

BASFORD & BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE – 21 JUNE 2017

Title of paper:	Basford and Bestwood Wards Report	
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Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		X
Schools		X
Planning and Housing		X
Community Services		X
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		X
Jobs, Growth and Transport		X
Adults, Health and Community Sector		X
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		X
Leisure and Culture		X
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		X
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report focusses on current priorities and issues facing the two wards within the Area 2 Committee and gives details of forthcoming events and activities. It also highlights the latest issues now being addressed through regular Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) meetings.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note the progress on Ward priorities and other supporting information including the issues being addressed by each Neighbourhood Action Team (appendices 1-2)	
2	To note the progress made against existing Councillor pledges.	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Each Area Committee has agreed priorities which link to the City Council's current ambitions contained in the latest City Council Plan 2015 - 19. Actions for each priority will be developed and led by appropriate service teams and partnerships for example Area 1 & 2 Employment and Skills Area Partnership. These priorities will be updated

for each area committee, taking into account discussions at NAT meetings and various groups and activities involving Councillors, residents and local groups.

- 1.2 The events and activities detailed in the report take account of the work which all NDOs undertake with partner organisations within the wards. It shows a range of activity in place across neighbourhoods to improve social cohesion and tackle priorities at a ward and area level.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 Each Ward manages a set of priorities and key issues through regular meetings of the NAT. These meetings are led by Neighbourhood Development Officers (NDOs) and supported by core partners including Nottingham City Homes (NCH), Neighbourhood Policing, Community Protection, Early Help, City Services / Waste Management; Fire and Rescue Services and Health.
- 2.2 Ward Councillors are also invited to participate in these meetings.
- 2.3 Ward priorities are identified and informed from a range of sources including Citizens, Councillors, Partners and Officers and current issues will be updated for each area committee.
- 2.4 Ward reports also reflect some of the wider area concerns and priorities which have been either addressed previously through area committee or have been developed as part of the Area Cluster reviews. Some of these wider priorities such as youth provision will be taken forward through appropriate area focussed meetings.
- 2.5 The intention is to work towards a Ward Report which is consistent across all City wards. It will provide details of the pledges which Councillors have prioritised for their respective wards.
- 2.6 The previous Area Committee Priorities Action Plan will be incorporated within the ward plans to avoid any duplication.
- 2.7 Area Committee Chairs will be invited to review the latest Ward Reports to ensure that the format is accessible for Councillors and community representatives and there is sufficient consistency across all areas.
- 2.8 The current individual Ward priorities for Basford and Bestwood are shown in Appendix 1 and 2 respectively and will be updated for each Area Committee.
- 2.9 The ward priorities also make reference to a number of development sites which are listed within the Neighbourhood Regeneration Strategy document – Building a Better Nottingham.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None

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

- 4.1 None

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

5.1 None

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

6.1 None

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An EIA is not required as this is not a new or changing policy, service or function. Appendix 3 highlights the forthcoming opportunities for citizens to engage in events and activities in their neighbourhoods

8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

8.1 None

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 None

Appendix 1 – Basford Ward Report

Safer Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To reduce all crime (NAT and Area Committee priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of end of March 2017 all crime up 157 offences (12%) compared to the previous year. • No patterns 	Police
To reduce anti-social behaviour in the neighbourhood priority area, focusing upon hotspots, diversionary activities and nuisance neighbours (NAT and Area Committee priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of end of March 2017 ASB down 61 incidents (9%) compared to the previous year. <p>Community Protection team continue to be proactive in area. For April 2017, they issued the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Protection Notice – 10 ▪ Fly tip actions - 14 ▪ Dog Ops - 1 ▪ Fixed Penalty Notices (e.g. littering / dog fouling / fly tipping) - 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached youth sessions undertaken when and where ASB reported – eg Stockhill Park 	Police, Community Protection, NCH, Early Help & Area Lead.
To take action against deliberate fire setting (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low number of deliberate fires and no patterns. As of end of March, 17% down compared to previous year. 	Fire Service
Promote Nottingham Alert and Twitter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing 	Police, Community Protection

