone has the most current information and are fully updated on issues and opportunities. Providers are also engaged with a range of agencies including NDO's YOT, Police, Community Cohesion/Community Protection Teams and the early Help Team in developing and delivering their provision.

Performance against targets:

NB: Not complete 3 quarter data set as some providers had a late start

Outputs:

- Universal youth support sessions delivered – target = 210, actual = 212
- Targeted youth support sessions delivered – target = 150, actual = 148
- Holiday youth support sessions provided – target = 25, actual = 32

Outcomes:

- Young people accessing universal provision – target = 400, actual = 424
- Young people identified as 'at risk' supported or referred – target = 100, actual = 72
- Young people recognised as travelling towards 'at risk' supported or referred – target = 200, actual = 136
- Young people accessing holiday provision – target = 375, actual = 246

2.9.3 Infrastructure support:

A network of accessible and culturally appropriate community centres is a crucial element in ensuring a vibrant and cohesive community. NG7 TEA is working with the Neighborhood management team and key stakeholders to ensure that the centres are fully utilised by the local community and service delivery where possible takes place in these centres. Substantial improvements have been made at a number of centres with discussions taking place for improvement plans for other centres where required. A key challenge for NG7 TEA and the City Council is to ensure that these community assets are fully utilised which would also ensure sustainability of these community places in the long term. Some of the centres are being run by a Community Association and NG7 TEA has been working with colleagues from Nottingham City Council and NCVS to ensure they are fit for purpose and proactively

addressing long term sustainability by becoming Charitable Incorporated Organisations.

In Berridge the arrival of large numbers of migrants from Eastern European countries has made the area a focal point for the Polish, Hungarian and Romanian communities. The newly formed organisations representing these communities are all seeking to establish a base from where they can deliver services and hold meetings and events. More recently the area has seen a growth in the Middle Eastern community as well as migration of people from Indian subcontinent from Europe ahead of Brexit. As such we expect to see a change in needs and demands for service provision and this is likely to impact on future arrangements and provision in the area. NG7 TEA in partnership with Nottingham City Council colleagues have agreed to utilise the funding allocation to Forest Fields Community Centre for these and other groups to apply for funds to NG7 TEA to cover room hire costs.

Edwards Lane Community Centre and New Basford Community Centre are also being supported by NG7 TEA, and Colleagues from Nottingham City Council and NCVS to establish effective management and governance committees and move towards becoming Community Associations and Charitable Incorporated Organisations.

All four community centres across Area 5 are being utilised by a range of user groups delivering a variety of activities. The centres are open daily including some evenings and weekends depending on programme of activities and user group's needs.

Performance against targets

Community centres increasing opening hours target = 3, actual = 2

Community associations increasing centre opening hours target = 3, actual = 2

Improvement plans in place for community associations target = 2, actual = 1

User groups accessing community centres regularly target = 20, actual = 24

New user groups accessing community centres target = 5, actual =

Community associations engaged and supported in running community centres target = 3, actual = 2

Community associations increasing financial sustainability target = 3, actual = 2

2.9.4 Support for local voluntary community sector:

The local voluntary community sector provides valuable support to local communities and is an essential part of the local infrastructure. Area 5 has seen a growth of small groups due to the emergence of new groups that have been established to meet the needs of the new and emerging communities that have settled in the area. These new groups are in their infancy and therefore need support to ensure that they have the right structures and governance arrangements in place to function effectively. NG7 TEA is working with Nottingham Equal and NCVS who are both infrastructure support organisation to provide advice and support to smaller local VCS organisations, delivering basic management and funding advice and support to grass root groups. The programme of support available to groups is from initial client contact, through diagnostic/action planning, setting up, formation, organisational development, and growth. Subsidised/free access to NCVS's comprehensive training programme will also be available to beneficiary groups.

Nottingham Equal has also been commissioned to work with the new and emerging groups serving the needs of the migrant communities.

A small grants budget has been established allowing small groups to bid for funds to support their development or support interventions in local priorities. However due to the closure of the Partnership Council (PC) in December 2016, NG7 TEA is now exploring an alternative plan to manage administration and delivery of this piece of work. The aim of the small grants budget is to support small VCS groups in delivering activities which specifically meet local needs and priorities. A key focus of the small grants budget is about raising awareness and support for grass root groups or individuals supporting those identified under Income Deprivation Affecting Older People. This includes but is not limited to Fuel poverty, Food poverty, availability of free/subsidised hot meals and general support around poverty issues.

This priority area is expected to deliver the following outcomes:

- a) Up to 37 groups will be enabled to access the menu of support from diagnostic/action planning to organisational development, and growth as outlined above.
- b) 8-10 small organisations will be supported through the small grants fund – Plans are being developed to address the void left by the closure of the PC
- c) Over 50 local people on VCS board/management committees trained and supported.

