



NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL
BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 29 March 2017

Time: 4.30 pm

Place: LB 31-32 - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG

Councillors are requested to attend the above meeting to transact the following business

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- 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**
If you need advice on declaring an interest, please contact the Governance Officer above, if possible before the day of the meeting
- 3 MINUTES** 3 - 16
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- 4 ISSUES FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**
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MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Station Street, NG2 3NG on 14 December 2016 from 4.35pm to 5.55pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Cat Arnold (Chair)
Councillor Alex Norris
Councillor David Smith (Vice Chair)

Absent

Councillor Brian Grocock
Councillor Michael Wildgust
Councillor Linda Woodings

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Chris Easton	-	Bestwood Church
Dianne Finnie	-	Bestwood Park Community Association
Gary Cawthorne	-	Bestwood Partnership
Laura Arnold	-	Community Protection Officer
Mark Leavesley	-	Governance Officer
Joss Ink	-	Local resident
Dale Griffin	-	Neighbourhood Development Officer
Wade Adams	-	Nottingham City Homes Officer
Michael Savage	-	Nottingham City Homes (Tenant Representative)
Insp Gordon Fenwick)	Nottinghamshire Police
Insp Christine Busuttil)	
John Hales	-	Stockhill and Ladbrooke Tenants and Residents (SALTAR)

28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Grocock) personal
Councillor Wildgust)

Sharon Fullerton (Bestwood Estate Community Centre)
Gursharan Nijran (Neighbourhood Development)
Kim Pavier (Bestwood Advice Centre)

29 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None.

30 MINUTES

The Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2016 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair.

31 POLICE UPDATE

Inspectors Fenwick and Busuttil, Nottinghamshire Police, updated the Committee on policing matters in the wards.

RESOLVED to note the update.

32 UPDATE FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES - GOOD NEWS ITEMS

Dianne Finnie - a recent Community Reps Celebration event, held at the Council House, was good as it was an opportunity to talk to other area representatives and share ideas etc.

Chris Easton - a recent Christmas Launch event in Bestwood was attended by 900 people, and included 180 children performing on stage.

RESOLVED to appoint John Hales, SALTAR (Stockhill and Ladbrooke Tenants and Residents) as a community representative for the remainder of the 2016-17 municipal year.

33 AREA BASED GRANTS

Gary Cawthorne, Bestwood Partnership, presented a report, which was handed around the table (a copy of which is attached as an appendix to these minutes), detailing activities, events and performance during the period July to September 2016.

During discussion, it was stated that due to the current financial situation both locally and nationally, some hard decisions may have to be taken regarding funding for local centres etc. It was highlighted to those present that under-used centres may not be viable in the future, so 'use it or lose it' discussions may have to take place.

RESOLVED to note the report.

34 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES: PERFORMANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES

(a) Performance

Wade Adams, Area Housing Manager, Nottingham City Homes (NCH) updated the Committee on performance against key issues and themes linked to local priorities and strategic themes for NCH, including the capital programme and major work, area regeneration and environmental issues, key messages from the Tenant and leaseholder Congress, Tenant and Resident Association updates, area performance and positive publicity.

RESOLVED to note the report.

(b) Environmental Schemes

RESOLVED to note that there are no schemes for approval at this meeting and, as such, the remaining available balances are £95,055.70 (Basford) and £56,241.33 (Bestwood).

35 AREA COMMITTEE CLUSTER REPORT

Nick Burns and Laura Arnold, Community Protection Officers, presented the report, which responded to queries raised at Area Cluster meetings held in September 2016.

Local issues raised included CPO patrol arrangements, what are the priorities for enforcement action and how is enforcement activity reported, what is the focus regarding public realm blight, which CPOs are responsible for which ward/area and which department is responsible for certain issues (i.e. Council Cleansing Team or NCH Environmental Team).

RESOLVED to note the report.

36 BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS REPORT

Dale Griffin, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report, which detailed current priorities and issues, and provided details of forthcoming events and activities, in the Basford and Bestwood wards.

During discussion, it was stated that the Toton Close proposals, for which funding was agreed last year, would be finalised at a meeting in January 2017.

RESOLVED to note the report.

37 FINANCE AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY SPEND: Q2 - JULY TO SEPTEMBER 2016

Dale Griffin, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report, which detailed decisions taken under delegated authority since the last Area Committee meeting held in September 2016.

RESOLVED to note the actions taken under delegated authority in respect of projects in the Basford / Bestwood wards as follows:

<u>Basford schemes</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Highbury Vale summer fun day	650
Stockhill Park summer fun day	750
Rosegay football programme 2016	900
Highbury Olympics	500
Balance brought forward 2015/16	5,550
Allocation 2016/17	15,000
Total available 2016/17	<u>20,550</u>
Allocated as at 30/09/2016	<u>10,835</u>
Total available	<u>9,715</u>
<u>Bestwood schemes</u>	
Money Box school savings project	250
'Love you, Love Bestwood' event	565
Southglade Park Live 2017	1,500
Nottm African Women Empowerment Forum	500
Balance brought forward 2015/16	10,176
Allocation 2016/17	15,000
Total available 2016/17	<u>25,176</u>
Allocated as at 30/09/2016	<u>17,690</u>
Total available	<u>7,486</u>

38 AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2016/17 PROGRAMME

Dale Griffin, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report, which detailed the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital 2016/17 Programme, including highways, footpaths and public realm.

RESOLVED

- (1) to approve the following schemes, prioritised since the last meeting held in September 2016:

<u>Basford - Transport schemes</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Heatherley Drive - footpath reconstruction	49,740
Runton Drive- footpath reconstruction	14,160
Wilkinson Street - traffic flow improvement scheme	1,000

<u>Basford - Public realm schemes</u>	
Western Boulevard - vehicle access	6,000
Whitemoor Park - removal of shelter	730
David Lane / Mill Street - 'Keep Clear' markings	1,600
Cinderhill Island - 'Keep Clear' markings	2,000
Wilton Street - installation of bollards	244
Heatherley Drive - footpath reconstruction	12,390
Basford Library - landscaping works	11,000

<u>Bestwood - Transport schemes</u>	
Bestwood Park Drive West - pedestrian safety barriers	714
Gainsford Crescent - bus stop cages	4,000

- (2) to note the remaining available balances of £18,248 (Basford) and £69,629 (Bestwood).

39 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED to note that the next meeting will be held at 4.30pm on Wednesday 29 March 2017.



AREA BASED GRANT

BESTWOOD AND BASFORD

LEAD ORGANISATION: THE BESTWOOD PARTNERSHIP

QUARTERLY REPORT TO AREA COMMITTEE

Gary Cawthorne, Development Manager, November 2016

SECTION 1 – GRANT MANAGEMENT

1.1 Partnership meetings (please add rows as required)

Date of meeting	Purpose of meeting	No. of organisations attending
July-Sept 2016	Wide range of meetings with partners to monitor performance, funding and monitoring requirements in qu 2	9 partners involved
Oct-Dec 2016	<i>Further partnership meetings are planned for future quarters. (See also 5.5 below)</i>	All partners

1.2 Area Committee / cluster meetings

Date of meeting	Overview of ABG within meeting / outcome
2nd Sept 2016	AREA 2 COUNCILLORS CLUSTER MEETING attended, to discuss the format of presentation to be made at Area Committee later in the month and update elected members on performance so far.
21st Sept 2016	MEETING of AREA TWO COMMITTEE AGB Area 2 profiles and qu 1 performance explained with written summary of activity and how priorities are being addressed and by which partner agencies. The opportunity was given for feedback from elected members and others present so that future activity may be adjusted to reflect the observations of Area Committee. This open approach was very much welcomed, with agreement to meet with ward members as requested, together or separately by ward or interest in particular priority. While the contract requires bi-annual reports, updates to all Area Committee meetings were offered and welcomed..

1.3 General overview

As will be seen in the report, almost all outputs and outcomes have been achieved or exceeded in qu 2. In the few instances where anticipated activity has not taken place, this is noted under Emerging Issues for each priority so that it can be remedied in future quarters.

It is noted that Priority 4 (Community Associations) and 5 (Voluntary and Community Sector Support) in many instances overlap, so outputs and outcomes in one are often addressed by organisations operating under the other. This is inevitable, and good, showing the close working between partners in these two strands of the funding. But, once again, the same outputs and outcomes are not duplicated across priorities.

I would wish to emphasise that the Bestwood Partnership does not see its function merely as a grants manager or distributor of funds, but rather as a key player in helping to create and sustain community by negotiating or operating such projects as will benefit the citizens of the local area. For this reason, our input is significantly greater than the management fee would itself allow for: such value is added at many levels in the co-ordination of projects and activity under the Area-based Grant: this is undertaken willingly by us, because this kind of programme is at the heart of why the Bestwood Partnership exists at all.

SECTION 2 – EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING

2.1 Services delivered (please add rows as required)

Organisation Name	Outline of activity delivered including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number of sessions • location of sessions • days/times of sessions
Bestwood Directions	40 job-club sessions were provided , with 13 in July, 14 in August and 13 in September, at Southglade Access Centre with New College Nottingham tutors. 29 IAG sessions at Basford Library (Tuesdays pm) 47 IAG appointments at Bestwood Directions (daily) Courses were provided in Keeping Up with the Children (at Southwark School), English (Southwark) , First Aid, I.T. for beginners, BSL level 1, Employability Skills, at Bestwood Directions and Southglade Access Centre
New College Nottingham	Tutor provision for job-clubs shown above Food Hygiene course at Bestwood Directions.
Bestwood Advice Centre	Benefits-to-work calculations for individuals as telephone consultations provided. There has been a low level so far owing to staff sickness at the Centre which explains the figures

2.2 Period Progress

Please give a brief overview of any other key activities undertaken this quarter

The development of outreach in Basford ward and the consolidation of activity in Bestwood is now fully in place, and outputs/outcomes reflect this. Bestwood and Directions work closely with Bestwood Advice Centre and New College Nottingham to ensure a seamless service to the over 29s.

We have participated in the Area 1 & 2 Employment Strategy groups, helping produce an area plan for ongoing employability support for local citizens, also the City-wide Employment and Skills Community Co-ordination and Strategy meeting. This brings together good practice across a range of agencies including the area lead organisations.

Attendance at the Southglade Summer Fair (Bestwood) and Vernon Park Fun Day (Basford) in July brought were opportunities for promoting the service we provide and showcasing course opportunities. The Southglade Park Live event on 28th July was used for consultation on training needs, which will inform qu. 3 & 4 courses provided. NCN represented the partnership at the Love Lou Love Bestwood event on 24th September. We also continue to participate in the NAT meetings in Bestwood and Basford in order to network with other agencies and providers. Regular operational meetings have taken place with Right Track in order to cross-refer customers between areas 1 & 2.

2.3 Outputs and Outcomes

Quantitative Output & Monitoring method	Quarterly target & actuals							
	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q2	Q3	Q3	Q4	Q4
Job club sessions provided	25	39	25	40	25		25	
Training / educational opportunities provided	2	3	4	7	7		7	
Individual support sessions provided	25	23	25	76	25		25	

Qualitative Output & Monitoring method	Quarterly target & actuals							
	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q2	Q3	Q3	Q4	Q4
People aged 29+ supported through job clubs	25	17	25	64	25		25	
People aged 29+ in sustainable employment	5	2	10	8	10		15	
People improving financial awareness	5	5	10	3	10		15	

Please complete the Employment and Skills spread sheet to identify individuals you or your partners have supported. **This is forwarded separately.**

2.4 Emerging Issues

Summary of issue	RAG rating (red/amber/green)
Lack of previous employability provision in Basford ward has been resolved by the provision under this priority activity	Green
Bestwood Advice Centre has been understaffed through sickness, which has impacted on their ability to deliver on benefits to work calculations. This situation which is expected to resolve in qu. 3	Amber

2.5 Planned activity next quarter

Please give a brief overview of key activities planned for the next quarter
<p>In qu . 3 an increase of provision to assist clients in developing financial awareness will be in place, with participation in the Financial Resilience group for the area. The relationship between the Bestwood Partnership and Bestwood Advice Centre will be further developed, so that our organisations work ever more closely together to the advantage of citizens seeking employment and/or welfare rights advice.</p> <p>Participation in local events will continue, in particular the Opportunities Events at Southglade for area 2 and Bulwell which is for area 2 but where it is anticipated that a large proportion of people who will attend will actually be Basford residents. These events have been developed by the Rebalancing the North Project for the area jointly with ourselves and Right Track.</p> <p>Pre-employment courses in First Aid, Paediatric First Aid and Safeguarding will be added to the programme and will take place in November.</p>

SECTION 3 – CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE

3.1 Services delivered (please add rows as required)

Organisation Name	Outline of activity delivered including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number of sessions • location of sessions • days/times of sessions
CBF Gymnasiums in conjunction with ACAF	Outreach programme: Bestwood Mondays 6 – 9 Basford Tuesdays 5 – 8 Basford /Bestwood Wednesdays 5 -8 Bestwood Wednesdays 5 – 9 Basford Thursdays 4 – 7 Bestwood Fridays 6 – 9 Youth work sports activities sessions at Southwark Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays & Fridays 5 – 6 (all with adjusted times/days in September) A Summer Camp took place for two weeks in August with multi-sports and multi-art activities, at Henry Mellish and Brooklyn The age-group was predominantly 11-13 and 15-16, with football particularly popular.

3.2 Period Progress

Please give a brief overview of any other key activities undertaken this quarter

Work in qu 2 continued to develop activity to fill gaps in provision which had emerged prior to April.

CBF with ACAF represented the partnership at the YPP panel for the area. They worked with both Basford and Bestwood NDOs on shaping the young people's offer in the area. They worked with the local football teams on signposting young people into organised sport. The summer programme was a key element, to help fill young people's free time.

A Survey of young people was undertaken which showed the desire for a summer programme (94%). 50% were expecting to have some kind of holiday. Young People were happy to attend Basford at Southwark centre, provided that sessions went on later than 4 pm.

The Youth Strategy Group which has been set up between the Bestwood Partnership, CBF Gymnasiums, City Council officers and all those active in the area working with young people, continues to ensure a co-ordinated approach and meets regularly.

3.3 Outputs and Outcomes

Quantitative Output & Monitoring method	Quarterly target & actuals							
	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q2	Q3	Q3	Q4	Q4
Universal sessions provided	15	22	15	30	15		15	
Outreach or detached sessions provided	5	10	10	20	10		5	
Targeted sessions provided	0	4	3	10	4		3	
Mapping exercise of existing youth provision	0	0	0	0	1		0	
Qualitative Output & Monitoring method	Quarterly target & actuals							
	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q2	Q3	Q3	Q4	Q4
Young people engaged through universal provision	50	80	50	70	50		50	
Young people engaged through detached or outreach provision	25	40	25	30	25		25	
Young people individually assessed and supported in targeted provision	0	0	10	10	10		10	

3.4 Emerging Issues

Summary of issue	RAG rating (red/amber/green)
Need to look at doing more Arts-based activities and look at activities such as Dance which incorporate ad different gender balance in anticipated take-up. This is from consutlation with young people	Amber
Individual young people to continue to be identified through Young People's Panel to be worked with in targeted sessions, especially where there has been police involvement, or identified as at risk	Amber
Gaps in young people provision in both wards, with limited youth work undertaken by other agencies, incl. City Council provision. Work undertaken in previous ABG cycle had either ended or not developed and new activity started or renewed in conjunction with local organisations	Amber

3.5 Planned activity next quarter

Please give a brief overview of key activities planned for the next quarter

New activities for Young People in Trampolining, and Music (based in Basford) and Dance (based in Bestwood) will be explored and put in place as soon as practicable to address the issue shown above in response to the wishes of young people. October Half-term will have a special programme, at Henry Mellish, Heathfield, Southwark and Southglade venues, Monday to Thursday.

