

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 22 May 2012

Time: 5.30 pm

Place: Committee Room, Ground Floor at Loxley House

Councillors are requested to attend the above meeting on the date and at the time and place stated to transact the following business.



Acting Corporate Director of Resources

Constitutional Services Officer: Laura Wilson Direct dial - 8764301

A G E N D A

1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillors, colleagues or other participants in meetings are requested to declare any personal or personal and prejudicial interest in any matter(s) on the agenda

5 MINUTES

(a) LAST MEETING OF BRIDGE, DUNKIRK AND LENTON AREA COMMITTEE DATED 14 MARCH 2012 (FOR ADOPTION)

Attached

(b) LAST MEETING OF ARBORETUM, BERRIDGE, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 MARCH 2012 (FOR ADOPTION)

Attached

6 WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGET ALLOCATION 2012/13

Report of Director of Neighbourhood Services

Attached

7 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To consider meeting at 5.30 pm on the following Tuesdays:

2012

11 September
20 November

2013

19 February

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NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**BRIDGE, DUNKIRK AND LENTON (AREA 8) COMMITTEE****MINUTES**

of meeting held on **14 MARCH 2012** at Loxley House

from 5.40 pm to 8.00 pm

- ✓ Councillor Piper (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Heaton (Vice-Chair)
- Councillor Edwards
- ✓ Councillor Trimble (minutes 40-45 inclusive)

✓ indicates present at meeting

Citizens and Community Representatives present

- Ms D Clausen - Arkwright Meadows Community Garden
- Mr T Preston - Dunkirk and Lenton Forum
- Mr J Hughes - Friends of Victoria Embankment
- Dr P Millington - The Lenton Centre
- Mr B Latif - Meadows Muslim Centre
- Mrs J Dobson) Meadows Partnership Trust
- Ms D Whitworth)
- Mr D Shaw - New Meadows Tenants' and Residents' Association
- Ms M Fletcher - Nottingham Action Group

Others and City Council Colleagues in attendance

- Ms C Ziane-Pryor - Constitutional Services)
- Mr I Reed Aspley - Marketing and Communications)
- Mrs H Cattle - Development) Nottingham
- Mr A Ghaffar - Neighbourhood Management Team) City Council
- Mr E Curry - Parks and Open Spaces)
- Mr W Adams) Nottingham City Homes
- Mr P Howard)

Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.

40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

- Councillor Edwards,
- Mr R Morrell, East Meadows Tenants and Residents Association,
- Mrs M Daly, Meadows Dance and Social Group,
- Mr S Harrison) Neighbourhood Managers
- Mrs D Holmes)

Councillor Trimble apologised that he would have to leave the meeting early due to other City Council commitments.

41 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

42 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to the following amendments, the minutes of the last meeting held on 11 January 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair:

- a) the inclusion of an apology for absence from Mrs Fletcher;
- b) that, in regard to minute 38, Flood Risk Within Area 8, the eighth comment of the Committee be replaced with:

'there was concern that the Urban Drainage System which included the Meadows Recreation Ground had been adversely affected by the flood defence 'Bund' of impermeable clays.'

43 ENVIRONMENTAL SUBMISSIONS FROM NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES (NCH) - DUNKIRK AND LENTON

The Chair of the meeting was of the opinion that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, in view of the special circumstances that approval of the Committee was required for the supported projects to progress prior to the new financial and municipal years.

Consideration was given to the report of Nottingham City Homes, copies of which were placed around the table and submitted to the on-line agenda following the meeting.

RESOLVED that the following schemes be approved:

<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposal</u>	<u>£</u>
Friary Close	Removal of paving slabs from the main footpath and tarmac pathways through out the complex	16,339.00
Alleyway to the side of 51 Montpellier Road	Installation of a push code lock gate to the alleyway behind the properties. (one third contribution to the total cost).	212.00
Friary Close	Provision and planting of low maintenance plants and shrubs within the complex, to include the provision of compost, tools and possibly benches	829.00

44 WARD PRIORITIES

Mr Ghaffar, Neighbourhood Action Officer, introduced the report which requested that the Committee confirm that the previously identified Ward Priorities remained relevant as of this meeting.

Priorities had been identified following community consultation at a variety of events and through varying routes such as 'your choice, your voice', complaints and comments to City Services, community and consultation events.