Performance against targets:

- Groups enabled to access support, target = 37, actual = 26
- Groups supported through small grants fund, target = 10, actual = 0 (due to alternative plans in development)
- Volunteers on committees / boards accessing training, target = 50, actual = 35

- Groups improving service delivery / quality, target = 37, actual = 24
- Groups improving financial sustainability, target = 10, actual = 10
- Groups improving / increasing management capacity, target = 50, actual = 26

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 None

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 Not applicable

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 Not applicable

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

6.1 Not applicable

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because the report does not refer to a new or changing service

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

8.1 None

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 None

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Area 5 Committee (Berridge and Sherwood Ward) 1st March 2017

Title of paper:	Nottingham City Homes Update	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Nick Murphy, Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes	Wards affected: Berridge & Sherwood
Report author(s) and contact details:	Chanel Richards, Area Housing Manager, St Anns Housing Office	
Other colleagues who have provided input:	N/A	
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>The report provides updates on key issues and themes which link back to local priorities and the strategic themes for Nottingham City Homes.</p> <p>The reports provide summary updates on the following key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Programme and major work • area regeneration and environmental issues • key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress • Tenant and Residents Associations updates • Area performance • Good news stories and positive publicity 		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note and comment on the update and performance information in Appendices 1 and 2.	
2	To note the allocation of funds for 2016/17, detailed in Appendix 3.	
3	To seek approval in appendix 3	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Nottingham City Homes Update provides a descriptive and statistical picture of what is happening at an area level and invite community representatives to comment, debate, and challenge and identify how they can add value to improve their neighbourhoods.
- 1.2 The update also monitors progress in the wards and acts as a catalyst for debate about the key performance issues impacting upon the ward on a quarterly basis.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 Nottingham City Homes previously reported on performance at local Area Panels that sat below the respective Area Committees. These panels were attended by local residents, local Councillors and partner agencies.
- 2.2 Nottingham City Homes has a goal to 'create homes and places where people want to live' and to give tenants and leaseholders an input in shaping what happens in their area. The Nottingham City Homes Update and Performance Report is one of a number of initiatives that increases the transparency and accountability of the Company's performance.
- 2.3 Following the decision for Nottingham City Homes reps to attend Area Committee, it was decided to provide the Nottingham City Homes Update Report to Area Committee. Appendices 1 and 2 provide the latest performance position for the committee to note and comment on.
- 2.4 Appendix 3 outlines the remaining capital budget for this area that is for noting.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 NONE

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 Budgets are allocated on a yearly basis for each ward and there is an obligation on Nottingham City Homes to ensure that funds are allocated to projects within these budget requirements

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 NONE

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

- 6.1 NONE

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



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NCH update report

Time: 6.00pm

Date: 1st March 2017

Presented by: Chanel Richards

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	Item	Executive Summary / Key Points	For information or decision
1	<p>Capital Programme & major works</p>	<p>Woodthorpe and Winchester There was a well-attended resident event held at the end of January where NCH and their chosen constructor partner Wilmott Partnership Homes gave an update on the impending works.</p> <p>Planning and designs have been submitted NCC Planning section and are in the public domain with a design freeze scheduled during February.</p> <p>Enabling works will commence in April. The new build (a 44 unit extra care building) and external wall insulation to the towers will start at the same time.</p>	<p>Information</p>

2	Area Regeneration and Environmental Issues	<p>Berridge We are writing into this area committee report for the approval of the funds towards the Gawthorne Street Gym area and upgrade to the park..</p> <p>Sherwood We are due back on site to the Edwards Lane Estate in March 2017 to deliver major fencing improvements to Alderton Road. This is due to the huge success of the Northwood Crescent scheme and our further commitment to delivering more across this estate.</p>	Approval
3	Key messages from Tenant and Leaseholder Involvement	<p>Tenant and Leaseholder Awards 2017, Wednesday 29th March. We have again received many nominations for our fantastic Tenant and Leaseholder Awards – recognising and celebrating the very best individuals, groups or initiatives that are improving the lives of residents and neighbourhoods and helping us to create homes and places where people want to live. The awards event will be held on the 29th March at the Council House where all finalists will be invited and recognised for the efforts in the community.</p> <p>Day of Action- 9th March 2017 planned at the Sherwood Contact Point, Mansfield Road, Sherwood. NCH to publicise the rent first initiative, universal credit and local issues along with local partners.</p>	Information
4	Tenant and Residents Associations updates	<p>ELETRA The group now meet bi monthly starting in November at the Edwards Lane Community Centre. The meeting in January was postponed to Monday 6th February, 6.30pm.</p> <p>Winwood TRA The group meet bi monthly and they are also working very closely with residents of Woodthorpe and Winchester to keep them informed of the proposed works to flats and the surrounding area.</p>	Information







		New TRA for Sherwood	
5	Area Performance Figures	See Report	Information
6	Good news stories & positive publicity	<p>Swim or Fit for a £1 For £1 tenants and leaseholders can use the gym or attend fitness classes at any of the Nottingham City Council fitness centres. This offer is currently running alongside the very successful swim for a £1 running at any Nottingham city council swimming pools.</p> <p>For more information contact NCH Involvement Team on 0115 746 910 www.fitinthecommunity.com</p>	Information

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Area report - Sherwood & Berridge









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AC5-1 Anti-social behaviour





Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
% of ASB cases resolved by first intervention – Central region <i>Note: This PI monitors the ability of the HPM to select the correct first intervention.</i>	85%	95.12%			94.21%	86.67%	Back on target following dip last month
% of ASB cases resolved – Central region <i>Note: This PI measures the proportion of ASB cases NCH has successfully resolved. Data for this PI is not available by ward and is reported by Housing Office.</i>	99%	97.56%			97.89%	100%	8/9 - one unresolved case
Number of new ASB cases – Central region <i>Note: Data for this PI is only available by Housing Office.</i>		97			129	121	Reduction in overall number of cases following transfer of Area 5 management to St Anns

