

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AREA TWO COMMITTEE (BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **27 MAY 2009** at the

Council House from 4.30 pm to 6.32 pm

Present

Councillor Arnold
Councillor Grocock
Councillor Lee
Councillor Newton
Councillor Smith
Councillor Wildgust

indicates present at meeting

Community Representatives

Ms J England	-	Tenants and Leaseholder Congress, Nottingham City Homes
Ms M Hemphill	-	Bestwood Park Tenants' and Residents' Association
Mr G Hall	-	Basford Neighbourhood Watch
Mr P England	-	Whitemoor Neighbourhood Watch
Ms I Yu	-	Nottingham Chinese Community Association

City Council Officers

Mr R Adkin)	Children's Services
Mr P Hemphill)	
Mr A Henry)	Environment and Regeneration
Mr A Houldsworth)	
Ms H May)	
Ms C Probert)	Community and Culture
Ms L Renwick)	
Miss R Mottram	-	Resources

Others in attendance

Ms D Smith	-	NHS Nottingham City
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Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.

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1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Lee be appointed Chair of the Committee for the municipal year 2009/10.

2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor Grocock be appointed Vice Chair of the Committee for the municipal year 2009/10.

3 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Pat Chambers (Bestwood Estate Community Centre) and Paul Stanley (Nottingham City Homes).

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

In respect of agenda item 6 – Primary School Capital Programme Presentation – Progress of Primary School Capital Programme for Robin Hood, Henry Whipple and Southwark Primary Schools, the following Councillor's declared interests:-

Councillor Grocock declared a personal interest as the Chair of Governors at Southglade Primary School which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

Councillor Wildgust declared a personal interest as the Vice-Chair of Governors at Southglade Primary School which did not preclude him from speaking or voting on that item.

5 MINUTES

(a) Confirmation

RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting held on 25 March 2009, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair, subject to the following amendments:

- (i) at minute no. 58 (b) Matters Arising, the meeting had taken place with Councillor Newton regarding the location of the barrier troughs and not with traffic management;**
- (ii) at minute no. 59, tenth bullet point, last sentence to read, 'it was confirmed that monitoring had taken place on Queens Bower Road and Bestwood Park Drive West';**

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- (iii) at Other Business – Informal notes, third sentence to read, ‘It reported that calls were being made to renovate Whitemoor Park in a bid to attract more visitors’.

(b) **Matters arising**

- (i) that the Service Manager for Accident Investigation be invited to the next meeting of the Committee on 29 July to report back on the issues raised following the presentation at the meeting held on 25 March 2009.

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6 PRIMARY SCHOOL CAPITAL PROGRAMME PRESENTATION – PROGRESS OF PRIMARY SCHOOL CAPITAL PROGRAMME FOR ROBIN HOOD, HENRY WHIPPLE AND SOUTHWARK PRIMARY SCHOOLS

(Director of Building Schools for the Future)

A presentation was provided on the progress of the primary school capital programme for Robin Hood, Henry Whipple and Southwark Primary Schools.

The following information was provided:

- Nottingham was one of 23 local pathfinder authorities working with the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) to develop the Government’s Primary Capital Programme which was expected to run for fifteen years;
- a successful bid in 2007 received an additional £6.5million to develop Southwark Primary School into an exemplar school;
- visioning workshops had taken place with a number of stakeholders to decide on the design and to ensure the environment children were taught in could be maximised;
- project aims for school and community use included good pedestrian access, school’s being a focus for the local community, social opportunities for parents, daytime childcare, dedicated community and nursery facilities and after school clubs;
- the middle part of Robin Hood Primary was being knocked out and being replaced by a six roomed building providing a new focus for the community;
- a new entrance to the Henry Whipple site would open the building to the community;
- funding was being used to improve technology within schools and the main focus had been on secondary schools with Big Wood

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being the first school to benefit from those improvements;

- the Primary Virtual Learning Environment would be rolled out across all schools with the Nottingham Learning platform sharing resources, tools, applications and improving the transition between Primary and Secondary phases;
- the Learning Platform was developed by Nottingham teachers and supported by BSF partners Ramesys and the Harnessing Technology initiative to upgrade Primary school infrastructures.