The draft mapping exercise of existing provision will be finalised as a working document to show hot-spots, provision, gaps in provision and help focus future activity under ABG and other provision for young people in the area. Outreach provision in Bestwood will continue to be adjusted in response to perceived need and at the request of the Youth Strategy group members.

The Youth Strategy Group and the Young People's Panel will continue to be linked through CCF membership, so ensuring that our strategic aims and focus are then related to the reality of the needs of individual young people for targeted support.

3.6 Communications and Partnership work

Please describe how you have worked with the Early Help Team, Young Peoples Panel, (eg through referrals) and any other Nottingham City Council Officers this quarter.

The Youth Strategy Group, which, involves City community workers, Early Help Team, and links to the Young Peoples Panel, continues, hosted here at Bestwood Directions. Aims and objectives of the group are under development, but primarily to ensure that the referral process for targeted youth work is clearly defined and that the work of CBF continues to be effective in addressing identified need. City community workers are also involved in this, and are currently assisting with the Mapping Exercise for the area to, above all, identify gaps in provision for young people.

A referral process has been set in place to ensure young people at risk are particularly identified and worked with as a key element of targeted work under this priority.

SECTION 4 – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

4.1 Services delivered (please add rows as required)

Organisation Name	Outline of activity delivered including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number of sessions • location of sessions • days/times of sessions
Bestwood Park Community Association	36 members of pre-school (mon – Fri 7 – 6) 18 members of after-school club (Mon – Fri 3 – 6) 20 in Chatter Matters group (mon 1 – 3) 10 members of church group (Mon 7 – 9) 30 members of Space Inclusive group (Tues 10 – 12) 30 members of over-60s group 20 in Ladies Club (Wed 7 – 9) 20 on Computer Maintenance course (Th 8.30 – 11.30) 20 in Holiday Club school hols (Mon – Fri 7 – 6) 30 attending booked party 10 on evening training sessions 10 attended councillor surgery
Bestwood Estate Community Association	Centre is open to all local citizens to access, appropriately on a weekly basis when needed. Further details of sessions to qu 3 monitoring. Key activities are elderly lunch club and dementia support group. The centre continues to host Pre-School Learning Alliance provision.
Leen Valley Community Association	4 groups used the centre, with 35 people regularly attending. Development plan aiming towards centre becoming self-sustaining in due course 1 new active volunteer at the Centre Fun Day when centre opened to all Two special events (see 5)
Heathfield Community Association	*Allocated but cheque payment with-held until some resolution to the issues raised under 4.4 below and monitoring of existing activity can be achieved. It is known that activity does take place at the centre meanwhile but it need to be confirmed and the future of the Centre secured.

4.2 Period Progress

Please give a brief overview of any other key activities undertaken this quarter

The Centres are now working towards a common formula as a baseline for the monitoring of activity, while being encouraged by us to work to their own individual style and strengths. At the same time, links between the Centres have been strengthened to allow mutual networking and learning best practice from one another. Discussions have taken place as to where one centre can help another in a specific issue, rather than re-invent the wheel each time.

The Bestwood Partnership has been proactive in building a constructive relationship with all the Centres, both in respect of general support and encouragement and also troubleshooting issues as they arise (see below, 4.4)

Work to improve the ability of Community Associations to deliver effectively is covered under priority 5 (see below).

4.3 Outputs and Outcomes

Quantitative Output & Monitoring method	Quarterly target & actuals							
	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q2	Q3	Q3	Q4	Q4
Community associations enhancing membership	1	1	1	1	0		1	
Community associations accessing financial support	0	1	1	1	1		1	
Community centre development plans improved	0	0	0	1	0		4	

Qualitative Output & Monitoring method	Quarterly target & actuals							
	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q2	Q3	Q3	Q4	Q4
People accessing community centres	100	350	100	254	100		100	
Community associations increasing financial sustainability	0	0	1	0	1		1	
Community associations improving their governance	1	1	0	3	1		1	
New volunteers active in community associations	3	3	3	1	3		3	

4.4 Emerging Issues

Summary of issue	RAG rating (red/amber/green)
Bestwood Estate Community Centre needs additional management committee members: NCVS to work to try to achieve this (priority 5). In all other respects the Centre is very active and open to the community	Amber
Heathfield Community Association – management, building and committee membership issues as yet unresolved. Bestwood partnership, NCVS and Nottingham City Council officers working to try to remedy this	Red

4.5 Planned activity next quarter

Please give a brief overview of key activities planned for the next quarter
<p>The relationship between the Lead Organisation and its Community Association partners, having been established, will now move to the phase where levels of activity and future plans may be more closely examined with a view to greater self-sustainability where this is possible. We also intend to continue to develop the relationship, as a partnership, between the Associations themselves.</p> <p>A number of pre-Christmas events are planned by the Community Centres which will widen attendance and participation and be also used to promote further activities in the Centres.</p> <p>N.C.V.S. is working with us (see priority 5) to support the emerging needs and requests of the Centres and The Bestwood Partnership works closely with Nottingham City Council Neighbourhood Development Officers and local Councillors to support the Centres, this will continue and develop in qu 3.</p>

SECTION 5 – SUPPORT FOR LOCAL VCS INFRASTRUCTURE

5.1 Services delivered (please add rows as required)

Organisation Name	Outline of activity delivered including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • number of sessions • location of sessions • days/times of sessions
Nottingham Council for Voluntary Service	<p>Funding has provided financial, organisational and training opportunities for local organisations: Note that some outputs/outcomes have impacted positively in priority 4 (Community Associations)</p> <p>Governance and funding support around activities for BME activities to Spring SLR group (Basford ward)</p> <p>Advice to Linc-Training re changing from company to voluntary sector status and renting office space (Basford)</p> <p>Eden Hearts group, support with funding applications for diversionary activity for young people (Bestwood ward)</p> <p>Bestwood Park Community Association support around governance and relationships with centre users & financial procedures, and volunteer training</p> <p>Bestwood Estate Community Association training for prospective new trustees (3)</p> <p>Leen Valley Community Association, support in transferring to new legal structure</p>
The Partnership Council	Funding to provide voluntary sector forums: outputs to be counted in qu 3 onwards
Leen Valley Community Association	Two special events delivered.
The Bestwood Partnership	Management support to Bestwood Advice Centre

5.2 Period Progress

Please give a brief overview of any other key activities undertaken this quarter

The partnership with NCVS and its delivery of support to community associations and other voluntary and community sectors groups and organisations in the area was quickly put into operation as shown by the activity listed above. Dialogue between The Bestwood Partnership and the key work at NCVS ensures an effective referral process by which support can be given at quite short notice, that minimising risk in vulnerable situations for groups.

5.3 Outputs and Outcomes

Quantitative Output & Monitoring method	Quarterly target & actuals							
	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q2	Q3	Q3	Q4	Q4
One off activities / events delivered by local organisations	0	0	4	4	4		4	
Financial and organisational support sessions	0	0	2	5	4		4	
Training opportunities taken up by local organisations	0	0	2	2	4		4	
Voluntary sector forums	0	0	0	0	1		1	

Qualitative Output & Monitoring method	Quarterly target & actuals							
	Q1	Q1	Q2	Q2	Q3	Q3	Q4	Q4
Local organisations improving service delivery	0	0	2	0	4		4	
Local organisations improving financial sustainability	0	0	2	3	4		4	
Local organisations improving management capacity	0	0	2	2	4		4	
Local organisations increasing their knowledge	0	0	2	2	4		4	

5.4 Emerging Issues

Summary of issue	RAG rating (red/amber/green)
Bestwood Advice Centre has been understaffed through staff shortages and sickness, a situation being addressed through Bestwood Partnership management support. Measures to improve staff levels now put in place.	Amber
Partnership event planned for the Autumn has now been moved, for positive organisational reasons, to qu. 3	Green

5.5 Planned activity next quarter

Please give a brief overview of key activities planned for the next quarter
<p>Referrals to NCVS for voluntary group support will of course continue.</p> <p>The pre-Christmas period is an important time in the community where many people attend a wide range of events in the area, and these opportunities will be used to inform people about the Area-based Grant and bring together citizens and groups and use consultation mechanisms to ascertain needs and wishes of the community organisations. The Bestwood Partnership will undertake this in connection with workers from other agencies operating in the area. These forthcoming occasions will also be used to promote the February Partnership event which will, in qu. 4, focus specifically on the future direction of how we continue to address the ABG priorities in the next two years of the project. Input from citizens themselves will of course have a positive effect on the ABG programme, in respect of both reception and enhanced participation.</p>

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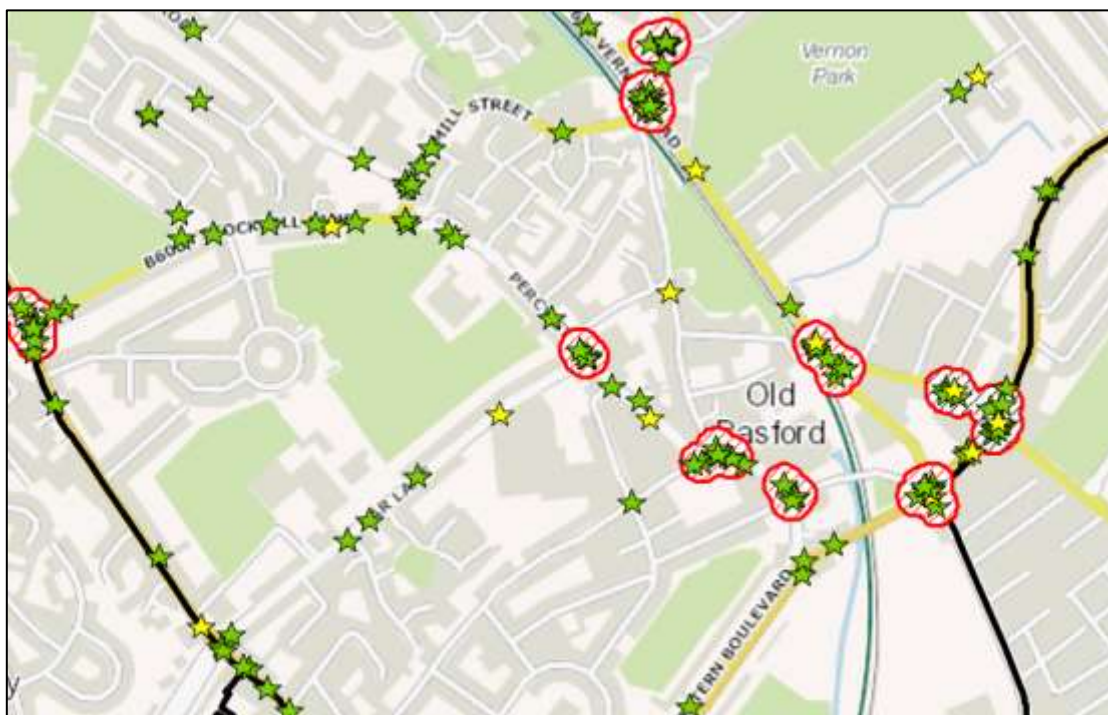
Road Safety Ward Report: Basford

2016 report

Author: Chris Berry, Technical Officer, Road Safety

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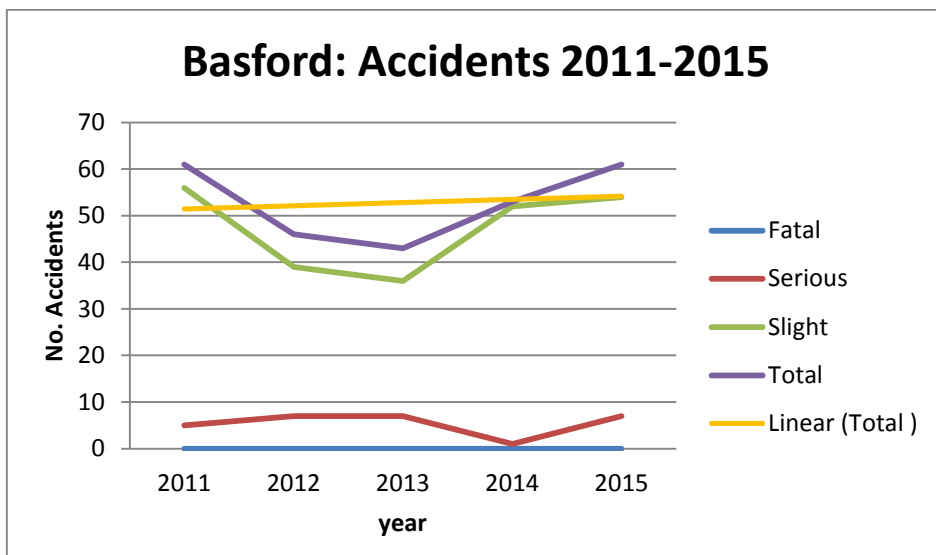
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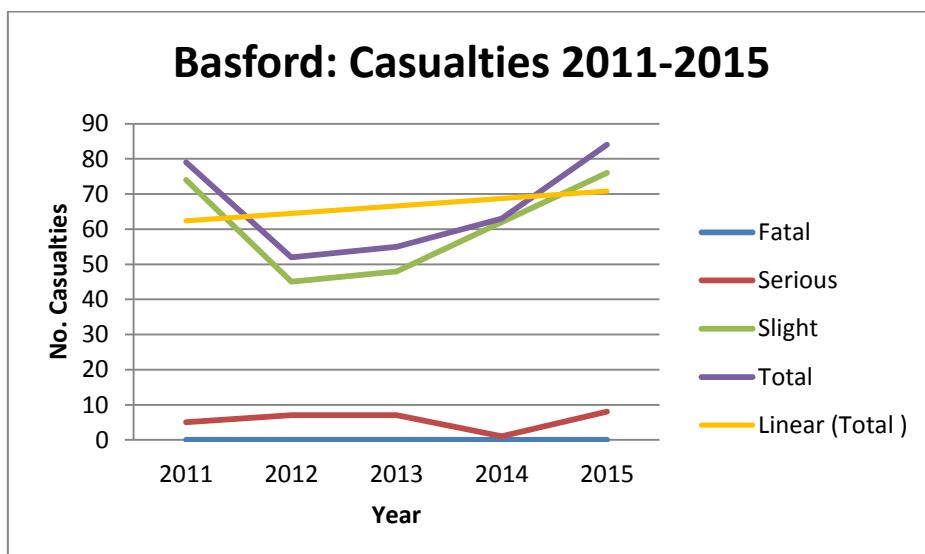
In order to attempt to reduce the number and severity of accidents across Nottingham it was decided last year to review the trends on a ward by ward basis to try and tackle some of the specific problem sites within each area, with support from the local Ward Councillors. This report therefore details the accident trends within the **Basford Ward** over the last five calendar years, to the end of 2015.

Unfortunately, after a highly successful period of reducing accidents and the resulting number of casualties across Nottingham, the last three years have seen accident numbers increase across the city with a sharp increase in Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) accidents in 2015. This increase has mirrored the time over which we have seen casualty reduction scheme funding significantly reduced.

In the Basford Ward there was a dip in accidents in 2012 and 2013. However in 2015 accident numbers returned to above the 2011 figure. The trend over the most recent complete five years shows that accident numbers are increasing as shown below:



Similarly the number of casualties resulting from these accidents has increased as shown below:



Data Led Problem Identification.

