

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House on 19 November 2014 from
5.30 pm - 6.51 pm**

Membership

Present

Councillor Azad Choudhry (Chair)
Councillor Anne Peach (Vice Chair)
Councillor Liaqat Ali
Councillor Mohammad Aslam
Councillor Merlita Bryan
Councillor Sarah Piper

Absent

Councillor Dave Trimble

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Zenn Athar - The Lenton Centre
Dave Brennan - Castle Cavendish
Moby Farrands - Partnership Council
June Perry - Friends of the Forest

Paul Howard) Nottingham City Homes
Lynn Standen)

Steve Cartwright)
Rob Wilson) Nottinghamshire Police
Annie Yates)

Alvin Henry - Waste and Recycling Manager) Community
Iffat Iqbal - Neighbourhood Development Officer) Services
Linda Wright - Neighbourhood Development Officer)

Laura Wilson - Governance Officer - Resources

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Dave Trimble (other Council business)

Rob Gabbittas
John Marsh
Peter Milligan
Trevor Morrison
Luke Willen

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None

26 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 17 September 2014 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

27 PUBLIC HEALTH WARD PROFILES

Lynne McNiven, Consultant in Public Health, introduced the ward profiles relating to health and social factors for Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park and highlighted the following points:

- (a) the purpose of the profiles are to make sure the Committee and citizens are aware of the services available in the area and provide an opportunity for people to discuss the issues in the area so they can be progressed;
- (b) Public Health has moved from the NHS to the City Council so services are now commissioned through the Local Authority. The services are based on need and the directory shows exactly where these services are;
- (c) the school health profiles are compiled through information from the School Nurse service which is commissioned by Public Health.

The Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (d) the information is welcome and will be useful;
- (e) low level mental health issues also need to be included in the profiles as it is prevalent in the Arboretum ward;
- (f) there is a large student population in Dunkirk and Lenton and it is important to reach out to them to ensure they are aware of mental health and all other health services available to them in the area;
- (g) the area is very built up so suffers from air pollution and addressing the health issues associated with it needs to be made a higher priority;
- (h) the Small Steps, Big Changes project is being introduced in the Arboretum ward to improve the lives of young people in the area which could impact on the health profile;
- (i) the Arboretum ward experiences unexpected winter deaths through fuel poverty, etc which needs to be addressed;
- (j) the practitioners and services throughout the area are not representative of the multi-cultural community they serve.

28 WASTE MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Alvin Henry, Waste and Recycling Manager, provided the following information on waste management issues in the area:

- (a) the Waste Management Team collect over 520,000 bins per month, plus 80,000 garden waste bins, which equates to 220-250 tonnes of waste and 90 tonnes of recycling per day;
- (b) the area doesn't utilise the bulky waste service like other areas in the City;
- (c) the service has changed how it deals with missed bins and there is now technology on the collection vehicles which records which bins have been missed and why, ie, the bin not being put out for collection, not being able to access the road due to parked cars, etc;
- (d) across the whole City last month there were over 130 contaminated bins, over 500 missed bins and over 630 bins not presented for collection;
- (e) bins have to be visible with no barriers to be presented;
- (f) the data from all collection routes is scrutinised regularly.

The Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (g) the refuse collectors do not always empty the bin unless it is exactly where it should be;
- (h) the current system of putting a sticker on contaminated bins and emptying them a few days later doesn't work as people don't learn from it and the bins block the pavements and are an eyesore until they are emptied;
- (i) students leave the bin out at the end of term so that it can be emptied but, once it is emptied, it is then left on the pavement as the house is unoccupied so there is no-one to take it in. It would be helpful if the refuse collectors could put the bins just inside the property boundary when they know it's an empty student house;
- (j) it would be appropriate to go back to a weekly collection in some areas to reduce the amount of issues there are;
- (k) it appears that the refuse collectors have stopped collecting side waste in the Arboretum;
- (l) some citizens aren't clear when their bin collection is. It is especially confusing when there are streets that are linked that have different collection days;
- (m) citizens should not be given the option not to recycle and should take responsibility to ensure that they put the correct things in their bins;
- (n) it is important to ensure that the service meets the needs of the City;
- (o) consideration should be given to piloting the use of the orange recycling bags on Lenton Boulevard and removing the recycling bins to see if it reduces contamination.

Alvin provided the following additional information in response to some of the comments made:

- (p) if a round of bin collections is missed the call centre is always notified and also told when the bins will be collected so they can inform citizens if they call to report that their bin hasn't been emptied;
- (q) there is a 2 day target for emptying missed bins;
- (r) the need to improve communication to citizens is recognised;
- (s) the authority has to offer recycling. There are orange recycling bags that can be used instead of bins but there needs to be a cost benefit analysis of their use;
- (t) there will be Waste Advisors in post soon who will be able to look at where bins cause issues and what the issues are;
- (u) if someone contaminates their bin they get a letter, the second time a Waste Advisor will visit and the third time enforcement action is considered;
- (v) the vehicles are designed to carry a certain weight and once that weight is reached the team has to go to the tip which can cause delays to collections or limit the amount of side waste that can be collected;
- (w) there is a free text service that residents can sign up to that reminds them which bin needs to be put out and when, and also reminds them to remove the bin from the pavement once it has been emptied.