Community representatives commented that further consideration should be given to holding meetings and events during the evening to enable citizens who worked during the day to attend and contribute. In addition, last minute notification of consultation was not helpful for groups who would want to be involved in consultations that were relevant to them.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Ward Priorities, as outlined in the report, be confirmed with the inclusion of 'tree related issues' within the Dunkirk and Lenton Neighbourhood Ward;**
- (2) that further consideration be given to the times of day at which consultation events were held.**

45 URBAN FORESTRY STRATEGY

Mr Curry, Head of Parks and Open Spaces, presented the report which informed the Committee of the draft Urban Forestry Strategy and the opportunity to comment on it. The report was accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation relevant to Area 8, and submitted to the on-line agenda following the meeting..

The Strategy proposed a number of policies including:

- o large tree species;
- o maintenance of trees;
- o risk management;
- o responsible neighbours guide;
- o factors to be considered with development areas.

The Committee were asked to comment on the Strategy at the meeting and also in more detail on line at ufs@nottinghamcity.gov.uk.

Councillor Trimble, as Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Tourism, was responsible for trees in parks and open spaces but not on road sides. As such he requested clear language and policies to ensure that trees were managed in a reasonable and logical way. Due to the funding restraints, the Council needed to tell people if they were unable to resolve an issue that had been raised. If citizens wanted to pay for work to be done to resolve issues which the City Council could not fund, then they should approach Councillor Trimble.

Comments of the Committee included:

- the area around Woodward Street was lacking trees and, while issues of narrow pavements and parking were understood, trees would be a welcome addition to the area, even if they were to be planted at the end of streets;
- the City Council appeared to maintain the trees in the Lenton area very well, but the garden refuse collections stopped too early in the season for fallen leaves to be collected. As leaf mould was a valuable compostable material that was lost if placed in the domestic refuse bins, it was requested that garden waste collections be better co-ordinated in future to assist residents to better manage the recycling of fallen leaves;
- where trees were removed, new ones should be planted for the benefit of future generations, especially along the route of the Tram where mature trees were removed;
- concern was expressed at the possibility of the Victoria Embankment trees being threatened by wind turbines along the Trent, and it was requested that the trees be protected;
- in previous years, trees had been planted in the New Meadows in some unsuitable places, which resulted in the need for some unusual pruning which was unsightly. As there was uncertainty as to how high these trees would grow, citizens questioned if it would be better to remove the badly placed trees and plant replacements in more suitable sites;
- it may be possible to remove the majority of old tree roots from the corner of Bunbury Street. This would enable new trees to be planted.

Mr Curry responded as follows:

- there were a lot of factors to take into consideration when planting trees, some streets were not designed to include trees, while others were influenced by the placement of cables and drains;
- trees were not the only way to add greenery to streets, the best examples of alternatives were resident's floral displays in the Meadows;
- it was often difficult to replace trees at the exact sites where they had been removed. This was because it was very expensive, and sometimes also impractical, to remove the well established roots of the trees which may have grown around cabling or utilities, and so the trees were cut to a stump. This did not allow ground space for new trees to root;
- the Urban Tree Strategy included a section outlining the litigation framework which explained that it was for the home owner to prove that a City Council, or neighbour's tree, was responsible for damage to property;

- o a common sense approach was required in regard to pruning the overhang of a neighbour's tree, but the opinion of Tree Services should be sought in the first instance, especially in conservation areas;
- o with regard to pruning, felling and planting, each tree was considered on its own merits.

RESOLVED that the draft Urban Forestry Strategy be noted and any further comments be emailed to ufs@nottinghamcity.gov.uk.

46 QUEENS WALK TREES - COMMUNITY USE OF TIMBER
(Report of Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Mr Shaw, New Meadows Tenant and Resident Association, was accompanied by Mrs Dobson of the Meadows Partnership Trust, to present a joint business plan proposing community uses for the lime trees which had been felled on Queen's Walk as part of the Tramline 2 works. A brief presentation was also delivered to compliment the report.

The business plan had been well received and supported by City Council colleagues in Parks and Open Spaces, Nottingham South MP Lillian Greenwood, and local media. Through partnership discussions, it had been agreed that the wood from the felled limes could be retained and stored for use in The Meadows at no cost.

