

## WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE

14 MAY 2009

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b><u>WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY SUB-COMMITTEE</u></b>	
<b>Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):</b>	Acting Director of Local Communities  Deputy Chief Executive/ Corporate Services Director	<b>Wards affected:</b> Wollaton West Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey
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<b>Other officers who have provided input:</b>	None	
<b>Relevant Council Plan theme(s):</b>		
Choose Nottingham		
Respect for Nottingham		
Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods		<b>X</b>
Supporting Nottingham People		<b>X</b>
Serving Nottingham Better		<b>X</b>
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):</b>		
<p>The report provides an opportunity for the Area Committee to review the terms of reference and operation of the Sub-committee and to re-establish it for a further year if it so desires. The appointment of the Sub-committee will assist local people and Community Representatives in making their views known when discussing matters which affect the locality.</p>		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	endorse or consider and, if necessary amend, the existing terms of reference for the Sub-Committee;	
<b>2</b>	if considered appropriate, re-establish the Sub-Committee for a further year;	
<b>3</b>	appoints a chairperson of the Sub-Committee; and	
<b>4</b>	approves a pattern of meetings to be held.	

## **1 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1** At its meeting on 7 June 2007, the Area Committee agreed to replace the, then current, Working Group structure with a Sub-committee with delegated powers to make decisions on matters referred to it by the Committee.
- 1.2** The Sub-Committee maintained its pattern of meeting on four occasions during the 2008/09 Municipal Year under the chairmanship of Councillor Culley, and developed further its work of supplementing discussions by the main Area Committee by focussing in greater depth on topics such as the problems and possible solutions associated with anti-social behaviour on Wollaton Park, considering which playgrounds in the area merited centrally funded improvements and the latest phase of the Blooming Neighbourhoods initiative. The Area Committee has found this input of value to its own work.

## **2 TERMS OF REFERENCE AND MEMBERSHIP**

- (a) to consider, develop, recommend and implement solutions, within its terms of reference and other policies determined by the City Council for issues referred to it by:-
- (i) the Area Committee; or
  - (ii) in the event of an issue requiring consideration in advance of the next Area Committee meeting, at the request of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Area Committee;
- (b) to approve expenditure on projects as directed by the Area Committee, ensuring compliance with Financial Regulations and other policies determined by the City Council;
- (c) The Council's Standing Orders relating to proceedings at Committee's shall apply to this Sub-Committee and, unless properly directed to the contrary, its meetings shall be held in public.

### **2.2 Membership**

City Councillors for the wards comprising the Area Committee's area.

Chairperson: appointed annually by the Area Committee.

As the Sub-Committee is to have the power to expend money, it is recommended that membership should be restricted to Councillors only.

Community Representatives, properly appointed to the Area Committee will also receive agendas and reports and minutes and attend meetings if they so wish.

It is intended that the Area Manager will invite officers and representatives from other partner organisations to attend meeting for specific agenda items and progress matters between meetings, and that minutes of Sub-Committee meetings, together with any relevant reports will continue to be reported to the Area Committee for information or decision as required

### **2.3 Meeting Arrangements**

As required, but the following arrangements are suggested for the 2009/10 Municipal Year:-

Thursdays, 6.15 pm at The Council House, Old Market Square (or in the community, as necessary) on the following dates:-

#### **2009**

11 June  
30 July  
8 October  
10 December

#### **2010**

4 February  
8 April

### **3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To assist the continued effectiveness of the Area Committee as a forum for discussion and decision on matters of interest which affect the residents of Wollaton and Lenton Abbey.

### **3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 No alternative options have been considered.

### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report, but the Sub-committee will again have a role in advising the Area Committee on how its budgets can be spent effectively.

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

- 5.1 Subject to adherence to the law, to their terms of reference, and to other City Council policies, Area Committees may order their business as they wish to achieve their stated aims. To maintain clarity and enable the Sub-Committee to have spending powers, its membership should be all City Councillors of the electoral wards which comprise the Area Committee

### **6 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

- 6.1 None.

### **7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

- 7.1 Terms of Reference for Area Committees contained in Nottingham City Council's Constitution.
- 7.2 Nottingham City Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- 7.3 Report and Minutes of the Area Committee Meeting held on 7 June 2007

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