The following additional information was provided in response to comments made by Councillors and community representatives:

- the criteria on which schools were chosen to receive BSF funding was set out by the DCSF;
- work was carried out with the school's team to show pupil projection to plan for future development;
- school's would have some kind of cyber café but each school's budget would determine if pupils were issued with a laptop;
- CCTV would be located on the perimeter of Southwark Primary school and consideration would be given to the type of camera installed given the concerns of the community regarding anti social behaviour around the Park Lane area;
- discussions with teachers would take place regarding the provision of homework clubs;
- the materials used for the walkways and exterior of the building would be robust and long life;
- all access ramps would be fully compliant with the Disability Discrimination Act;

RESOLVED

- (1) that the appreciation of the Committee for the information and presentation provided be recorded and the report be noted;**
- (2) that the proposal to rebuild Southwark Primary School as an exemplar primary school be supported;**
- (3) that a list of environmental schemes in relation to the BSF project be provided to the Area Committee;** P Hemphill
- (4) that the designers for Ellis Guildford be invited to a future meeting to enable the Committee to have an early opportunity to** H May/P Hemphill

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influence the design;

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| (5) that the extended schools team be invited to a future meeting to discuss the proposed services within new school buildings; | H May |
| (6) that information on the design of litter bins by local school children be provided to the BSF team for consideration. | H May |

7 HEALTH ACTION OFFICER DRAFT WORK PLAN
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

Claire Probert, Health Action Officer, provided information about her role and the work carried out to date.

The following information was provided:

- the Health Action Officer was a joint funded post between the City Council and NHS Nottingham City;
- the aim of the post was to tackle health problems, improve health outcomes, increase life expectancy and ensure that everyone had access to health provision in Area 2;
- the post was shared between Areas 1 and 2, equating to 14.5 hours for each area.

Following questions by the Committee, the following further information was provided:

- monitoring whether people were eating healthier or reducing their cigarette intake was acknowledged to be difficult;
- the work was about changing a culture which would take time;
- work was carried out with partners for all wards, it was not a case of spending one particular day on specific areas/wards;
- NHS Nottingham City advised the City Council when they would target a particular area;
- a health and wellbeing group had been established with different key partners who offered a contribution to an action plan;
- NHS Nottingham City had approached Neighbourhood Management and the Health Action Officer for advice on how to roll out their work programme and had been advised to use fun events such as Parklife.

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RESOLVED that the following be noted:

- (1) the draft generic and specific locality work plan of the Health Action Officer;**
- (2) the post was a shared post between Areas 1 and 2 and therefore the Health Action Officer worked 14.5 hours in each area;**
- (3) the Health Action Officer post was jointly funded between Nottingham City Council and NHS Nottingham City and therefore the work priorities were subject to change dependent on organisational needs.**

8 NEW GP PRACTICE IN BESTWOOD - UPDATE

Further to minute 35 dated 26 November 2008, Dawn Smith from NHS Nottingham City provided a further update on GP Practices in Bestwood.

The following information was provided:

- a 'bidder' day had been held at Southglade Access Centre with assistance from the Neighbourhood Management team;
- a number of bidders made the pre qualifying stage;
- a formal tender had gone out that was due back by the middle of June, it was anticipated that five or six would be returned with a contract being awarded in October;
- once the contract was awarded work would be carried out with providers and the Area Committee to find suitable premises;
- whether the premises were an existing building or a new build, it would be located in Bestwood as centrally as possible with accessibility taken into account.

RESOLVED that the thanks of the Committee to Dawn Smith for providing an update be recorded.

**9 WARD MEMBER BUDGET ALLOCATION REPORT
(Acting Director of Local Communities)**

The report outlined the Ward Councillor budget allocation for 2009/10

RESOLVED

- (1) that decisions regarding funding from the Community Influence and Engagement budget within the Area Allocation budget be delegated to the Area Manager or in their absence, the Director of Local Communities, and that any such decisions be reported to the next available Area Committee for information;**

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- (2) that the following be noted:
- (a) each Councillor had been allocated an individual Ward Councillor budget allocation of £10,000, which Area Committees were required to divide between an Area Allocation Budget and individual Ward Support Budgets;
 - (b) additional monies had been made available based on the Indices of Multiple Deprivation 2007 and population as outlined in Appendix 1 to the report;
 - (c) any unspent monies in individual Ward Councillor Support Budgets at the end of the Municipal Year would be reallocated to the relevant Area Committees Area Allocation budget.

10 EVALUATION OF AREA TWO COMMITTEE IN 2008/09
(Councillors Wildgust (Chair) and Newton (Vice-Chair))

The report outlined the achievements of the Area Committee in 2008/09.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the achievements of the Area Committee in 2008/09 be noted;
- (2) that the appreciation of the Area Committee be recorded for the contributions made to its work by partner organisations, community representatives and officers;
- (3) that the appreciation and thanks of the Area Committee be passed onto Anna Davies, Neighbourhood Action Officer who would be leaving the authority.

11 PROJECTS UPDATE
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The report outlined the position of the projects that the Committee had contributed to financially as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.

RESOLVED that the progress of projects supported by Area 2 Basford and Bestwood Committee budget be noted.

12 DELEGATED AUTHORITY PROJECTS – BESTWOOD WARD MEMBERS' ALLOCATION
(Acting Director of Local Communities)

The report advised of the use of delegated powers by the Acting Director of Local Communities.

ACTION

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

13 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

RESOLVED that meetings of this Committee to be held at 4.30 pm on the following Wednesdays:-

2009

**29 July
30 September
25 November**

2010

**27 January
24 March**