Neighbourhood Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods by tackling hot spot areas and developing derelict land (NAT, Area Committee and Ward Councillor Pledges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleanliness score remained on target of 88 for January and February (March / April data not available yet). • Undertaking monthly Cllr ward walks. • Deep cleans: Stockhill Circus twitchell cleaned in March and Selwyn Close area programmed for late June. • Litter picks with community groups and school. Green Crescent School carried out litter pick on Vernon Park in March and Heathfield Scholl to do litter pick around the Scotland Road campus in June. <p>Housing Developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roderick Street – completed December 2016 • Northern Court – works ongoing on major development 	City Services, Community Protection, NCH and Regeneration
To complete Toton Close Grander Scheme by end of 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed design and costings complete. Consultation with residents in June 2017 	NM/NCH
Support community groups and organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meeting held to discuss ongoing issues • Events are planned and run in partnership with community groups • Support the development of CBF Gymnasium in managing the Henry Mellish Centre 	
Target litter, dog fouling and fly tipping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement, education and under cover ops 	City Services, Community Protection and community groups
Promote litter picks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are carried out quarterly in partnership with schools, residents groups 	NM and community groups
Colson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor performance and report issues to the Environment Agency and other partners such as Severn Trent. There have been significant improvements recently. 	NM, Community Protection and Environmental Health

Safety around Southwark School	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New bollards have been installed to prevent footway parking 	NM and Traffic Management
Footways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works to improve footways on Ailing Drive and Runton Drive complete. Future schemes are being evaluated. 	NM and Highways
NTIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 of works to reduce and remove trees and on Vernon Road complete. Phase 2 to be carried out in October 2017 	NM and Parks and Open Spaces
Ward Councillor Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These were awarded to a range of community groups and projects 	NM

Families Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Maintain activities for young people (NAT, Area Committee and Ward Councillor Pledges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Strategy Group consulting schools on what activities they participate in and what they would like to see to inform future work. CBF continue to deliver free football sessions at Southwark School Early Help Early providing youth sessions at Heathfield Community Centre Additional session at Heathfield to run on Thursdays during July and August 	Early Help, Area Lead
Summer Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of events have been planned for the summer on Vernon Park, Stockhill Park, Brooklyn Park and Whitemoor Park. An additional event on Heathfield Park is in the planning stage Play scheme to run on Stockhill Park Sports camps at Henry Mellish Sports Centre 	NM, Area Lead and community groups
Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stockhill Park has had new gym equipment installed and a number of improvements to the pavilion completed. Further 	Parks and community groups

	<p>improvements are planned</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early consultation on improvements to Whitemoor Park have started with further discussions planned for the fun day on Whitemoor Park 	
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Health Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To reduce childhood obesity (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports camps held at Henry Mellish during school holidays • Improved play and gym equipment on parks in Basford 	Public Health, Schools and Area Lead
Increase physical activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gym equipment on parks • Programme of cycle rides and works by Ridewise 	Parks Ridewise

Working Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To raise awareness of job opportunities and provide support to get people into employment. (NAT, Ward Councillor Pledges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Help and NCN providing adult learning programme at SAC. • Area Based Grant – to be reported separately to Area Committee • Step Into Work Programme – As of April 2017-18 programme deliverer changed to Bestwood Partnership • Promote job opportunities on mybasford facebook and through community networks 	NCC Economic Development Area Lead - Bestwood Partnership

List of key current issues (taken from latest NAT Review)

