

## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Dining Room - at the Council House on 28 November 2016 from 17.00 - 18.06**

#### **Membership**

##### Present

Councillor Steve Battlemuch (Chair) (minutes 76-83 inclusive)  
Councillor Sally Longford (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Sam Webster  
Councillor Jim Armstrong

##### Absent

Councillor Georgina Culley

#### **Community Representatives (✓ indicates present)**

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| ✓ Friends of Wollaton Park                     | - Peter Green (as substitute for Rob Kirkwood) |
| ✓ Lenton Abbey Residents Association           | - Adam McGregor                                |
| ✓ North Wollaton Residents Association         | - Dr Chris Bignell                             |
| ✓ Sheila Roper Community Association           | - Bill Smith                                   |
| University of Nottingham Student Union         | - Abel Hartman or Ismail Sadurdeen             |
| ✓ Wollaton Historical and Conservation Society | - Alan Hall                                    |
| ✓ Wollaton Park Community Association          | - Pauline Peck                                 |
| ✓ Wollaton Park Residents Association          | - Sue Twyford and Sylvia Taylor                |
| ✓ Wollaton Vale Residents Association          | - Anthony Swanell                              |

#### **Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:**

Inspector Gordon Fenwick	) Nottinghamshire Police
Inspector Robert Wilson	)
Alison Challenger	- Director of Public Health
Lylse-Anne Renwick	- Neighbourhood Development Officer
Paul Howard	- Tenancy and Estates Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Donna Sherratt	- Community Family Support Manager
Catherine Ziane-Pryor	- Governance Officer

#### **72 CHAIR**

In the temporary absence of Councillor Battlemuch, Vice Chair Councillor Sally Longford Chaired the meeting until Agenda item 4, 'Improving the Health of Citizens' (minute 77), at which point Councillor Battlemuch resumed the Chair .

### **73     APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Georgina Culley – ill health

Adam McGregor – Lenton Abbey Resident's Association

Pauline Dorey – Neighbourhood Development Officer

### **74     DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

### **75     MINUTES**

#### **(a)     Confirmation**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19 September were confirmed and signed by the presiding Chair.

#### **(b)     Progress on Issues**

There has not been any further news regarding the movement of allotment plots at Radford Bridge Road Allotments as part of the development of the site but Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer, offered to invite the officer from Planning to give an update at the next Area Committee meeting.

### **76     POLICING UPDATE**

Police Inspectors Gordon Fenwick and Robert Wilson were present to deliver a Policing update for the area.

It is noted that Policing beats do not align with City Ward Boundaries but that the office near to the Waitrose site has three Police Officers and Community Protection Officers based there to ensure a visible community presence.

For the Wollaton East beat, Inspector Gordon Fenwick updated the committee as follows:

Compared to the same period last year,

- (a) Crime overall is down by 11% (57 incidents);
- (b) Victim based crime is down by 14% (65 incidents);
- (c) Theft is down by 20% (35 fewer incidents);
- (d) Vehicle crime has reduced by 26% (29 incidents);
- (e) Theft from vehicles is down 40%;
- (f) Shop burglary has also reduced;
- (g) Burglary of dwelling and non-dwellings has increased by 14% (6 incidents);
- (h) Antisocial behaviour has increased by 16% (24 incidents) which can be mainly attributed to young people gathering in the Nidderdale and Calderdale areas and around shops. This is something which the Police are trying to address.

The Committee's questions were responded to as follows:

- (i) There is no news to date as to whether a 'City Police Division' will be reintroduced by the new Chief Constable.
- (ii) A more detailed break-down and analysis of crime figures and statistics for the areas, including property status (private, social and private rented) is considered at Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) meetings.
- (iii) With regard to the ASB in the Nidderdale and Calderdale areas, patterns have been sought and it appears that the majority of problems can be attributed to young people from other areas, not locals. Once identified, the Police contact their schools and parents to address the behaviour, with the outcomes reported to the NAT meetings.

