

## **NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

### **BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House on Wednesday 06 December 2017 from 4.30pm to 5.53pm**

#### **Membership**

##### Present

Councillor Cat Arnold (Vice Chair)  
Councillor David Smith (Chair)  
Councillor Linda Woodings  
Councillor Georgia Power  
Councillor Nick Raine

##### Absent

Councillor Brian Grocock

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

Chris Easton	-	Bestwood Anglican and Methodist Churches
Gary Cawthorne	-	Bestwood Partnership
Mark Leavesley	-	Governance Officer
Matt Gregory	-	Growth Point Planning Manager
Michael Savage	-	Highbury Vale Tenant's and Resident's Association
Dale Griffin	)	Neighbourhood Development Officer
Gursharan Nijran	)	
Dan Pickard	-	Nottingham City Homes
Inspector Busuttil	-	Nottinghamshire Police
Mark Lowe	-	Regeneration and Housing Delivery (Head of)
Darryl Paxford	-	Senior Community Protection Officer
John Hancock	-	observer (member of the public)

#### **17    MEMBERSHIP**

**RESOLVED to note the following:**

- (1) the resignations of Councillors Alex Norris and Mick Wildgust;**
- (2) the appointments of Councillors Nick Raine (Basford ward) and Georgia Power (Bestwood ward).**

#### **18    APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Grocock -        other Council business  
John Hales

Councillor Toby Neal        (see minute 22)

#### **19    DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

## **20 MINUTES**

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2017 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

## **21 POLICE AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION UPDATE**

Inspector Christine Busuttil, Nottinghamshire Police, and Darryl Paxford, Senior Community Protection Officer, updated the Committee on Policing matters in the ward, including crime and arrest figures, local initiatives to address crime and anti-social behaviour and current Police / Community Protection areas of focus.

**RESOLVED to note the update.**

## **22 ASB, ENFORCEMENT AND LICENSING**

Due to Councillor Neal, Portfolio Holder for Community and Customer Services, sending apologies as he was unwell, this item was not considered.

Councillor Neal had previously stated that he will contact Committee members directly to inform them of what he had been intending to present at the meeting.

## **23 ISSUES FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

To respond to an issue raised by Chris Easton, Bestwood Park Church, prior to the meeting, Mark Lowe and Matt Gregory (Housing, Planning and Regeneration officers) attended the meeting.

It was stated that:

- a number of development sites are in the Bestwood ward, including Padstow, Ridgeway, Haywood and Eastglade, and these could result in around 570 new homes being built;
- although the overall population growth in the area represented by these developments was relatively small, concerns had been raised about the impact on local services, including health, schools, policing, transport and Early Help / Sure Start;
- Health - health provision planning is undertaken by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). As part of the development proposals, discussions are ongoing between Council officers and the CCG;
- Schools - Nottingham City Council education officers have been engaged in the process for new build housing in the area and have agreed that there is a need for additional school places to be created. The plan was to meet the additional requirements by extending existing schools, rather than building a new school. They are currently reviewing the options and a Section 106 contribution for education expansion will be received through the planning process;
- Policing - this is the responsibility of Nottinghamshire Police and it is consulted on all relevant planning applications;

- Transport - a full transport assessment would be carried out for each site and submitted as part of any planning application. The sites are all close to existing bus routes and also link to the existing road network;
- Early Help / Sure Start - Early Help services are delivered from Sure Start Children's Centres and Play and Youth playgrounds and centres. Play and Youth services are delivered from the Ridge Adventure Playground, which should have the capacity for any additional demand. Officers managing the Early Help Service are aware of the development proposals and the possible impact from population growth.

As the majority of the homes are planned to be private-rented or open-sale, it is not envisaged that they would create a large additional demand in terms of children who fell into the target group for additional support. Nevertheless, the effect on demand for services in this area was being tracked and the services would respond appropriately to changes in demand;

- In addition to the above, the Council has also applied for £5.85 million from the Housing Infrastructure Fund, specifically to provide additional infrastructure improvement in the Bestwood area. The bid related to a range of transport improvements around the Hucknall Road/Arnold Road, Gala Way/Hucknall Road and Arnold Road/Beckhampton Road junctions. It also requested funds to support education provision expansion in Bestwood and for the improvement of open space on the proposed development sites.