- Continued promotion of neighbourhood alert (over 600) and My Basford Facebook (Approximately 200)
- To promote the existing provision for young people on Heathfield and explore additional sessions in the Stockhill Park
- Undertaking regular ward walks
- Continue monitoring activities around the Colsons site after recent improvements – working with the Environment Agency to seek improvements on operation or to take enforcement action and Nottingham City Council powers
- Day of Action in June around the Selwyn Close area
- Launch of We're Watching You Campaign into Basford – summer 2017
- Ongoing targeted dog fouling and fly tipping operations, targeting the Brooklyn Bridge and Vernon Park areas.
- Promote family learning opportunities provided by NCH and local colleges
- Continue investment into the Parks in the area – focusing on Whitemoor Park and Stockhill Park
- To improve the state of trees in the area
- Improving the environment by encouraging residents to keep front areas clean
- Parking issues around schools
- Explore ways to reduce litter along the River Leen path

Opportunities for citizens to engage - forthcoming dates of events and activities

- Monthly meeting with Stockhill and Ladbrooke Tenants and Residents
- Monthly meetings with Highbury Vale Tenants and Residents
- Monthly meetings with Rosegay TRA
- Quarterly meetings with Friends of Vernon Park
- Day of Action around alleyways – February 2017, May 2017, June 2017 and October 2017
- Ward Walk – Thursday 18th May (Rosegay Estate), 22nd June(Heathfield School area)

Appendix 2 - Bestwood Ward Report

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To reduce all crime (NAT and Area Committee priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of end of March 2017 all crime up 65 offences (6%) compared to the previous year. • No patterns 	Police
To reduce anti-social behaviour in the neighbourhood priority area, focusing upon hotspots, diversionary activities and nuisance neighbours (NAT and Area Committee priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of end of March 2017 ASB down 200 incidents (21%) compared to the previous year. <p>Community Protection team continue to be proactive in area. For the period February – April they issued the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Protection Warning Letters (for gardens / noise) - 21 ▪ Community Protection Notice - 4 ▪ Dog Ops - 48 ▪ Fixed Penalty Notices (e.g. littering / dog fouling / fly tipping) - 27 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached youth sessions undertaken by Community Based Fitness every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Youth ASB continues to be very quiet. 	Police, Community Protection, NCH, Early Help & Area Lead.
To take action against deliberate fire setting (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low number of deliberate fires (Jan – 2, Feb - 1 , March – 0) – no patterns. As of end of March 53% down compared to previous year. 	Fire Service
To address domestic violence through prevention and support services (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner referral to Freedom Programme – for victims of domestic violence. January – April 2017 – Received 15 referrals. 4 attended and completed the course. May – July 2017 – Received 30 	Police and Early Help

	referrals. 12 women attended the 1 st session. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partners supported 'Help a Friend' campaign by publicising in local venues (March). 	
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Neighbourhood Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods by tackling hot spot areas and developing derelict land (NAT, Area Committee and Ward Councillor Pledges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cleanliness score remained on target of 88 for January and February (March / April data not available yet). Undertaking monthly Cllr ward walks. Deep cleans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February – Winterton Rise – clearance of rubbish and cut back of shrubberies April – Ranskill Gardens footpath – cut back of vegetation, moss clearance and fly tipping. May – Partnership clean up day and bulky waste awareness raising around the Welsh Estate Monthly litter picks with 'Eco Warrior' pupils from Southglade Primary School on Sandy Banks Nature Reserve (Feb, March, April) Continued works for WREN improvements to Hucknall Walkway including involvement of pupils and a community workshop. Continued works for s.106 improvements to Sunrise Hill Nature Reserve. Visual and accessibility improvements to the Elmbridge Shopping precinct area commenced (May 2017). <p>Housing Developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amber Hill – works continue to build 8 properties expected completion in June 2017. Hazel Hill Site – works continue to build 20 bungalows expected completion in October 2017. 	City Services, Community Protection, NCH and Regeneration

