

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA 8 COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **12 SEPTEMBER 2012**

at Clifton Leisure Centre, Southchurch Drive from 7.00pm to 9.15pm

Present

- ✓ Councillor Malcolm (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Heaton (Vice-Chair – minutes 14 - 20 inclusive)
- ✓ Councillor Edwards
- ✓ Councillor Gibson
- ✓ Councillor Jeffery
- ✓ Councillor Packer
- ✓ Councillor Spencer
- ✓ Councillor Steel

✓ indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives and Citizens

- Mrs C Ashton - Good Companions
- Rev S Clark - Clifton Church of England
- Ms D Clausen - Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens
- Mr T Coopey - Clifton Anglican Team
- Mrs M Daly - Meadows Dance and Social Group
- Ms E Jordan - Summerwood Community Garden
- Ms N Judd - Resident
- Mr C Mackie - Silverdale Community Association
- Mr R Nettleship - Carters Education Foundation
- Ms P Nicholson - New Beginnings
- Mr J Potter - Resident
- Mrs M Spencer - Old Meadows Tenants & Residents Association (OMTRA)
- Mr W Stewart - Queen's Walk Community Association
- Ms D Whitworth - Meadows Partnership Trust

City Council Colleagues and Others in Attendance

- Mr K Beaumont - Head of Family Community Team South
- Mr D Bulmer - South Neighbourhood Development Officer
- Ms J Dean - Nottingham Community and Voluntary Service
- Ms D Holmes - South Locality Manager
- Miss R Mottram - Constitutional Services Officer
- Mr A Ghaffar - Neighbourhood Development Officer
- Mr P Singh - Neighbourhood Development Officer
- Mr N Waldram - Nottinghamshire Police

10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Dave Shaw (New Meadows Tenants and Residents Association), Jonathan Hughes (Friends of Victoria Embankment), Mohammed Bashir and Carol Moseley (The Monday Club).

11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Gibson declared a personal interest in agenda item 4, Connectivity and Bus Routes, as a Council appointed Director of Nottingham City Transport and Nottingham Express Transit which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

12 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Di Clausen, Arkwright Meadows Community Gardens informed the Committee that the Meadows had been awarded a Silver Gilt, best in class in the East Midlands Urban Communities and had been invited to enter Britain in Bloom next year. A special Judges award had also been granted for the display at the library.

13 CONNECTIVITY AND BUS ROUTES (Report of Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services that provided the committee with a variety of connectivity provisions and encouraged the Area Committee to identify other areas for improvement in the area.

A motion was circulated around the meeting and discussion took place about the issues faced by residents and in particular accessing the City Hospital during evenings and weekends.

RESOLVED that, the motion as set out below be submitted to the next available meeting of the Executive Board:

The Committee draws the attention of the Executive Board to concerns re bus connectivity eg: the Navy Line with Yellow and Brown Lines especially in the evenings and Sundays when Centre Link and service 53 and medi-link do not run. Given that workplace parking levy funding is not now available to fund a restoration of evening and Sunday services on route 53. This Committee is especially concerned at the plight of elderly and disabled residents who have relatives on the Hucknall Road side of the City Hospital site, given that evening and Sundays are popular visiting times, we ask the Executive Board finds a solution to this problem as a high priority. We know that there are plans to change bus connectivity in 2 or 3 years time but in fairness to our residents we need a solution sooner than that.

14 RESTRUCTURE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES (Report of Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities)

Ken Beaumont, Head of Family Community Teams (FCT) (South) provided a presentation on the restructuring of Family Community Teams.

The following key information was provided:

- FCT's provided universal, additional and extensive support to children, young people and their families through:
 - Childrens Centres;
 - Play and Youth provision;
 - Family Support Teams;
 - Child and Adolescent Mental Health teams;
 - Education Welfare;
 - Disabled Children's Teams;
 - Youth Offending Team;
 - Educational Psychology;
- the objectives of an integrated 0 to 19 support service were built around the needs of children, young people and their families at a local level by:
 - developing and supporting the capacity and confidence of universal services to take responsibility for identifying and responding to needs earlier and more effectively;
 - ensuring a seamless continuum of family support that was more clearly targeted towards vulnerable children, families and communities;
 - promoting greater continuity of support to families through childhood and adolescence from known and trusted professionals;
 - improving the visibility of FCT's within local communities and ensuring quick, easy and inclusive access to the right services;
 - being proactive, determined and inclusive in ensuring that we reach and respond to the needs of harder to engage families and communities;
 - ensuring that our specialist services (Disabled Children's Teams, Youth Offending Team and Educational Psychology) were visible and engaged in local delivery and partnership arrangements;
- the structure of FCT were set out as follows:
 - Area Community Family Support Team
 - Childrens centres and play and youth provision provide universal services that gave children and young people the best possible start on the road to success;
 - Early Intervention to provide extra support to vulnerable people, young people and families as soon as they need it;
 - prevention to respond to emerging problems before they become serious and entrenched;
 - Area Targeted Family Support Team
 - family Support, child and adolescent mental health workers, education welfare, targeted youth support, and portage workers;
 - integrated services that are locally accessible for children and young people with additional needs;
 - support to help young people and families overcome problems when they have arisen;
 - positive and proactive engagement to ensure that the support required is taken up.