Inspector Rob Wilson updated the Committee on crime within the Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey ward and Hillside University park/Lenton Abbey beat, compared to the same period last year, as follows:

- (i) There has been a 25% reduction on ASB (30 fewer reports);
- (j) Criminal damage is down by 33% with 14 fewer incidents;
- (k) There has been an increase in violence (domestic and general) as a new report recording regime is now in place where the report is recorded as an assault and then investigated. This is in response to the volume of reports for which the allegation is later withdrawn by victims. There were 30 more incidents recorded against last year's figures, mostly minor and within the Lenton Abbey Area;
- (l) There has been an increase in dwelling and non-dwelling burglaries of 6 but this mainly relates to sheds;
- (m) thefts from vehicles have increased by two;
- (n) theft of cycles is up by seven which can be attributed to a spate of thefts on the university campus during the summer. Police are accessing University CCTV to try and identify the culprits.

The committee's questions responded to as follows:

- (iv) the reduction in ASB reports can be attributed to specific policing work to reduce noise problems. The majority of new ASB reports are related Street issues, which are also being addressed;
- (v) with regard to the two recent sexual assaults to women in different areas, the person initially arrested was found not to be involved and so released but a second person has been charged, remanded and is awaiting trial.

Members of the Committee welcomed the reduction in dwelling burglaries in Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey as a result of the positive work undertaken by the Police.

The Chair thanked Inspectors Fenwick and Wilson for their attendance and updates.

## **77 AREA COMMITTEE - IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF CITIZENS**

Alison Challenger, Director of Public Health, presented her report which updates the Committee on the progress in identifying specific health and wellbeing and treatment barriers for the population of Nottingham, and to invite members of the Committee and Community to help identify health priorities within the area.

The following points were highlighted:

- (a) to date, training has been provided to ward Councillors to enable a better understanding of the health services commissioning process;
- (b) Councillors have been asked to share their local knowledge of common issues and healthy lifestyle and treatment barriers with the Public Health Team and to encourage community groups to do the same;
- (c) this local intelligence will enable the Public Health Team to 'fine tune' Public Health Services to better meet the needs of the local population;
- (d) the information received so far has resulted in a different approach to commissioning some services which formerly were considered in isolation but have now been commissioned within one package. This includes stopping smoking, weight management and cook and eat sessions;
- (e) the specific questions asked of councillors and communities are listed in the appendix to the report, along with including the next stage of the process to address specific issues and barriers;
- (f) members of the Committee and community Groups are invited to continue to contribute and comment on local health issues and priorities and the proposal resulting from the consultation to date to ensure that models of commissioning become and remain the most effective for the local population.

The Committee's questions were responded to as follows:

- (i) the Public Health Team need to consider the whole issues and influences of social health within its remit prior to any major changes to commissioning. Only health and wellbeing areas for which the Public Health Team are responsible for can be considered and not those which are the responsibility of the NHS;
- (ii) Councillor's concerns that there may be a shortage of GPs will be passed to the Commissioning Group, with which responsibility sits, and a response to the Committee requested;
- (iii) it is recognised that there are significantly varying issues and needs within some wards. Within the boundaries of this Area Committee, a significant proportion of citizens are students and have specific needs including mental health support, suicide prevention and sexual health support. In addition the concerns for older people living in isolation need to be addressed. This is why local intelligence of issues is so valuable;
- (iv) the Environmental Health Team are actively tackling reports of noise which is often an under rated problem which can significantly impact on citizen's health;
- (v) Public Health Team are working to address significant alcohol issues including cultures of pre-loading, binge drinking, chronic drinking and dependant drinking within an Alcohol Strategy Group which includes partner members. The Public Health Team is informed of licensing applications but has limited powers to object

- (vi) Physical activity is important but so too is diet. General activity, such as brisk walking, is valuable activity and by leaving their homes, can help citizens combat isolation. Activity doesn't need to be focused on sports facilities and can be enjoyed socially such as by joining local walking groups.

Ward Councillors are aware of some of the ASB issues, including noise and drunken behaviour, caused by sections of the student population and are working with the Universities to try and address them, along with promoting the healthy lifestyles for students.

