

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House on 19 November 2015 from 6.02 pm - 6.51 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Carole-Ann Jones (Chair)
Councillor Brian Parbutt (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Toby Neal
Councillor Jane Urquhart

Absent

Councillor Alex Ball
Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Beth Hanna	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Dorothy Holmes	- Locality Manager
Paul Howard	- Tenancy Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes
James Rhodes	- Strategic Insight Manager
Carol Mee	- Carrington Tenants and Residents Association
Adeel Munawar	- Patra Trainee
Laura Wilson	- Governance Officer
Insp James Wolley	- Nottinghamshire Police

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Alex Ball – work commitments
Councillor Mohammed Ibrahim – unwell

Angela Bolton – Neighbourhood Development Officer
Moby Farrands – Partnership Council/Forest Fields Improvement Association
Bill Husband – NG7

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

26 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 24 September 2015 and they were signed by the Chair.

27 HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY ENGAGEMENT

James Rhodes, Strategic Insight Manager, introduced the Corporate Director for Children and Adults' report, informing the Committee that the Health and Wellbeing Board, which includes the Clinical Commissioning Group, the Council, Police and Voluntary Sector, is developing the next Health and Wellbeing Strategy, and highlighted the following points:

- (a) the Health and Wellbeing Board want to engage with as many citizens and interest groups as possible to help shape its next strategy;
- (b) initial consultation began in October and is continuing in November. It includes engaging with existing networks, such as Area Committees, public events and front-line workforce focus groups;
- (c) there is also an online survey and a toolkit available for groups to run their own consultation sessions;
- (d) the questions being used in the consultation are:
 - What do you think are the main issues affecting people's health and happiness?
 - What do you think is stopping citizens from living a healthier and happier life?
 - What would you like to see in your area or community to help make people healthier and happier?
- (e) the common issues and themes emerging from the consultation so far are:
 - social isolation and loneliness is a problem;
 - the cost of living a healthy life is more expensive;
 - people don't always know what services are available, and/or may not have the confidence/support to use them;
 - lifestyle factors, such as smoking, have an impact;
 - there is a disproportionate impact on BME communities.

The Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (f) health has been selected as a priority for the area as it has a lower life expectancy compared to other parts of the city;
- (g) combatting social isolation is important as it is something that can happen easily because there are many methods of communicating without human contact;
- (h) there is a social café in the area where people can meet once a month for a cheap and nutritional meal. It is hoped that the frequency of this can increase to help people get out and socialise.

RESOLVED to note the report.

28 POLICE UPDATE

Inspector James Woolley, Nottinghamshire Police, provided the Committee with the following information, which is compared to the same period last year:

Berridge - Quarter 1

- (a) crime has is up by 20%;
- (b) anti-social behaviour is up by nearly 50%;

- (c) criminal damage and robbery have both decreased;
- (d) there is an increase in shop thefts but the main offenders have been caught;
- (e) the number of sexual offences reported has nearly doubled, 19 cases compared to 10, but more than half of the cases are historical offences;

Berridge - Quarter 2

- (f) crime is up by 0.5%;
- (g) there has been one fraud and forgery offence, compared to none last year;
- (h) anti-social behaviour is the same as last year, but down from Quarter 1;
- (i) there have been a couple of arrests of repeat offenders for burglary, but overall figures are low;

Sherwood - Quarter 1

- (j) crime is up by 13%;
- (k) dwelling burglary has increased;
- (l) theft from vans is an issue, but an arrest has been made so it is decreasing;
- (m) there has been a 30% reduction in auto crime, although this is still an issue, and is mainly as a result of drivers leaving belongings on display when they leave their vehicle;
- (n) shop theft is down as 3 individuals have been arrested;
- (o) violence has increased, but this is a city-wide issue

Sherwood - Quarter 2

- (p) there has been a 10% reduction in crime;
- (q) anti-social behaviour has reduced by 20%;
- (r) there has been a reduction of over 50% in dwelling burglary;
- (s) vehicle crime is down;
- (t) overall crime is down by 1%;
- (u) specific work has been undertaken with Nottingham Prison to do some preventative work to address issues;

General

- (v) each ward has 2 Beat Managers and 4 PCSOs, which is currently under review. A business case has been put forward and it is hoped that the staffing will remain the same, or possibly increase.

29 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE

Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager, introduced the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes' report providing updates on key issues and themes which link back to local priorities and strategic themes for Nottingham City Homes (NCH), and highlighted the following points:

- (a) the upgrade of the gates to the alleyways along Gunthorpe Drive, and planting of trees along the perimeter of the prison is ongoing;
- (b) the date for the next street inspection with young inspectors from Djanogly Northgate Academy is 24 November 2015;
- (c) there will be a meeting in December with tenants from Sherwood who are interested in developing a recognised Tenants and Residents Association, or similar group;
- (d) funding is requested to carry out a major fencing and boundary upgrade on Northwood Crescent in the Sherwood ward;
- (e) the Anti-Social Behaviour Team has won an award for their work;
- (f) there has been a slight dip in performance for repairs but this is being investigated and will be addressed;
- (g) there is currently an internal restructure taking place and part of the proposals is to move management of the area from the office in Radford to St Ann's.

The Committee commented that the potential to link the young inspectors work with the Ward Walk that Councillors have should be investigated.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the update and performance information detailed in Appendices 1 and 3 of the report;**
- (2) note the Area Capital Programme funding for the wards:**

Ward	Actual Budget	Schemes Approved	Schemes Committed	Schemes De-committed	Remaining Budget
Berridge	£20,931	£20,931	£20,931	£0	£0
Sherwood	£165,569	£29,856	£29,856	£0	£135,713

(3) approve the following allocation of Area Capital Programme funding:

Location	Type	Cost	Details
Northwood Crescent, Sherwood	Fencing and boundary upgrade	£130,000	A major fencing and boundary upgrade to the NCH properties to enhance the street and contribute to the wider regeneration of the area

30 AREA CAPITAL FUND

Beth Hanna, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations' report requesting approval for Area Capital Fund schemes.