29 ENVIRONMENTAL SUBMISSIONS FROM NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES

Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes, introduced the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes' report detailing the schemes proposed to provide extra security, safety and wellbeing for residents in the area which will be funded from the Housing Revenue Fund.

RESOLVED to approve the following schemes:

Arboretum ward:

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Cost
Birkin Avenue Phase 2	Fencing improvements to the top end of Birkin Avenue, including Bateman Gardens, Randal Gardens, Hovenden Gardens, Kirkstead Gardens, Craven Road and Vincent Gardens	To improve the visual appearance of the estate and increase security	£39,248
Total budget to carry forward			£0

Dunkirk and Lenton ward:

Site	Proposal	Assessment	Cost
Penn Avenue fencing and clearance	To extend the parameter fencing to match the existing fencing along the Sherwin Road side and clear the no man's land and grass seed it to ensure a level surface	To improve the environment for local residents and increase security	£11,533,20
Total budget to carry forward			£21,921.80

30 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE

Lynn Standen, Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes, introduced the Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes' report updating the Committee on Nottingham City Homes performance on the following key themes:

- Capital Programme and major works;
- area regeneration and environmental issues;
- key messages from the Tenant and Leaseholder Congress;
- tenants and residents associations updates;
- area performance figures;
- good news stories and positive publicity.

RESOLVED to note the information.

31 WARD PERFORMANCE - QUARTER 2

Linda Wright, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report providing updates for each ward on key issues and themes which link to local priorities and strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020 for Quarter 2 2014/15, including:

- ward priorities;
- community engagement;
- finance;
- crime and anti-social behaviour;
- environmental issues;
- unemployment rates;
- housing;
- community protection;
- fire;
- local health priorities;
- key successes;
- issues.

The Committee and others in attendance made the following comments:

- (a) anti-social behaviour has increased by 99% in Dunkirk and Lenton but this is partially due to a specific resident that consistently telephones the service so the calls should be closed with a mental health marker rather than an anti-social behaviour marker to get more accurate figures;

- (b) very few students commit crime, they are more likely to be victims of it, but they do cause anti-social behaviour;
- (c) the figures for dog fouling in the Arboretum ward have increased due to operations being carried out to remove it and an increase in calls to report it.

RESOLVED to note the information.

32 AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2014/15 PROGRAMME

Iffat Iqbal, Neighbourhood Development Officer, introduced the Strategic Director for Commercial and Neighbourhood Services' report seeking approval for schemes recently prioritised and detailing the latest spend under the Area Capital Fund, including highways, traffic and safety and public realm schemes.

An additional scheme for the Radford and Park ward not included in the original report was circulated prior to the meeting.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note that the following money is available:

Arboretum	£36,268
Dunkirk and Lenton	£57,394
Radford and Park	£63,234

- (2) approve the following schemes prioritised by Ward Councillors since the last meeting:

Arboretum Local Transport Plan Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Radford Road	Zebrites	£5,500	Update the existing zebra crossing with Zebrite units to increase visibility
Brushfield Street	Traffic Regulation Order	£8,000	Proposed residents parking scheme and junction protection
Berridge Road West area	Feasibility study	£3,000	Study to assess on-street parking issues and identify ways to manage parking
Court Street/ Dalkeith Terrace	Parking	£2,500	A further contribution to parking restrictions
Gregory Boulevard	Footpath	£91,091	Resurfacing of identified sections adjacent to the Forest, between Noel Street and Goose Island

Arboretum Public Realm Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Hyson Green	Fencing	£20,000	A Contribution to Phase 2 of a joint project with Nottingham City Homes

Dunkirk and Lenton Public Realm Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Lenton Boulevard	Tree works	£2,100	Planting 6 trees with temporary wire mesh guards
Lenton Drives area	Tree works	£5,000	Grinding out of tree stumps and replacing trees on Harlaxton Drive, Rolleston Drive and Welby Avenue

Radford and Park Local Transport Plan Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Midland Way/ Maun Avenue	Traffic Regulation Order	£7,500	Provision of double yellow lines to prevent obstructive parking and reduce vehicular conflict and the potential for injury
Hartley Road	Feasibility study	£2,500	Study to identify measures to address road safety/speeding traffic
Radford Boulevard	Tree Improvement Programme	£28,625	Framework pruning and felling of 4 trees at the junction of Radford Boulevard and Denman Street Central. The costs include consultation and Traffic Regulation Orders

Radford and Park Public Realm Schemes:

Location	Type	Estimate	Details
Radford Community Safety	Safety projects	£3,000	To include gating, lock repairs, alleyway cleansing, fencing, signage and other measures to tackle anti-social behaviour
Radford Boulevard	Tree Improvement Programme	£28,625	Framework pruning and felling of 4 trees at the junction of Radford Boulevard and Denman Street Central. The costs include consultation and Traffic Regulation Orders

Radford and Park Decommittments:

Location	Type	Amount	Details
Redoubt Street	Carriageway	£6,030	Amount returned due to underspend on the resurfacing scheme