During discussion the following additional information was provided:

- all those present were encouraged to direct anyone who would be interested in the work of the advisory group, who helped to tailor services to the needs of the locality, to get involved;
- work with pre-school groups was ongoing with different levels of children centre workers with facilities such as toy libraries that childminders could access.

RESOLVED that the appreciation of the Committee for the presentation and information provided be recorded.

15 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS
(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services that advised the Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Communities.

RESOLVED that the actions agreed by the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of projects and schemes within Area 8, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report be noted.

16 AREA CAPITAL FUND – 2011/13 PROGRAMME
(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services that provided the Committee with the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways and footways. It was confirmed that Clifton South would be making a contribution of £10K towards the Glapton Lane Phase 2 Scheme in Clifton North Ward.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that the monies available to Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;**
- (2) **that the Area Capital Fund Local Transport Plan schemes for the Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.**

17 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS – Q1/Q2/Q3/Q4
(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services that provided the Committee with an initial generic example of what a performance report for each ward within the city was due to look like. Reports would be produced quarterly for each Area Committee and provide updates on key issues and themes from Nottingham Plan 2020:

- ward priorities;
- community engagement;
- finance;
- safer theme – crime and anti social behaviour (ASB);
- neighbourhood theme – environmental issues and housing;

- working theme – unemployment rates;
- health theme – local health priorities.

Nick Waldram, Nottinghamshire Police advised the Committee that overall crime levels had decreased in the Meadows and Clifton area and almost all crime levels were looking much better than the previous year.

During discussion the following comments were made:

- comparisons with other Nottingham areas and nationally would be useful;
- education in general rather than just exclusions would be good;
- the range of reports was great for the public to be able to scrutinise relevant information in a simple way.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the initial Area Committee Ward Performance report outlined in Appendix to the report be noted;**
- (2) that it be noted that the full Ward Performance report was currently under development with key partners and the example of data to be included in future reports was not the accurate date for each ward at present.**

18 STREAMLINING INVESTMENT TO THE VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SECTOR (Director of Quality and Commissioning)

The Committee considered a report and received a presentation by Katy Ball and Irene Andrews from Children and Families at Nottingham City Council, the main points of which were as follows:

- previously, grants to Voluntary Sector Organisations (VSOs) had been complicated and inconsistent, with a range of funding streams being administered by different departments of the City Council, with different processes and timescales;
- based on feedback from VSOs, funding would become clearer and fairer, and Area Committees would have more influence over how VSOs were supported;
- a new model was agreed at Exec Board Commissioning Sub-Committee, with work ongoing to develop how the process would work and how Area Committees would influence funding;
- across the city, £31 million was given in grants to VSOs, this would continue with three levels of funding. Councillors individual budgets would be retained. Local projects would be funded through area-based grants and a potential small grants system. Larger projects would be funded through commissioned services let on a city-wide basis;
- £1.78 million of funding was distributed across the City on an area basis, with £208,000 in Area 8. With a clearer understanding of how funding was currently distributed, a fairer system could be developed with money shared more equally throughout the areas from departments;

- VSO representatives were also represented on the steering group and were heavily involved in the ongoing consultation. An e-bulletin was available for regular updates, and latest developments could be found on the Nottingham Insight website;
- an overview of each area was being developed which would include populations, number of benefit claimants, levels of deprivation, schools, health and disability levels. This would help to determine both individual area priorities for spending and help to create fairer distribution of grant money between areas based on need.

During discussion the following comments were made:

- it was felt that the new process would increase transparency and allow greater opportunities for Area Committees to influence funding decisions;
- the required savings of £495,000 were against the overall budget of £4.5m;
- the main way for keeping up to date with developments regarding the new process was via the City Council's website <http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk> or through the Nottingham CVS e-bulletin.

RESOLVED

- (1) **that the monies available to Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report be noted;**
- (2) **that the Area Capital Fund Local Transport Plan schemes for the Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South wards as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report be approved.**

19 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, subject to the inclusion of Mr Jonathan Hughes, Friends of Victoria Embankment in the attendance list, the minutes of the last meeting held on 16 May 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED that the next meeting be held on 21 November 2012, 7.00pm at Loxley House.