For physical activity, the Chair recommended groups like 'Friends of Wollaton Park' which offered volunteers the opportunity to participate in light to hard physical work which also befitted the park. Alternatively the group arranged walks around the Park.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) to note the approach and the work undertaken so far identifying specific health and wellbeing and treatment barriers for the population of Nottingham;**
- (2) for Councillors and Community Groups to forward any further comments and suggestions on the progress and planned improvements to the Public Health Team or Ward Councillors;**
- (3) for Councillors to suggest the Public Health Team, any further knowledge or support they would require to progress their work on the public health and wellbeing agenda within their Area;**
- (4) for Alison Challenger, Director of Public Health, to request from the Clinical Commissioning Group an update for the Councillors and Committee on the concerns that there is a shortage of GPs in the City, specifically relating to the closure of the Doctors Corner branch (Linden Medical Group) on Russell Drive.**

## **78 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES' ISSUES AND FEEDBACK**

Community Representatives were invited to update the Committee on any issues relevant to their group.

North Wollaton Resident's Association – There has been little activity of late on the Radford Bridge Road development.

The Chair informed the Committee that he was having on-going discussions with Planning Colleagues and the developers. Councillors have requested a meeting with the developers and allotment holders to progress the relocation of allotments by March when the growing season starts. Clarity will also be sought regarding some potentially incorrect information which has been circulated regarding the development. The outcome of the planning appeal is not likely to be available until the end of the year.

Friends of Wollaton Park - Are investigating fundraising options and will approach other groups to identify which approaches are most successful.

Wollaton Park Resident's Association – Concern is rising regarding what appears to be a further increase in the number of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) in the area.

Councillor Longford responded that the issue was recognised and applications for HMOs were subject to a consultation period as part of the application process. It is noted that the latest application will close at the beginning of December and that to date a lot of concerns have been raised regarding the number of HMOs in such a small area.

Sheila Roper Community Association - The refurbishment of the Centre is nearing completion.

## **79 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE AND APPROVALS**

Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager, presented the report which updated the Committee on Nottingham City Homes (NCH) performance, engagement activity and requested consideration of an environmental project.

The following points were highlighted:

- (a) the refurbishment work of the Sheila Roper Centre is progressing well and a meeting will be held shortly to discuss the re-launch in the New Year. This will include renaming with suggestions to be submitted by 6 January 2017;
- (b) Central Government's proposal of 'Pay to Stay' for Social Housing tenant's earning above £31,000 per annum has been withdrawn;
- (c) Swim or Fit for £1 is open to tenants and leaseholders to access swimming, gym or fitness facilities for a cost of only £1;
- (d) with regard to antisocial behaviour (ASB) noise nuisance, a new mobile phone application is being trialled with NCH tenants which enables the noise nuisance to be recorded and fed to the central data base which is monitored by NCH and can, if necessary, use the recording as evidence to address the problem. So far this has proved very helpful and will be rolled out to more tenants;
- (e) sustainability of NCH properties within the Area is the best within the City at 100%.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) to note the engagement and performance updates in appendices 1 and 2 to the report;
- (2) to note the current financial position as follows:

Ward	Actual Budget	Schemes Approved	Schemes Committed	Remaining Budget
Wollaton West	£6,077.83	£0	£0	£6,077.83
Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey	£38,467.37	£2,249.50	£2,249.50	£35,568.37

- (3) to approve the following scheme:

Address	Request	Reason	Cost
Rear of 1/3 Wensor Avenue,	Supply and fit new 6 foot fencing to rear of alleyway	Increased security for	£1,622.50

<b>Lenton Abbey</b>	<b>between alleyway and allotment site</b>	<b>residents on both sides</b>	
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## **80 AREA CAPITAL FUND**

Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which proposed projects for approval from the Area Capital Fund.