In response, Mr Easton stated that he was a Governor at Henry Whipple Primary School and, despite the school suggesting to the Council that it moves from a single to a 2-tier entry (from 30 to 60 admission), no-one from the Education Department had yet contacted the Governors to discuss possible expansion to meet future requirements.

The Committee stated that the High Pavement/Gainsford Road junction should also be included as part of any transport improvement proposals.

**RESOLVED that the thanks of the Committee to Mark Lowe and Matt Gregory for the informative update be recorded.**

## **24 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES - UPDATE / PERFORMANCE**

Dan Pickard, Area Housing Manager, presented the report of the Chief Executive, Nottingham City Homes, which updated the Committee on performance against key issues and themes linked to local priorities and strategic themes for NCH, including the capital programme / major works, area regeneration / environmental issues, key messages from the Tenant and Leaseholder Congress, Tenant and Resident Association updates, area performance and positive publicity.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) **to note the performance update;**
- (2) **following consideration of a revised appendix 3, handed around the table, to approve the use of £80,000 from the remaining Basford budget towards the Toton Close transformation scheme;**

- (3) in light of the approval at (2) above, to note the revised remaining balances of £66,226.99 (Basford) and £12,924.95 (Bestwood);
- (4) that the Area Housing Manager forward to members of the Committee a copy of any 'Notice to quit' letters sent in the name of the NCH Chief Executive to service users.

## **25 AREA BASED GRANTS**

Gary Cawthorne, Bestwood Partnerships, presented the quarter 2 (July to September 2017) performance monitoring report, which detailed outputs and outcomes against targets set under the Area Based Grants criteria.

**RESOLVED to note the latest position.**

## **26 AREA CAPITAL FUND**

Dale Griffin, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report, which detailed the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund 2017/18.

**RESOLVED to approve the following schemes:**

<u>Location</u>	<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
<b><u>Basford - LTP</u></b>		
Toton Close	Environmental improvements	15,000
Nottingham Road / Scotland Road	Road safety	696
<b><u>Basford - Public realm</u></b>		
No schemes	N/A	N/A
	2017/18 LTP allocation	64,900
	2017/18 Public realm allocation	39,296
	2017/18 Total	104,196
	Less LTP / public realm schemes	50,460
	Remaining balance	53,736
<b><u>Bestwood - LTP</u></b>		
Arnold Road (Wyton Close to Torbay Crescent)	Resurface footpaths	90,233
<b><u>Bestwood - Public realm</u></b>		
No schemes	N/A	N/A
	2017/18 LTP allocation	75,400
	2016/17 LTP carry-forward	44,481
	2017/18 Public realm allocation	45,200

<b>2016/17 Public realm carry-forward</b>	<b>6,787</b>
<b>2017/18 Total</b>	<b>171,868</b>
<b>Less LTP / public realm schemes</b>	<b>143,177</b>
<b>Remaining balance</b>	<b>28,691</b>

## **27 BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS REPORT**

Gursharan Singh Nijran, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report, which for both wards detailed priorities and issues, notified forthcoming events and highlighted issues being addressed via Neighbourhood Action Team meetings.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

## **28 WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGET / DELEGATED AUTHORITY SPEND**

The report, which detailed decisions taken by the Director of Neighbourhood Services under delegated authority since the last meeting, was presented by the Neighbourhood Development Officers.

**RESOLVED to note the following schemes and remaining balances:**

### **Scheme Amount (£)**

#### **Basford**

Heathfield Summer Programme	1,140
Heathfield Summer Fun Day	600

#### **De-committed**

Basford Board budget	891
Muslim Directory	250

2016/17 balance B/F	5,601
2017/18 allocation	15,000
<b>Total available 2017/18</b>	<b>20,601</b>
<b>Total de-committed</b>	<b>1,141</b>
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>1,740</b>
<b>Total available</b>	<b>20,002</b>

#### **Bestwood**

Music Hub contribution	330
Bestwood Christmas lights	10,350
Southglade Park Live 2018	1,500

#### **De-committed**

Christmas light maintenance	5,000
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2016/17 balance B/F	5,936
2017/18 allocation	15,000
<b>Total available 2017/18</b>	<b>20,936</b>

<b>Total de-committed</b>	<b>5,000</b>
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>21,330</b>
<b>Total available</b>	<b>4,606</b>

**29     DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee noted that the next meeting will be held at Loxley House at 4.30pm on Wednesday 07 March 2018.