

**BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE – 29 May 2014**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS - QUARTER 4</b>	
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<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)</b>		
<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b>		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		X
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		X
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City		X
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre		X
Help keep your energy bills down		<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		<input type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities		X
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		X
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
<p>The ward performance reports provide updates on key issues and themes which link back to local priorities and strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020. The reports provide summary updates on the following key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ward Priorities</li> <li>• Community Engagement</li> <li>• Finance</li> <li>• Safer theme – Crime and Anti-Social behaviour (ASB)</li> <li>• Neighbourhood theme – Environmental issues and Housing</li> <li>• Working theme – Unemployment rates</li> <li>• Housing</li> <li>• Community Protection</li> <li>• Fire</li> <li>• Health Theme – local health priorities</li> </ul>		

The following is a brief summary by the respective Ward Neighbourhood Development Officers (NDO):

**Ward: Berridge**

**NDOs: Debbie Royle and Beth Hanna**

Ward data is given for Quarter 4 (January – March 2014) and Year to date (YTD) which refers to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

Ward Priorities: Berridge Ward Priorities for April - September 2014 can be seen on the front page of the appendices. These priorities will be reviewed quarterly.

Community Engagement:

NDOs have organised monthly Ward Walks in the ward. Local Action Group meetings take place every 6 weeks throughout the ward. Councillors funded youth activities over Easter, and gave funding towards the opening of Poplar Park. The Berridge Road Traders' Association has met and is developing actions to improve the area. Work is being done to organise a Roma Community Event in the summer to find out what the Roma community concerns and issues are, to build relationships and share key messages. We are also planning a Community Event at Forest Fields Community Centre in September involving and showcasing local community groups.

Crime:

Crime overall is up 1% in Berridge for the year to date (YTD). During Quarter 1 and 2, crime increased, but during the second half of the year it decreased, leading to an overall increase of 1% YTD (an increase of 9 crimes compared to 2012-13).

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB):

Year to date ASB in the ward has reduced by 8% with 83 fewer ASB incidents reported.

Criminal Damage

During Quarter 4 the largest increase in crime was Criminal Damage (46%), this equates to an increase of 29 incidents during this quarter. YTD this has increased by 10% or 23 incidents.

Cleanliness:

The index score for Berridge for Quarter 4 is 93% compared to a Neighbourhood Target of 86%. YTD, the index score is 90%, an improvement of 4% compared to the same period the previous year.

Graffiti Reports:

321 incidents were reported YTD, compared to 262 the previous year. The largest increase was in Quarter 2 when there was an increase of 140%. Quarters 3 and 4 have shown a decrease.

Flytipping:

858 incidents were reported YTD compared to 642 the previous year. This is an increase of 34%. However, Quarter 4 showed a decrease of 19% compared to the same period the previous year.

Unemployment Rate:

Unemployment has fallen in Quarter 4 by 12% (compared to the same period the previous year). YTD, unemployment has fallen by 9% or from 12851 to 11714.

Fire

In Quarter 4 there was an increase of 200% compared to the same period the previous year. This

means that there were 9 fires compared to 3 the previous year. YTD there were 2 less fires than the previous year – this represents a decrease of 5%.

**Ward: Sherwood**

**NDOs: Leigh White and Angela Bolton**

Ward Data is given for Quarter 4 (January – March 2014). Year to Date refers to 30<sup>th</sup> April 2013 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

**Ward Priorities:**

Refreshed priorities will be presented at the next Area Committee meeting. In terms of the current priorities, one of the highlights of this quarter is a close working relationship with the Family and Community Team to improve and sustain the current offer for children and young people in Sherwood along with providing support for new groups. Groundwork have secured £50,000 of WREN funding to relocate and improve the playground on Valley Road. A successful Week of Action took place throughout Sherwood during March tackling a variety of issues such as speeding, dog fouling, shop theft and fly tips.

**Community Engagement:**

NDOs have organised 2 ward walks in different parts of the ward. Edwards Lane Community Association held a really successful Fun day during Easter and 2 community engagement events were held during the Week of Action.

**Crime:**

Crime overall is up 24% in Sherwood for the year to date. During Quarter 4 there was an increase of 41 crimes compared to Quarter 4 in 2013. Crime has risen not just in Sherwood but within the City overall. We are working with the Neighbourhood Police Team to improve the situation and these figures are broken down and analysed further to determine what strategies and packages can be put in place to reduce crime.

**ASB:**

Year to date (compared to the corresponding period last year) ASB has increased by 5%. However, for Quarter 4, there has been a decrease of 15%. There were 85 incidents compared to 100 last year.

**Criminal Damage**

Criminal Damage is down 7% year to date, however there were 7 more incidents during Quarter 4 than in the same period last year.

**Theft**

Theft is one of the Central Locality Targets. Year to date theft has increased by 33%. In Quarter 4 there was a 19% increase.

**Violence**

Violence is another Central Locality Target. Year to date there has been an increase of 70%. In Quarter 4 there was an increase of 56%. Nottingham Prison is situated in Sherwood Ward and therefore some of the incidents have taken place within the prison.

**Dwelling Burglary**

Dwelling burglary is the third Central Locality Target. Although there has been an increase year to date of 40%, Quarter 4 saw a decrease of 7%. Several burglaries are 'opportunistic' burglaries and have taken place as doors and windows have been left open. Neighbourhood Alert is used to

encourage residents to keep their property secure.

Cleanliness:

The index score for Sherwood for the year to date is 91 which means that the Neighbourhood Target is being exceeded. (The expected cleanliness score is 86). In Quarter 4 it was 95.

Graffiti Reports:

There has been a decrease of 19% for graffiti year to date. In Quarter 4 there was a 33% decrease in incidents.

Fly Tipping:

Unfortunately there has been a 53% increase in fly tipping reports year to date. There was a 26% increase during Quarter 4.

Fire:

There were 31 deliberate fires year to date. In Quarter 4 there were 11 compared 4 in the same period last year. We are working with the fire service to identify any reasons for the increase.

**Recommendation(s):**

1	To note the key information from the Ward Performance Reports for April 2014.
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**1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 Ward performance reports provide a descriptive and statistical picture of what is happening at a ward level and invite community representatives to comment, debate, challenge and identify how they can add value to improve their neighbourhoods.
- 1.2 Ward performance reports will also monitor progress in the wards and act as a catalyst for debate about the key performance issues impacting upon the ward on a quarterly basis.

**2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 2.1 Neighbourhood Working has been important for a number of years in Nottingham as a means of engaging better with citizens and to drive forward service improvement.
- 2.2 The Nottingham Plan has a goal that 'public service delivery will be better integrated and appropriately devolved, ensuring more accessible and responsive services for all and giving residents more control over what happens in their neighbourhoods'; the Ward Performance report will help to support this.
- 2.3 The Ward Performance report captures work at a local level to support the Nottingham Plan; it is a short summary of key updates on priorities and issues in the ward. More detailed implementation plans sit behind the report such as the Ward Action Plan, Neighbourhood Action Team's (NAT) action log, Crime and Drug Partnership (CDP) plans and other partners' implementation plans.
- 2.4 The Ward Performance reports are co-ordinated by Neighbourhood Development Officers, with data analysis undertaken by the CDP.

**3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 None

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)**

4.1 None

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)**

5.1 None

**6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

6.1 An equality impact assessment is not needed, as the report does not contain proposals or financial decisions

**7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

7.1 Neighbourhood Working Framework 2012 CLT report.

**8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

8.1 None