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Problem Areas.

The cluster plot shows that there are **fourteen** individual locations where there are groups of four or more accidents within a 20m radius in the last five years. The top ranking sites are as follows:

B682 Nottingham Road at the junction with Western Boulevard: 15 accidents / 21 casualties

- This cluster spreads west to include the junction with Scotland Road.
- 3 casualties sustained serious injuries.
- At this site there has been 1 accident involving a pedestrian, 6 accidents involving pedal cycles, 1 involving a child and 1 involving a powered two-wheeler.

B6004 Southwark Street/David Lane at the junction with the B682 Vernon: 14 accidents / 23 casualties

- 1 casualty sustained serious injuries.
- At this site there has been 1 accident involving a pedestrian, 4 accidents involving pedal cycles, 5 involving a child and 2 involving a powered two-wheeler.

B6004 Stockhill Lane at the junction with the A610 Nuthall Road: 12 accidents / 13 casualties

- 1 casualty sustained serious injuries.
- At this site there have been 2 accidents involving a pedestrian, 2 accidents involving pedal cycles, 2 involving a child and 2 involving a powered two-wheeler.

A611 Hucknall Road at the junction with Arnold Road: 11 accidents / 13 casualties

- At this site there have been 4 accidents involving a pedestrian, 1 accident involving pedal cycles and 1 involving a child.

B682 Vernon Road at the junction with Nottingham Road (mini roundabout): 12 accidents / 13 casualties

- 1 casualty sustained serious injuries.
- At this site there have been 2 accidents involving a pedestrian and 2 involving a child.

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Other potential issues.

As shown, most of the accidents across the Ward are centred on the main routes through the area. It is also worth noting the types of casualty shown within the Ward, highlighted below:

Total casualties within the Ward (2011-2015): 333 (from 263 accidents)

- Pedestrian casualties: 51 (15.5%) including 7 serious injuries.
- Pedal cyclist casualties: 48 (14.5%) including 8 serious injuries.
- Powered two-wheelers (motorcycles/mopeds): 26 (8%) including 4 serious injuries.
- The remaining casualties were drivers or passengers within motor vehicles.
- In total across the Ward 45 casualties (13.5%) were aged 16 years of age or under including 7 who sustained serious injuries.

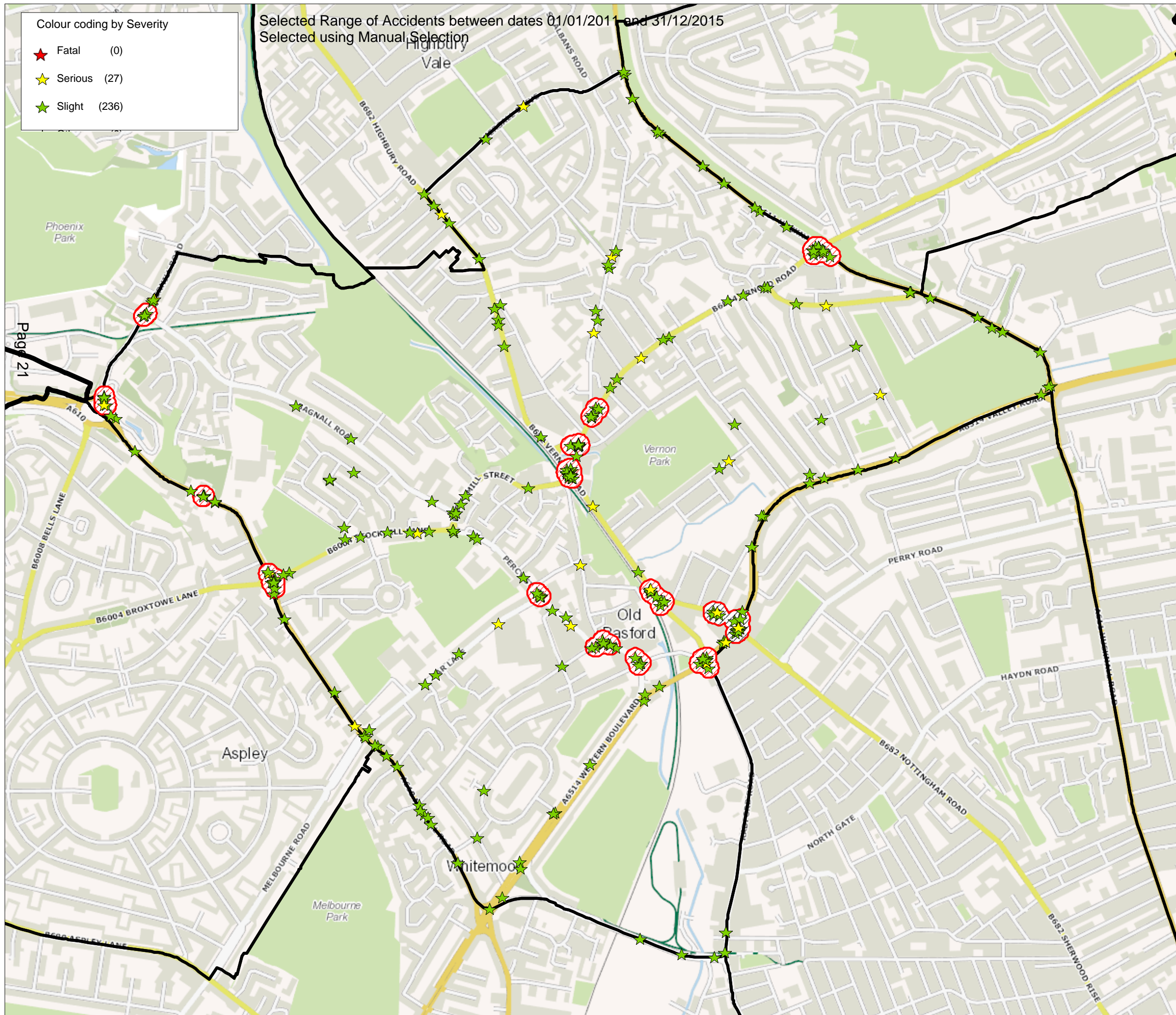
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Colour coding by Severity

- ★ Fatal (0)
- ★ Serious (27)
- ★ Slight (236)

Selected Range of Accidents between dates 01/01/2011 and 31/12/2015
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Appendix A: Basford Ward Accident Plot

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Accidents between dates 01/01/2011 and 31/12/2015 (60) months

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Notes:

Basford Ward

Table 1 - Accidents by Month

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
January	5	2	4	3	3	17
February	1	3	1	2	1	8
March	5	3	2	6	4	20
April	3	4	1	4	5	17
May	10	5	3	9	7	34
June	6	3	6	1	5	21
July	6	3	6	2	4	21
August	2	6	5	4	5	22
September	3	6	6	5	7	27
October	8	2	2	4	3	19
November	5	3	1	10	12	31
December	7	6	5	3	5	26
TOTAL	61	46	42	53	61	263

Table 2 - Casualties by Month

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
January	5	2	4	3	3	17
February	1	3	1	3	1	9
March	6	3	3	6	4	22
April	5	4	1	4	6	20
May	13	6	4	14	10	47
June	6	3	10	1	5	25
July	8	3	6	2	8	27
August	3	6	5	4	9	27
September	6	9	8	5	14	42
October	11	3	2	4	3	23
November	6	4	1	12	13	36
December	9	7	9	5	8	38
TOTAL	79	53	54	63	84	333

Table 3 - All Accidents by Severity

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serious	5	7	7	1	7	27
Slight	56	39	35	52	54	236
TOTAL	61	46	42	53	61	263

Table 4 - Casualties by Severity

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serious	5	7	7	1	8	28
Slight	74	46	47	62	76	305
TOTAL	79	53	54	63	84	333

Accidents between dates 01/01/2011 and 31/12/2015 (60) months

Selection:

Selected using Manual Selection

Notes:

Basford Ward

DEFAULT VEHICLE GROUPS

Accidents involving:	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total	Casualties:	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total
Motor Vehicles Only	0	15	172	187	Vehicle Driver	0	4	119	123
2-wheeled motor vehicles	0	4	25	29	Vehicle Passenger	0	5	80	85
Pedal Cycles	0	8	40	48	Motorcycle rider	0	4	22	26
Horses & Other	0	0	1	1	Cyclist	0	8	40	48
					Pedestrians	0	7	44	51
Total Accidents	0	27	236	263	Other	0	0	0	0
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					Total	0	28	305	333

Accidents between dates 01/01/2011 and 31/12/2015 (60) months

Selection:
4 total accidents within a radius of 30 metres
(Overlapping clusters have been merged)
Ranked by Total Accidents
Selected using Manual Selection

Notes:
Basford Ward Cluster Report

Cluster ID	Rank	Location	Node No.	Grid Reference		Severity Ratio	Accidents						Casualties						Accidents involving				
				Easting	Northing		Fa	Se	SI	Tot.	p.a.	KSI	Fa	Se	SI	Tot.	p.a.	KSI	Peds	Cyes	Child	OAPs	P2W
1	1	B682 NOTTINGHAM ROAD, at its Junction with Unclassified Road MAZDA CAR SHOWROOM PTE ENT (OPP SCOTLAND RD), NOTTINGHAM		455527	342915	0.200	0	3	12	15	3.0	3	0	3	18	21	4	3	1	6	1	1	1
2	2	B6004 SOUTHWARK STREET, at its Junction with B682 VERNON ROAD, NOTTINGHAM		455044	343372	0.071	0	1	13	14	2.8	1	0	1	22	23	5	1	1	4	5	1	2
3	3	B6004 STOCKHILL LANE, at its Junction with A610 NUTHALL ROAD, NOTTINGHAM		454131	343042	0.083	0	1	11	12	2.4	1	0	1	12	13	3	1	2	2	2	0	2
4	4	A611 HUCKNALL RD, at its XRDS Junction with B6004 ARNOLD RD, NOTTINGHAM		455818	344053	0.000	0	0	11	11	2.2	0	0	0	13	13	3	0	4	2	1	1	0
5	5	B682 VERNON ROAD, ZEBRA 23 metres northwest of / NOTTINGHAM RD MINI RBT, OLD BASFORD		455312	342991	0.111	0	1	8	9	1.8	1	0	1	10	11	2	1	2	0	2	0	1
6	5	Unclassified Road RADFORD ROAD, 5 metres southeast of A6514 VALLEY ROAD, NEW BASFORD		455457	342791	0.222	0	2	7	9	1.8	2	0	2	13	15	3	2	0	3	1	0	1

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4 total accidents within a radius of 30 metres
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				Easting	Northing		Fa	Se	SI	Tot.	p.a.	KSI	Fa	Se	SI	Tot.	p.a.	KSI	Peds	Cyes	Child	OAPs	P2W
7	7	C134 CHURCH STREET-BAILEY ST ADJ PTE ENT FACTORY (APPROX 30M SE /CHURCH ST), BASFORD		455146	342849	0.000	0	0	8	8	1.6	0	0	0	8	8	2	0	0	1	2	0	0
8	7	B6004 SOUTHWARK STREET, at its Junction with B6004 UN-NAMED ACCESS RD TO VERNON RD, NOTTINGHAM		455062	343458	0.000	0	0	8	8	1.6	0	0	0	8	8	2	0	3	1	0	1	3
9	9	B6004 SOUTHWARK STREET-ARNOLD ROAD, at its Junction with Unclassified Road PARK LANE, NOTTINGHAM		455122	343558	0.167	0	1	5	6	1.2	1	0	1	5	6	1	1	1	0	1	0	2
10	10	A610 NUTHALL RD BYPASS - NUTHALL RD, at its Junction with Unclassified Road CINDERHILL RD /B6008 BELLS LN RBT (AKA CINDERHILL RBT), NOTTINGHAM		453620	343595	0.200	0	1	4	5	1.0	1	0	1	6	7	1	1	0	1	1	0	1
11	10	Percy St /Bar Ln Basford		454950	343000	0.200	0	1	4	5	1.0	1	0	1	6	7	1	1	2	0	1	0	0
12	12	C134 CHURCH STREET, at its Junction with C134 CHURCH STREET / BAILEY ST / WESTERN BLVD, NOTTINGHAM		455254	342794	0.000	0	0	4	4	0.8	0	0	0	4	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	2

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13	12	A610 NUTHALL ROAD PXING O/S TESCO EXPRESS, (202 metres northwest of KELSTERN CLOSE), CINDERHILL		453921	343302	0.000	0	0	4	4	0.8	0	0	0	5	5	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
14	12	Unclassified Road CINDERHILL ROAD, at its Junction with C133 BAGNALL ROAD, NOTTINGHAM		453744	343859	0.000	0	0	4	4	0.8	0	0	0	5	5	1	0	1	1	1	0	0



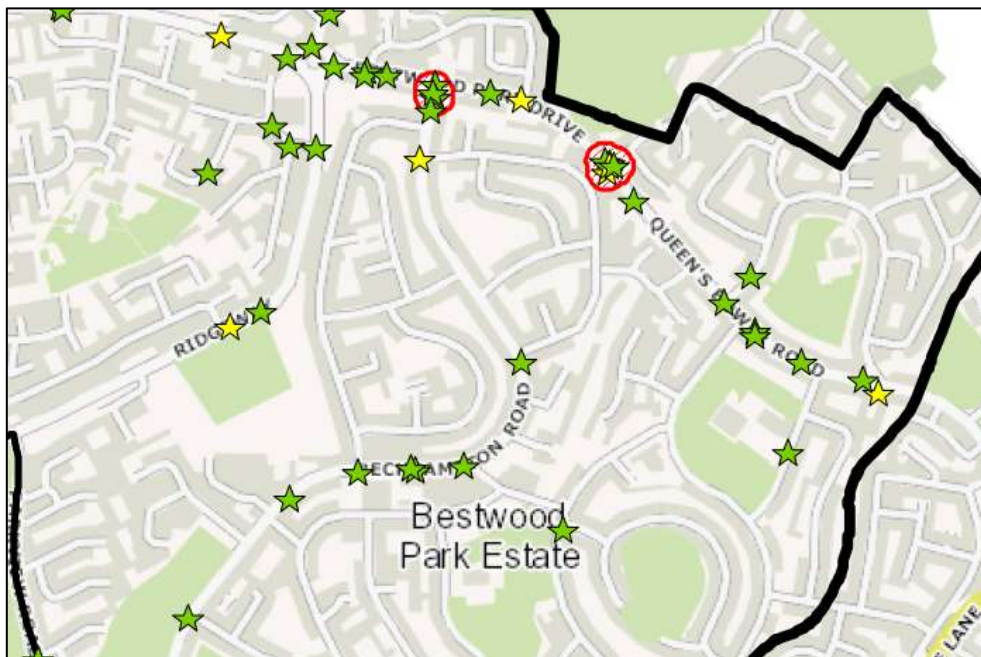
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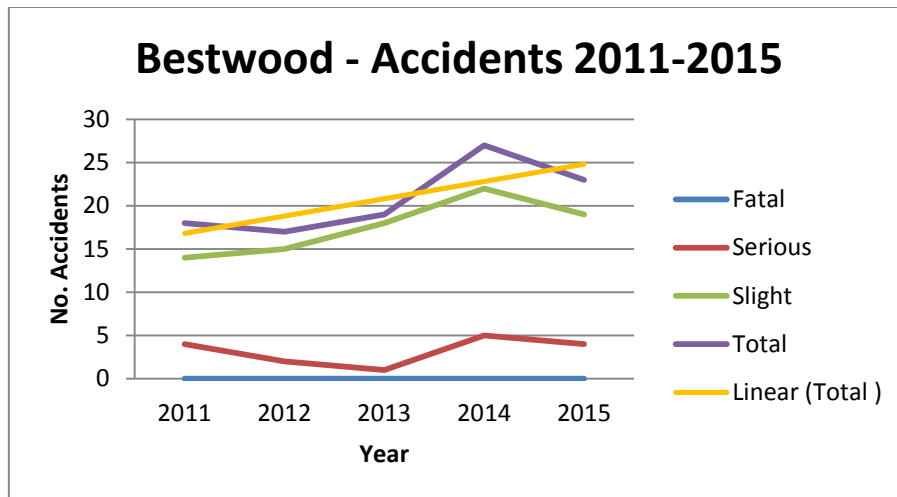
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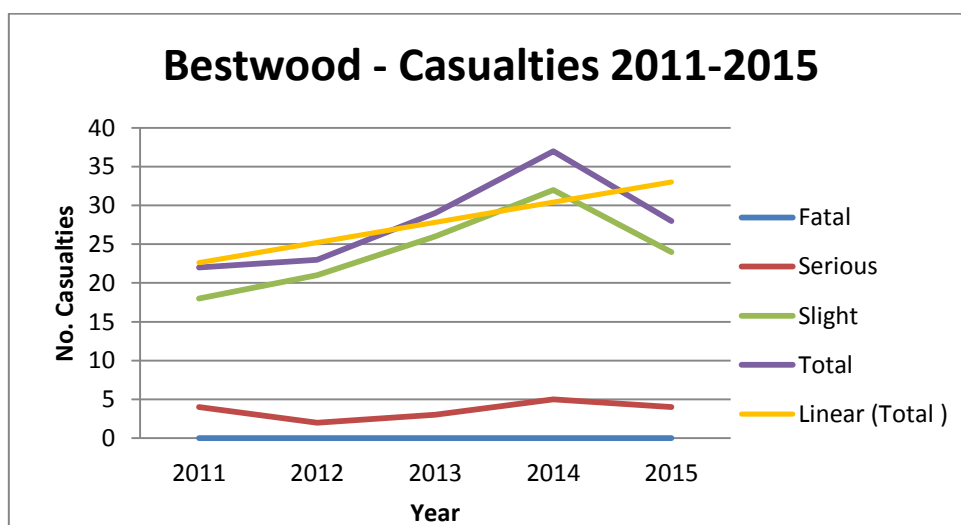
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- At this site there have been 2 accidents involving a child, 3 involving OAPs and 2 involving a powered-two-wheeler.