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AC5-2 Repairs

Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
<p>% of repairs completed in target – AC - Sherwood & Berridge</p> <p><i>Note: This PI monitors the proportion of repairs being completed within agreed timescales.</i></p>	96%	96.33%			95.29%	97.45%	
<p>% of repairs completed in target – Berridge Ward</p> <p><i>Note: This PI monitors the proportion of repairs being completed within agreed timescales.</i></p>	96%	95.64%			94.64%	98.01%	
<p>% of repairs completed in target – Sherwood Ward</p> <p><i>Note: This PI monitors the proportion of repairs being completed within agreed timescales.</i></p>	96%	96.45%			95.42%	97.35%	
<p>Tenant satisfaction with the repairs service</p> <p><i>Note: Data for this PI is only available citywide</i></p>	9.1	9.08			9.1	8.9	<p>WS -Oct - 2016 Performance is in target for the month at 9.2% .With performance at 9.08 for the year we continue to look at introducing service improvements through the repairs modernisation and monitor customer satisfaction data to highlight and inform these service improvements. These improvements have been added to an action plan that covers the whole of R&M to improve customers satisfaction with the service. We are also currently piloting new customer service cards.</p>







AC5-3 Rent Collection

Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
<p>% of rent collected</p> <p><i>Note: This PI measures the amount of rent collected (including tenant arrears) as a percentage of rent due for the current year. Data for this indicator is not available by ward and is reported city wide.</i></p> <p><i>Trend shows as improving if value is over 100% as arrears are decreasing.</i></p>	100%	101.22%			100.25%	100.56%	<p>Following the rent free week in August when our collection rate improved as tenants still paid despite the reduced debit, we had a reduced collection in September. At 99.58% the collection rate was £220,000 off a 100% return. It is also slightly behind last year's position of 99.8%. Arrears as a % of debit is 2.45% against a target of 2% - this is £470,000 above where we need to be to hit the target. However as the debit reduced by 1% this year, this is an increasingly difficult target to attain. The numbers of Universal Credit cases continues to increase - with the total standing at just over 200, the arrears on these cases totals £109,014 currently. Equally the amount of Housing Benefit we receive continues to decrease, at a rate of approximately £20,000 each week. This means that we have more rent to actually physically collect from tenants. Although more people are coming off benefit they are taking up low paid jobs that are not permanent with regular hours and therefore their income is liable to fluctuate. This makes it difficult for people to budget and as a result we have increased arrears. Additionally there is still the problem of Court fees standing at £325 - as a consequence we are entering cases at a much higher level. Judges will often adjourn cases, allowing the debt to increase but Housing Benefit backdates are now severely restricted.</p>
<p>% of tenancies ending due to eviction</p> <p><i>Note: This PI monitors the percentage of tenants being evicted due to rent arrears and is reported citywide.</i></p>	0.45%	0.42%			0.43%	0.56%	<p>This indicator will be on target by the end of the financial year. WE are currently only 0.02% behind target and as we are not carrying out any further evictions during March we will be on target. We have done 101 evictions so far this year and at this point last year we had done 129.</p>

AC5-4a Empty properties - Average relet time







Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
<p>Average void re-let time (calendar days) – AC - Sherwood & Berridge</p> <p><i>Note: This PI measures how long it takes NCH to re-let empty properties from the end of the old tenancy to the start of the new tenancy</i></p>	25	35.85			39.32	36.14	Void performance summary: There are currently 10 empty properties in the Area Committee 5 area. The average time to relet properties in the Area Committee 5 area is 32 days. There have been 82 new lettings this year. The city wide time to let empty properties is 26. Our voids processes have recently undergone a review. In the long term this should result in an improvement in performance. There are still some long term/hard to let properties in the system which have an adverse effect on performance. The longest a property has been empty in this area is 5 weeks. The lettings service houses around 200 families each month around the city.
<p>Average void re-let time (calendar days) – Berridge Ward</p> <p><i>Note: This PI measures how long it takes NCH to re-let empty properties from the end of the old tenancy to the start of the new tenancy.</i></p>	25	1.83			9.88	17.6	Void performance summary: There are currently 0 empty properties in the Berridge ward area. The average time to relet properties in the Berridge ward area is 18 days. There have been 5 new lettings this year. The city wide time to let empty properties is 26. Our voids processes have recently undergone a review. In the long term this should result in an improvement in performance. There are still some long term/hard to let properties in the system which have an adverse effect on performance. The longest a property has been empty in this area is 0 weeks. The lettings service houses around 200 families each month around the city.
<p>Average void re-let time (calendar days) – Sherwood Ward</p> <p><i>Note: This PI measures how long it takes NCH to re-let empty properties from the end of the old tenancy to the start of the new tenancy</i></p>	25	45.57			43.85	37.66	Void performance summary: There are currently 8 empty properties in the Sherwood ward area. The average time to relet properties in the Sherwood ward area is 38 days. There have been 61 new lettings this year. The city wide time to let empty properties is 26. Our voids processes have recently undergone a review. In the long term this should result in an improvement in performance. There are still some long term/hard to let properties in the system which have an adverse effect on performance. The longest a property has been empty in this area is 5 weeks. The lettings service houses around 200 families each month around the city.