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazel Hill Crescent – works should be finalised in May to 3 properties. • Gautries Close development of five properties commenced expected to be complete by October 2017. 	
<p>To look into the parking issues at Arnold Road shops (Landcroft Crescent).</p> <p>Improve parking provision at Arnold Road shops (Leen Valley Community Centre) by creating extra parking.</p> <p>(Councillor Pledges)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation by Traffic and Safety has been undertaken (March – April) 	Traffic and Safety

Families Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Maintain activities for young people (NAT, Area Committee and Ward Councillor Pledges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Strategy Group consulting schools on what activities they participate in and what they would like to see to inform future work. • CBF continue to deliver free football sessions at Southglade and three nights a week outreach around the area. • Early Help Early providing three youth sessions a week for 13-19 year olds at the Ridge. • Early Help providing four play sessions a week for 6-13 year olds at the Ridge. • Community and voluntary groups continue to deliver youth provision in the area. • All schools providing after school provision up to 4.30 pm. 	Early Help, Area Lead
Increase awareness of welfare reform	Research into causes of residents accessing food banks and	Bestwood Financial

and support services (NAT priority)	what agencies need to be doing to support this.	Resilience Group
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Health Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To reduce childhood obesity (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition Team worked with SAC to provide Make Move and Munch in Feb/March at Southglade Access Centre – 6 weekly programme – cooking and physical activity. • New open access play and stay session for under 5s to start in May at Bestwood Park Church. • 1 hour outdoor activity provided in all youth and play sessions • Schools Out programme ran during Easter holidays at Southglade Leisure Centre. 	Public Health, City Care Nutrition Team, Southglade Leisure Centre, schools
To support local volunteers, raise aspirations and support community empowerment (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Lead provided funding to a number of community groups to enhance their local delivery (March). • Bestwood Got Talent – auditions (January), final (March). 	NAT
To promote mental health services and mental well being (NAT and Area Committee priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trial appointment of Wellness in Mind to continue to June at Southglade Access Centre. • Partnership work into feasibility of a new super kitchen – aim to promote social cohesion, reduce social isolation, utilise wasted food and healthy eating. • To provide a varied programme of community events to reduce social isolation and promote community cohesion – Knights Close Bite Size Fun Day (31st May). 	Public Health, NAT, Community & Voluntary Sector

Working Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To raise awareness of job opportunities and provide support to get people into	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Help and NCC providing adult learning programme at SAC. 	NCC Economic Development

<p>employment. (NAT, Ward Councillor Pledges)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Based Grant – to be reported separately to Area Committee • Step Into Work Programme – As of April 2017-18 programme deliverer changed to Bestwood Partnership • North Jobs Fair – (3rd March) - over 1000 attendees – 6.5% from Bestwood. 	<p>Area Lead - Bestwood Partnership</p>
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List of key current issues (taken from latest NAT Review)

- Youth Strategy Group looking at provision to identify gaps and steer work of Early Help and Area Based Grant (ABG)
- The Ridge Adventure Playground – works yet to commence
- Deployment of CCTV camera – planned movement to Belconnen area
- Ongoing targeted dog fouling operations & raising awareness of PSPO
- Parking in front of the Ridge Adventure Playground – funds required to restrict access.
- Nuisance bikes – starting to be present in area.

Opportunities for citizens to engage - forthcoming dates of events and activities

- 12th April – Cllr Ward Walk – Top valley – Welsh Estate
- 10th May – Cllr Ward Walk – Bestwood – Arnside Road / Oakington Close area
- 31st May – 11-2pm Knights Close Bite Size Fun Day
- 7th June – Cllr Ward Walk – location tbc
- 20th June – Launch of Super Kitchen 2-5pm
- 12th July – Cllr Ward Walk – location tbc
- 22nd July – Leen Valley Community Centre Fun Day 11-3pm
- 27th July – Southglade Park Live 12-4pm
- 2nd August – Bestwood Estate Community Centre Fun Day 2-4pm
- 9th August – Cllr Ward Walk – location tbc
- 30th September – 6th October – Week of Action