Bestwood Park Drive at the junction with Deer Park Drive: 5 accidents / 5 casualties

- 2 casualty sustained serious injuries.
- At this site there have been 4 accidents involving pedal cycles.

Beckhampton Road at the junction with Bestwood Park Drive: 4 accidents / 4 casualties

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Total casualties within the Ward (2011-2015): 141 (from 106 accidents)

- Pedestrian casualties: 29 (20.5%) including 6 serious injuries.
 - *Compared against the average for Nottingham of 17.8% the proportion of pedestrian casualties in the Bestwood Ward is high.*
- Pedal cyclist casualties: 14 (10%) including 3 serious injuries.
- Powered two-wheelers (motorcycles/mopeds): 20 (14%) including 4 serious injuries.
 - *The proportion of casualties who were the riders of powered two-wheelers in the Bestwood Ward is almost twice the average for Nottingham of 7.77%.*
- The remaining casualties were drivers or passengers within motor vehicles.
- In total across the Ward 20 casualties (14%) were aged 16 years of age or under.
 - *Across all of Nottingham 11% of all accidents involve an injury to someone aged 16 and under.*

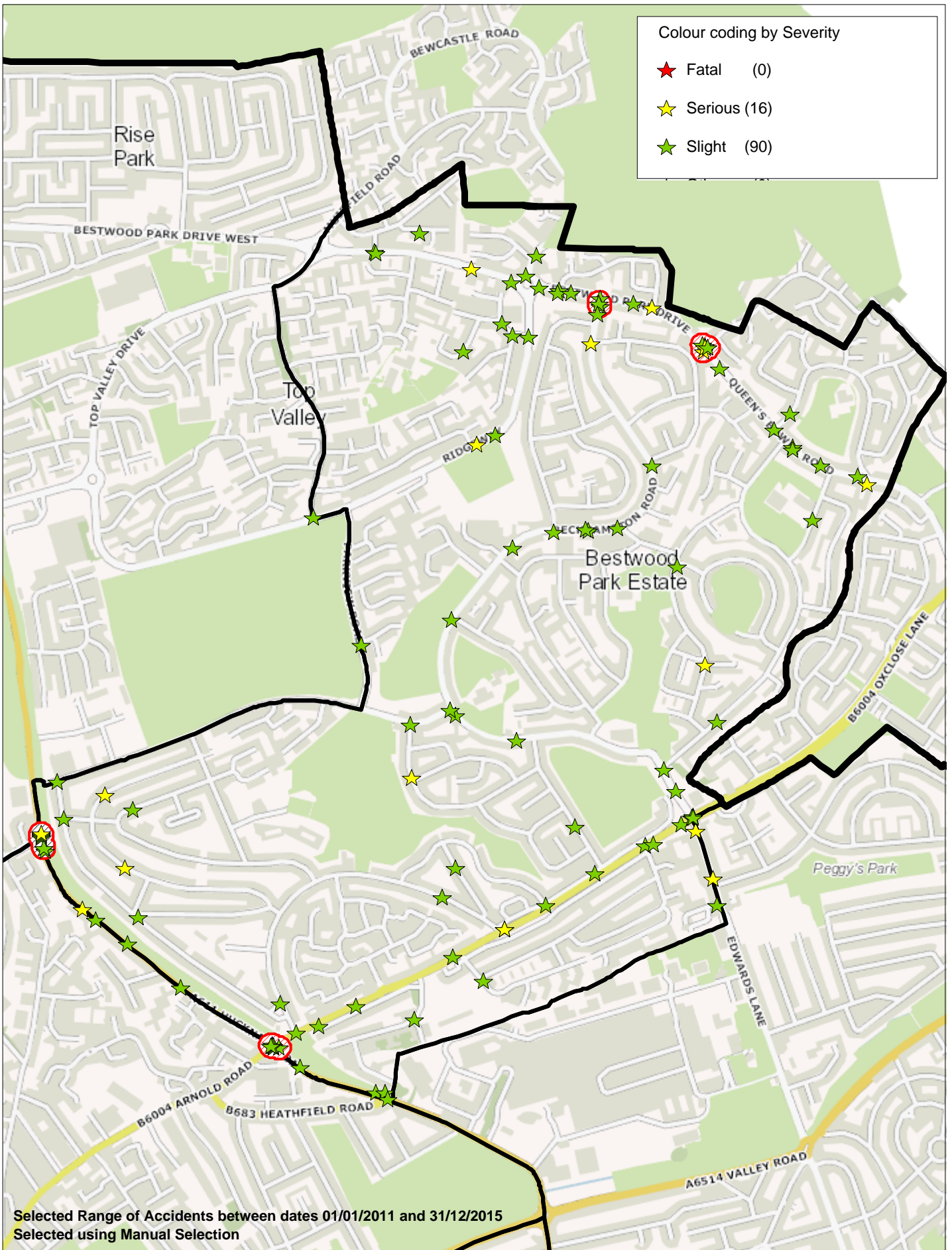
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Appendix A:
 Bestwood Ward Accident Plot
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Accidents between dates 01/01/2011 and 31/12/2015 (60) months
 Selection: Notes:
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Table 1 - Accidents by Month

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
January	1	1	3	4	3	12
February	1	2	-	3	2	8
March	2	3	1	2	-	8
April	1	1	2	2	1	7
May	2	-	1	2	-	5
June	1	2	-	-	4	7
July	3	-	3	3	2	11
August	3	-	2	1	1	7
September	-	3	2	2	1	8
October	2	1	4	4	3	14
November	2	2	2	2	4	12
December	1	2	-	2	2	7
TOTAL	19	17	20	27	23	106

Table 2 - Casualties by Month

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
January	1	1	7	5	5	19
February	1	3	-	6	2	12
March	3	5	3	2	-	13
April	3	1	2	2	1	9
May	2	-	1	2	-	5
June	1	3	-	-	5	9
July	4	-	3	3	2	12
August	3	-	2	1	2	8
September	-	3	4	5	1	13
October	2	1	4	5	3	15
November	2	3	4	4	4	17
December	1	3	-	2	3	9
TOTAL	23	23	30	37	28	141

Table 3 - All Accidents by Severity

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serious	4	2	1	5	4	16
Slight	15	15	19	22	19	90
TOTAL	19	17	20	27	23	106

Table 4 - Casualties by Severity

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Total
Fatal	0	0	0	0	0	0
Serious	4	2	3	5	4	18
Slight	19	21	27	32	24	123
TOTAL	23	23	30	37	28	141

Accidents between dates 01/01/2011 and 31/12/2015 (60) months

Selection:

Selected using Manual Selection

Notes:

Bestwood Ward

DEFAULT VEHICLE GROUPS

Accidents involving:	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total	Casualties:	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Total
Motor Vehicles Only	0	6	62	68	Vehicle Driver	0	1	42	43
2-wheeled motor vehicles	0	7	18	25	Vehicle Passenger	0	4	31	35
Pedal Cycles	0	3	12	15	Motorcycle rider	0	4	16	20
Horses & Other	0	0	0	0	Cyclist	0	3	11	14
					Pedestrians	0	6	23	29
Total Accidents	0	16	90	106	Other	0	0	0	0
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					Total	0	18	123	141

Accidents between dates 01/01/2011 and 31/12/2015 (60) months

Selection:
4 total accidents within a radius of 30 metres
(Overlapping clusters have been merged)
Ranked by Total Accidents
Selected using Manual Selection

Notes:
Bestwood Ward Clusters

Cluster ID	Rank	Location	Node No.	Grid Reference		Severity Ratio	Accidents						Casualties						Accidents involving					
				Easting	Northing		Fa	Se	SI	Tot.	p.a.	KSI	Fa	Se	SI	Tot.	p.a.	KSI	Peds	Cyes	Child	OAPs	P2W	
1	1	A611 HUCKNALL ROAD, at its Junction with Unclassified Road KERSALL DRIVE		455214	344602	0.167	0	1	5	6	1.2	1	0	1	8	9	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
2	1	A611 HUCKNALL ROAD, at its Junction with B6004 ARNOLD ROAD, NOTTINGHAM		455819	344068	0.000	0	0	6	6	1.2	0	0	0	15	15	3	0	0	0	2	3	2	2
3	3	Unclassified Road BESTWOOD PARK DRIVE, at its Junction with Unclassified Road DEER PARK DRIVE, NOTTINGHAM		456940	345885	0.400	0	2	3	5	1.0	2	0	2	3	5	1	2	0	4	0	0	0	0
4	4	Unclassified Road BECKHAMPTON ROAD, at its Junction with Unclassified Road BESTWOOD PARK DRIVE, NOTTINGHAM		456664	345998	0.000	0	0	4	4	0.8	0	0	0	4	4	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	0

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BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA 2 COMMITTEE – 29 MARCH 2017

Title of paper:	Proposal for a scheme of Selective Licensing for privately rented Houses	
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Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>This report is to inform the Area Committee for Basford and Bestwood of the data collection and analysis work that has been completed to inform a decision to consult on a proposal to introduce a selective licensing scheme for privately rented houses. Executive Board have approved the proposed designation in principle and a public consultation will take place on these proposals between January and March 2017.</p> <p>The use of selective licensing powers will provide the following benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An opportunity to effectively influence higher standards of privately rented houses and to ensure effective management through more extensive control; • A key tool in achieving the overall reduction of Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB); • Lead to higher levels of customer satisfaction with private rented sector accommodation within the City; • Work with landlords and tenants to provide positive advice and assistance to achieve legislative compliance, education and the provision of advice and information as appropriate. <p>The report outlines the outcomes of an evidence gathering project surrounding the need for selective licensing within the City and demonstrates the existence of problems within the proposed designation. It shows that there is a strong correlation between the criteria for introducing a scheme and the private rented housing stock in Nottingham. Whilst different parts of the City meet different grounds, collectively there is a strong argument for suggesting that the entire City should be covered by the scheme.</p>		
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Recommendations:	
1	note the contents of the report;
2	offer views on the proposal for a scheme of selective licensing for privately rented houses;
3	ask partners to actively contribute to the consultation process.

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The proposed designated area has been chosen because evidence, gathered in accordance with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) guidance suggests that relevant statutory tests have been met and that selective licensing of privately rented houses in the area would be an appropriate tool to resolve problems.
- 1.2 Ward councillors have been consulted on the proposed scheme and designation.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The introduction of a licensing scheme for private rented accommodation to drive up standards and protect tenants across the City is a key objective in the current Council Plan for 2015-2019. Selective Licensing (a power available to local authorities to licence private rented houses) aims to improve living conditions for residents both in the private rented sector and the surrounding community and drive up standards amongst poor landlords.

The scheme is an important element of the Council's commitment to safeguarding and protecting vulnerable citizens across the city and in providing quality, safe housing. In order for a scheme to be implemented there are strict statutory criteria and conditions which need to be met. The scheme will also contribute to reductions in levels of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour and also contributes to one of the Council's key objectives to "cut the number of victims of crime by a fifth and contribute to reduce anti-social behaviour."

- 2.2 Evidence gathering work has been carried out to establish if there are grounds for implementing a scheme of selective licensing in Nottingham and if so where. An evidence base to inform a designation was gathered using number of data sources. Extensive analysis of the evidence against each of the criteria. The area that has been chosen as a proposed designation to consult upon has been arrived at through the analysis of this data. The evidence that has been gathered supports a designation based on the following grounds: -

- significant and persistent problem caused by anti-social behaviour;
- poor property conditions;
- high level of deprivation and;
- high levels of crime.

- 2.3 The report outlines the outcomes of an evidence gathering project surrounding the need for selective licensing within the City and demonstrates the existence of problems within the proposed designation. It shows that there is a strong correlation between the criteria for introducing a scheme and the private rented housing stock in Nottingham.

2.4 Though the area does not have a high concentration of private rented properties in the round, it is being included under the whole city designation. Evidence shows that both Basford and Bestwood have a number of pockets of areas with a high proportion of properties that are in the private rented sector (PRS). Basford in particular has a large area with a high proportion of PRS, that is centred around the tram line. The development of transport links in the area has seen a corresponding significant growth in the sector.

This area meets one or more of the criteria for introducing a scheme. In particular the area with a high proportion of PRS has significant property condition issues and deprivation and also meets the criteria for crime. Whilst Bestwood does not meet the thresholds for a high proportion of PRS there are large areas with problems with antisocial behaviour (which does not require a high proportion of PRS to satisfy this criterion). It has also been included for reason of coherence of the scheme. To omit one or two wards, which although not meeting the thresholds for the scheme still have significant levels of PRS and some of the issues relating to those properties, would be impractical and inequitable to the residents living in them.

The area is also an area where there is potential for properties previously in the social rented or owner occupied sectors to move into the private rented sector, which is an increasing trend and one which brings with it a disproportionate amount of issues around poor/unprofessional management. The Council feels that selective licensing could help mitigate the negative impact of such tenure shift.

