

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE
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Title of paper:	An Update on the Partnership Council's Work	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		
Neighbourhood Nottingham		x
Family Nottingham		x
Healthy Nottingham		
Leading Nottingham		
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>This report provides information on the range of current services the charity provide projects both across the City and in this Area Committee area. Currently due to a reduction in funding, the Partnership Council is using its reserves to continue providing services to the local community.</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the Area Committee notes the contents of the report.	
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1. **BACKGROUND**

1.1 The Partnership Council has been running as a charity in Area 4 for 14 years. Its purpose is to work with local people to get them involved in improving their communities. We work City wide, with a focus on the wards of Radford and Park, Arboretum and Berridge. We were established in 1998 by a group of local residents. We have developed long term expertise in work in the diverse electoral wards of Radford & Park, Berridge and Arboretum, in inner Nottingham, where we are based. This area is one of the most deprived areas in the country, with a large Black and Minority Ethnic and migrant community making up 29% of the population.

Our support to Voluntary and Community Organisations extends to the 'Central' Locality of Nottingham (Hyson Green, Radford, Forest Fields, New Basford, Arboretum, Sherwood, Wollaton, Lenton & Dunkirk areas) and we run some projects with a Nottingham wide focus.

1.2 What We Do: We focus on involving people to improve their communities in three ways:

- a. Volunteering: We have over 400 volunteers a year running a wide range of services including playschemes, community gardens and coffee mornings.
- b. Supporting the Community and Voluntary Sector: We provide capacity building, support and training to community groups and small voluntary groups, to support them to increase the quality and quantity of their provision. We also support and guide local residents setting up a community group from scratch.
- c. Giving People a Voice: We run an Older Person's Forum, a Disabled Person's Forum and a Community and Voluntary Sector Forum, to empower people to express their views about local services, and maintain communication channels with Nottingham City Council to influence services changes to meet people's needs.

1.3 Legal Structure & Governance: We are a registered charity (charity number 1092057) and a company limited by guarantee (company number 3495975). A Board of Trustees meet six weekly to manage our organisation. A Finance Sub-Group and Personnel Sub-Group, both with clear terms of reference, also meet every 6 weeks and make recommendations to the Board. The Chief Officer carries out day-to-day management including the supervision of some staff.

1.4 Staffing: We currently have 1 full time and 6 part time staff (2.5 FTE equivalents). Due to reduction in funding, we have had to make a number of staff redundant and reduce the working hours of other staff.

1.5 Track Record: The Partnership Council has been operating for 14 years running a variety of successful projects. In the last 4 years we have won three Green Guardian Awards from Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust for environmental work and an Academy for Sustainable Communities Award under Engaging Young People. Independent evaluations completed on a number of projects such as Base Camp have highlighted the satisfaction of service users with the high quality of provision.

1.6 We run a range of projects as follows:

1.6.1 **Skills Exchange:** This operates across the three wards we focus on and aims to support disadvantaged people to provide practical help and support to each other. It provides a way for members to offer their help and in return 'earn' time credits that they can 'spend' getting help for themselves.

Members have been helping each other in very practical ways including decorating, gardening, hairdressing, knitting and guitar lessons. Organisations can be members. We have 308 individual members and 50 organisational members.

The Skills Exchange aims to:

a/ Meet Members' Needs for Services and Support: The project provides access to a wide range of services and support. For example a retired member who has carpentry skills mended another member's broken chest of drawers that she couldn't afford to replace. The Skills Exchange provides a way for those most in need to get assistance and services, and to share their own skills.

b/ Builds the Local Community The Skills Exchange is also successful in encouraging members to get to know other members who live in their community. It has recruited a large number of isolated people who have got to know each other through exchanges and social events. The members now organise a weekly coffee morning, regular trips to the theatre and a weekly drop in IT session.

c/ Build networks between people and organisations for wider community benefit: Organisations also participate in Skills Exchanges. For example, the New Art Exchange, have recently received help from one of our members, who helped with the Mela and the Culture Cloud launch event.

Case Study: Pete

Pete, 80, is a retired joiner. He was one of the very first Skills Exchange members, joining in June 2007.

He particularly wanted to "keep his hand in" with his joinery skills and has earned over 30 Time Credits helping people in this way. He has mended a chest of drawers, made planters for the Skills Exchange Courtyard, made a wooden card rack, put up shelves, fitted two smoke alarms and done some washing, amongst other things.