The Committee was informed that the dropped crossings on Oak Street in the Sherwood ward are to ensure that there are enough accessible crossings in the general area to enable citizens, particularly those in the new care home, to access Mansfield Road safely and easily.

RESOLVED to

(1) note that the following money is available:

Berridge	£81,530
Sherwood	£80,007

(2) approve the following schemes:

Berridge Public Realm Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
The Forest Recreation Ground	Play equipment	£6,000	Contribution to the replacement of cableway play equipment at The Forest
Hyson Green Market Buttercross	Area improvement	£932	Contribution to area improvement works at the Buttercross in Hyson Green market

Sherwood Local Transport Plan Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Oak Street	Dropped crossings	£8,000	Additional contribution for dropped crossings at Wesley Street/Oak Street to facilitate re-alignment and building out the footway
Edwards Lane	Road safety	£27,500	Installation of a pedestrian refuge near Tudor Medical

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
			Centre
Parking restrictions	Review	£500	Review and recommendations around parking restrictions on Edwinstowe Drive, Gamston Crescent, Langar Close and Markham Crescent

31 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS - QUARTER 2 (AUGUST - OCTOBER 2015)

Dorothy Holmes, Locality Manager, and Beth Hanna, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations' report providing ward performance updates on key issues and themes which link back to local priorities and the strategic themes in Nottingham Plan 2020, and highlighted the following points:

- (a) both wards are performing above the target of 86% for cleanliness - Berridge scored 87%, and Sherwood scored 91%;
- (b) there have been 16 reports of graffiti in Berridge, compared to 10 in the same period the previous year, and 10 reports in Sherwood, compared to 8 in the same period the previous year;
- (c) there have been 232 reports of fly tipping in Berridge, compared to 224 in the same period the previous year, and 77 reports in Sherwood, which has decreased from 110 in the same period the previous year;
- (d) there have been many successful community events in both wards;
- (e) budget consultation events are scheduled in both wards in January 2016.

The Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (f) there were concerns that flytipping has increased as citizens now need to be on the electoral register to use the bulky waste collection service, but the call centre has confirmed that this isn't the case;
- (g) information regarding the bulky waste collection service could be added to the back of ward walk letters;
- (h) a welcome leaflet is currently being designed which will include key service information in a range of languages;
- (i) the budget events need to be given more publicity to encourage people to attend.

RESOLVED to note the information.

32 ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY - WARD ALLOCATIONS

Beth Hanna, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations' report detailing the decisions taken under delegated authority to support the local community, address the diverse needs, and reduce inequalities.

The Committee was informed that the decommitted funds for Berridge will be detailed at the next meeting, and that the Christmas light costs need to come out of Sherwood allocation.

RESOLVED to note the actions taken under delegated authority:

(1) Berridge:

Item	Recipient	Date agreed	Total
May half term youth activities	The Pythian Club	27/05/2015	£150
Awards evening	Balls to Poverty	10/06/2015	£425
Hyson Green cultural festival	HGCF	16/06/2015	£1,500
Development worker	Muslim Community Organisation		£135
Wormaries	Edible Avenue	08/07/2015	£320
Summer youth activities	The Pythian Club	08/07/2015	£1,500
Carnival activities and events	Zodiac All Star Carnival Troupe	15/07/2015	£1,500
Youth activities	The Sumac Centre		£1,500
Family fun day – 28 July	Various		£600
Roma community work action plan	Various	29/07/2015	£1,000
Pakistan Heritage Week	Union Pakistan Kashmiri Organisation	13/08/2015	£600
Youth event	Karam Yog	22/09/2015	£540
White Ribbon Campaign	FCT	13/10/2015	£350
October half term activities	The Pythian Club	13/10/2015	£400
Exercise and wellbeing project	Forest Fields Primary School	13/10/2015	£600
Courses for older people	Forest Fields Advice Centre	13/10/2015	£1,000
Inspiring Young People course	Seeds Foundation	13/10/2015	£1,050
Half term activities	Karam Yog	16/10/2015	£100
New Basford Christmas meal	Karam Yog	16/10/2015	£750
Refugee and Asylum Seekers	All Souls CC	16/10/2015	£700
Festive Lights switch on	NCC	16/10/2015	£600

Allocation 2015/16 £15,000

Unspent balance brought forward from 2014/15 £983

Total available allocation 2015/16	£15,983
Decommited funds	£0
Allocated funds (spent and unspent)	£15,320
Uncommitted balance as at 22/10/2015	£663

(2) Sherwood:

Item	Recipient	Date agreed	Total
Pythian Club activities for young people – 10 week programme delivered at Edwards Lane Community Centre	Pythian Club	09/2015	£500- £1,000
Halloween activities at Edwards Lane Community Centre	Youth and Families Team	10/2015	£350

Allocation 2015/16	£15,000
Unspent balance brought forward from 2014/15	£264
Total available allocation 2015/16	£15,264
Allocated funds (spent and unspent)	£1,350
Uncommitted balance as at 01/09/2015	£13,914

33 AREA PRIORITIES

Councillor Carole-Ann Jones, Chair of the Committee, confirmed that the three priorities identified for the whole area:

- (a) health – with a focus on access to services;
- (b) jobs and training – with a focus on local shopping centres and businesses;
- (c) environmental issues – with a focus on cleansing, and parks and open spaces.

These will be monitored and Councillors will meet in December 2015 to review progress, and will provide an update at the next committee meeting.