

# AREA BASED GRANT

REPORT to Area Committee 21/9/16

The Bestwood Partnership – Lead Organisation

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## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING Qu1 performance and Qu2 activity

Organisation Name	Amount Qu 1	Outline of activity delivered
Bestwood Directions	5470	<p>21 individual support sessions, comprising:                      2 at Bestwood Park Community Centre                      3 at Heathfield school, 1 at Old Basford primary                      3 at each of Southwark primary, Robin Hood school, and Gladehill, 1 at Edwards Lane Community Centre and 5 at Basford Library</p> <p>3 training / educational opportunities jointly with New College Nottingham, comprising                      Food Hygiene 12<sup>th</sup> May,                      Health and Safety at Work 9<sup>th</sup> June,                      I.T. course Southglade Tuesdays</p>
New College Nottingham	1000	<p>39 Job club sessions provided, all at Southglade Access Centre, Wednesdays am. &amp; p.m. and Fridays p.m.                      3 training / education opportunities jointly with Bestwood Directions as shown above</p>
Bestwood Advice Centre	500	<p>Benefits-to-work calculations for individuals, on-site, Thursdays a.m., 2 sessions so far (additional sessions will be carried forward to qu 2)</p>

We have taken part in two meetings of the new **Employment and Skills Partnership**, for both areas 1 and 2, led by councillors, provides the opportunity, alongside City officers, to ensure close working between The Bestwood Partnership and other agencies so as to create a seamless provision across the north of the City.

Liaison work with the **library service, schools and community centres** to develop provision in **Basford** has been undertaken with great success already. Additional to establishing bases from which employability support services and training courses can be delivered, the opportunity has been taken to research the wishes of citizens as to the kind of support and training courses they would engage with. A wide range of suggestions for **adult education courses** have already been identified, and this survey will be used to focus training offered where possible.

Prior to the Area-based Grant we were operating a **Coalfields Regeneration project** to support local people into employment. While this project is now finished and the funding ended, we have continued to use the strapline "Changing Our Lives" alongside the City Council logo to emphasise continuity, so that residents are able to see this as a continuing service, which has helped delivery agencies and staff operate it seamlessly.

Quantitative Output	Performance		
	Q1 target	Q1 actual	Annual target
Job club sessions provided	25	39	100
Training / educational opportunities provided	2	3	20
Individual support sessions provided	25	23	100

Qualitative Output	Performance		
	Q1 target	Q1 actual	Annual target
People aged 29+ supported through job clubs	25	17	100
People aged 29+ in sustainable employment	5	2	40
People improving financial awareness	5	5	40

Emerging Issues:	RAG rating
Lack of previous employability provision in Basford ward	Amber (moving to green)

### Activity quarter 2

Close working together between ourselves and **Right Track** to enhance the mutual referral process between those over 29 Area 1 or 2 and those under 29 to be referred to Right Track provision. Co-working between our organisations will ensure an optimal outcome for local residents across the north of the City, which will impact strongly on our performance in Area 2.

Promotion of opportunities through summer events in the area during July and August, in particular the **Southglade Live** event in July.

Closer collaboration between The Bestwood Partnership and **Bestwood Advice Centre** to improve provision where employability support requires closer attention to in-work benefits and increase referral to employability support. **Money Advice course** to be delivered locally.

New I.T. course in September at Southglade Access Centre and a Food Hygiene Course, delivered by New College Nottingham

### CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE Qu1 performance and Qu2 activity

Organisation Name	Amount Qu 1	Outline of activity delivered
CBF Gymnasiums in conjunction with ACAF	10,000	22 universal sessions, 10 Outreach and 4 targeted provided. So far concentration has been on universal provision in Basford, built on previous experience, with new outreach and targeted sessions in Bestwood ward. These have been Wednesdays at Beckhampton Rd and Chediston Vale. Standard sessions take place at Henry Mellish and Southwark school, as well as Highbury Vale community centre.
In addition to direct delivery with and for young people in Basford and Bestwood, a <b>Youth Strategy Group</b> has been set up between the Bestwood Partnership, CBF Gymnasiums, City Council officers and all those active in the area working with young people to ensure a co-ordinated approach between Early Years, community delivery of services to young people, CBF Gymnasiums activity and what ABG can bring innovatively to the area.		