In return Pete has used his Time Credits to get some shopping done when he hurt his foot, has had various gardening jobs done, including hedge cutting. He's also had help from people with computer skills and, recently, had some cushion covers made for his new sofa. "I originally joined the Skills Exchange to meet people. I felt like I was spending too much time on my own. I've met some interesting people from different walks of life, which I think is a good thing.

I really like the idea of the Skills Exchange, that if you help someone else, you will get help in return. It's good for the community and it brings back good neighbourliness.

I like the idea that someone wants me to do a job for them. I feel like I've got something to offer that can be of benefit to others".



Other examples of Skills Exchange members include, Diane a Caribbean young woman who volunteered in a Carnival Dancing Troupe. She realised that some of the children's carnival costumes were not going to be finished in time and requested help from the Skills Exchange for sewing costumes. Two elderly white women volunteered and met Diane three times a week in her kitchen over a few months, to finish the costumes. The elderly women had never been to Nottingham Carnival, but after helping with the sewing, they went along to see the children dancing in the costumes they had helped to make.

Joe is a young man who has poor literacy and a bad speech impediment. He was isolated and living with his mum who found everyday life a struggle. He spent nearly all of his time on his computer in his bedroom. Through the internet he found out about the project and came down to join. Since then he has been a very active member, appreciating the chance to get involved in physical activities such as gardening, to practice his writing and also to socialise with others.

The Skills Exchange brings together people of different ages as well. For example, Karl in his 30's regularly gardens for Hyacinth who is 80. Pete has put up shelves for Navkiran in her 30's, Fleur who is 19 has been showing Billy how to crochet, and she has shown him how to use a sewing machine. We have a wide range of ages participating in the Time Bank and they would have been unlikely to meet up if they hadn't been members.

Several of the members were lonely and isolated, and so they decided to organise a weekly coffee morning for members. This is organised by members and the people who attend regularly include several retired people, a few isolated single mums, a woman with learning difficulties and several people with mental health problems. All appreciate the chance to once a week get together with other people to socialise.

Below are some quotes from members in the last survey.

"Great! I've painted a garden wall for someone (which I enjoyed) and am helping someone with using a computer (which I also enjoy) and so far I've had someone fix a broken doll, someone do some hand washing for me and some sewing - excellent!"

"I'm so busy working that my garden became really overgrown and it's directly opposite a tram stop, lots of people pass my house but it looked a real mess, but I couldn't find time to do it. Somebody from the skills exchange did a real good job in sorting out my garden and putting up hanging baskets. Now people look over from the tram stop and the hanging baskets seem to cheer their busy day."

"I've had a guitar for years and could only basically strum. I'm learning the finger picking style of the guitar... I never could do it before, and being part of the Skills Exchange has really encouraged me to practice."

"the reason I like the skills exchange is because it is fairer than other community things I've been involved in, cos I've got a lot of usable skills and vision I find that I end up doing everything and this makes my illnesses worse, I want to help others but I need so much help myself too, I need support in many different areas, so I've stopped being the giver and not the receiver and this equals it out. It's fantastic."

"yes I needed reflexology and I need massages etc, they cost a bomb usually and I really need these, there are other things that I'll need in the future that will help me. I just love this scheme."

Just over half of all members are elderly or disabled. Just over a quarter of all members are from ethnic minorities.

The Skills Exchange has a long-term approach to building relationships. Breakfast mornings, socials and exchanges bring people into contact with one another and friendships are slowly built. At the beginning of the year we carried out an anonymous survey with our members and 83% of people said that they had met new people as a result of joining the Skills Exchange.

Organisations can be members of the Skills Exchange as well. Members include Nottingham Credit Union and the New Art Exchange. 41% of people in the survey said that they had learnt about community groups that they hadn't know about, as a result of being a member. The Skills Exchange provides a unique way for a wide variety of people to come together and help each other out. Because unlike ordinary volunteering, it has clear immediate benefits for the individual members, it attracts a wider range of people than a straightforward volunteering project would. It also attracts a far wider range of members than a project promoted as a way to get to know people from other ethnicities and ages. It provides a means for members to get to know each other; to break down barriers; and to challenge misconceptions.