AC5-4b Empty properties - Lettable voids







Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
Number of lettable voids– AC - Sherwood & Berridge <i>Note: Lettable voids are empty properties available for re-letting. They will receive repair work and then be re-let to a new tenant.</i>		8			10	8	
Number of lettable voids – Berridge Ward <i>Note: Lettable voids are empty properties available for re-letting. They will receive repair work and then be re-let to a new tenant.</i>		2			0	0	
Number of lettable voids – Sherwood Ward <i>Note: Lettable voids are empty properties available for re-letting. They will receive repair work and then be re-let to a new tenant.</i>		6			10	8	

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AC5-4c Empty properties - Decommissioning

Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
Number of empty properties awaiting decommission – AC - Sherwood & Berridge <i>Note: This PI shows the number of empty properties which will not be re-let and includes those being decommissioned and / or demolished.</i>		0			0	0	
Number of empty properties awaiting decommission – Berridge ward <i>Note: This PI shows the number of empty properties which will not be re-let and includes those being decommissioned and / or demolished.</i>		0			0	0	
Number of empty properties awaiting decommission – Sherwood Ward <i>Note: This PI shows the number of empty properties which will not be re-let and includes those being decommissioned and / or demolished.</i>		0			0	0	

AC5-5 Tenancy sustainment

Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
Percentage of new tenancies sustained - AC - Sherwood & Berridge <i>Note: This PI measures the number of new tenants who are still in their tenancy 12 months later.</i>	96.5%	91.04%			92%	95.46%	Dip in performance relates to Sherwood Ward rather than Berridge
Percentage of new tenancies sustained - Berridge Ward (2003) <i>Note: This PI measures the number of new tenants who are still in their tenancy 12 months later.</i>	96.5%	90%			100%	100%	100% off low sample size - NCH has limited stock in this ward
Percentage of new tenancies sustained - Sherwood Ward <i>Note: This PI measures the number of new tenants who are still in their tenancy 12 months later.</i>	96.5%	91.23%			91.18%	94.87%	further analysis to be undertaken to address underperformance in this ward

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APPENDIX 3

Area	Ward	Actual Budget (including carry over from 2015/16)	Schemes Approved	Schemes Committed	Schemes De Committed	Remaining Budget
5	Sherwood	£41,993.09	£40,000.00	£40,000.00	£0	£1,993.09
5	Berridge	£6,860.83	£235.00	£235.00	£0	£6,625.83

Address	Request	Reason	Nottingham City Homes Officer	Cost	Approval
Gawthorne Street Park	Improvements to the play area and installation of a fitness gym.	Improve community facilities within the ward.	Leanne Hoban	£6,625.83	Approval

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BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE – 1st March 2017

Title of paper:	Action Taken Under Delegated Authority – Ward Allocations	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Dave Halstead Director of Neighbourhood Operations and Communities	Wards affected: Berridge and Sherwood
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report asks the Committee to note decisions made under delegated authority that support the local community in a variety of ways. The funds allocated by Councillors are used to address the diverse needs from various sections of the community and to reduce inequalities.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note the actions taken under delegated authority in appendix 1	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Decisions in relation to councillors ward allocations are made under delegated authority by the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations and they must then be reported back to the Area Committee for information.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

2.1 This action follows the arrangements established by the Executive Board in respect of individual councillor allocation budget spending.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 No other options were considered.

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 Councillors have an individual ward allocation of £5,000 per Councillor for 2016/17. A proportion of uncommitted funds from 2015/2016 has been brought forward and will be committed during this financial year.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 None

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

6.1 None

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An EIA is not required as this is not a new or changing policy, service or function. Individual EIAs will be completed for projects where necessary

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

8.1 None

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 None

Appendix 1

Berridge Ward Budget Allocations 2016/17 – 8th November 2016 – 2nd February 2017 Councillors Ibrahim, Jones and Neal

Allocation 2016/17	£15,000
Unspent Balance b/fwd 2015/16	£81
Total Available Allocation 2016/17	£15,081
Allocated Funds (Spent and unspent)	£14,675
Decommitted funds	£735
Uncommitted balance as at 16/08/16	£1,141

Item	Recipient	Date Agreed	Total
International Women's Day event	Let is shine, give a smile	1 st February 2017	£500
Healthy relationship workshops with young people	Central Locality Domestic Abuse Forum	1 st February 2017	£500

No funding agreed since the last Area Committee

Berridge Ward figures have been amended using the most recent financial information provided, taking into account monies that have been unspent and returned.

Sherwood Ward Budget Allocation 2016/2017 8th November 2016 – 2nd February 2017 Councillors Ball, Parbutt and Urquhart

Allocation 2016/7	£15,000
Total Available Allocation (inc. carryover from 2015/2016)	£37, 615
Allocated Funds (Spent and unspent)	£25,118
Decommitted funds	£874
Uncommitted balance as at 31/08/16	£12, 497

Item	Recipient	Date Agreed	Total
Community Activities	Various	4 th January 2017	£1000
Cycle Safety Equipment	Residents	1 st February 2017	£300

Sherwood Ward figures have been amended using the most recent financial information provided, taking into account monies that have been unspent and returned.

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BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE: 1st MARCH 2017

Title of paper:	Area 5 Ward Reports	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Dave Halstead Director of Neighbourhood Services	Wards affected: Berridge & Sherwood
Report author(s) and contact details:	Leigh White, Neighbourhood Development Officer (Sherwood) 0115 8838477 – leigh.white@nottinghamcity.gov.uk Angela Bolton, Neighbourhood Development Officer (Sherwood) 0115 8838476 – angela.bolton@nottinghamcity.gov.uk Debbie Royle, Neighbourhood Development Officer (Berridge) 0115 8838468 – Debbie.royle@nottinghamcity.gov.uk Beth Hanna, Neighbourhood Development Officer (Berridge) 0115 8838466 – beth.hanna@nottinghamcity.gov.uk	
Other colleagues who have provided input:	Heidi May, Head of Neighbourhood Management 07983718859 heidi.may@nottinghamcity.gov.uk	
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	Councillor Graham Chapman 12 th November 2015	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report focusses on current priorities and issues facing Area 5 wards of Berridge & Sherwood. It also provides details of forthcoming events and activities.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the priorities, current issues and supporting information for Area 5 Wards be noted and comments welcome.	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Each Ward manages a set of priorities and key issues through regular meetings of its Neighbourhood Action Teams (NAT). These meetings are led by Neighbourhood Development Officers (NDOs) and supported by core partners including Nottingham City Homes (NCH), Neighbourhood Policing, Community Protection, Children and Early Help, City Services / Waste Management; Fire and Rescue Services and Health.
- 1.2 Ward Councillors are also invited to participate in these meetings.