It is noted that there are no further requests for Wollaton West Local Transport or Public Realm Schemes and that the additional cycle bollards on Wollaton Vale has been welcomed by residents as it has improved the appearance of the area.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) to note the financial position of Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey as follows:

<b>2016 - 2017 LTP allocation</b>		<b>£36,400</b>
<b>LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016</b>		<b>£7</b>
<b>2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation</b>		<b>£21,900</b>
<b>Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016</b>		<b>£9,758</b>
<b>Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF</b>		<b>£68,065</b>
<b>Less LTP schemes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£37,207</b>
<b>Less Public Realm schemes</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>£13,904</b>
<b>De-committed funds</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>£800</b>
<b>Remaining available balance</b>		<b>£17,754</b>
<b>LTP element remaining</b>		<b>£0</b>
<b>Public Realm element remaining</b>		<b>£17,754</b>

- (2) to approve the following Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Local Transport Schemes:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Manton Crescent</b>	<b>£36,007</b>	<b>Reconstruction of footpath on odd-numbered side of Manton Crescent as part of a 2 year match-funded scheme (LTP contribution)</b>

- (3) to approve the following Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Public Realm Schemes:

<b>Location</b>	<b>Estimate</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b>Wollaton Park estate</b>	<b>£350</b>	<b>Reinstatement of lining at identified locations across the estate</b>
<b>Wollaton Park estate</b>	<b>£583</b>	<b>road safety 20mph roundels on Wollaton Park Estate</b>

<b>Woodside Road</b>	<b>£1,221</b>	<b>Installation of community noticeboard outside Woodside Road shops</b>
<b>Woodside Road</b>	<b>£266</b>	<b>Installation of a cycle rack outside Woodside Road shops</b>
<b>Arden Close</b>	<b>£75</b>	<b>Re-lining of parking bays on Arden Close</b>
<b>Manton Crescent</b>	<b>£10,919</b>	<b>Reconstruction of footpath on odd-numbered side of Manton Crescent as part of a 2 year match-funded scheme (PR contribution)</b>

- (4) to note the financial position of Wollaton West as follows:

2016 - 2017 LTP allocation	£31,900
LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£0
2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation	£19,100
Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£2,218
Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF	£53,218
Less LTP schemes	- £31,900
Less Public Realm schemes	- £20,580
De-committed funds	+ £500
Remaining available balance	£1,238
LTP element remaining	£0
Public Realm element remaining	£1,238

- (5) to approve the following Wollaton West withdrawn schemes:

Location	Reason	Amount	Details
Wollaton Vale	Underspend	£500	Additional cycle bollards to prevent vehicles driving on footway (Feb-16)

## 81 ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY – WARD ALLOCATIONS

Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer presented the report which informs the Committee of action taken under delegated authority following requests from Councillors for schemes to be funded from Ward Councillor Budgets.

### RESOLVED

- (1) to note the following allocations from Councillors Longford and Webster for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey and the remaining funds:

Item	Recipient	Total
Start Up costs for Lenton Abbey Parent and Toddlers Group	Lenton Abbey Parent and Toddlers Group	£ 700.00

Total Allocation 2016/ 2017	£10,000
Plus Uncommitted 2015/ 2016 Allocation	£ 1,500
Less Committed Funds 2016/ 2017	£ 2,185
Total Uncommitted Balance To Date	£ 9,315



- (2) to note the following allocation by Councillor for Wollaton West and the remaining funds:

Item	Recipient	Total
Brookhill Drive Dropped Crossings scheme	Nottingham City Council	£4,000

Total Allocation 2016/17	£15,000.00
Plus uncommitted 2015/2016 Allocation	£13,247.00
Less Committed Funds 2016/17	£4,000.00
Total Uncommitted Balance to Date	£9,247.00

**82 WOLLATON EAST AND LENTON ABBEY AND WOLLATON WEST WARD REPORTS**

Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which informs the Committee of the current priorities and issues within the Area and provides details of forthcoming events and activities.

It was noted that parking, which are a priority issue for Neighbourhood Nottingham, were addressed during a week of action in Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey. A total of 39 parking tickets were issued along with several advisory notices.

The Chair informed the Committee that the Area Priorities and work to address them will be better advertised in local newsletters and posters to ensure that citizens can feed back with their experience of progress or highlight issues where further focus is required.

**RESOLVED to note the current Ward Priorities and updates within the Appendix on addressing the issues.**

**83 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**RESOLVED to note the date of the next meeting as 27 February 2017, at 5pm in the Dining Room of the Council House.**