The part time Skills Exchange Officer is Helen Rigby. She is contactable on Tel. 9708200

1.6.2 Base Camp: This project operates city wide and supports South Asian community groups to increase the quality and amount of service provision to the South Asian community. We run a capacity building and training programme for new and existing community groups, to support them to achieve that. By community groups we mean groups without paid staff. Base Camp has been running successfully for seven years providing support, training and advice in Urdu and Mirpuri at a venue and time to suit the beneficiaries. Base Camp aims to improve the governance and service delivery of these community groups. Until 2007 Base Camp was providing services only in three electoral wards in Nottingham. Since the beginning of 2007, Base Camp has covered the whole of Nottingham City.

The services currently provided by community groups Base Camp works with includes health information and advice, a lunch club, exercise and sport for Muslim women, first steps into learning, and social support for isolated women. The users of these services and other services benefit from Base Camp through improved quality of services and an expansion in the range of services and the opening hours of existing services.

The support and guidance from Base Camp has recently led to:

- The Bobbersmill Football foundation being awarded £500 for netball classes from spotiv8 a City Council initiative, to run 6 weeks of physical sports classes.
- The Activated Citizens recieved £1,000 City Council Start up grant and also in-kind funding for accredited courses run in the community, in a partnership with New College Nottingham
- The Skills for You project recieved a City Council Game on grant of £350 for a sports fun day for disabled children who suffer sight loss..
- The Pro-10 received over £1,000 from Trent Cars, a Taxi Base, to help young boys learn about football and encourage better opportunities for physical health.
- The Welcome Communities have helped raise £2,000 by organising 2 family fun days and community events at a local school. This helps them to hire rooms for training and learning, and to bring together women who are lonely and isolated.

The Base Camp Officer is Rukhsana Aziz. She is contactable on Tel. 9708200.

1.6.3 Forest Volunteer Recruitment: This is a new project to recruit volunteers who will work with the park ranger at the Forest Recreation Ground, to improve the Forest and run a range of community activities. The staff member works 5 hours a week and has been recruiting volunteers for the Park Run activity.

The part time Volunteer Development Officer is Jasbinder Sahota. She works 5 hours a week is contactable at the Partnership Council on Tel. 9708200.

1.6.4 Voluntary Infrastructure Contract: A consortium of infrastructure organisations delivers this contract on behalf of Nottingham City Council. The aim of the contract is to provide support services for Nottingham City's Voluntary and Community Sector. The contract provides 3 elements of support for the Voluntary and Community Sector in Nottingham City; loosely categorised as:

- Back Office Functions: providing, for example, CRB checking service and financial support services. Such elements provide operational support and underpin the actual delivery of the service.
- Support Worker Functions: providing, for example, capacity building on an on-going basis to newer groups and to developing groups from new and emerging communities; and provide specialist support and training.
- Strategic Support Functions providing, for example, networking, influencing, advocacy, representation and raise the profile of Nottingham's VCS to strategic partners.

The Partnership Council is sub contracted by Nottingham Council for Voluntary Services to provide the following services in Central Locality.

- Provide capacity building support, guidance and/or training to 40 community and voluntary groups per year, in line with the consortium standard operating procedures.
- To participate in developing standard operating procedures and processes across all of the participating infrastructure organisations.
- Recruit a 'locality advocate' to participate in NCVS advocates forum & appropriate local decision making bodies.

- Coordinate a Locality Forum for neighbourhood VCS / those working in the locality. To include opportunities for consultation with the local Community and Voluntary Sector within this.
- Provide local intelligence to assist city wide infrastructure support services in targeting outreach sessions.
- Assist in reviewing customer feedback and VCS trends.
- Promotion of a joint Voluntary and Community Sector conference.
- Joint marketing approach agreed, simplifying access points for citizens and groups

Organisations such as the Partnership Council are sometimes referred to as a Voluntary Sector Hub. This simply means an information and resource point for community and voluntary groups to get support, guidance and training. The part time Volunteer Infrastructure Development Workers are Moby Farrands and Helen Rigby. They are contactable on Tel. 9708200.