- 1.3 Ward priorities are identified and informed from a range of sources including Citizens, Councillors, Partners and Officers. Ward priorities and current issues will be updated for each area committee.
- 2 The list of events and activities will take account of the work which all NDOs undertake with partner organisations within their Ward and shows the depth of activity in place working alongside neighbourhood management to improve social cohesion and tackle priorities at a ward and area level.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The Wards sit within the Area 5 Committee which have adopted three area based priorities at its first Area Cluster meeting
- Health
 - Environmental issues - cleansing, fly tipping, noise and open spaces
 - Employment & Training
- 2.2 These priorities demonstrate a link to the City Council's current ambitions contained in the latest City Council Plan 2015 - 19. Actions for each priority will be developed and led by appropriate service teams and partnerships. The Area priorities were reported to the last Area 5 Committee on 25th May 2016 and will be updated annually.
- 2.3 The area priorities listed in 2.1 sit within wider pieces of work and broader agendas which are being addressed by multi agency approaches across the City. At a Ward level it is important to identify how some of these more complex priorities can be worked on at local levels – either ward or area by introducing local solutions. This could, for example, include more targeted use of funding such as Ward Councillor budgets to support healthy eating initiatives or the use of Area Capital to develop an outdoor gym facility.
- 2.4 The current Ward priorities which have been reported previously through the area committee performance reports are shown in Appendix 1. These priorities will be updated for each area committee, taking into account discussions at NAT meetings and various groups and activities involving local residents.
- 2.5 Appendix 2 sets out the current key issues.
- 2.6 Appendix 3 highlights the forthcoming opportunities for citizens to engage

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 None

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 None

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

6.1 None

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An EIA is not required as this is not a new or changing policy, service or function. Appendix 3 highlights the forthcoming opportunities for citizens to engage in events and activities in their neighbourhoods

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

8.1 None.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 None.

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Appendix 2

Sherwood Ward Priorities January 2017

Safer Nottingham

Priority	Update since last Area Committee	Lead
To provide heightened Police presence in areas targeted by Antisocial Behaviour to tackle issues and reassure residents	NPT had high visibility in specific areas discussed at NAT meetings resulting in some issues being alleviated.	Police Community Protection
Work with Nottingham Prison, Nottingham City Homes and local residents to address issues in and around Nottingham Prison	An operation has taken place to identify people that are throwing over packages to prisoners. Work is also being undertaken with the residents to ensure that they are locking the newly installed gates. Monitoring is taking place to identify any displacement issues	Police NCH, NDO
Ensure the Police Contact Point is open in Sherwood District Centre	Police Contact Point remains open and accessible during open hours.	Police

Neighbourhood Nottingham

Priority	Update since last Area Committee	Lead
Champion local events and facilitate community events like Sherwood Art Week	A successful Sherwood Christmas light switch on took place at the end of November, supported by our sponsors – Swinton Insurance. Plans are currently underway for a Pirates Park Picnic and a Week of Action. Councillors welcome applications for funding to support other community events in Sherwood.	NDOs Community Libraries In Bloom
Dog fouling near Haydn School and other hotspots	This area remains a hotspot for Community Protection who regularly patrol there. The dog fouling cleaning machine also does weekly visits. This will be focussed on during the Week of Action.	City Services Community Protection
Monitor known fly tipping sites and streets where bins on streets is an issue	There has been an improvement in some of our bins on streets hotspots. Enforcement is taking place on residents who are not complying and leaving their bins out.	City Services Community Protection
Set up Tenants and Residents Groups	There are now residents groups covering most of	NCH

	Sherwood. Contact Leigh/Angela for further details on your local group.	NDOs
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Families Nottingham

Priority	Update since last Area Committee	Lead
The development of Valley Road Park, Pirate Park, Peggy's Park and the Dell at Woodthorpe Park	Valley Road and Pirate Park improvements are complete. Phase 1 of Peggy's Park is complete. Plans for the Dell have gone out for tender.	Parks Department NDOs NCH
Increase the take-up of the 2 year early learning funded places	Remains a priority.	Early Help Services
Protect and look to extend Library services in Sherwood	Sherwood Library is always keen to be involved when we run events in the area and remains an extremely popular facility.	Libraries
Improve youth and play facilities and activities in the area	Youth and Play sessions continue in our priority areas. We are currently looking at the feasibility of holding some Family Sessions.	Early Help Services Lead Organisation NDOs

Health Nottingham

Priority	Update since last Area Committee	Lead
To raise awareness of Domestic Violence	We supported the White ribbon campaign last year and include Domestic Abuse support numbers on all publicity where possible	NDOs Health Police
To decrease cardiovascular disease	Healthy walks and activities are currently taking place in Woodthorpe Park.	NDOs Health NCH