2.5 As part of the evidence gathering exercise, The Project Team attended the monthly Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) Meetings held for 19 of the City's 20 wards over the period June to July 2016. The meetings involved representatives from the Police, Community Protection, Nottingham City Homes (NCH) Housing Patch Managers and Family Services from NCC. The meeting were chaired by the local Neighbourhood Development Officer.

The aims of attending the meeting was:

- To find out what issues are faced in different areas of the City in relation to the Private rented sector;
- What impacts these issues have on neighbourhoods;
- Look at how these issues could be addressed;
- Explore what impact a licensing scheme could have on these areas, the City's private rented sector and the City in general.

In addition, an online survey was circulated to NAT attendees and their partners working in the area. Responses to the survey were received from 12 out of the 20 wards and of those that responded 85% reported that they have experienced problems or issues with the PRS in their ward. The most frequently cited issues related to ASB and poor property conditions. Other specific problems reported were fly tipping and untidy gardens.

2.6 The feedback gathered through the survey and NAT meetings offers a more tangible level of detail regarding the experience of issues with the private rented sector in the City. It also offers an insight into the exponential or exacerbating effects that unresolved issues can have, as well as the difficulties entailed with resolution and the pressures that these issues put on services. The evidence also highlights some direct examples of where selective licensing would enable issues in the private rented

sector to be more effectively and efficiently remedied. This in turn would reduce pressure on services, release precious resources, and allow improved standards to be maintained.

2.7 The Council is currently consulting on the proposed scheme. Details of the proposal, evidence to support it and the consultation can be found in the attached report “ Area Committee Report – Basford and Bestwood”

2.8 The report seeks to demonstrate the outcomes the Council believes will be achieved by the introduction of this scheme and why making a selective licensing designation will significantly assist the Council to achieve its objectives and bring benefits to not only tenants but to the wider community. The proposed scheme of fits entirely with the Council’s vision that every neighbourhood is safe, clean and a great place to live.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 A number of other options were considered as part of the Executive Board Report dated 22 November 2016. Overall it was concluded that existing initiatives and the exercise of available powers have not brought about the improvement in the City’s PRS which is needed and there is no practical and beneficial alternative to the proposed scheme.

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 The financial comments are as the Executive Board report dated 22 November 2016

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 The legal and financial comments are as the Executive Board report dated 22 November 2016

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

6.1 None.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 Attached as Appendix 1, and due regard will be given to any implications identified.

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

8.1 None

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 Executive Board report dated 22 November 2016 - ‘Proposal for a Scheme of Selective Licensing for Privately Rented Houses’

Proposal for a Scheme of Selective Licensing for Privately Rented Houses

Background to the proposal

The introduction of a licensing scheme for private rented accommodation to drive up standards and protect tenants across the City is a key objective in the current Council Plan for 2015-2019. Selective Licensing (a power available to local authorities to licence private rented houses) aims to improve living conditions for residents both in the private rented sector and the surrounding community and drive up standards amongst poor landlords. The scheme is an important element of the Council's commitment to safeguarding and protecting vulnerable citizens across the city and in providing quality, safe housing. The scheme will also contribute to reductions in levels of Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour and also contributes to one of the Council's key objectives to "cut the number of victims of crime by a fifth and contribute to reduce anti-social behaviour."

Before making a final decision as to whether to make (and seek confirmation of a scheme) the Council is required to conduct a full consultation for a minimum of 10 weeks which should be informative, clear and to the point, so that the full details of the proposal can be readily understood. It is proposed that consultation be carried out for a period of 11 weeks between 16th January 2017 and 31st March 2017, and will include information on the proposed scheme, the reasons for it and how it has been arrived at, and indicative information regarding fees and conditions. The proposed fee is £600 with a reduced fee of £460 for accredited landlords.

What is Selective Licensing?

The Housing Act 2004 requires local housing authorities to license houses in multiple occupation (HMOs) if they are over 3 storeys and accommodate more than five people who form two or more households. This is called **mandatory licensing**. The Act also gives authorities the power to introduce licensing schemes for other HMOs if certain conditions are met. This is called **additional licensing**, and the Council has been operating a scheme of additional licensing since January 2014. The other form of licensing within the Act (Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004) is called **selective licensing**. This enables authorities to license all other privately rented houses if certain conditions are met. By requiring landlords to apply for a licence to rent out their homes, the Council is able to ensure that the landlord is a "fit and proper person" and, through compliance with the conditions set out in the licence, is providing safe, well managed accommodation.

It is now the law that any proposed scheme exceeding either 20% of the area's private rented sector or 20% of its geographical area must be confirmed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The scheme which the Council is proposing exceeds both criteria and will require Secretary of State approval.

Why does the Council think licensing is necessary?

The City's private rented sector (PRS) has expanded significantly in recent years. Between the 2001 census and the 2011 census, the proportion of households living in privately rented homes increased by 12%. Since 2011 the sector has increased in

size even more. The Building Research Establishment (BRE) carried out a wide-ranging stock survey for the Council in the summer of 2016 and found that the City's private rented sector comprised 43,000 properties.

The increase in the PRS shows how important the sector is as a source of accommodation for Nottingham citizens. People live in the PRS for a number of reasons: because they can't afford to buy a home; they can't access social housing; the relative flexibility and easy accessibility of the PRS suits their lifestyle or the stage in their career; they don't want the responsibility and financial commitment of home ownership. Whatever the reason for living in the sector, the Council believes that tenants should experience a good quality home. This is clearly shown in the Council Plan 2015-19. Enormous progress has been made in improving the social housing stock in the city via the decent homes programme and the Council believes that all Nottingham residents should have access to a high standard of accommodation, whether renting or buying.

As well as using all the powers it has under the legislation to tackle poor housing conditions and poor management the Council has undertaken a number of other initiatives in order to drive up standards in the PRS, most notably landlord accreditation through two major partners, Unipol and Decent and Safe Homes (DASH). Both schemes are voluntary however, and even though many good landlords have joined the schemes (together known as the "Nottingham Standard"), it remains a relatively small proportion of the sector. The Council therefore believes that much more is needed in order to get landlords to comply with their responsibilities. A scheme of selective licensing will, it is believed, enable the Council to ensure that landlords are proactive in making sure that their properties meet certain standards. Landlord's will also take responsibility for management of their properties, supporting good neighbourhoods and assisting with the prevention of crime and ASB in those neighbourhoods.

The strategic case for selective licensing

The 'Council Plan' states that it wants all Nottingham citizens to be able to access a good quality home, and sets out its key objectives for achieving this. Amongst these is a proposal to introduce a citywide licensing scheme for the private rented sector. The proposal for a scheme of selective licensing therefore forms part of a much wider ambition to deliver good quality housing in the City.

The Council believes that regardless of whether you own, are buying or renting your home that it should be safe, warm, and meet modern standards. Although there is a focus on private rented sector within the Council Plan, the plan also seeks to increase the supply of new homes and ensure that consistent standards of management and repair are maintained by housing associations. Put together, these priorities form a multi-tenure approach to housing based on achieving good quality across the city's stock.

The Council recognises the importance of the PRS within the housing market. It seeks to make use of the sector as a positive housing option for people who are homeless or threatened with homelessness. It fulfils a gap in the market in parts of the City where there is little or no social housing, but where people want to live for reasons such as their support networks. The PRS houses many people on low incomes who are dependent on housing benefit via the Council to support their

housing costs. It is quite clear, therefore, that the Council needs a well managed and well maintained PRS stock in order to meet some of its housing objectives and to be part of an overall, well-balanced housing market.

Selective licensing fits with this approach. If we genuinely support the sector and want to ensure that citizens can have a better guarantee of standards within the PRS we need a way of achieving that. The existing powers, schemes and initiatives aimed at tackling poor housing and raising standards have not been sufficient in delivering the PRS we want to see. A licensing scheme, which sets out a clear set of conditions and expectations will, it is believed, bring a step-change in the way in which the City's PRS is managed and tackle the significant problems which our evidence shows currently exist within the sector.

How the scheme will help the Council achieve its objectives.

The proposed selective licensing scheme is above all aimed at improving standards within the PRS as part of an overall objective to bring a higher quality of housing across all tenures. However, the Council believes that its positive impact will be seen beyond just housing and will help to achieve a number of wider objectives, such as:

- Health and wellbeing: it is well known that poor housing can contribute to ill health, and that improving housing conditions, e.g. tackling damp and cold can improve health. Poor housing can also contribute to, or exacerbate mental health problems. The Council and its partners in housing organisations and the health services are working together to achieve housing objectives which lead to a healthier and happier community. Selective licensing will be a significant part of this.
- Crime and antisocial behaviour: It is one of the Council's highest priorities to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour (ASB). The evidence we have compiled to support the case for selective licensing shows that there is a strong correlation, or relationship, between the PRS and crime and ASB. Licensing brings a greater responsibility on landlords to manage their properties better, including the responsibility themselves not to utilise properties for criminal behaviour as well as taking responsibility for the behaviour of their tenants. This is seen as a significant tool in tackling crime and ASB.
- Educational attainment: The Council wants to improve the attainment of children attending city schools. Better housing – a safe, warm and comfortable environment in which to study - can help. Many children are now living in PRS homes, and we want to ensure that the housing they live in is helping them to thrive and do well at school.
- Economic success of the City: The Council and its partners are ambitious for Nottingham to be a growing city economically, providing high quality jobs in thriving industries and businesses. To do this it needs a good quality housing stock which can attract and accommodate workers, particularly younger, aspirational people at the beginning of their "housing career" who are not ready to buy. A higher standard PRS with a better reputation for good quality housing will help this ambition, and a selective licensing scheme will help to achieve this.

Evidence to support the proposal

The law sets out a range of conditions to be met before a Council may implement a selective licensing scheme. Whilst Councils do not need to meet every condition, strong evidence must be shown to support the condition(s) which are being relied upon.

In simple terms the law says that a selective licensing scheme or “designation” may be made if the area to which it relates satisfies one or more of the following conditions. The area is one experiencing:

- Low housing demand (or is likely to become such an area) ;
- A significant and persistent problem caused by anti-social behaviour;
- Poor property conditions ;
- High levels of migration;
- High level of deprivation;
- High levels of crime

In considering whether to designate an area for selective licensing on the grounds of property conditions, migration, deprivation and crime the local housing authority may only make a designation if the area also has a high proportion of property in the private rented sector. It is for each Council to determine what constitutes “a high proportion of properties in the PRS”. Nottingham City Council selected all areas in Nottingham with a PRS level higher than the national average of 19% as a starting point and adjusted this to remove multi person households (which would not be covered by selective licensing) to arrive at a figure of 16.3%.

The Council considers that there are grounds for a selective licensing scheme based on the antisocial behaviour, poor property conditions, deprivation and crime conditions.

The evidence collected by the Council using a number of sources such as complaints records, Police data, the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)¹ and a comprehensive stock condition survey carried out by the Building Research Establishment can be summarised thus:

- In line with national trends, rates of Crime and ASB have been reducing in the City. However, overall, both Crime and ASB can still be seen as significant problems in Nottingham.
- Research shows that crime and ASB rate is significantly higher in areas with a high proportion of private rented households (both including and excluding HMOs), and the rate in these areas was above the overall rate for the City.

ASB

- Nottingham has higher rates of incidents of ASB compared to the national average.

¹ The Indices of Multiple Deprivation is a set of data collected at national level showing the relative levels of deprivation in all local authority areas in England

- The rate of ASB calls (especially noise related) and rates of crime is higher in areas with a high proportion of PRS.
- Combining the Police data on ASB with the Council's own data shows there is a positive correlation between the rates of all ASB and noise related ASB and areas with a high proportion of PRS.
- The PRS accounts for a 10% variance in the rate of noise related ASB calls.
- For every 2 reports of ASB received by the Council in areas with a low proportion of PRS, 3 are received in areas with a high proportion of PRS.
- When compared to the owner occupied sector the rate increases to for every 3 reports in areas with a low proportion of PRS, 5 are received in areas where there is a high proportion of PRS

Poor property conditions

- Areas with a high proportion of PRS are more than twice as likely to experience issues of disrepair and one and a half times more likely to experience excess cold
- PRS properties are more likely to experience these issues as a result of tenure type and not tenure concentration
- Two thirds of complaints to the Council are attributable to the PRS that are not HMOs
- For every 3 reports made to the Council for areas with a high proportion of PRS, there would be 2 made in areas with a low proportion.

Deprivation

- Nottingham has high levels of deprivation. Out of the 182 City's lower super output areas (LSOAs), 61 are in the 10% most deprived in the country, and 110 are in the 20% most deprived. Overall, Nottingham is the 8th most deprived district in the country.
- Deprivation is measured by 7 distinct elements that make up the index of multiple Deprivation (IMD)
- Areas with a high proportion of PRS have higher levels of Crime, Barriers to Housing, and Living Environment and have lower levels of Income, Employment and Education than areas with a lower proportion of PRS in an areas
- Areas with a high proportion of PRS have lower than average performance in at least one of the indices, and 87 of the 88 areas are in the lower half of the City's ranking in one or more of the types of deprivation.

Crime

- Areas with a high proportion of PRS have higher incidences of all types of crime compared to the City overall and to areas with a lower proportion of PRS.
- Police data on crime shows that areas with a high proportion of PRS are almost twice as likely to experience crime as the rest of the city.
- 45% of areas where there is a high proportion are almost twice as likely to experience a crime rate in excess of the City average, with five areas also exceeding the national average.
- For every additional unit of PRS property the rate of crime is expected to increase by more than one and half times. A 15% difference in the crime rate

can be attributed to the proportion of PRS of in an area. The biggest variation of which is for violent crime.

- Crime is also one of the elements that is a measure of Deprivation. Areas with a higher proportion of PRS have a worse overall performance for crime as an indication of deprivation, than those with a low proportion, with 58% being in the lower half of the City's rank.

The issues that exist in the PRS are often compounded, with areas with a high proportion of PRS often suffering from more than one problem. Overall the analysis undertaken shows there is a positive correlation between the proportion of PRS in an area and rates of both ASB and crime and levels of deprivation, with the majority of areas suffering from issues associated with all three of these criteria.

Qualitative Evidence gathered in the neighbourhoods to support the proposal

The experiences of a number of stakeholders working in the City's neighbourhoods were sought. This included Police officers, Neighbourhood Development Officers, Nottingham City Homes Patch Managers, and Community Protection Officers. This was done by engaging with the Neighbourhood Management Team (NATS) and attending their monthly meetings. In addition, an online survey was circulated to NAT attendees and their partners working in the area.

The responses to the survey echoed the discussion at the NAT meetings, where the primary issue raised by attendees was poor property conditions. Landlords' not undertaking repairs is seen as a key issue and is felt to be having a significant impact on communities. Poor housing conditions are considered to have a disproportionate effect on those who are already vulnerable and whose accommodation in poorly maintained private rented sector properties reflects existing issues of deprivation and poverty. I.e. the low rents that can be afforded entail low property standards. Properties in the private rented sector that are in a poor state of repair or empty for a long period of time contributed to the area looking unkempt and were felt to exacerbate existing levels of ASB and Crime, something that is often compounded by increased incidences of fly tipping, untidy gardens and rubbish dumping in neighbourhoods.

Significant problems with ASB associated with private rented sector property were reported both in the on line survey and in the discussions at the NAT meetings. Whilst the biggest issue reported in the online survey was noise and rowdy behaviour affecting people living in or visiting the vicinity, the single biggest issue brought up at the NAT meetings was rubbish and waste, such as problems with fly tipping, the accumulation of rubbish around properties or in shared alleyways between properties and overflowing bins being left on the street.