1.6.5 **Disability Forum:** This forum meets every two months and provides information and an avenue to lobby on issues of importance to local disabled people. This meets at Tennyson, where the Partnership Council are based. The Disability Forum Officer is Paul Randall. He works 3 hours a month. Contact the Partnership Council on Tel. 9708200 to contact him. Or visit the blog at <http://nottinghamdisabilityforum.blogspot.co.uk/>

1.6.6 **Older Person's Forum:** This forum meets every two months and provides information and an avenue to lobby on issues of importance to local older people. This meets at Tennyson, where the Partnership Council are based. The Older Person's Forum Officer is Jan Khan. She works 3 hours a month. Contact the Partnership Council on Tel. 9708200 to contact her.

1.6.7 **Summer Playschemes:** Over the summer holidays we worked with volunteers to run 5 playschemes across the area. The playschemes provided a range of play provision including arts and crafts, sports, dance sessions and trips out. 561 individual children attended and 57 volunteers were involved. These were run with volunteers who took ownership of the play activities. We supported and trained the volunteers, ensured CRB's and play activities met legislation and that activities were well planned and delivered. Our worker also got involved in doing play activities with the children for most sessions.

- **De-Vine.** This ran at The Vine in Bobbersmill. It consisted of a two week playscheme, an Eid party and a trip.
- **St Paul's Resident Association.** This ran at Kirkstead Park in Hyson Green as weekly playdays.
- **B.O.B.S.** This ran at Bridlington St in Hyson Green as weekly playschemes and playdays, a sports day and a trip.
- **Independent St Playschemes.** This ran at Independent St Park in Radford as a two week playscheme, trip and an end of summer party.
- **Zola.** This was a Women's aid group in the Arboretum park. It ran weekly Playdays and a trip.
- **De-Vine.** Ran a much needed two week Sports Playscheme at the start of the summer holidays for local children and young people aged 5-13 years and a very well attended Eid party at The Bridge centre with music, face painting, bouncy castle and face painting. They also ran a full day trip by coach to Twin Lakes theme park. De-Vine ran with 10 Volunteers and had 57 individual children and young people attend.

- **St Paul's Resident Association.** Were a group that did not know each other well although they all lived around Kirkstead Park and St Paul's avenue and had never ran playschemes together before, They ran playdays every week on alternate Thursdays and Fridays from their local park throughout the summer holiday, Their aim was not only to give the local children good play opportunities; but also to discourage the misuse of drugs and alcohol which have been responsible for intrusive behaviour on the park. St Paul's Resident Association ran with 6 volunteers and had 41 individual children and young people attend.
 - **B.O.B.S.** Ran weekly playdays on Bridlington St Park as a lead up to their mini Olympics. The mini Olympics was well attended and ran from 2.00- 6.00pm with bronze, silver and gold medals awarded. B.O.B.S also had a great trip to Sherwood Pines where they did den building, pond dipping and cycling in the woods. B.O.B.S ran with 15 Volunteers and had 369 individual children and young people attend.
 - **Independent St Playschemes.** Ran a two-week playscheme from St Peter's Hall delivering a multitude of play with cooking, music and dance, sports, arts and crafts that had all been requested by the local children. They had a great family trip to Ingoldmells and a fabulous end of summer party at St Peter's hall with music, dancing, food and drinks. Independent St Playscheme ran with 12 volunteers and had 64 individual children and young people attend.
 - **Zola.** This was a group of women we linked in with through Women's Aid to help and support them to get a group of the women ready and confident to run Playdays through the summer holidays. They ran alternate weekly playdays at the Arboretum and at the Forest Recreation Ground, for their children to experience a variety of play opportunities covering sports, outdoor arts and crafts and group and team games. They also shared in the setting up and the delivery of the fabulous Eid party at The Bridge Centre and a great trip to Gulliver's Kingdom. Zola ran with 14 volunteers and had 30 individual children attend.
- 1.6.8 **Green Power Team:** This project closed at the end of October 2012. It supported unemployed people back into work through a programme of horticulture and training volunteers. Each Green Power Team consisted of up to 15 unemployed Nottingham City residents or people who are due to be made redundant who volunteer with us for 2 months. They spent 1 day a week doing training including an NVQ level 1 in Horticulture as well as other relevant training such as food safety and first aid. We also offered careers advice sessions and confidence building workshops. On the second day each week the volunteers put their learning into practice in a range of community gardens and allotments around the City. This proved very effective and just under one third of volunteers on the programme found employment within 16 weeks of starting the programme. The cost of this was just under £500 per volunteer.

