

Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee – 25th November 2015

Title of paper:	Ward Performance Reports	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		X
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		X
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City		X
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre		X
Help keep your energy bills down		X
Good access to public transport		X
Nottingham has a good mix of housing		X
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs		X
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		X
Support early intervention activities		X
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		X
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>This report outlines the community engagement, which has taken place and is planned in Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Wards. It also outlines the ward priorities for both wards and the actions, which have been undertaken to address those priorities. The reports provide summary updates on the key themes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ward priorities • Community engagement • Finance • Safer theme - Crime and anti social behaviour (ASB) • Neighbourhood theme – Cleansing and Environmental issues • Working theme - Unemployment rates <p>The following brief summary by the respective Ward NDO highlights the key issues:</p> <p><u>Bulwell Ward</u> Suki Shergill Neighbourhood Development Officer</p> <p>Recent successes include :-</p> <p>1. Men’s Health Event – This event was planned to be outdoors with a range of outdoor sports</p>		

activities but due to heavy rain on the day we moved the event indoors and successfully promoted both healthy physical and mental health issues with a range of stalls and activities.

2. As part of a day of action police conducted door knocking and signed up 64 residents to community alerts as a result of distraction burglaries on the Bulwell Hall beat as part of the days of action.
3. 3 successful deep cleans were conducted around the Crabtree Area.
4. A two day Bulwell Town centre Deep clean was conducted.
5. A successful drop in and talk to your councillors and promotion of cancer prevention and awareness, universal credit and Bulwell Town Centre consultation with communities outside Tesco's.
6. A successful older person's event was held on the 1st October at riverside and engaged with a range of older people offering information and activities.

Emerging issues include;-

1. Traffic increase on Hucknall Lane.
2. Town Centre shop thefts have increased.

The issues which the neighbourhood Action team is focusing on include;-

1. Reducing fly tipping littering and dog fouling in the Crabtree area by working closely with The Peoples Choice TRA and Community Protection to outreach and liaise with residents.
2. Continue to Promote healthy eating and other health agendas in order to reduce health priorities such as Bowel and Lung Cancer and Obesity.

Parts of these issues are being dealt with via healthy eating with in Schools and grow your own projects.

The figures given below show some key statistical points for this quarter;-

1. Criminal damage has dropped by 1% as 2014/15 it was at 197 and dropped to 192 for September 2015.
2. Anti Social Behaviour in terms of noise has dropped from April 2015 from 172 to 155 resulting in a drop of -26%.

Bulwell Forest Ward

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Recent successes include;-

Over 6000 booklets were delivered to properties in the Bulwell Forest Ward for the week of action informing them of a wide range of activities taking place in the ward. This resulted in new people going along to a range of community activities which they were not aware of previously eg Rise Park Toddlers Group, Bulwell Forest Childrens Centre's Play and Stay, Rise Park Art Group. In addition, three information stalls took place outside the Rise Park shops, Co-op on Highbury Rd and Tescos Top Valley to let people know about local services and ask them if there were any issues in their area. The police signed people up to the neighbourhood alert system during these events.

During the week of action, 6 nuisance bikes were seized.

The Older Persons event at Bulwell Riverside on October 1st attracted a large number of people who were able to find out about activities and services available to them. Positive feedback was received from many of the people who attended.

Despite the weather, Fun on Bulwell Forest was a successful event which was organised by a voluntary committee with support from Neighbourhood Management and Bestwood Partnership. A range of stalls and activities kept residents busy throughout the event.

Emerging issues include;-

Persistent dropping of a large number of cigarette ends and litter outside industrial premises. A meeting has taken place involving City Services, Neighbourhood Management and a manager of the premises to look at possible resolutions.

Privately owned garages which are in a very poor state of repair and not secure. Work is ongoing to identify the owners.

The areas which the Neighbourhood Action Team is focussing on include;-

- Nuisance Bikes – nuisance bikes continue to be an issue in the ward despite recent successes from the police. The competition to design a poster about nuisance bikes which will be used in hot spot areas is currently taking place at Top valley Academy and will be judged by councillors towards the end of October.
- Littering and flytips – new ways of tackling littering and flytip hotspots are being investigated eg through possible use of a mobile camera.

Recommendation(s):

1 Area Committee notes and comments on the Ward Performance Reports.

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 Ward performance reports provide a descriptive and statistical picture of what is happening at a ward level and invite community representatives to comment, debate and challenge and identify how they can add value to improve their neighbourhoods. Ward performance reports also monitor progress in the wards and act 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 Neighbourhood Working has been important for a number of years in Nottingham as a means of engaging better with citizens and to drive forward service improvement.

2.2 The Nottingham Plan has a goal that ‘public service delivery will be better integrated and appropriately devolved, ensuring more accessible and responsive services for all and giving residents more control over what happens in their neighbourhoods’; the Ward Performance reports help to support this.

2.3 The Ward Performance Reports captures work at a local level to support the Nottingham Plan; it is a short summary of key updates on priorities and issues in the ward. More detailed implementation plans sit behind the report such as the Ward Action Plan, Neighbourhood Action Team’s Action Log, Crime Drug Partnership (CDP) plans and other partner’s implementation plans.

2.4 The Ward Performance Reports are co-ordinated by Neighbourhood Development Officers every quarter, with the data analysis undertaken by the CDP.

2.5 The Locality Boards were disbanded at the end of 2014 and a city wide meeting has now been established to replace this.

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

None

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

None

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

None

6. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)

No

Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

Due regard should be given to the equality implications identified in the EIA.

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

7.1 Neighbourhood Working Framework 2012 CLT report

8. **PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

None