The City Council offers a free bulky waste service to help combat these problems, but this simple and free solution is not being utilised due to tenants leaving the responsibility to landlords and/or landlords not taking responsibility for their properties. This issue was most significant when properties came vacant and it was felt that this was quite a difficult issue to resolve on account of the tenant having left and the landlord being difficult to trace and contact. Neighbourhood Development Officers reported significant problems with trying to establish who was responsible for a property and getting landlords to take action.

71% of respondents to the on line survey said it was difficult to identify if properties are privately rented or owner occupied and NATs found issues associated with the PRS particularly difficult to solve compared to other tenures. This discussion further highlighted the difficulty officer had in establishing responsibility for private rented sector properties and all survey respondents said they used their local community contacts to try and establish tenure and ownership.

Another barrier to resolving issues in the private rented sector that was identified was having to deal with both landlords and tenants - who often held the other responsible. Tenants often lacked information or were not sufficiently empowered to take action themselves, whereas landlords were often reluctant to take ownership of what they see as their tenants' problem. There was also felt to be a general lack of cooperation from some landlords. Officers also cited language barriers or fear of intimidation/retaliation as causing problems when speaking to tenants.

Discussions also highlighted that officers are seeing an increasing number of vulnerable people being housed in the private rented sector, who are not being supported in the ways they would be in social housing. This in turn, is increasing the amount of ASB and therefore the requirement for Police and Community Protection to address it. Housing Patch Managers are also called upon to deal with ASB when tenants in the private rented tenants are causing problems for NCH tenants.

A number of wards highlighted the changing nature of communities and the transitions in tenure from social rented and owner occupied to private rented, transitions that are putting pressures on services. A predominantly owner occupied ward had pockets of private rented with problems of deprivation that is largely hidden from the rest of the community. Another ward that was once predominantly social housing but became owner occupied through right to buy is seeing an increase in PRS due to the improvement of transport links.

Overall, the Council believes it has the evidence to support a scheme of selective licensing on a citywide basis. Whilst a few parts of the City do not meet the statutory criteria the vast majority of the Council's area does and to omit these areas from the proposal would create boundaries for the scheme which would be difficult to understand and undermine the completeness and objectives of the scheme. The Council may also legitimately take into account the likelihood of displacement, which is a poor landlord moving from one area which is covered by licensing to an area that is not. On this basis it is felt that a City wide scheme is justifiable.

Why making a selective licensing designation will significantly assist the Council to achieve its objectives

Crime and antisocial behaviour

The evidence shows that there is a strong correlation between levels of crime and ASB and private rented properties. Selective licensing (through the conditions to be attached to a licence) will make it a requirement for landlords to manage their properties more effectively, particularly by ensuring that tenancy conditions are clear and set out in proper tenancy agreements. Conditions will require landlords to deal with breaches effectively, giving greater assurance to local communities that private rented homes in neighbourhoods are being properly managed. In letting out properties landlords must take responsibility for the potential impact on neighbouring

properties. Licensing will bring a far greater onus on landlords to ensure this. From this shift towards greater landlord responsibility for the conduct of their tenants it is hoped to see a significant reduction in antisocial behaviour. Where landlords do not adhere to their conditions the Council will use a proportionate approach to enforcement to seek to ensure compliance as detailed in its enforcement and compliance guide

It is known from the Council's DCLG-funded rogue landlord initiative that the private rented sector can be a base for criminal activity, and the data the Council has analysed shows a correlation between crime and the PRS. The requirement for a landlord to be a fit and proper person will ensure that those with criminal background are precluded from letting out properties to rent. As with antisocial behaviour, there will also be an expectation that through more effective enforcement of tenancy conditions, criminal activity involving PRS tenants will reduce. Therefore through licensing the Council expects to see a reduction in the level of crime associated with private rented properties.

Poor Property Conditions

The Council's evidence, obtained through a robust stock condition survey suggests a higher level of disrepair and incidence of HHSRS category one hazards than in both the owner occupied and social rented sectors. The licence conditions which will apply to the scheme will require landlords to be proactive in ensuring that their properties are well maintained. There are powers under the Housing Act 2004 to enforce compliance and tackle poor property conditions, but these rely on reporting, something which tenants are often reluctant to do for fear of retaliatory action by landlords. Licensing gives a clear statement of what is expected, both for landlords and tenants. Through the increased proactivity required by licensing and compliance with licence conditions, the Council hopes to see a significant improvement in property conditions in the PRS, one which matches its ambition for high quality homes for everyone in Nottingham, irrespective of tenure.

As part of the proposal a review of the Council's existing licensing schemes was undertaken. This illustrates the effect licensing can have in improving property conditions and demonstrates the track record that the Council has in using licencing schemes as an effective tool to improve property conditions.

The review of both schemes highlights that less than half of landlords (44% mandatory and 45% additional licensing scheme) are not compliant with standards on the first compliance inspections. We know that when the Council inspects properties compliance levels increase and therefore property conditions are improved. This is evidenced through the relatively low level of enforcement actions taken by the Council. The review also highlighted that of the licences issued under additional licensing, 72% required additional conditions or had restrictions placed on the licence. This demonstrates how licensing allows the Council to impose additional conditions to address specific problems that are identified with properties.

Deprivation

In large parts of the proposed designation, the Council is relying on the City's high levels of deprivation as a condition for introducing a selective licensing scheme. Nottingham scores particularly poorly on income, health, crime, and living

environment. Areas where there is the greatest deprivation are also areas where some of the greatest health inequalities exist within the City. Selective licensing alone will not improve the City's performance in terms of deprivation, but it can play a part. Poorly maintained and ineffectively managed homes will inevitably have a negative impact on the range of indicators used to measure deprivation.

Selective licensing, also helps to tackle homelessness by providing a two pronged approach that both addresses the issues that lead to homelessness and by providing an increased supply of higher quality accommodation for those displaced by it. Raising standards of management and property conditions helps to increase the supply of homes which meet the standards required to allow the fulfilment of homelessness duties via the PRS. At the same time selective licensing will tackle and help to reduce instances of poor management that may lead to households losing their homes and presenting for homelessness assistance. Having a good quality, stable home also helps other vulnerable tenants such as jobseekers. If housing conditions are improved and the overall quality of housing rises, it will contribute to the Council's overall ambition to reduce deprivation and ensure that all of its citizens can enjoy the City's prosperity. The Scheme will also provide an opportunity to assist other vulnerable tenants through safeguarding, prevention of exploitation and signposting tenants to services that will support improved health, for example assistance such as smoking cessation or prevention of fuel poverty.

Introducing licensing with it's relevant conditions and inspection regime, signposting for wider benefit and proposals for joint working and opportunistic approach for supportive funding for improvement such as energy initiatives will assist with matters such as reducing fuel poverty, increased health and wellbeing, less sickness absence from work and school all of which will support increased household income and health.

The Council can also clearly demonstrate the effect its existing schemes have had on improving property conditions, where it is easier to effect shorter term improvements, in the HMO sector. The outcomes of this are evidenced through the decrease in complaints relating to housing conditions. The Council believes that these improvements in property conditions will directly lead in the longer term to a reduction in deprivation being experienced not only in the properties that are licensed but in the wider community. The Council is able to evidence through the improvements to property in the social rented sector that improvements in property conditions lead to improvement in health. The Council believes that further licensing via the proposed scheme will also enable the Council to improve conditions in the wider PRS where they are clearly needed.

The proposed scheme of selective licensing fits entirely with the Council's vision that every neighbourhood is safe, clean and a great place to live. Existing initiatives and the exercise of available powers have not brought about the improvement in the City's PRS which is needed: there is no practical and beneficial alternative to the proposed scheme

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Equality Impact Assessment Form (Page 1 of 7)

Title of EIA: Proposed Designation for Selective Licensing of the Private Rented Sector

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Brief description of proposal being assessed:

Selective licensing is a regulatory tool provided by the Housing Act 2004. Part 3 of the Housing Act 2004 sets out the scheme for licensing private rented properties in a local housing authority area. Under section 80 of the Act a local housing authority can designate the whole or any part or parts of its area as subject to selective licensing. Where a selective licensing designation is made it applies to privately rented property in the area.

The Council is proposing to implement a selective licensing scheme in a designated area – see map Enc 2

Under the proposed designation, all privately rented houses will require a licence; and applications will need to be made to the Council by landlords.

One of the key benefits which licensing is perceived to bring is an improvement in housing standards in a sector of the housing market in which a large number of vulnerable citizens are housed.

A further EIA will be carried out on the final scheme proposal should it progress through the various approval stages.

As part of the consultation process a Communities of Interest event will be held in order to engage with the harder to reach communities and those identified as part of this EIA who may potentially be impacted by these proposals.

During the course of consultation on the proposal (which will take place if the proposal is approved by Councillors) it is possible that other issues will be raised in relation to equality, and these will be carefully considered in the EIA of the final proposal.

Information used to analyse the effects on equality:

The Project Team held an informal focus group discussion in August 2016 and invited representatives from different communities in Nottingham to discuss experiences of living in and renting out properties in Nottingham. The aim of the session was to find out what issues are faced by different equality groups, explore what impact a licensing scheme may have on the city's different communities and equality groups, and explore options for future consultation and engagement. In addition data from the 2011 census was used to map areas with a high proportion of PRS and areas with a high concentration of bad health, age group, BME and minority ethnic population and disability and a high proportion of PRS. Learning from the existing licensing schemes has also been used.

	Could particularly benefit X	May adversely impact X (although may be only short term)	How different groups could be affected (Summary of impacts)	Details of actions to reduce negative or increase positive impact (or why action isn't possible)
People from different ethnic groups.	X	X	<p>A Focus Group was held with representatives from different communities who identified potential impacts on different sections of the community. It was acknowledged that Selective Licensing could, along with a wider set of measures, address issues associated with the Private Rented Sector (PRS) such as antisocial behaviour (ASB), poor property conditions, high levels of deprivation and crime. These may have a disproportionate effect on different types of communities. Participants agreed that there should be some form of control over landlords and that they should be accountable for the conditions in their properties</p> <p><u>People from different ethnic groups</u> The population of those living in the City's PRS comprises people from a range of different BME communities. Mapping shows that there are high concentrations of BME citizens in areas of the city where there is a high concentration of PRS properties; furthermore areas with an above</p>	<p>Positive impact can be continually improved by on-going enforcement action against non-compliant landlords.</p> <p>It is hoped that the scheme will help to tackle ASB issues in the PRS</p> <p>It is felt that overall the benefits of selective licensing outweigh the potential disadvantages; it is believed will have a positive impact on disadvantaged groups who are over-represented in many of the communities where it will be implemented</p> <p>There is no data set which links property ownership to ethnic origin, so it is not possible to quantify this impact. It is however acknowledged that there is a high level of ownership amongst the Asian community, and therefore the Council must have regard to this</p>
Men	X	X		
Women	X	X		
Trans	X	X		
Disabled people or carers.	X	X		
Pregnancy/ Maternity	X	X		
People of different faiths/ beliefs and those with none.	X	X		
Lesbian, gay or bisexual people.	X	X		
Older	X	X		
Younger	X	X		
Other (e.g. marriage/ civil partnership, looked after children, cohesion/ good relations, vulnerable children/ adults).				
<i>Please underline the group(s) /issue more adversely affected or which benefits.</i>	X	X		

average PRS also have an above average % of the population that are from a BME background
Overcrowding is likely to be an issue in some areas and illegal conversions of properties particularly affect new and emerging communities.

Potential benefit: Improved quality and safety of accommodation for BME tenants in the rental market due to the compliance with licensing conditions. Life chances/opportunities are affected by housing. As accommodation improves outcomes should improve. May also improve health and wellbeing as homes are improved.

Potential adverse impact:

(a) Landlords

Background: Property investment by the Asian community is the foundation of their financial interests. Property portfolios seen as 'pension schemes' and a means to support families (within the UK and back in Pakistan and India), communities and faith institutions. Life savings are often invested in property. Great concern that the proposals will seriously damage property portfolios having a 'knock-on' effect of reducing 'yields' and lowering income that can be used to support families, the community etc. Representatives of this community perceive that landlords in their community have already been disproportionately affected by the additional licensing scheme and another scheme may

potential adverse impact. Licence applications will provide an opportunity to capture ethnic monitoring data and provide better data on ownership of PRS. This was introduced as part of the Additional Licensing scheme. Out of 1379 Licence Holders, 105 declared their ethnicity. Of these 105 40% are White British/Irish, 47% Asian and 13% Black/Other. Of the Asian landlords to declare their ethnicity the majority, 62% are Asian Pakistani, and make up 35% of landlords where ethnicity is known.

It is also acknowledged that this is a highly complex issue which will require a lot of support and explanation to certain sections of the community so that they fully understand what is expected of them and are able to comply with the requirements. Such a role should be carried out by the Housing Strategy and Environmental Health teams.

Overall, the additional costs to landlords over five years is considered to be small, although it is acknowledged that those with larger portfolios needing to pay multiple licence fees will have a large upfront outlay.

It is intended that accredited landlords will receive a discount on the fee.

have a big impact on their portfolios

(b)Tenants

The effect of large cohorts of renters in a community was discussed.

Different areas of Nottingham have different amenities that attract people from different ethnic groups. This leads to a concentration of particular ethnic groups in an area. This can put pressure on services in that area as the community is less diverse. It can also mean tension between different communities.

Overcrowding in the PRS was discussed. People from new and emerging communities may be particularly affected by overcrowding or illegal/substandard conversions

Issues of subletting were identified as a key issue that needs to be addressed. This is a particular problem amongst new and emerging communities.

Concern that landlords will inevitably increase rents to cover licensing costs and costs of works to comply with licensing conditions. One of the unintended consequences of a scheme may be to push tenants further into food and fuel poverty. People from BME communities may be more likely to earn less than non BME communities.

Poor standards of accommodation are often at the lower end of the market and landlords may have to do more to their properties at this end to meet the standards required.

There is a risk that Selective licensing will result in rent increases, but this impact would not be fully understood until the scheme had been implemented. Consideration has been given to the potential impact of the cost of licensing being passed on to tenants through higher rents. It is felt that over the five year term of the scheme the proposed licence fee will not constitute more than a few pounds per week. The evidence from the Council's additional licensing scheme suggests that although rents in student HMOs (which make up a significant proportion of the city's HMOs) increased after the introduction of additional licensing, this was part of an upward trend in student rents that was also experienced by other cities with large student populations. It is therefore a risk that the Council should be aware of, but one which is based on speculation.

The Council does not believe that standards of accommodation should be compromised in the interests of greater affordability. These are standards that the Council believes landlords should already be meeting. Outcomes of the scheme that are designed to tackle excess cold will result in lower heating bills and reductions to fuel poverty releasing income to tenants

The scheme may cause landlords to withdraw properties from the sector and lead to less homes being available for renters.

Disabled people or carers

Mapping shows no apparent overlap between areas of high PRS and population experiencing disability. This may be due to the small cohort. Focus group identified that tenants with disabilities often face particular problems when renting properties. They may have problems with security of tenure. Landlords are reluctant to facilitate property adaptations and getting these agreed with landlords was highlighted as a particular difficulty. Tenants with health issues are also much more likely to be affected by problems with damp and housing disrepair issues. They may face problems with getting repairs done quickly. Disabled tenants are much more impacted by the cold and issues such as no heating or hot water affect them more. Disabled tenants have also highlighted problems renting properties when they have assistance dogs, as these are seen as pets and they are not pets.