Case study Ann, Green Power team volunteer

Environmental volunteering helps Ann's career blossom!



Unemployed 56-year-old Ann from St. Ann's become a volunteer with the Green Power Team, run by the Partnership Council charity. She hasn't looked back since.

Ann says: "I'd worked as a carer for about eight years and really needed a break. I'd been unemployed since November trying to find my way back into work, and then I saw an advert for the Green Power Team project in the local paper at the end of May. About two weeks later I started as a volunteer on it!

The project offers volunteer placements with lots of hands-on experience and training in the environmental field and as a keen amateur gardener I decided to give it a go.

It's turned out to be one of the best 'back to work' moves I've made this summer!

I'm learning loads of new skills such as how to grow vegetables and make seed beds – as part of the project's 'Green Power team', which helps develop urban green sites around Nottingham, such as community gardens and allotments for local people.

As well as practical experience the project has also given me the chance to study for a NOCN qualification in 'Understanding Organic Horticulture' – free of charge.

The project has given me a new lease of life and has helped me grow in confidence. It's given me the break and inspiration I needed and now I'm applying for jobs again.

Through the support and training offered by this project, Ann was successful in getting a job.

1.6.9 Tennyson Street Playcentre: The Partnership Council are taking over the closed down playcentre on Tennyson Street. This was previously run by a small charity that employed staff to deliver an afterschool club and weekend play provision. Due to a withdrawal of their City Council grant, they closed down. We will be running an afterschool club 3 nights a week, a youth club 1 night a week, a weekly coffee morning and training activities for adults. The centre is currently being decorated, free of charge, by Capital One. Nottingham City Council have pledged staff to help run an afterschool club one night a week and a youth club one night a week. All other activities will be run by volunteers.

Contact Ruth Greenberg on Tel. 9708200 for more information

1.6.10 Transforming Local Infrastructure: The Partnership Council is working with other city wide infrastructure organisations to standardise and improve both how community and voluntary group's access infrastructure support across the City, and to ensure they receive a consistent and quality service across all infrastructure services. The recent work has involved developing a joint marketing approach that will be launched next year, in order to provide a consistent message and a common point of access. Contact Ruth Greenberg on Tel. 9708200 for more information.

1.6.11 Eco House: We have an active steering group working to establish an Eco House in Hyson Green that will address local fuel poverty, climate change issues, and the reality that many residents live in private rented accommodation which does not meet decent insulation standards. This is cited as a pilot project in the City Council's 2012 - 2020 Nottingham Community Climate Strategy. Surveys on the energy efficiency of 900 local homes have been completed in partnership with Nottingham Energy Partnership. We hope to launch the Eco House by January 2013. The part time Neighbourhood Projects Worker is Moby Farrands. She is contactable on Tel. 9708200.

1.6.12 NG7 Food Bank: The Partnership Council recruited and convened the local voluntary and community partners who helped establish this project, designing an empowering process for food recipients, rather than a traditional charity model. This was in response to community requests, and concern for local children during school holidays. The current base is in Berridge Ward, but serves residents across NG7. We continue to provide practical support, are a food donations collection point and manage the money on behalf of the project. The Partnership Council itself receives no monies. The part time Neighbourhood Projects Worker is Moby Farrands. She is contactable on Tel. 9708200.

1.6.13 Community and Voluntary Groups Support. The following are the groups we have supported through capacity building, training, guidance and practical help since January 2012:

Name of group	Contact location	Brief description
All the groups below have received support, guidance and access to training.		
Young offenders project	Lenton Abbey	Helping young people who have offended a better quality of life i.e. life coaching, training opportunities and mentoring for offenders.
The Meadows Women's Group	The Meadows	Aimed at isolated women who are depressed, face health problems and have language barriers in accessing training. Working with the Sure start in Meadows for widening opportunities.
Save our Roots	Radford	Aims are to provide educational classes for young children underachieving and help mothers with employment support one to one advice and guidance.
PRO-10	Sneinton	Helping young boys and girls undertake football opportunities, tournaments, working with football coaches to teach kids techniques and skills.
Unity	Aspley	The project recruits young people to teach them how to learn to Hindi dance and character building, have fun and make new friends.
Activated Citizen	Berridge	Helped the project form a direct delivery partnership with NCN, in kind funding for i.e.: First Aid, Bridal Make up, the group is active and applies for grants
AL-Zahra Foundation	Lenton	The group is involved in active encouragement and fun based learning, they formed a partnership with skills for you and received the City Councils Game on award of £350 for a family sports day.