With the support of the Parks and Open Spaces Section, The New Meadows Partnership was hoping to make an application for Heritage Lottery Funding to enable community park projects focusing on the felled trees, to take pace.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that the Committee's praise of the partnership working achievements to date, and the best wishes for the completion of the proposals, be recorded;**
- (2) **that the thanks of the Committee to the New Meadows Tenant and Resident Association and The Partnership Trust, be recorded for their interesting and informative report and presentation.**

47 LENTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY - TRAM LINE WORKS NEAR ABBEY BRIDGE

This agenda item was withdrawn.

48 LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DEVELOPMENT

(Joint report of Director for Planning and Transport, and Corporate Director for Development)

Mrs Cattle, Development Policy and Research, presented the report which informed the Committee that six additional sites in the area had been identified for inclusion in the Land and Planning Policies Development Plan. The report included plans of the sites.

Comments from the Committee included:

DS97 and DS98 both in the area of Electric Avenue

- when considering residential use, further investigations should be undertaken to determine possible ground contamination from the former Wilford Power Station which stood on the site;

DS99 NG2 South (Alternative Uses)

- there was concern that the greenery and attractive mature trees, particularly along the stream, would be lost if the site were to be developed;

DS100 Station Street/ Carrington Street

- the buildings in question were within a conservation area and, although not all were in good repair, there was not a presumption that the buildings could or could not be demolished, more that there could be changes of use;
- the majority of buildings were owned by one person which could simplify development of the site;
- it was a concern that developers may retain the properties but allow them to decay, which would make demolition a more attractive proposition to City Council Planners;

DS101 Cattle Market

- if the site were to include residential use, public transport links to the east would need to be improved;
- there were some older buildings on the site which may be of interest and should be considered for protection;

DS102 Former Dunkirk Fire Station

- this site should not be used for student accommodation as there was a disproportionate population of students in the area, and building student accommodation would not release houses in multiple occupation, but further compound the issue;
- any development needed to be low profile and low density. As Queens Medical Centre did not require further staff accommodation, commercial use appeared be the best option;
- vehicle access to the site from the large roundabout had not affected emergency vehicles, but the noise from the ring road and roundabout would be an issue;
- any high-rise development would have an adverse effect on Waterside Bungalows next to the site;
- proposing the site for science based project work would be ideal, as the site was close to the hospital, university and the tram was due to run nearby.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the current consultation on the additional sites and the opportunity to input into the process be noted;
- (2) that the comments of the Committee be noted, specifically the following points:
 - a) that in regard to site DS100, Station Street/Carrington Street, any allocated use should retain and utilise the current buildings;
 - (b) that the site of the former Dunkirk Fire Station was not suitable for residential accommodation.

49 AREA COMMITTEE CHANGES

(Director for neighbourhoods and Communities)

Mr Ghaffar presented the report which informed the Committee of changes to some of the Area Committee boundaries.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

50 BENEFIT COMMUNICATIONS

(Presentation by Mr Reed Aspley, Marketing and Communications)

The Chair had been working with Mr Reed Aspley to try and find ways to lessen the impact of the forthcoming welfare reforms on Nottingham, by informing and encouraging people to prepare for the changes in advance of their implementation.

There were to be changes to several benefits including child benefit, disability living allowance, abolition of Council Tax Benefit, and a cap on Housing Benefit.

In October 2013, Universal Credit was to be launched and responsibility for hardship was to be passed to Local Authorities.

It was anticipated that there were to be some challenges ahead, and people in receipt of benefits needed to be informed of what was to change and to what extent, to try and prevent people getting into debt and financial difficulties, as this was bad for them and for the City.

It was noted that 41,540 people claimed Department of Work and Pensions benefits in the City of Nottingham, 11,000 were on a low income and out of work, 21,300 children (35% of children in the City) lived in non-working households, 11,900 adults were on a low income and receiving some benefit credit, and 3,700 working families received tax credit.

The Committee responded to the request for suggestions as to how best to communicate with affected people as follows:

- o identify the geographical areas with concentrations of affected people, which would include private rented property and social housing;

