

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WEST AREA COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the meeting held at LB 31-32 - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 11 November 2015 from 17.30 - 19.38

Membership

Present

Councillor Carole McCulloch (Chair)

Councillor Graham Chapman

Councillor Patience Ifediora

Councillor Glyn Jenkins

Councillor Mohammed Saghir

Councillor Wendy Smith

Councillor Malcolm Wood (left after item 7)

Absent

Councillor Marcia Watson

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Ian Bentley	- Crime and Drugs Partnership
Julianne Christou	- Neighbourhood Development Officer, Bilborough
Rob Gabbittas	- Neighbourhood Development Officer, Leen Valley
Nicky Jarvis	- Nottingham City Homes
Bryan Mann	- Beechdale Community Association
Lynne McNiven	- Public Health
James Rhodes	- Public Health
Liam Searle	- Nottingham City Council
Jeni Smith	- Aspley Bells Lane
Susan Vickers	- Bilborough Carer's Group
James Welbourn	- Constitutional Services Officer
Christine Willetts	- Tartanaires

27 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mervin Goring

June Kirkham

28 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

29 MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of 16 September 2015 were confirmed, and signed by the Chair. The notes from the inquorate part of the meeting were noted.

30 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORT

Julianne Christou, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Bilborough, introduced the Ward Performance report, adding the following information:

- (a) the public receive updates about their area through social media channels, such as Facebook. This medium is advertised through email, and also on the back of ward walk letters. Councillors all have their own page on the website, so there is capacity to further advertise ward updates.

RESOLVED to note the Ward Performance report.

31 AREA CAPITAL FUND

Julianne Christou, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Bilborough, presented the Area Capital Fund 2015/16 Programme.

RESOLVED to:

- 1a) note that the following monies are available under the Area Capital Fund:**

Aspley	£0
Bilborough	£60,998
Leen Valley	£19,953

- 1b) approve the following schemes:**

Aspley LTP Schemes

Location	Type	Details	Estimate
Broxtowe Lane	Lining	Extension of zig-zag lining at pedestrian crossing on Broxtowe Lane – lead service: Traffic & Safety	£500
Green Parking Bay 5	Parking bays	Part of the Aspley Ward parking programme (LTP contribution) – lead service: Highway Maintenance	£5,000

Aspley Public Realm Schemes

Location	Type	Details	Estimate
Aspley Parking Scheme	Signage	Installation of signs across the Aspley Ward parking programme – lead service: Highway Maintenance	£1,317
Green Parking Bay 5	Parking bays	Part of the Aspley Ward parking programme (PR contribution) – lead service: Highway Maintenance	£17,628

Aspley Withdrawn Scheme

Location	Type	Details	Estimate
Snicket Scheme 4	Vehicular access	Scheme deferred until next year due to changing priorities	£500

Bilborough LTP Scheme

Location	Type	Details	Estimate
Burnside Green	Footpaths	Reconstruction of footpaths on Burnside Green – lead service: Highway Maintenance	£37,333

Leen Valley LTP Schemes

Location	Type	Details	Estimate
Robins Wood Road	Dropped crossings	Further contribution to the installation of dropped kerbs at the Neuro-disability unit on Robins Wood Road – lead service: Traffic and Safety	£1,500
Ashwell Gardens	Consultation	Consultation on a resident parking scheme for Ashwell Gardens – lead service: Traffic & Safety	£1,000

Leen Valley Public Realm Scheme

Location	Type	Details	Estimate
Kennington Road/Ashwell Gardens	Area improvement	Contribution to NCH area improvement scheme on Kennington Road/Ashwell Gardens – lead service: NCH	£14,046

2a) note the monies available to Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley under Nottingham City Homes Environmental:

Aspley	£30,579
Bilborough	£158,928.10
Leen Valley	£49,721

2b) approve the following scheme in the Leen Valley ward:

Location	Request	Reason	Cost
Kennington Road & Ashwell Gardens	External upgrades to sections of these two estates – including boundary improvements, surface upgrades inside property boundaries, fencing upgrade to drying areas and canopy installation above doorways.	To improve the external appearance on these two prominent estates within the Leen Valley ward.	Kennington Road - £14,046 Ashwell Gardens - £10,592.17

32 DELEGATED AUTHORITY REPORT

Julianne Christou, Neighbourhood Development Officer for Bilborough introduced the Delegated Authority report. The following information was added:

- (a) it can be unclear what efforts are being made by businesses and groups to undertake their own fundraising. More financial information is needed on applications;
- (b) the Aspley Partnership received Bid Brighter funding for a bid writer, which proved invaluable.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) **note the report;**
- (2) **note the remaining balance for each area**
 - i) **Aspley Ward - £9,032.89**
 - ii) **Bilborough Ward - £60,793.80**
 - iii) **Leen Valley Ward - £37,327.40**

33 HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGY ENGAGEMENT

James Rhodes, Strategic Insight Manager at Nottingham City Council introduced the report on the Health and Wellbeing Strategy Engagement. He also informed attendees of an online survey on the Health and Wellbeing website that allows groups to run the session that was given to citizens earlier in November.

The following information was also discussed:

- (a) there were no sessions run in any of the West Area wards, where there are lots of health inequalities. A lot of people would have difficulty travelling to other areas to attend these sessions;

RESOLVED to:

- (1) thank James Rhodes for the information;**
- (2) invite James to a group in the West Area to present the information he has provided to other groups around the City (if this can be arranged before the end of November).**

34 PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSIONED SERVICES

Lynne McNiven, Consultant in Public Health, presented a report updating the Area Committee on a selection of Public Health commissioned services for the citizens of Nottingham. The following information was provided:

New Leaf Campaign

- (a) around 48% of people involved have a 4 week quit rate; however no further data is collected after 4 weeks. It is expected that some people will 'fall off the wagon', and it could take more than one attempt for people to be able to give up for good.

Evidence has shown that the New Leaf programme is more effective than will power alone;

- (b) there is still a large amount of pregnant women continuing to smoke. Efforts will be focused on these people this year;
- (c) smoking rates are coming down; this could be due to the rise in e-cigarettes;
- (d) illegal cigarettes are a barrier to people presenting themselves to New Leaf. Awareness needs to be raised amongst the non-smoking population of 'fag houses', so that this section of the population can report these illegal activities to the authorities;

Slimming World

- (e) Slimming World is paid for on a case by case basis, and runs for a period of 12 weeks;
- (f) Christine Willetts reported that some people were getting 'revolving door referrals' to the scheme. Monitoring of the scheme after the initial 12 week period has elapsed seems to not occur;

- (g) teenagers are not accessing the service very well;

School Nursing Service

- (h) this service is for young people aged 5-19, and is aimed specifically at the young people, rather than the schools. There are 10 teams in schools, and these teams fit well with the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). There are around 8 nurses that service the West Area.

There is an online counselling service which takes some pressure off the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) service;

Dental Health

- (i) a supervised tooth brushing service will be taking place in nurseries, and reception age children. Their teeth will be brushed at least once in school. However, there was concern that Ambleside school have not accepted this offer;
- (j) sugary drinks will also be tackled by this scheme, as parents don't currently think of sugar as being bad for teeth;

Teenage pregnancy

- (k) rates of pregnancy in the West Area are high not just amongst teenagers;
- (l) a number of emerging communities are having babies much earlier, and these groups need to be reached out to;
- (m) Aspley library currently has no material relating to sexual health. Information should also be in community centres, and in the curriculum of all schools;
- (n) Bilborough College is currently housing the local drop-in centre. A drop-in centre on Minver Crescent in Aspley might be more ideal for residents in the West Area;

Food for life

- (o) the food for life partnership helps pupils understand much more about where their food comes from;

RESOLVED to:

- (1) ask Lynne McNiven to bring a paper back to this Committee reporting on young people's health in general across the City – in particular it would be useful to see trends city-wide;**

- (2) pool together some outcomes from this work and distribute to members. Would be useful to see what has happened in areas with similar demographics;**
- (3) bring back the Health Equity Audit to this Committee for feedback.**

35 LUNG HEALTH CHECKS AND CANCER SCREENING

Simon Castle, Assistant Director – Cancer Commissioning at Nottingham City NHS CCG presented the report on Lung Health checks/cancer screening, highlighting the following points:

- (a) smoking is one of the leading causes of lung cancer. Nottingham sees significantly higher smoking rates than the national average;
- (b) there is a fatalistic view of lung cancer; the message being put across to people is that if symptoms are picked up early, you can survive;
- (c) smoking rates are falling faster in men than in women. Peer pressure and subliminal advertising is not helping the cause for women. Smoking amongst children and young adults has plummeted, although unfortunately there will be a wait to see the knock on effect of this fall;
- (d) scanning of people in early age groups for cancer would not be cost effective due to cancer presenting late on. Also, it could lead to unnecessary worry in healthy people;
- (e) letters will go out to people of a particular age that attend certain GPs in Bilborough regarding a pilot study into lung health.

RESOLVED to thank Simon Castle for the presentation.

36 CRIME AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP

Ian Bentley, Strategy and Commissioning Manager at Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership (CDP) presented the Drug and Alcohol Service Provision and Prevalence within the West Area Committee, highlighting the following points:

- (a) there are 91 complex heroin users within the West Area;
- (b) currently within the West Area, only Lloyds Pharmacy is offering New Leaf services; however, people are being encouraged to come and use the services available in the city centre;
- (c) ecstasy use is increasing, although only individuals that admit to using it are included in this rise. As a note of caution, not everyone is using what they think they are using – some individuals may be using legal highs rather than ecstasy;

- (d) the use of cannabis is falling, possibly due to the cannabis market being two thirds more expensive than the synthetic market;
- (e) new psychoactive substances are making their way into the market, although they are not present in large numbers in the West Area. An overdose of these psychoactive substances can lead to fits, which results in people using the Emergency Department. Substances are getting into prisons through letters and books. However, the main groups using the product are students and young people.

The substances are very cheap to buy compared to other drugs; however the Police are getting involved and trying to remove as much from the streets as possible;

- (f) Lifeline Journey (LJ) is a provider that offers advice to teachers about dealing with issues such as substance abuse, family support and wellbeing amongst young people.

LJ have visited Bluecoat school, who complimented the group on their leafletting and took as much of it as they could. LJ have also visited Samworth Academy;

- (g) the West Area is not performing too badly on the subject of drug-related crime;
- (h) two massive consultation programmes have been held, along with 15 focus groups across different cross-sections of individuals. This will be commissioned in July 2016, with the intention of having a mass of hubs across the City.

RESOLVED to thank Ian Bentley for the presentation.

37 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES UPDATE

Nicky Jarvis, Housing Manager at Nottingham City Homes updated the Committee on key issues and themes which link back to local priorities, and the strategic themes for Nottingham City Homes.

The following points were highlighted:

- (a) Strelley Kids only boxing club won best project for improving community cohesion and resolving anti-social behaviour at the Resolve 2015 awards. Thanks went to Sgt Gary Bulmer, and Karen Swan for this;
- (b) Robin Hood Energy is not being promoted directly by Nottingham City Homes (NCH), but they are promoting Photo Voltaic (PV) solar panels, as well as cladding in Bilborough ward;

RESOLVED to:

- (1) note the allocation of funds for 2015/16 and approve the Area Capital Programme Funding for Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley (previously approved under the Area Capital Fund item);**
- (2) organise energy saving meeting in Aspley and Leen Valley wards;**
- (3) send letter of congratulations to the team behind Strelley kids boxing club.**