Friends of Takbeer TV	Hyson Green	The group actively involves volunteers to help with presenting, script writing and championing volunteering opportunities in media and communications.
Nottingham Health and Education	Sneinton and Radford	The group was awarded £1,000 from the British Heart Foundation to raise awareness about heart disease; the group runs educational classes to help young people achieve their full potential.
The Skills For You	Lenton	The group is applying for funding for a job search provision. The group was awarded the PQASSO Quality assurance award through the help from Basecamp. The group was awarded £350 from the City Council Game on grant and ran a successful family sports day at The Edna G Olds School.
IL- Haam	Radford, Wollaton, Lenton	The group was awarded a cancer does not discriminate grant of £180 and attracted well over 300 people, women were able to get advice about screening, breast cancer support and bowel cancers to share with their male family members. It was an important information sharing event. The group has applied for women's sports activities through the Castle Cavendish Fund, we await the response.
Welcome Communities	Hyson Green Radford	The group is active in fundraising for the Fig Tree nursery, the group empowers women who want to make changes to their lives and their family. The group has raised over £2,000 for activities in their area. The group ran a family Eid bazaar on the 24 th October to help them raise further funds.
Nottingham Muslim Women	Hyson Green	The group organises women's event to raise awareness about Health, social well being, educational needs of the local community and helping women with domestic issues.
Uniting Communities	Bobbers-mill/ Hyson Green	The group is working in partnership to plan a project to deliver Security guards qualification as there are no female security guards. The group helps local children learn and develop skills in Arabic, Urdu and reading and writing. The group has good links with Radford Primary School.
The MCTD	Forest Fields	The group ran a successful cancer information event and was awarded the Cancer Does Not Discriminate grant, awarded £140 for food and venue costs.
United Women's Foundation	Wollaton & Radford	The group was awarded £200 to raise awareness about cancers in the south Asian community. The group received £500 to celebrate the Olympics. This was the Game on Grant through the City Council.
Your choice	Sneinton	The project is researching the need for an Asian job club to help women with language needs find employment and help search training opportunities. The Group is working with MCO to build links with the Asian community and for community cohesion.
Perpetual Springs	Lenton	The group supports international as well as local people; the group helps with English regular conferences and seminars, research activities and domestic energy saving workshops.
All the groups below have received the practical support outlined in the about box.		
The Bridge Centre	Hyson Green	A drop-in centre and not-for-profit community café offering friendly support for all in central Hyson Green. Skills Exchange members help run kitchen.
The Tea Trolley	Bridge ward	Nottingham Mencap community tea room in City Centre given practical help by Skills Exchange members

New Art Exchange	Hyson Green	Nottingham's centre for Black contemporary arts. Skills Exchange members have invigilated at some exhibitions.
Ridewise	Dunkirk & Lenton	A Lenton based not-for-profit community enterprise committed to making cycling enjoyable and safe. Skills Exchange publicise their events via email to all members.
WOW! (Walk on the Wildside) Groundworks	Radford based	Skills Exchange jointly organised trips to Matlock and Newstead Abbey, signing up participants for WOW as well as organising the day's activities
Craft in the City	Radford	Run events for local craft workers to exhibit and sell their products. Skills Exchange members helped get the venue ready for an event
NG7 Food Bank	NG7, Berridge based at present	Set up to alleviate hunger in NG7 with a particular focus on young people during school holidays. We assisted in setting up a group, group structure, and models of Food Bank, recruiting other partners and recruiting volunteers. We publicised + facilitated a public meeting with potential partners and advised on legal requirements and promotion to public and voluntary sector.
Faiths in Action	Arboretum, Berridge and Radford & Park ward	Bringing Faiths together and Community Cohesion in Radford, Hyson Green, Forest Fields & New Basford. Supporting them to develop a funding strategy to employ a consultant to develop the dormant women's group, including shared cookery group and vegetable growing activities. Also assisting them with improving communication between members of FIA.
All the groups below have received practical help in the form of a team of supervised trained volunteers who have carried out horticultural work.		
Tennyson Street Playcentre	Radford	They provided supervised play activities for children.
Summerwood Lane Community Gardens	Clifton	A local community garden.
Arimathea Trust	Radford	Supports refugees and asylum seekers.
St. Ann's Allotment site	St Ann's	A community allotment.
Nottingham Royal Society for the Blind	Radford	Supports blind and partially sighted people across Nottinghamshire.
Ecoworks	Whitemoor	An environmental charity.

