

BULWELL AND BULWELL FOREST AREA COMMITTEE – MAY 23rd 2012

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| Title of paper: | Community Speedwatch | |
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| Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority: (you must mark X in the relevant boxes below) | | |
| World Class Nottingham | | |
| Work in Nottingham | | |
| Safer Nottingham | | x |
| Neighbourhood Nottingham | | x |
| Family Nottingham | | |
| Healthy Nottingham | | |
| Leading Nottingham | | |
| Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users): | | |
| This report provides information regarding the Community Speedwatch scheme which was funded from the Local Area Groups allocation from ward members budgets in Bulwell Forest Ward and involves local neighbourhood watch schemes. | | |
| Recommendation(s): | | |
| 1 | It is recommended that Area Committee notes the report. | |

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Speeding is often raised at Local Area Group and other community meetings as an issue and the police do not have the resources to deal with all the complaints which are received. They need to focus their attention particularly on areas where accidents are an issue which can mean that the other roads raised by residents are unable to be monitored.
- 1.2 PC Paul McMillan, who was the beat manager for the Bulwell Forest Beat, researched possible solutions and suggested that establishing a community speedwatch scheme locally may be an effective option. These schemes have been set up in rural areas previously and had consisted of volunteers operating with the support of the police and usually a parish council.
- 1.3 It proved difficult initially to recruit volunteers to the scheme despite the efforts made by One Vision Partnership, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Neighbourhood Management and the Bulwell Forest ward councillors. However, after much work, a small group of volunteers were recruited from neighbourhood watch schemes within Area 1.
- 1.4 The Bulwell Forest and Rise Park Local Area Groups both agreed to allocate some of their funding which had been provided through the ward members budgets to the scheme. This enabled the equipment to be bought to monitor

speeds, high visibility jackets for the volunteers and speedwatch signs to be placed on the road for additional safety.

1.5 Contact was made with the Neighbourhood Watch Council and their insurance company and it was agreed that the insurance for the scheme could be included within the Neighbourhood Watch Council's cover providing that the volunteers were all members of a neighbourhood watch scheme.

1.6 Guidance has been given to volunteers on safety aspects such as ensuring that any monitoring is carried out in areas between 20mph and 40mph and that the police are notified prior to any operation. The volunteer neighbourhood watch co-ordinator based at Bulwell Police Station has offered to liaise between the speedwatch scheme and the Police.

1.7 The volunteers have received training from the Police in how to use the equipment and a verbal update will be given at the Area Committee on the latest developments within the scheme.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

2.1 To inform Area Committee of the outcome of this initiative which was funded through Local Area Group allocation from ward members budgets.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 None

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 The funding was allocated through the ward members budgets.

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

5.1 Notts Police have provided the training for the volunteers and will keep in contact with the scheme to provide advice as needed. It is anticipated that the community speedwatch scheme will reduce speeding on some of the roads reported through community meetings.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

An equality impact assessment is not needed

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

None

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None