Potential benefit: An improvement in property standards which it is believed licensing will bring will have a positive impact on the lives of such people

Potential adverse impact: Tenants in this equality strand could be affected by rent rises and other

adjustments to the PRS market that might result from licensing changes.

People from different faith groups

Potential adverse impact: Issues already stated regarding Asian landlords could apply to this equality strand. It should be noted that the Muslim community cannot receive, for religious reason, 'interest' from investments and therefore property is a preferred investment, hence this makes this community sensitive to any matters that could affect property prices or yields.

Lesbian, gay or bisexual people; and

Men, women (including maternity/pregnancy impact), transgender people

Although the proposals are not believed to specifically have an adverse impact on these groups, the risk already mentioned of rent increases could have an impact on all sections of the community.

Older or younger people

Although the proposals are not believed to specifically have an adverse impact on these groups, the risk already mentioned of rent increases could have an impact on all sections of the community.

Outcome(s) of equality impact assessment:

- No major change needed X
- Adjust the policy/proposal
- Adverse impact but continue

•Stop and remove the policy/proposal

Arrangements for future monitoring of equality impact of this proposal / policy / service:

If the proposal proceeds to a final decision by the Council to implement, a further review of this EIA will take place. It may be possible to use referral data to agencies such as Housing Aid, Notts Housing Advice etc to see what specific impacts the scheme is having if it is implemented.

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Before you send your EIA to the Equality and Community Relations Team for scrutiny, have you:

1. Read the guidance and good practice EIA's
<http://www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/article/25573/Equality-Impact-Assessment>
2. Clearly summarised your proposal/ policy/ service to be assessed.
3. Hyperlinked to the appropriate documents.
4. Written in clear user friendly language, free from all jargon (spelling out acronyms).
5. Included appropriate data.
6. Consulted the relevant groups or citizens or stated clearly when this is going to happen.
7. Clearly cross referenced your impacts with SMART actions.

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Bestwood & Basford Area 2 Committee
29 March 2017

Title of paper:	Nottingham City Homes Update	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Nick Murphy, Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes	Wards affected: Bestwood & Basford
Report author(s) and contact details:	Leanne Hoban, Decent Neighbourhoods Manager, Nottingham City Homes Leanne.hoban@nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City		<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down		<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		<input type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities		<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
<p>The report provides updates on key issues and themes which link back to local priorities and the strategic themes for Nottingham City Homes.</p> <p>The reports provide summary updates on the following key themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capital Programme and major work; • Area regeneration and environmental issues; • key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress; • Tenant and Residents Associations updates; • Area performance; • Good news stories and positive publicity. 		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note and comment on the update and performance information.	
2	To note the allocation of funds for 2016/17, detailed in Appendix 1.	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 1.1 The Nottingham City Homes Update provides a descriptive and statistical picture of what is happening at an area level and invite community representatives to comment, debate, challenge and identify how they can add value to improve their neighbourhoods.
- 1.2 The update also monitors progress in the wards and acts as a catalyst for debate about the key performance issues impacting upon the ward on a quarterly basis.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 Nottingham City Homes previously reported on performance at local Area Panels, Panels that sit below the respective Area Committees. These panels were attended by local residents, local Councillors and partner agencies.
- 2.2 Nottingham City Homes has a goal to 'create homes and places where people want to live' and to give tenants and leaseholders an input in shaping what happens in their area. The Nottingham City Homes Update and Performance Report is one of a number of initiatives that increases the transparency and accountability of the Company's performance.
- 2.3 Following the decision for the Nottingham City Homes reps to attend Area Committee, it was decided to provide the Nottingham City Homes Update Report to Area Committee. Appendices 1 and 2 provide the latest performance position for the committee to note and comment on.

Appendix 1 outlines the remaining capital budget for this area for noting.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

None

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

Budgets are allocated on a yearly basis for each ward and there is an obligation on Nottingham City Homes to ensure that funds are allocated to projects within these budget requirements

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

None

6 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)

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

APPENDIX 3: SCHEMES SEEKING APPROVAL 2016/17

APPENDIX 3

Area	Ward	Actual Budget (including carry over from 2015/16)	Schemes Approved	Schemes Committed	Schemes De Committed	Remaining Budget
2	Bestwood	£137,951.22	£81,709.59	£81,709.59	£0	£56,241.63
2	Basford	£95,055.70	£0	£0	£0	£95,055.70

Address	Request	Reason	Nottingham City Homes Officer	Cost	Approval
No Requests					

NCH update report



Time: 4.30pm

Date: Wednesday 29 March 2017

Presented by: Wade Adams

	Item	Executive Summary / Key Points	For information or decision
1 Page 61	Capital Programme & major works	<p>Grander Designs Grander Designs will start on site this month at Kersall Court, Highbury Vale. Planning permission has been sought for a mobility scooter store at the end of the building. The scheme will have a total refurbishment including re-landscaping some external areas, more prominent signage, a new canopy at the front, improved kerb appeal and interior redecoration and improvements. Crossfield Court is also undergoing grander design work on a smaller scale. Both sites are due for completion by the end of this financial year, works are being undertaken by Keepmoat.</p> <p>New Build Amber Hill, Bestwood – NCH are building eight homes which are expected to be completed during 2017.</p> <p>Padstow and Ridgeway in Bestwood are at master planning stage, The Eastglade site is in the phase two stage of the business plan, 44 units are to be built as zero carbon properties using innovative build techniques. The units will be owned by NCH.</p>	Information

2	Area Regeneration and Environmental Issues	<p><u>Bestwood</u> We are due back on site in February to complete phase 2 of the major fencing project. We will be looking for further approval of environmental funding at a later area committee to complete the rest of Leybourne Drive.</p> <p><u>Basford</u> We are still waiting for NCC to confirm plans for the Toton Close Project as funding was agreed at Area Committee in June 2015 and is on hold until designs agreed and consultation undertaken with residents.</p>	Information
3	Key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress	<p>TPAS Accreditation Nottingham City Homes has successfully achieved Landlord reaccreditation from the Tenant Participation Advisory Service (TPAS) in resident Involvement. The award acknowledges that NCH are leaders in best practice nationally when it comes to keeping our customers informed and involved by delivering NCH News to every household four times a year, our growing use of social media, our annual Tenant Fun Day which attracts some 600 people and the Tenant and Leaseholder Awards that showcases the work of individuals and community groups across the city. In addition we were recognised for our tenant representation on the NCH board and through tenants directly helping to improve services through our customer panels, neighbourhood inspections and tenant scrutiny.</p> <p>Tenant and Leaseholder Awards 2017 Nominations have been coming in thick and fast for the next NCH Tenant and Leaseholder Awards 2017. Every year we recognise individuals and groups who go that extra mile for members of their community. There are 11 award categories and 8 of these are open to the wider community to nominate projects. The shortlist has already been decided and we have been busy filming the shortlisted nominees who will also be invited to the Awards night to be held at the Council House on 29th March 2017.</p>	Information

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 63</p>	<p>4 Tenant and Residents Associations updates</p>	<p>Highbury Vale TRA The TRA continue to advocate on issues on behalf of the community of Highbury Vale. The chair of the group has been successfully appointed to the NCH board and this leaves a very visible hole to be filled by new local people. The group are currently looking at potentially amalgamating with another local group due to the lack of numbers. Anyone interested in getting more involved in the group should contact the Tenant and Leaseholder Involvement Team on 0115 746 9100</p> <p>Stockhill and Ladbrooke Tenants and Residents (SALTAR) The group continue to hold their monthly meetings to advocate for improvements in the park and surrounding neighbourhoods at the Pavilion in Stockhill Park.</p> <p>Rosegay TRA The group continue to work on issues that are of interest and concern to local residents and are providing football sessions for local children. The group will be holding their Annual General Meeting in April, Cllr invites will be sent out separate.</p>	<p>Information</p>
	<p>5 Area Performance Figures</p>	<p>See below</p>	<p>Information</p>
	<p>6 Good news stories & positive publicity</p>	<p>Two evictions for drug grows on Belconnen Road and Milverton Road in January and February which were publicised on Twitter, Facebook and Notts TV. This sends out the message that Nottingham City Homes takes a zero tolerance to drugs and will always go for the strongest possible sanction.</p> <p>Bestwood Housing Patch Manager Nicola Lee helped two of her residents save nearly £700.00 a year on their energy bills while conducting a Regular Tenancy Visits The Housing Patch Manager told the residents about the savings which could be made by switching their energy supply to Robin Hood Energy, made a referral on their behalf and Nottingham City Homes'</p>	<p>Information</p>

Fuel Poverty Officer (Doreen Whitaker) got in contact with both residents and helped them make the switch over the phone in a few minutes.

Swim or Fit for a £1

For £1 all NCH tenants and leaseholders can use the gym or attend fitness classes at any of the Nottingham City Council fitness centres. This offer is currently running alongside the very successful swim for a £1 running at any Nottingham City Council swimming pools. Please note that this scheme finishes on 31st March 2017.

For more information or to sign up contact the Involvement Team on 0115 746 910 or visit www.fitinthecommunity.com

Tenant Academy








All tenant Academy courses are free to NCH tenants and groups. A range of courses are available for tenants and leaseholders to access from Lunch and learn money matters, IT and construction skills to starting your own business.

For a full list of courses in the Tenant Academy Prospectus and booking details contact the Involvement Team on 0115 746 9100 or visit the website: <http://www.nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk/get-involved/tenant-academy/>









Area report - Bestwood & Basford

Generated on: 19 January 2017





AC2-1 Anti-social behaviour

Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
% of ASB cases resolved – Bestwood <i>Note: This PI measures the proportion of ASB cases NCH has successfully resolved. Data for this PI is not available by ward and is reported by Housing Office.</i>	99%	100%			99.56%	100%	100% target met for the month of November by HPMs managing cases on ReACT and working with complainants and alleged perpetrators to resolve ASB issues.
% of ASB cases resolved by first intervention – Bestwood <i>Note: This PI monitors how many ASB cases NCH resolved on the first intervention e.g. written warning. Data for this indicator is not available by ward and is reported by Housing Office.</i>	85%	95.78%			92.07%	88.24%	In November , two cases were not resolved by first intervention; first case had more than one warning letter for noise as first letter was sent and the situation improved then the noise started again. The second case had more than warning letter for noise as the situation improved while the residents took part in mediation then there was another incident.
Number of new ASB cases – Bestwood <i>Note: Data for this PI is only available by Housing Office.</i>		170			189	188	Year to date there has been a decrease in the number of new ASB cases (49) when compared to 2013/14 (69).
Tenant satisfaction with the ASB service <i>Note: . Overall tenant satisfaction with the ASB service - The average score (out of 10) for each survey question. Data for this indicator is not available by ward..</i>	8.5				7.1	7.51	Tenant satisfaction with the ASB service has improved. We received the highest scores for the support provided, ease of reporting, and willingness to report ASB in the future. CommUNITY mediation service will be launched in the summer to support early intervention and is expected to positively impact on customer satisfaction To further drive performance improvement we will continue to undertake regular case supervision and regular case quality checks.







AC2-2 Repairs

Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
% of repairs completed in target – AC - Bestwood & Basford <i>Note: This PI monitors the proportion of repairs being completed within agreed timescales.</i>	96%	95.73%			96.39%	97.75%	Performance slightly below target due to backlog of Plumbing works in the summer. Backlog has now been cleared and performance has improved.
% of repairs completed in target – Basford Ward <i>Note: This PI monitors the proportion of repairs being completed within agreed timescales.</i>	96%	95.9%			96.26%	97.56%	Performance slightly below target due to backlog of Plumbing works in the summer. Backlog has now been cleared and performance has improved.
% of repairs completed in target – Bestwood Ward <i>Note: This PI monitors the proportion of repairs being completed within agreed timescales.</i>	96%	95.63%			96.46%	97.85%	Performance slightly below target due to backlog of Plumbing works in the summer. Backlog has now been cleared and performance has improved.
Tenant satisfaction with the repairs service <i>Note: Data for this PI is only available citywide</i>	9.1	9.08			9.1	8.9	With performance at 9.08 for the year we continue to look at introducing service improvements through the repairs modernisation and monitor customer satisfaction data to highlight and inform these service improvements. These improvements have been added to an action plan that covers the whole of R&M to improve customers satisfaction with the service. We are also currently piloting new customer service cards.







AC2-3 Rent Collection

Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
<p>% of rent collected</p> <p><i>Note: This PI measures the amount of rent collected (including tenant arrears) as a percentage of rent due for the current year. Data for this indicator is not available by ward and is reported city wide.</i></p> <p><i>Trend shows as improving if value is over 100% as arrears are decreasing.</i></p>	100%	101.22%			100.25%	100.56%	We are above target at 101.22% and showing an improvement on this point last year when we were 100.84%. We had a "Rent First" campaign in January in order to raise awareness amongst customers and staff of the importance of paying rent. This is intended to ensure our performance continues to hit target leading to our year end push
<p>% of tenancies ending due to eviction</p> <p><i>Note: This PI monitors the percentage of tenants being evicted due to rent arrears and is reported citywide.</i></p>	0.45%	0.42%			0.43%	0.56%	We are below target and have carried out less evictions that at this point last year. We have evicted 76 tenants for rent arrears so far this financial year. At the same point last year we had evicted 83. We continue to focus on tenancy sustainment and supporting our tenants who find themselves in financial difficulty







AC2-4a Empty properties - Average relet time

Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
<p>Average void re-let time (calendar days) – AC - Bestwood & Basford</p> <p><i>Note: This PI measures how long it takes NCH to re-let empty properties from the end of the old tenancy to the start of the new tenancy</i></p>	25	26.48			27	30.71	See below
<p>Average void re-let time (calendar days) – Basford Ward</p> <p><i>Note: This PI measures how long it takes NCH to re-let empty properties from the end of the old tenancy to the start of the new tenancy</i></p>	25	36.34			33.19	24.43	The target was not met due to the letting of empty properties within Independent Living schemes where demand at times can be limited
<p>Average void re-let time (calendar days) – Bestwood Ward</p> <p><i>Note: This PI measures how long it takes NCH to re-let empty properties from the end of the old tenancy to the start of the new tenancy</i></p>	25	23.11			24.17	32.89	The target was met during this period







AC2-4b Empty properties - Lettable voids

Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
Number of lettable voids – AC - Bestwood & Basford <i>Note: Lettable voids are empty properties available for re-letting. They will receive repair work and then be re-let to a new tenant.</i>		29			28	46	The number has increased by one
Number of lettable voids – Basford Ward <i>Note: Lettable voids are empty properties available for re-letting. They will receive repair work and then be re-let to a new tenant.</i>		9			9	16	The number remains the same
Number of lettable voids – Bestwood Ward <i>Note: Lettable voids are empty properties available for re-letting. They will receive repair work and then be re-let to a new tenant.</i>		20			19	30	The number has increased by one

AC2-4c Empty properties - Decommissioning

Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
<p>Number of empty properties awaiting decommission – AC - Bestwood & Basford</p> <p>Note: This PI shows the number of empty properties which will not be re-let and includes those being decommissioned and / or demolished.</p>		0			1	1	No properties waiting to be decommissioned
<p>Number of empty properties awaiting decommission – Basford Ward</p> <p>Note: This PI shows the number of empty properties which will not be re-let and includes those being decommissioned and / or demolished.</p>		0			1	1	As above
<p>Number of empty properties awaiting decommission – Bestwood Ward</p> <p>Note: This PI shows the number of empty properties which will not be re-let and includes those being decommissioned and / or demolished.</p>		0			0	0	As above

AC2-5 Tenancy sustainment

Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
Percentage of new tenancies sustained - AC - Bestwood & Basford <i>Note: This PI measures the number of new tenants who are still in their tenancy 12 months later.</i>	96.5%	92.6%			92.92%	95.15%	Currently behind target but HPMs working with Lettings Team to accompany at sign up to make early interventions with new customers to help sustain tenancies.
Percentage of new tenancies sustained - Basford Ward <i>Note: This PI measures the number of new tenants who are still in their tenancy 12 months later.</i>	96.5%	92.73%			93.68%	94.12%	110 tenancies created, 102 tenancies sustained, 8 tenancies lost.
Percentage of new tenancies sustained - Bestwood Ward <i>Note: This PI measures the number of new tenants who are still in their tenancy 12 months later.</i>	96.5%	92.54%			92.62%	95.52%	228 tenancies created, 211 tenancies sustained, 17 tenancies lost.