1.6.14 Central Locality Voluntary Sector Forum – held quarterly

49 Voluntary and Community Organisations have sent representatives to Forum Meetings January to October 2012:

Action for Blind People, Rainbow Project, Disability Direct, Activated Citizens, Dunkirk & Old Lenton Community Association, Student Volunteering Univ. of Nottingham, Hyson Green Youth Centre, TEREMOK, West Area Project, Lenton Methodist Church, Groundworks, Lenton Breakfast Club, The Bridge Centre, Tommy's (Thomas Helwys Baptist Church), Begin, NCH, West End Bowls,

Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue, Nottingham Trent University Volunteering Manager, Dunkirk + Lenton Forum, Nottingham CVS, Nottinghamshire Community Foundation, Community Accounting Plus, Nottingham Social Enterprise Hub, The Place- Sherwood, Uniting Community Project, Blue Mountain Women, Asian Youth Dev. Agency, Friends of Takbeer TV, Evangelical Free Church, Radford, Sumac Street Play- Forest Fields, Nottingham Contemporary Arts, Framework (Gateway to Nature), Miracle New Testament Church of God, Hyson Green, Nottingham Teaching Centre, Black Multicultural Women's Group, Hub for Sustainable Green Communities, NG7 Food Bank, Reach Outcomes, New Rose Associates, Business in the Community, Greenfields Childcare & Training Centre, Nottingham Advice Consortium, Vine Community Centre, H.G., Sherwood Methodist Church, Hostels Liaison Group, Community Cohesion (Djanogly), Wollaton Park Community Centre.

There is also regular communication by email to the vast majority of community and voluntary groups across the Central Locality who wish to receive it. This generates phone enquiries and follow up support and referrals on for specialist advice. We also email to all the Ward Neighbourhood Action Officers and the Dunkirk and Lenton Forum so that they can forward information to their contacts. The email database is constantly changing, but the organisations contacted by email in the past few months are listed here according to Ward:

Area 4

Arboretum Ward

58i Ltd; African Women's Empowerment Forum- Faith; Bangladesh Centre; Belong- was Heri Kwetu; Bobbers Mill Community Centre & Mosque; BOBS - Jane Hartley; Bridge Centre & URC Church; Christian Centre; City Arts (Nottingham) Ltd; Congregation of Yahweh; Cooperative Community Action; East African Education Centre - Ismail; First Enterprise Business Agency; Friends of the Forest; Goshen Community-; Hostels Liaison Group; ISSE Multicultural Centre; Jamia Ummah; Lost Artists Club; Muslim Hands; My Sight Nott's (NRIB) ; NCISE; Nottingham Carnival Club; Nottingham Law Centre; Nottingham Women's Centre; Nott's Deaf Society; Platform 51was YWCA; Radio Dawn 107.6 MHz; Rainbow Project; Roshni; Signpost for Polish Success; Skills Exchange; St. Paul's Residents Assoc- Rosie Jarrett; St. Stephens Church- Rev Clive Burrows; Tennyson Street Centre; Vine Centre; Welcome Project; Women's Aid Integrated Services; The Workplace.

Dunkirk And Lenton Ward

Al-Zahra Foundation; Crocus Café & Gallery; Disability Direct Nottingham- Steve Boseley; Dunkirk & Old Lenton Community Association; Dunkirk and Lenton Partnership Forum; Lenton Centre; Nottingham Action Group; Ride Wise Ltd; Sherwin Road Community Garden; Trent Vineyard + Trent Debt Advice; West Area Project; West End Bowls.