Working Nottingham

Priority	Update since last Area Committee	Lead
Youth unemployment	NG7 are focusing on employment issues.	Lead Organisation Early Help
Support Sherwood District Shopping Centre	Promote Sherwood as a nice place to shop and visit. Events bring people to the area and businesses can utilise this to promote their business.	NDOs Markets and Fairs

List of key current issues (taken from latest NAT Review)

- Dog fouling in key locations
- Dangerous/inconsiderate parking at various locations
- Speeding
- Haydn Road recycling
- Burlington Court

These issues along with others will be addressed during the Week of Action

Opportunities for citizens to engage - forthcoming dates of events and activities

- Thurs 9th Mar – Winchester Street – Elmswood Gardens, meet at corner of Elmswood Gardens and Mansfield Road, 9.30am
- Mon 13th Mar – CTARA (Carrington Tenants and Residents Association) - Upstairs room at The Gladstone Pub, Loscoe Road, Carrington, 7pm
- Week of Action – 27th March – 2nd April
- Wed 5th April – Ward Walk – Caledon Road – Burlington Road – meet on corner of Caledon Road/Hucknall Road, 9.30am
- Mon 10th April - CTARA - Upstairs room at The Gladstone Pub, Loscoe Road, Carrington, 7pm
- Wed 12th April – Pirate Park family picnic, 11am – 1pm – Bring food, a blanket and your teddy bear if you want to!
- Mon 8th May - CTARA - Upstairs room at The Gladstone Pub, Loscoe Road, Carrington, 7pm
- Saturday 20th May – Nottingham in Bloom Open Day – Woodthorpe Nursery – 10am – 4pm

There are also Tenants' and Residents' groups on The Edwards Lane Estate, Central Sherwood and Edingley Square areas. Contact the NDOs for further information.

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Appendix 1

Berridge Ward Priorities – March 2017

Safer Nottingham

Priority	Progress since the last Area Committee (November 2016)	Lead
To provide heightened Police presence in areas targeted by Antisocial Behaviour to tackle issues and reassure residents. Make public spaces safe and open to all to use and enjoy.	Ongoing - Police continue to patrol hot spot areas, using intelligence from the community and NAT members. Identifiable repeat hotspot locations have not really materialised since the last update and appear to have reduced. Many incidents of ASB are neighbour / property related and the NPT have worked with housing providers to resolve. Patrols continue around historical hotspots but limited activity witnessed.	Police Community Protection
Target dangerous driving and parking issues - develop a Community Road Safety Scheme (CRSS), monitoring hot spots and make traffic management improvements.	The CRSS has had 4 days of action on Haydn Rd, North Gate, Perry Rd and Girton, and is recruiting new residents to identify hot spots for monthly actions. Future actions planned for Girton and Hamilton. Traffic Management Improvements are in progress around Beaconsfield St and Gregory Boulevard. Targeted intelligence led patrols and speed camera operations have been taking place. Other locations are being looked at to improve parking and safety.	Police CERT team NDO
Tackle violent crimes and the root causes, including Domestic Abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Central Locality Domestic Abuse Forum has met to plan work in 2017. • A White Ribbon Campaign raised awareness of issues and services in November and December. • Free training has been organised for locality workers including working with children and young people in February/March. • The Freedom Programme project was successfully completed. • Partnership working to deliver a confidence building course and young people's awareness programme. • Police have been doing intervention work with Medium Risk DV survivors. 	Police Central Locality Domestic Violence Forum

Reduce Burglaries	As always CID have primacy for investigating all dwelling burglaries. NPT complete revisits with victims and actively gather intelligence, recently resulting in a good arrest for a serial burglar. Good relationships built with probation hostels which are visited and ex-offenders spoken with to offer support to reduce re-offending.	Police
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Neighbourhood Nottingham

Priority	Progress since the last Area Committee	Lead
Improve street cleanliness including bins off the street, reduction in fly tipping and contaminated bins.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPOs have been working intensively in Forest Fields to get the bins off the street. The actions planned by NDOs, Waste Management, CPOs, NOM and their team have been delayed due to departmental reorganisations. Further bin stencilling is being planned. 	Community Protection NDOs City Services
Encourage pride in the neighbourhood and improved communication and information sharing between residents e.g. Street Champions scheme.	The Street Champions Scheme continues to develop with 8 people now involved.	Councillors NDOs
Support and develop community facilities, activities, events and community engagement with services in the ward.	A successful Festive Lights Switch On was held in December, Monthly Ward Walks, Local Action Groups meetings, Forest Fields Community Centre, New Basford Community Centre development and other local events. Councillors have been funding local groups, please see relevant report.	Councillors NDOs
Develop work with New and Emerging Communities including Roma communities.	The Central Roma group has been reviewed to link into 6 monthly city wide strategic meetings led by Councillor Webster. Work with Lead Organisations NG7 and Castle Cavendish and Communities of Interests to look at groups being supported and gaps.	Councillors NDOs Early Help

Families Nottingham

Priority	Progress since the last Area Committee	Lead
Develop local park improvements - The Forest play area, Gawthorne St Park and Shipstone Park.	Consultation has been completed and plans developed for Gawthorne St Play Area which will be implemented in 2017. Support has been given to develop the play area on The Forest. Improvements will be made to Shipstone St Play Area in 2017 with a consultation	Park Services NDOs SRRA Councillors

	event on June 24 th .	
Improve the health and well-being of families, children and young people.	A range of targeted and general activities and courses continue to be delivered in the ward at the children centre and venues in the community. A draft Health action plan is being considered for Area Committee. Work to support the This Girl Can Campaign to encourage more women and girls to access provision.	Early Help Services Public Health Djanogly Leisure Centre
Improve youth and play facilities and activities in the area	Councillors are funding play areas, and work closely with NG7 who commission services, with attendance at the Youth Providers forum. Work to ensure all providers do core training on domestic abuse awareness, safeguarding etc.	Early Help Services Lead Organisation