- inform landlords, and landlord organisations and associations, of the forthcoming changes to housing benefit so they would be in a position to approach relevant tenants;
- some community groups had found that speaking to people face to face had been the most effective method of communication in the most deprived areas, as this offered the opportunity for people to ask questions, and for the reality of how issues affected them directly to be highlighted. Little notice was taken of letters and pamphlets;
- consideration should be given as to how Plymouth City Council had liaised with the relevant groups;
- Tenant and Resident Groups were able to pass information to communities alongside the existing help and advice centres such as the One-Stop-Shop in the Meadows, social venues such as bingo halls, and charities and the voluntary sector;
- as most people appeared to have mobile phones and internet access, messages via social networking sites should be considered;
- it was important that people were not just told of the changes, but were offered a solution. Organisations such as The Meadows Partnership Trust acted in an advocacy role and could possibly assist people in opening bank accounts and ensuring that bills were paid. It was vital that people were clearly directed to appropriate help.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the Committee's thanks to Mr Reed Aspley for his presentation and attendance be recorded;**
- (2) that any further suggestions of how to help people prepare for the welfare reforms be forwarded to Councillor Piper at either sarah.piper@nottinghamcity.gov.uk or to Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham NG2 3NG.**

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**ARBORETUM, BERRIDGE, RADFORD AND PARK (AREA 4) COMMITTEE****MINUTES**

of meeting held on **22 MARCH 2012** at

Loxley House from 6.00 pm to 7.27 pm

- ✓ Councillor Ibrahim (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Ali (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Aslam
- ✓ Councillor Bryan
- ✓ Councillor Choudhry
- ✓ Councillor Jones
- ✓ Councillor Neal
- ✓ Councillor S Williams

✓ indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives and citizens present

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| Ms J Perry | - | Friends of the Forest |
| Ms R Greenberg | - | Partnership Council |
| Mr P Beynon |) | |
| Ms U Dove |) | Residents |
| Mr N Packham |) | |
| Mr C Newton | - | St Paul's Residents' Association |

City Council Officers and others present

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| Inspector R Wilson | - | Local Area Commander Canning Circus |) | Nottinghamshire Police |
| Ms K Curnow | - | Area Manager Central Locality |) | |
| Ms K Jansen | - | Fitness Officer, Sport and Leisure |) | |
| Ms N Smyth | - | Development Manager, Sport and Leisure |) | |
| Mr T Papkiewicz | - | Neighbourhood Environmental Manager, City Services |) | Communities |
| Mr J Pell | - | Horticultural Service Manager, Parks and Open Spaces |) | |
| Mr M J Parker | - | Constitutional Services Officer | - | Resources |

Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.

ACTION

40 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Mr L Willen.

41 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

42 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 19 January 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

43 POLICE UPDATE

The Chair of the meeting was of the opinion that this item, although not included on the agenda, should be considered as a matter of urgency in accordance with Section 100(b)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, to provide an opportunity to advise the Committee on recent policing issues in the locality prior to its next ordinary meeting.

The Chair welcomed Inspector Rob Wilson to his first Area Committee meeting since replacing Inspector Ahmed at Canning Circus. Inspector Wilson provided details of further reductions in the levels of burglaries against homes and people across the Radford West, The Park, Lenton Triangle and The Leen police beats.

He also reported a reduction of almost 20% over previous levels of criminal damage, but expressed some concern that incidences of theft showed a small increase in the area, mirroring a city-wide trend. A public education exercise was currently in progress regarding the best methods of storing and securing cycles, which had been a particular target for criminals.

Two areas of current concern identified by local communities were an impending trial, in mid-April of an individual accused of using petrol bombs during the civil disturbances in August 2011 and the proliferation of anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in the area bounded by Alfreton Road, Hartley Road and Independent Street. As a result of this, the area had been made a priority area to receive responses to calls within one hour.

RESOLVED that Inspector Wilson be thanked for his attendance and comments.

**44 URBAN FORESTRY STRATEGY
(Director of Sport, Culture and Parks)**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Sport, Culture and Parks, copies of which had been circulated.

The Chair welcomed Mr Pell to the meeting. Mr Pell outlined the proposal to develop an Urban Tree Strategy for the City which encompassed all tree stocks, whether publicly or privately owned and the intention to consult on the document which would set out, in a clearer way, the City Council's:-

- expectations for planned rather than reactive stock management and maintenance irrespective of the method of delivery - whether public, private or a partnership and which recognised the important part played by trees in promoting the ecological diversity and character of local communities; and
- a Responsible Neighbours' Guide explaining the City Council's strategy for dealing with insurance and other matters involving trees and the service which local residents could expect.

The resolution of issues involving the impact of trees on individual properties could sometimes be complex and could be affected by factors such as an awareness of the land ownership and whether the tree(s) had the benefit of a tree preservation order (TPO) and would need to reflect carefully the amenity value of any tree works to an overall solution. It was intended that a further report would be brought back to Area Committees following the end of the current consultation exercise.