Radford and Park Ward

African Initiative Support CIC; All Souls Church & Community Centre; Beulah Rescue Centre; Castle Cavendish Foundation; Catch 22; Cavaliers Football Club; Children's Society Stars Project; Craft in the City; Evangel. Free Church -Harry Saunders; Family First; Gods Vineyard Church & Vinefruits CIC; Green Academy Trust; Groundwork Nottingham; Independent Business Association; Kemet Radio; Lenton Methodist Church; Lenton Times & Lenton History Group; Marcus Garvey Lunch Club; Mount Zion Millennium City Church; Muslim Women's Organisation; Mustardseed; National Coalition Building Institute; Nottingham Arimathea Trust; Nottingham Energy Partnership; PATRA Inc. ACDA; POW; Radford & Park; Radford Care Group; Radford Carnival; Radford Group of Churches; Radford History Group; Radford Methodist Church; Radford Visiting Scheme; Rally Project- St Peter's Hall; Refugee Action; Shabach Outreach Ministry;

Shiefton Youth Group + Supp. School; Sikh Youth & Community Service; Social Enterprise East Midlands; St Paul's Catholic Church; St Peter's Church Radford; Take One Studios; Unity Football.

Area 5

Berridge Ward

Abundance Area 4; Activated Citizens; Akshobya Buddhist Centre; Al-Ain International Trust; Asian Women's Project Ltd; .Asian Youth Development Agency; Blue Mountain Women's Group- Veronica Barnes; Carers Federation + BECONN Service; Church of God, Mount Street; Church of Pentecost UK - Nottingham; City of Sanctuary; Culture box- Juliet Line; Fame Notts Children & Families Mediation Service; Forest Fields Advice Centre; Forest Fields Play Centre; Forest Fields Welfare Centre; Framework Housing Association; Greenfields Childcare & Training Centre; Gurdwara Baba Budha Ji; Hyson Green Community Centre; Hyson Green in Bloom; Hyson Green Youth Centre; Indian Community Centre; Karimia Mosque & Institute; Madni Masjid-- Raza al Haq; Mansfield Rd Baptist Church; Mary Magdalene Foundation; Miracle New Testament Church of God Mission- Gordon Griffiths; MODEL BEHAVIOUR- mentoring; MUNDI Global Education Centre; New Art Exchange; New Basford Community Centre; NG7 Food Bank; Nottingham Afghan Community Association; Nottingham Community Housing Association; Notts Business Venture; Notts Plan Bee; Radio Faza; Refugee Futures; Saheli Project- Samina Naz; Sherwood Rise Residents Association- Lucy Greaves; Somali Community & Somali Women; Sumac Centre; Unique World; Vietnamese Community Project.

Sherwood Ward

Carrington Play and Stay; Crossroads Care Daycentre; Edwards Lane Community Centre; Sherwood Community Centre; Sherwood Methodist Church- Rev Paul Worsnop; St John's Church & Community Centre; St Martins Sherwood - Pat Sands; The Place Activity Centre; Ukrainian Cultural Centre; Young Potential.

Area 7

Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward

Accelerating a Low Carbon Economy- Melanie Watts; Hope Nottingham Food Bank; North Wollaton Residents' Association- Lynn Dilks; Nott'm Church of God; SIFE International; Skills Sharing- Jacqui Storey; St Mary's Church, Wollaton Park.

Wollaton West Ward

Grangewood Methodist Church-Rev. Stuart Bell; Kingswood Methodist Church; St Leonard's Community Centre, Wollaton; Wollaton Park Community Centre.

The Central Locality Voluntary Sector Forum and e-mail communications are coordinated by the part time Volunteer Infrastructure Development Workers, Moby Farrands and Helen Rigby. They are contactable on Tel. 9708200.



Some Partnership Council volunteers providing practical help to Ecoworks on their Whitemoor allotment.

1.7 **Funding:** The Partnership Council currently receives funding from The Basis Lottery Fund for Base Camp, Nottingham Community and Voluntary Services for the Voluntary Infrastructure Project and did receive grant funding from Nottingham City Council for the Green Power Team. We also receive donations and small grants from a number of trusts. However, we receive no funding for the other projects and do not receive enough funding to cover all of our overheads.

The projected income for 2012/13 for the Partnership Council is £123,000.
The projected expenditure for 2012/13 is £189,752.
The shortfall is being funded by reserves.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

2.1 This report is for information only.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 N/A

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

4.1 None

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

5.1 The Partnership Council is currently running on reserves. Without an increase in funding, the charity will close and its activities will cease, in 2013.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs)

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

No as this report does not include proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions

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

7.1 None

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

8.1 None