Health Nottingham

Priority	Progress since the last Area Committee	Lead
Identify and tackle health issues and causes of health inequalities– e.g., domestic violence, mental health, obesity, CVD, smoking, drugs and alcohol, access to services and support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Action Plan has been developed for the area. • A 12 week Freedom Programme was successfully delivered. • A 6 week confidence course is being delivered at the Children Centre. • The White Ribbon Campaign delivered awareness on Domestic Abuse services etc. 	NDOs Public Health Health Services Early Help Services
Improve/increase green spaces in the ward.	See above	Councillors Parks Services NDOs

Working Nottingham

Priority		Lead
Provide coordinated and accessible education, training and employment advice services to reduce unemployment	An area 4 and 5 Employments & Skills Partnership has been meeting up to network, promote services, map existing provision and identify gaps in services against priorities.	NG7 Early Help Economic Development
Support Berridge Rd and Hyson Green shopping area	New bins have been installed on Radford Rd and NDOs are working with the Regeneration Team to look at	NDOs Regeneration Team

	improvements to Berridge Rd.	
Promote practical support for local people via benefit/debt/housing advice, food/clothes banks, social meals.	Councillors have supported Forest Fields Advice Centre and Sharewear clothing bank that are looking for new premises in the area to distribute free clothing from. Ideas are being developed to increase social eating events.	Forest Fields Advice Centre Sharewear Councillors

List of key current issues (taken from latest NAT Review)

- Bins on streets
- Litter, fly tipping and dog fouling
- Street Champions scheme
- Regeneration of Berridge Rd shopping area
- Dangerous/inconsiderate parking and traffic management schemes
- Community Road Safety Scheme
- Park improvements - The Forest play area, Gawthorne St and Shipstone St parks

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Opportunities for citizens to engage - forthcoming dates of events and activities

New Basford Community Event – Wednesday 19th April – Chard St/NBCC times tbc

Local Action Group meetings:

Date and time	Area	Venue/Meeting place
Wednesday 8 th March 6.30pm	Forest Fields	Forest Fields Play Centre

Ward Walks:

15 th March 10.30am-12	New Basford (North Gate-Beech Ave)	Corner of Haydn Rd/ Nottingham Rd
19 th April 10.30-12	Forest Fields (Leslie Rd- Sherwood Rise)	Corner of Leslie Rd/Berridge Rd

Tues 25 th April -10.30am - 12	Hyson Green	TBC
10 th May 6pm-7.30pm	Sherwood Rise (Haydn Rd– Greg Boulevard)	Corner of Haydn Rd/ Nottingham Rd

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BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE – 1st March 2017

Title of paper:	Area Capital Fund	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Dave Halstead Director of Neighbourhood Services	Wards affected: Berridge, Sherwood
Report author(s) and contact details:	Leigh White, Neighbourhood Development Officer (Sherwood) 0115 8838477 – leigh.white@nottinghamcity.gov.uk Angela Bolton, Neighbourhood Development Officer (Sherwood) 0115 8838476 – angela.bolton@nottinghamcity.gov.uk Debbie Royle, Neighbourhood Development Officer (Berridge) 0115 8838468 – Debbie.royle@nottinghamcity.gov.uk Beth Hanna, Neighbourhood Development Officer (Berridge) 0115 8838466 – beth.hanna@nottinghamcity.gov.uk	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report provides Councillors with the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways and footways.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To approve the Area Capital Fund programme of schemes for Berridge and Sherwood Wards as set out in the non-shaded rows of Appendix 1.	
2	To note the commitment of funds in Berridge and Sherwood Wards as set out in Appendix 1.	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Nottingham Local Transport Plan (LTP) 2011-2026 maintains a commitment to deliver local transport improvements across Nottingham’s Neighbourhoods and prioritises small scale transport improvements of importance to local communities.

- 1.2 On 23rd February 2016 the Executive Board approved £1,250,000 to make up the LTP element and £750,000 to for the Public Realm element of the Area Capital Fund for the financial year of 2016/2017.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The Area Capital Programme was established in 2006 to improve the environment of the neighbourhoods and to create a sense of place for residents in order to improve the quality of life of local people.
- 2.2 Resources are allocated from the Nottingham City Council general fund, the LTP and from the Housing Revenue Account.
- 2.3 The programme of works is a rolling programme. There have been instances where schemes are started, with strong community involvement and interest, only to be altered at a later stage due to changing circumstances, such as economic conditions and change in land values.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 Bringing together the various strands which form part of the Area Capital Programme enables the City Council to respond effectively in delivering on public realm improvements as identified by local people.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 A risk register has been produced which is regularly monitored.

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

- 6.1 None

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An EIA is not required as this is not a new or changing policy, service or function.