The following additional matters were referred to in the ensuing discussion:

- alerting affected residents about impending tree works;
- the need for greater cross-agency/partnership working to improve the tree situation on the river Leen;
- the need to safeguard existing trees from the spread of disease and the benefits of using 'mongrel' varieties which were disease resistant to harden stock;

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

**45 LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DEVELOPMENT
PLAN DOCUMENT – ADDITIONAL SITES**
(Director of Planning and Transport)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Planning and Transport, copies of which had been circulated. The Area Committee's views were sought on the following two additional local development sites, identified during the recent consultation phase. Other suggested sites had failed to meet the 0.5 hectare development size threshold and had not, therefore, been included.

- **DS93 Severn Trent Water Depot, Hucknall Road:** firm proposals for future use were not available and assessment and appraisals for the site had not yet been completed. Possible uses included residential or employment. Initiatives such as Invest In Nottingham and Local People for Local Jobs recognised the benefits of a strong employment sector to the local economy and sought to ensure that range of suitable sites was available for different uses, bearing in mind current employment trends. However, there was also a recognition that older employment land sites were sometimes no longer viable and needed to be returned to alternative uses.

Representatives urged that the use for employment purposes should be encouraged and was preferred over residential use, which could lead to an increase in student numbers locally;

- **DS94 Salisbury Street:** planning permission currently existed for residential use, subject to completion of an agreement for 'planning gain' (Section 106 agreement) under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The principle of residential use was accepted. Monies derived from such agreements would normally be spent with a Committee's geographical area. A balance was required between expenditure of funds on existing open space provision, which was often considered a more appropriate use rather than the creation of many small(er) areas of open space, each with ongoing maintenance requirements.

It was confirmed that pre-application discussions would be held between the City Council and potential developers regarding the possible redevelopment of Sanfield Centre for residential use. The future development of the former Radford Mill site may be more complex. The site was considered challenging in that it was not currently considered viable for re-development until additional financial resources could be identified or land values rose sufficiently.

RESOLVED that the report and intention to submit a further report to a future meeting following the outcome of consultations, be noted.

46 WARD PRIORITIES MARCH 2012

(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities, copies of which had been circulated.

The report provided a summary of a series of local priorities derived from consultations with local residents, partners and councillors and reflecting the current One Nottingham Plan, which would be used to develop Ward Action Plans.

Further refinement of the priorities and funding model were required, with services aiming to deliver outcomes in a way which would enable improved interaction between the deliverer, interested parties and the clients/local residents. Local groups would also receive assistance and support to apply for grants

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

47 AREA CAPITAL FUND

(Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director for Neighbourhoods and Communities, copies of which had been circulated.

The report provided the following summary of current activities under the Area Capital Fund allocations across the Committee's area:

<u>Ward/Location</u>	<u>Work*</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>£</u>
<u>Arboretum</u>		
Court Street	Resurfacing	64,500
Hawksley Road	Resurfacing	7,378
Portland Road (Area)	Installation of Gates to control anti-social behaviour	5,500
St Paul's Avenue (Terraces)	Installation of bollards	2,200
Oldnow Street	Reconstruct Footway	18,100
<u>Scheme Savings</u>		
Hyson Green Market	Wing Removal (Joint with Berridge)	2,000
Gregory Boulevard	Discontinued Survey	500
<u>Berridge</u>		
Russell Road	Footpath Reconstruction	117,550
Claremont Road/ Erskine Road	Road lining work	5,000
<u>Scheme Savings</u>		
Hyson Green Market	Wing Removal (Joint with Arboretum)	2,000
Fischer Street/ Gladstone Street	Road signing/lining work not progressed	500
	CCTV Underspend from 2009/11	6,500
Noel Street/Terrace Street	Duplicate Residents' Parking Scheme	5,000

<u>Radford and Park</u>		£
Lenton Triangle	Parking Bays	4,000
Castle Boulevard	Junction Protection Haslam Street, Palatine Street, Wharf Road	5,000
Forster Street	Double Yellow Lines nr Sutton House	5,000
Peveril Drive	Part Re-construction Castle Boulevard to Park gates	14,574
Radford Boulevard	Replacement slabbed footpath (part) with tarmac (Norton St to Player St)	25,600
Radford	Transfer to Berridge budget ⁽¹⁾	(7,101)
Radford Area	CCTV installations ⁽¹⁾	(90,000)
St Peter's Park	Repair Memorial Stone ⁽¹⁾	150
35 Cleveland Close	Installation of cycle barrier adjacent ⁽²⁾	1,599

