

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA 8 COMMITTEE

MINUTES

of meeting held on **5 MARCH 2013**

at Loxley House, Station Street from 7.05pm to 8.13pm

Present

- ✓ Councillor Malcolm (Chair)
- Councillor Heaton (Vice-Chair)
- 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
- Mrs M Daly - Meadows Dance and Social Group
- Ms J Dobson - Manager, Meadows Partnership Trust
- Mr J Hughes - Friends of Victoria Embankment (FOVE)
- Mr BA Latif - Meadows Muslim Centre
- Mr R Morrell - Meadows Partnership Trust
- Mr R Nettleship - Carters Education Foundation
- Mr J Potter - Resident
- Mr A Rule - Wilford Community Group
- Mr D Shaw - New Meadows Tenants and Residents Association
(Vice-Chair, Meadows Partnership Trust)
- Mrs M Spencer - Old Meadows Tenants & Residents Association (OMTRA)

City Council Colleagues and Others in Attendance

- Ms I Andrews - Quality and Commissioning
- Ms K Kerr - Quality and Commissioning
- Mr N McMenamin - Constitutional Services Officer
- Mr P Singh - Neighbourhood Development Officer

47 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Edwards, Heaton, Packer and Spencer (other Council business) and from Mr A Ghaffar, Neighbourhood Development Officer and Mr C Mackie of Silverdale Community Association.

48 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Councillor Gibson declared an interest in the agenda item on Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS): Update on Applications for Area Grants (minute 50 below) as council-appointed member of High Bank Community Centre, which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

49 MINUTES

RESOLVED that, in view of their late circulation, consideration and confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2013 be deferred to a future meeting.

50 STREAMLINING INVESTMENT TO THE VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY SECTOR (VCS):UPDATE ON APPLICATIONS FOR AREA GRANTS (Report of Director of Neighbourhood Services)

The Committee considered a report summarising progress on Phase 1 of the Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector. Irene Andrews and Karla Kerr from the Market Development Team advised the meeting that the Area 8 Grants Panel had met on 19 February 2013 and voted that the Meadows Partnership Trust (MPT) and partners be recommended to the Executive Board Commissioning Sub Committee at its meeting on 27 March, to be the organisation to deliver outcomes in Area 8. A full list of partners is at the appendix to these minutes.

Ms Andrews and Ms Kerr explained that the appendix to the report should not have been circulated with the agenda, as it contained information for use by the Area Grant Panel. The Committee was reminded that information provided to the Area Grant Panel to inform selection of the Lead Organisation was confidential, and not for discussion in a public setting.

The Committee raised the following issues and concerns:

- concern was expressed about whether the MPT had sufficient capacity and business skills to deliver the contract across Area 8, and whether, as a Meadows-based organisation, it was best placed to make decisions for Clifton wards;
- the strong influence of the City Council within the MPT could give rise to a potential conflict of interest;
- a community representative made the assertion that the MPT was not truly representative of or engaged with communities in the Meadows. This was denied by other Committee members and MPT representatives at the meeting.

Ms Andrews and Ms Kerr also provided the following information:

- the Area Grant Panel's work was now completed and the contract with the Lead organisation would run for 3 years. It wasn't possible to say whether the same process, involving Grant Panels, would be used in future;
- the performance of the successful Lead Organisation would be closely monitored to ensure it delivered the outcomes specified in its contract, and had to deliver projects

across the entire Area;

- a detailed financial report, explaining how and to which organisations funding was allocated, would be submitted to the Committee's September 2013 meeting, and Lead Organisation representatives would also be available at that meeting;
- the successful Lead Organisation would have in the region of £140,000 of funding available to disburse over a 9-month period from July 2013.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the progress made on the first phase of the Streamlining Investment to the Voluntary and Community Sector be noted;**
- (2) that the Committee's comments be made available to the Executive Board Commissioning Sub-Committee, to inform its consideration of the Area Grant Panel's recommendation;**
- (3) that a further report of the Interim Corporate Director of Children and Families be submitted to the Committee's September 2013 meeting, providing a detailed financial breakdown of funding allocations to individual partner organisations in the Area, and providing the opportunity to meet and question representatives of the successful Lead Organisation.**

51 PROPOSED FUTURE MEETING DATES

RESOLVED that the proposed cycle of meetings for the Committee for the 2013/14 Municipal Year on the following Wednesdays at 7pm at a venue to be determined be noted, it being noted that the meeting on 15 May 2013 is to take place at Loxley House:

2013

**15 May* see note below
11 September
13 November**

2014

**12 February
14 May**

***Constitutional Services Officer note: Since the meeting, the date of Annual Council has moved from 13 May to 20 May 2013. It is therefore necessary to move the first Area Committee meeting of the 2013/14 Municipal Year from 15 May 2013. It is proposed that the meeting be postponed until the following week on 23 May 2013. This will be confirmed in writing to community representatives.**

Appendix

Area Grant Panel: Area 8 Recommended Partner Organisations

**Queen's Walk Community Centre
Silverdale Community Centre
Clifton Community Centre
Park Gate Community Centre
High Bank Community Centre
Kk Boxing
Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA)
Go-Digit-All
Hope Church
Enthusiasm Trust
Groundwork
Play Works**