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

- 8.1 Highways Framework Agreement

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 9.1 None

Berridge Area Capital 2016 - 2017 Programme

Berridge LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
North Gate	road safety	Prioritised 5 January 2017	£13,217			Installation of two vehicle activated speed signs for North Gate (LTP contribution) - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Gawthorne Street/ North Gate	TRO	Approved November 2016	£7,250			Junction protection at the junction of Gawthorne Street and North Gate - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Grit bins and salt	winter maintenance	Approved November 2016	£835	-	complete	supply 2 x grit bins and salt on Cardwell Street and Langtry Grove - lead service: Highway Maintenance
North Gate	SNP	Approved November 2016	£200	-	complete	Replacement of remaining street name plate on junction of North Gate and Nottingham Road - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Wilkinson Street	road safety	Approved September 2016	£1,000			Contribution to traffic flow improvement scheme at Wilkinson St/Radford Rd junction - subject to match funding - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Cardwell Street/ Gladstone Street	road safety	Approved by DA July 2016	£1,114	01/09/2016	complete	Installation of bollards on the corner of Cardwell Street/Gladstone Street to protect footpath users - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Beaconsfield Street area	parking	Approved by DA June 2016	£19,500			Installation of residents' parking scheme on the roads between Beaconsfield Street and Shipstone Street - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Central Avenue	footpath	Approved by DA June 2016	£33,994	15/08/2016	complete	Reconstruction of footpath on Central Avenue (odd numbered side) - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Berridge Ward crossings	dropped crossings	Approved by DA June 2016	£1,500			Scoping exercise for the provision of dropped crossings across the ward - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Burford Road/ Gladstone Street	road safety	Approved by DA June 2016	£7,250			Extension of double yellow lining/signs to deter lorries from entering Forest Fields from New Basford Industrial Estate - lead service: Traffic & Safety

Total LTP schemes*

£85,860

Berridge Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Gregory Boulevard	SNP	Prioritised 9 February 2017	£200			Replacement of street name plate on corner of Noel Street - lead service: Highway Maintenance
North Gate/ Nottingham Road	planters	Prioritised 9 February 2017	£790			Provision of 2 planters at corner of North Gate / Nottingham Road - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces
Harcourt Road/ Berridge Road/ Shipstone Park	area improvement	Prioritised 5 January 2017	£426			Provision of signs prohibiting anti-social behaviour at identified locations in the ward - lead service Highway Maintenance
Berridge Ward cleansing	street cleaning	Prioritised 5 January 2017	£17,600			Contribution to provision of new street cleaning equipment - lead service: Streetscene

Gawthorne Street	parks improvements	Prioritised 5 January 2017	£15,374			Contribution to new park equipment - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces
North Gate	road safety	Prioritised 5 January 2017	£7,283			Installation of two vehicle activated speed signs for North Gate (PR contribution) - lead service: Traffic & Safety
North Gate/ Ash Villas	SNP	Approved September 2016	£700	-	complete	Removal/replacement of street name plates on North Gate and Ash Villas - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Radford Road	litter bins	Approved September 2016	£1,355			Joint scheme with Arboretum Ward to provide litter bins as part of the Deep Clean programme - lead service: Streetscene
North Gate/ Nottingham Road	planters	Approved by DA April 2016	£847	-	complete	Provision of 2 planters at corner of North Gate / Nottingham Road, including safety audit - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces
Chard Street/ Silverdale	parks improvements	Approved May 2016	£2,810	-	complete	Park/play area improvements at Chard Street and Silverdale, including moving and resiting benches, new fencing and preparing ground - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces

Total Public Realm schemes**

£47,385

Berridge Withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details		
No decommitments to date						

Total Decommited***

£0

2016 - 2017 LTP allocation

£70,100

LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016

£15,760

2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation

£42,100

Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016

£19,430

Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF

£147,390

*Less LTP schemes

- £85,860

**Less Public Realm schemes

- £47,385

***Decommited funds

+ £0

Remaining available balance

£14,145

LTP element remaining

£0

Public Realm element remaining

£14,145

Sherwood Area Capital 2016 - 2017 Programme

Sherwood LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Sherwood Ward footpaths	footpaths	Prioritised 02 February 2017	£40,000			Contribution to large scale footpath patching works on Devonshire Drive, Devonshire Road and Devonshire Crescent - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Sherwood Ward footpaths 2	footpaths	Prioritised 02 February 2017	£20,000			Contribution to large scale footpath patching works on Mansfield Street - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Sherwood Ward parking	parking	Prioritised 02 February 2017	£20,000			Funding to cover the costs associated with new parking schemes - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Oak Street/ Wesley Street dropped crossing	dropped crossings	Prioritised 02 February 2017	£2,714			Further contribution to previously agreed scheme - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Sherwood Ward	parking	Approved November 2016	£2,100			Assessment of existing parking issues and identification of suitable solutions - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Oak Street	dropped crossings	Approved September 2016	£1,786			Further contribution to previously agreed scheme - lead service: Traffic & Safety

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Total LTP schemes*

£86,600

Sherwood Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Sherwood Ward surveys	surveys	Councillor Prioritised	£20,000			Speed and flow surveys on accident hotspots and short-cut roads to identify options for improvement - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Church Drive Community Garden	palisades	Approved May 2016	£760	Mid June 16		Removal of existing posts and install new machined timber posts on site - lead service: Locality Management
Carrington Community Garden	signage	Approved May 2016	£600	-	complete	Two signs to the public footpath, Carrington Community Garden, Church Drive and Bernard Street - lead service: Rights of Way

Total Public Realm schemes**

£21,360

Sherwood Withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
<i>No decommitments to date</i>				

Total Decommitted***	£0
2016 - 2017 LTP allocation	£54,100
LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£34,280
2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation	£32,400
Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£45,727
Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF	£166,507
*Less LTP schemes	- £86,600
**Less Public Realm schemes	- £21,360
***Decommitted funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£58,547
LTP element remaining	£1,780
Public Realm element remaining	£56,767