Scheme Savings

Wellington Circus	Wall Refurbishment	14,497
Radford	Neighbourhood Plan contribution	200,000

Remaining LTP Balances following Adjustments

	£
Arboretum	21,651
Berridge	22,212
Radford and Park	198,700

*** All Local Transport Plan (LTP) Expenditure unless otherwise specified**

⁽¹⁾Public Realm expenditure ⁽²⁾Environmental Expenditure

At the invitation of the Chair, Mr Papiewicz provided the following updates on matters of interest:

Waste Collection Arrangements: garden waste collections would resume in the area on 2 April 2012. Separate food waste collections would cease after 31 March 2012. The amounts collected by the separate system had decreased and it had proved difficult to persuade residents to separate food from other types of waste. Letters informing residents of the changes had been sent out and a programme of house visits would be undertaken during the next two weeks. Residents were now becoming more familiar with changes to collection arrangements and arrangements were being made address incidences of increased litter in some areas. Comments regarding successes in the Radford Road area were welcomed and the need to examine bin collection arrangements in Gladstone Street and promote better public understanding of the issues around recycling, were noted.

RESOLVED that the report and updates be noted.

47 THANKS

The Chair reminded Councillors and Community Representatives that this meeting was the final meeting under current arrangements. From May 2012 some area committee boundaries , including this Committee's, would alter and meetings would be held four times per year. The Chair thanked Councillors, Community Representatives and colleagues for their past participation.

**ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON AND RADFORD AND PARK
AREA COMMITTEE – 22 MAY 2012**

Title of paper:	WARD COUNCILLOR BUDGET ALLOCATION 2012/13	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Andy Vaughan Director of Neighbourhood Services Andy.vaughan@nottinghamcity.gov.uk	Wards affected: Arboretum Dunkirk and Lenton Radford and Park
Report author(s) and contact details:	John Marsh Central Locality Manager Tel: 0115 8838467 John.marsh@nottinghamcity.gov.uk	
Other colleagues who have provided input:	Tim Clark Finance Analyst Tel: 0115 78262711 tim.clark@nottinghamcity.gov.uk	
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
World Class Nottingham		X
Work in Nottingham		X
Safer Nottingham		X
Neighbourhood Nottingham		X
Family Nottingham		X
Healthy Nottingham		X
Leading Nottingham		X
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report outlines Ward Councillor budget allocations for 2012/13.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	Note that each Councillor has been allocated an individual Ward Councillor budget of £5,000, which Area Committees are required to divide between an Area Allocation Budget and individual Ward Support Budgets.	
2	Note that additional monies have been made available to the top 5% most deprived wards in the City based on Indices Multiple Deprivation (IMD) 2007.	
3	Note that any unspent monies in individual Ward Councillor Support Budgets at the end of the Municipal Year will be reallocated to the relevant Area Committees Area Allocation budget.	
4	Approves that decisions regarding funding from the Community Influence and Engagement budget within Area Allocation budget be delegated to the Locality Manager or in their absence, the Director of Neighbourhood Services, and that any such decisions be reported to the next available Area Committee.	

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In 2010/11 each Ward Councillor was allocated £8,000 to support their role as "Champion of Place". For 2011/12 each Ward Councillor is allocated £5,000 to support this role – in addition to this allocation further funds are allocated to Ward Councillors to further support work to be undertaken in the top 5% most deprived wards in the City.
- 1.2 However, it is also recognised that there will still be a need for a central funding pot to support grants to individuals and groups within the voluntary sector and inter ward, area-wide and cross cutting issues. This is important to ensure the

transparency and also reflects that some issues are cross cutting and not geographically based

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

2.1 To support the Ward Councillor role as “Champion of Place” and provide a platform for a further focus to the top 5% most deprived wards.

2.2 To ensure value for money and transparency of the decision making process

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 None.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

4.1 The continued allocation of Ward Councillor budgets and the continued use of delegated approval proformas are within current legal powers. The process described in the report provides a lawful basis for taking expenditure decisions.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 The funds allocated to this Committee are used to address the diverse needs of the various sections of the community and reduce inequalities within the community.

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

6.1 Nominal Ledgers.

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

7.1 Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2007.