Quantitative Output	Performance		
	Q1 target	Q1 actual	Annual target
Universal sessions provided	15	22	60
Outreach or detached sessions provided	5	10	30
Targeted sessions provided	0	4	10
Mapping exercise of existing youth provision	0	0	1

Qualitative Output	Performance		
	Q1 target	Q1 actual	Annual target
Young people engaged through universal provision	50	80	200
Young people engaged through detached or outreach provision	25	40	100
Young people individually assessed and supported in targeted provision	0	0	30

Emerging issues:	RAG rating
Hotspot areas Chediston Vale and Beckhampton Road to be address by outreach work.	Amber
Individual young people to be identified through Young People's Panel to be worked with in targeted sessions, especially where there has been police involvement, or identified as at risk	Amber

**Activity quarter 2** In addition to the focussing of activity across the area by CBF Gymnasiums, a **summer programme** took place for young people during August. It is also expected that the draft **mapping exercise** of existing provision will be finalised as a working document to show hot-spots, provision, gaps in provision and help focus future activity

Outreach provision in Bestwood for **Beckhampton Rd and Chediston Vale** is moving from Wednesdays to Fridays in response to perceived need and at request of Youth Strategy group. The Youth Strategy Group and the Young People's Panel will meet on the same occasion each time, so ensuring that we focus on needs of individual young people for targeted support.

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS Qu1 performance & Qu 2 Activity

Organisation Name	Amount Qu 1	Outline of activity delivered
Bestwood Park Community Association	1288	Centre is open to all local citizens to access, appropriately on a weekly basis when needed. The centre hosts Pre-School provision.
Bestwood Estate Community Association	1620	Centre is open to all local citizens to access, appropriately on a weekly basis when needed. Key activities are elderly lunch club and dementia support group. Hosts Pre-School Learning Alliance provision.
Leen Valley Community Association	625	Open 30 hours per week, with 4 under-represented groups. Centre is open to all local citizens to access at appropriate times.
Heathfield Community Association	1000	Finalisation of monitoring pending, will count in qu. 2

**Bestwood Park Community Association** was supported to develop its management committee at a very successful AGM. **Funding levels** for Centres are in line with last year.

Quantitative Output	Performance		
	Q1 target	Q1 actual	Annual target
Community associations enhancing membership	1	1	3
Community associations accessing financial support	0	1	3
Community centre development plans improved	0	0	4

Qualitative Output	Performance		
	Q1 target	Q1 actual	Annual target
People accessing community centres	100	350	400
Community assns increasing financial sustainability	0	0	3
Community associations improving their governance	1	1	3
New volunteers active in community associations	3	3	12

Emerging issues:	RAG rating
Bestwood Park Community Association needing new management structure at A.G.M. – successfully supported into place	Green
Healthfield Community Association – limited committee membership putting pressure on one or two people – to be addressed (see below)	Amber

**Activity quarter 2:** As the year goes on, the focus is on both developing the relationship between the Lead Organisation and its Community Association partners. We also intend to develop the relationship, as a partnership, between the Associations themselves. This helps them feel less isolated, and helps in sharing skills, at a time when self-reliance is important.. The **business plans** under development will be progressed.

## SUPPORT FOR LOCAL VCS INFRASTRUCTURE Qu1 and 2

Organisation Name	Amount Qu 1/2	Outline of activity delivered including
Nottingham Council for Voluntary Service	tbc	Funding to provide financial, organisational and training opportunities for local organisations: outputs to be counted in qu 2 onwards
The Partnership Council	tbc	Funding to provide voluntary sector forums: outputs to be counted in qu 2 onwards

This element of the Area Based Grant will commence in qu 2. Outputs and Outcomes centre on 12 organisations being supported to improve their service delivery, financial sustainability, management capacity and knowledge. Additional funds of at least £2,000 will be made available to support local organisations with one-off activities and events. This figure will be increased by any underspend in other priority areas.

**A major Partnership event involving all partners, and especially voluntary and community sector organisations operating in the area, is being planned for the Autumn, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, at Bestwood Park Church, as a Community Conference.**