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NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Station Street, NG4 3AN on 26 November 2014 from 4.30pm - 6.08pm

Membership

Present

Absent

Councillor Bill Ottewell (Chair)

Councillor Brian Grocock (Vice Chair)

Councillor Cat Arnold

Councillor Alex Norris

Councillor David Smith

Councillor Michael Wildgust

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

James Fullerton) Bestwood Estate Community Centre

Sharon Fullerton)

Stephen Barker - Leen Valley Community Centre

Dale Griffin)

Mark Leavesley) Nottingham City Council

Lynne McNiven)

Heidi May)

Lee Barrowcliffe) Nottingham City Homes

Maria Gawdiak)

Insp James Woolley - Nottinghamshire Police

John Hancock - Observer (City resident)

Stuart Bell) Right Track

Nick Parr)

22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Gursharan Nijran – Neighbourhood Development Officer

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

24 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2014 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

25 PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES IN AREA 2

Lynne McNiven, Consultant in Public Health, introduced the ward profiles relating to health and social factors for the Basford and Bestwood areas and highlighted the following points:

- (a) the purpose of the profiles is to make sure the Committee and citizens are aware of the services available in the area and provide an opportunity for people to discuss issues so they can be progressed;
- (b) Public Health has moved from the NHS to the City Council so services are now commissioned through the Local Authority. The services are based on need and the directory shows exactly where these services are based / available;
- (c) the school health profiles are compiled through information from the School Nurse Service, which is commissioned by Public Health.

The following comments were made:

- (d) the information is welcome and will be useful;
- (e) many children in Bestwood currently start school with very low esteem and skills which, hopefully, will be addressed by the '0-4 Project', starting in October 2015. This will include health visits and should address any issues, effectively making children 'school ready';
- (f) Ofsted's 'Ready for School' project, a transition process from the age of 3 which helps parents and carers to support their children's learning from home to nursery and nursery to school, is started too late and the 0-4 Project, mentioned above, should prepare families earlier and better;
- (g) health needs should be included in local ward plans.

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Committee to Ms McNiven, for the informative presentation, be recorded.

26 NOTTINGHAMSHIRE POLICE

RESOLVED to note the update on crime statistics and police actions for the Basford and Bestwood wards as provided by Inspector Woolley.

27 RIGHT TRACK

The Committee received an update from Stuart Bell and Nick Parr, Right Track, informing it of the latest performance and future plans in relation to community association development, youth activity and digital inclusion in the Basford and Bestwood wards.

During discussion it was stated that the available funding appeared to be unevenly split between the wards. In response, Mr Bell stated that the funding was available to the area, not allocated to each ward, and was used as and where required.

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Committee to Mr Bell and Mr Parr for the update be recorded and the latest position was noted.

28 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES

The Committee received an update from Lee Barrowcliffe, Nottingham City Homes, detailing the latest position in relation to work undertaken by NCH as follows:

- the Decent Homes Standard;
- door and slate roof replacement programmes;
- houses in multiple occupation (HIMO) refurbishment;
- Equalities Act 2010 works (covering works to 60 Independent Living Schemes throughout the City);
- the planned fencing and guttering programme for Basford (January 2015) and Bestwood (February 2015).

Mr Barrowcliffe also informed the Committee of the following:

- the key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress;
- Tenant and Residents Associations updates;
- Area performance Figures;
- 'good news' stories and positive publicity.

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Committee to Mr Barrowcliffe for the update be recorded and that the latest position was noted.

29 WARD PERFORMANCE

Dale Griffin, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, which provided an update on key issues and themes in the wards, linked to local priorities and strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020. The report provide summary updates on the following key themes:

- Ward priorities;
- Community engagement;
- Finance;
- Safer Nottingham - crime and anti social behaviour;
- Neighbourhood Nottingham – cleansing and Environmental issues;
- Working Nottingham - unemployment rates;
- Healthy Nottingham – local health priorities;
- Housing;
- Community Protection;
- Fire.

RESOLVED to note the latest position in regard to performance against strategic themes of the Nottingham Plan 2020 and local priorities.

30 AREA CAPITAL FUND: 2013-15 PROGRAMME

Dale Griffin, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, which provided an update on the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund 2013-15, including highways, footways and Nottingham City Homes environmental improvements.

RESOLVED

- (1) to approve the following Area Capital and NCH Environmental fund schemes:**

Basford

Stockhill Park Pavillion - refurbishment	£ 6,000;
Fenton Court – railings and gates	£ 9,941.66;

Bestwood

Bestwood Park Drive West – footpath resurfacing	£86,885;
Raymede Drive – public realm improvements	£24,325;
Raymede Drive – install fencing and gates	£81,277;
Beckhampton Road safety scheme	£60,000;

(2) to note the remaining monies available as follows:

- (i) Area Capital Fund: Basford - £84,264, Bestwood - £5,317;
- (ii) Environmental fund: Basford - £58,756.73, Bestwood - £nil.

31 DELEGATED AUTHORITY DECISIONS TAKEN

Dale Griffin, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, detailing completed and ongoing projects and schemes in the Basford and Bestwood areas funded from Councillors' individual delegated ward allocations.

RESOLVED to note the projects and schemes, funded from ward Councillor delegated budgets, as follows:

Basford Ward

Heathfield Summer Programmes 2014	£1,000
SALTAR summer playscheme	£ 500
Knit and Knatter at Basford Library	£ 250
NCVS awards	£ 150
Toton Close allotments clean up	£ 400

Balance brought forward 2013/14	£16,435
Allocation 2014/15	<u>£15,000</u>
Total available 2014/15	<u>£31,435</u>

Total allocated	<u>£13,095</u>
Total available	<u>£18,340</u>

Bestwood Ward

Bestwood Advice Centre	£ 4,000
Bestwood Christmas Lights	£16,000
Bestwood's Got Talent	£ 1,000

Balance Brought forward 2013/14	£24,627
Allocation 2014/15	£15,000

Deprivation award (IMD) 2014/15	<u>£14,154</u>
Total Available 2014/15	<u>£53,781</u>
Total allocated	<u>£23,850</u>
Total available	<u>£29,931</u>

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