BASFORD & BESTWOOD AREA 2 COMMITTEE – 29 MARCH 2017

Title of paper:	Basford and Bestwood Wards Report	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Dave Halstead Director of Neighbourhood Services	Wards affected: Basford and Bestwood
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder	Councillor Graham Chapman 12 November 2015	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report focusses on current priorities and issues facing the Basford and Bestwood wards and provides details of forthcoming events and activities. The report replaces the previous Performance report which used operational data supplied by the Crime and Drugs Partnership.		
Recommendation:		
1	That the priorities, current issues and supporting information for the Basford and Bestwood Wards be noted and comments welcomed.	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Each Ward manages a set of priorities and key issues through regular meetings of its Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT). These meetings are led by Neighbourhood Development Officers (NDOs) and supported by core partners including Nottingham City Homes (NCH), Neighbourhood Policing, Community Protection, Children and Early Help, City Services / Waste Management; Fire and Rescue Services and Health.

- 1.2 Ward Councillors are also invited to participate in these meetings.
- 1.3 Ward priorities are identified and informed from a range of sources including Citizens, Councillors, Partners and Officers and current issues will be updated for each area committee.
- 1.4 The list of events and activities will take account of the work which all NDOs undertake with partner organisations within their Ward and shows the depth of activity in place working alongside neighbourhood management to improve social cohesion and tackle priorities at a ward and area level.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The Basford and Bestwood Wards sit within the wider Area 2 Committee which adopted four area based priorities at its first Area Cluster meeting – crime and grime, youth provision, bringing derelict sites into use and the social isolation of older people.
- 2.2 These priorities demonstrate a link to the City Council’s current ambitions contained in the latest City Council Plan 2015 - 19. Actions for each priority will be developed and led by appropriate service teams and partnerships. The Area priorities were reported to the Area 2 Committee on 24th February 2016 and will be updated at twice a year at Area Committee.
- 2.3 The area priorities listed in 2.1 sit within wider pieces of work and broader agendas which are being addressed by multi agency approaches across the City. At a Ward level it is important to identify how some of these more complex priorities can be worked on at local levels – either ward or area by introducing local solutions. This could, for example, include more targeted use of funding such as Ward Councillor budgets to support healthy eating initiatives or the use of Area Capital to develop an outdoor gym facility.
- 2.4 The current Ward priorities which have been reported previously through the area committee performance reports are shown in Appendix 1 (Bestwood) and 2 (Basford). These priorities will be updated for each area committee, taking into account discussions at NAT meetings and various groups and activities involving local residents.
- 2.5 Appendices 1(Bestwood) and 2 (Basford) sets out the current key issues.
- 2.6 Appendices 1(Bestwood) and 2 (Basford) highlights the forthcoming opportunities for citizens to engage in events and activities in their neighbourhoods.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 None.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

5.1 None.

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

6.1 None.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An EIA is not required as this is not a new or changing policy, service or function. Appendix 1 & 2 highlights the forthcoming opportunities for citizens to engage in events and activities in their neighbourhoods

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

8.1 None.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 None.

APPENDIX 1

Bestwood Ward Priorities

Safer Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To reduce all crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of January all crime down 12 offences (1%) year to date. No patterns 	Police
<p>To reduce anti-social behaviour in the neighbourhood priority area, focusing upon hotspots, diversionary activities and nuisance neighbours</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 76</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of January ASB down 167 incidents (20%) year to date. Promoting new PSPO Legislation <p>From the 26th September 2016 CPO's were given the power to issue FPN's under the new PSPO Legislation. They still continued to educate members of the public before issuing with an FPN in the first instance. CPO's within the Bestwood Ward are now issuing tickets under the PSPO Legislation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Protection Warning Letters <p>For gardens/noise, 5 CPWL's issued in November, 6 CPWL's issued in December and 4 CPWL's issued in January.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Protection Notice <p>One issued in January for noise nuisance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dog Ops - November 41 ops, December 26 ops and January 59 ops Fixed Penalty Notices <p>November – 17 for littering and 3 for dog fouling, December – 3 for littering and 2 for dog fouling and January – 7 for littering and 3 for</p>	Police, Community Protection, NCH, Early Help & Area Lead.

	<p>dog fouling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached youth sessions undertaken by Community Based Fitness every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Youth ASB been very quiet. 	
To take action against deliberate fire setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low number of deliberate fires (Oct – 4, Nov – 0, Dec – 0, Jan - 2) – no patterns. YTD as of January 50% down. 	Fire Service
To address domestic violence through prevention and support services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner referral to Freedom Programme – for victims of domestic violence. Sep to Dec 12 participants completed. New programme started in January 17. • White Ribbon Campaign (Nov) – pledges made by young people at Ridge. 	Police and Early Help

Neighbourhood Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods by tackling hot spot areas and developing derelict land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertaking monthly Cllr ward walks. • Deep cleans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10/11 Drying area cleared and moss removed Jacklin Gardens • 15/11 Resident's Garage on Elswick Close cleared (previously requested on a ward walk) • 29/11 Litter, moss and leaf clearance footpath and steps Thompson Gardens/ Churchfield Plantation • 7/12 - drying area Pagham Court rubbish and moss removal • 9/12 - footpath Belconnen Road bordering City Hospital, also top of banks • 10/1 Footpath Peary Close - moss, leaf and litter removal • 21/2 - footpath clearance and tree branches Henning Gardens / Ranskill Gardens - identified on ward walk • Litter pick with 120 pupils from Southglade Primary School on Sandy Banks Nature Reserve (Jan), and further litter pick with Eco Warriors (Feb). • Works commenced for WREN improvements to Hucknall Walkway. • Works commenced for s.106 improvements to Sunrise Hill 	City Services, Community Protection, NCH and Regeneration

	<p>Nature Reserve.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Re-deployable CCTV – successful deterrent for fly tipping at Sweeny Court. NAT reviewing its next position 	
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Families Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Maintain activities for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth strategy group mapping provision • CBF delivering football sessions at Southglade and three nights a week outreach. • Early Help Early providing three youth sessions a week for 13-19 year olds at the Ridge from September • Early Help providing four play sessions a week for 6-13 year olds at the Ridge • All schools providing after school provision up to 4.30 pm. 	Early Help, Area Lead
Increase awareness of welfare reform and support services	<p>Research into causes of residents accessing food banks and what agencies need to be doing to support this.</p> <p>Training delivered for staff and volunteers on Loan Sharks and Nottingham Credit Union.</p>	Bestwood Financial Resilience Group

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Health Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To reduce childhood obesity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutrition Team worked with SAC to provide new Make, Move and Munch Club – 6 weekly programme – cooking and physical activity starting February. • 1 hour outdoor activity provided in all youth and play sessions • Southglade Leisure Centre - £407k investment – extended gym area with new equipment 	Public Health, City Care Nutrition Team, Southglade Leisure Centre, schools
To support local volunteers, raise aspirations and support community empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bestwood Got Talent – auditions (January), final (March). • New intake of Early Help volunteers – April. 	NAT
To promote mental health services and mental well being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aspire Partnership –‘FREE TO BE ME’- be kind to one another campaign in all schools (November) • Numerous Christmas community events during December – 	Public Health, NAT, Community & Voluntary Sector

	<p>promoting community cohesion, reducing social isolation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership work into feasibility of a new super kitchen – aim to promote social cohesion, reduce social isolation, utilise wasted food and healthy eating. 	
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Working Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
<p>To raise awareness of job opportunities and provide support to get people into employment.</p> <p>Page 79</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Help and NCN providing adult learning programme at SAC. Area Based Grant – to be reported separately to Area Committee Step Into Work Programme for 18-29 year olds – provide 121 support to move into education, work or apprenticeships. Programme is funded until March 2018. Main referrer is JCP <p>Figures up until January 2016 The programme has engaged with 278 people from Area 2 since April 2014. Right Track have worked with 119 of these, Futures have worked with 131 and the other 28 have worked with other community organisations.</p> <p>Outcomes in Area 2 since April 2014 (all partners):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jobs – 49 Apprenticeships – 58 Learning (FTE) – 6 <p>Total into EET = 119 Therefore 43% (119 out of 278) of those engaging on the programme have gone into work / education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Jobs Fair – Friday 3rd March at Bulwell Riverside – 30 employers with live vacancies. 	<p>NCC Economic Development Area Lead Bestwood Partnership</p>

List of key current issues (taken from latest NAT Review)

- Youth Strategy Group looking at provision to identify gaps and steer work of Early Help and Area Based Grant (ABG)
- The Ridge Adventure Playground – internal works due to commence shortly

- Deployment of CCTV camera – planned movement to Belconnen area
- Ongoing targeted dog fouling operations & raising awareness of PSPO
- Parking in front of the Ridge – funds required to restrict access.
- ASB on Southglade Park

Opportunities for citizens to engage - forthcoming dates of events and activities

- 8th February – Cllr Ward Walk – Henning Gardens, Chevin Gardens, Kyle View area
- 8th March – Cllr Ward Walk, Stevenholme Crescent area
- 11th March – Voluntary Groups Forum 10-12 at Bestwood Estate Community Centre
- 16th March – Bestwood's Got Talent Final 6-7.30pm at The Peoples Church
- 12th April – Cllr Ward Walk – location tbc
- 10th May – Cllr Ward Walk – location tbc
- 7th June – Cllr Ward Walk – location tbc

APPENDIX 2

Basford Ward Priorities

Safer Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Promote Nottingham Alert and Twitter	Over 600 followers	Police
Reduce crime and Anti-social behaviour, focusing on hotspots, by increasing patrols and diversionary activities	Meeting with affected party taken place. Plan of action being considered. Additional diversionary activities to start in new year. Detached youth sessions undertaken by CBF where and when ASB reported.	NAT
To take action to reduce deliberate fires	Numbers reduced and no pattern to incidents.	Fire Service

Neighbourhood Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Support Community groups and organisations to hold events	Regular meetings are held to discuss issues and plan events.	Neighbourhood Management
Promote interest in Tenants and Residents groups	Discussions are ongoing regards merger of TRA to strengthen community group in the Highbury Vale area. Officer / Cllr level discussions have taken place and discussions are ongoing with the local community.	Nottingham City Homes
Target litter, dog fouling and fly tipping	Ongoing with regular enforcement action.	NAT
Promote bulky waste appointment service and reduce bin contamination		Waste Management
Promote community litter pick events with TRA's schools, and residents	A number of community litter picks have happened this year. More will be planned from the spring onwards.	NAT
Improve parking around Southwark School by installing additional bollards	Waiting for installation by contractors.	Traffic Management
Improving footways on Hayling Drive and Runton Drive	Odd side are complete. Even sides to be completed by mid-March 2017.	Highways
NTIP	Tree maintenance for Vernon Road – Level crossing to Catchems Corner – planned for end of March 2017.	Parks and Open Spaces

Improving the Visual appearance of the neighbourhoods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Days of Action to focus on the larger alleyways known locally as twitchells. • Litter picks with local groups and schools 	NM
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Families Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Explore weekly youth group on Whitemoor estate	This has proved difficult due to the lack of a suitable site.	Early Help
Working with partners to secure additional funding for young people activities	A number of bids have been submitted with partners but without success.	NM
Additional sessions for young people in the Rosegarth and Heathfield Areas	Football sessions on Southwark School have been extended from spring to winter and new sessions on Heathfield are planned to start from the summer.	Early Help and NM
Summer Programme	A programme of activities and fun days are being planned for summer 2017.	NM

Health Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Increase physical activity including cycling and walking projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are ongoing. • New gym equipment and table tennis table installed on Stockhill Park. 	Health, TravelRigh, Parks
To reduce childhood obesity		Public Health, Schools and Henry Mellish S C

Working Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To raise awareness of job opportunities and provide support to get people into employment.	<p>Facebook and other media are being used to promote job and training opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Area Based Grant – to be reported separately to Area Committee • Step Into Work Programme for 18-29 year olds – provide 121 support to move into education, work or apprenticeships. Programme is funded until March 2018. Main referrer is JCP 	NCC Economic Development, Bestwood Partnership

	<p>Figures up until January 2016</p> <p>The programme has engaged with 278 people from Area 2 since April 2014. Right Track have worked with 119 of these, Futures have worked with 131 and the other 28 have worked with other community organisations.</p> <p>Outcomes in Area 2 since April 2014 (all partners):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jobs – 49 • Apprenticeships – 58 • Learning (FTE) – 6 <p>Total into EET = 119</p> <p>Therefore 43% (119 out of 278) of those engaging on the programme have gone into work / education.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North Jobs Fair – Friday 3rd March at Bulwell Riverside – 30 employers with live vacancies. 	
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List of key current issues (taken from latest NAT Review)

- Continued promotion of neighbourhood alert (over 600) and My Basford Facebook (Approximately 200)
- Review depending on policing resources of 4 weeks 4 streets initiative
- To promote the existing provision for young people on Heathfield and explore additional sessions in the Stockhill and Whitemoor Areas
- Undertaking regular ward walks
- Continue monitoring activities around the Colsons site after recent improvements – working with the Environment Agency to seek improvements on operation or to take enforcement action and Nottingham City Council powers
- Day of Action in through the year planned.
- Launch of We're Watching You Campaign into Basford – spring 2017
- Ongoing targeted dog fouling and fly tipping operations, targeting the Brooklyn Bridge and Vernon Park areas.
- Support establishment of new Employment and Skills Partnership
- Promote family learning opportunities provided by NCH and local colleges
- Continue investment into the Parks in the area – focusing on gym equipment on Stockhill Park and improvements to the gate and pavilion security

- To improve the state of trees in the area
- Improving the environment by encouraging residents to keep front areas clean
- Parking issues around schools – additional bollards planned around Southwark School.
- Explore ways to reduce vandalism to trams along the River Leen path
- Discourage parking on grass verges to improve visual appearance of neighbourhoods – action taken on Bagnall Road and Ladbrooke Crescent.

Opportunities for citizens to engage - forthcoming dates of events and activities

- Monthly meeting with Stockhill and Ladbrooke Tenants and Residents
- Monthly meetings with Highbury Vale Tenants and Residents
- Monthly meetings with Rosegay TRA
- Quarterly meetings with Friends of Vernon Park
- Quarterly Ward Forums
- Day of Action around alleyways – February 2017, May 2017, July 2017 and November 2017
- Ward Walk – Thursday 23rd March (Riber Crescent area), 18th May and 22nd June

BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE – 29 MARCH 2017

Title of paper:	AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2016/17 Programme	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Dave Halstead Director of Neighbourhood Services	Wards affected: Basford and Bestwood
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report provides Councillors with the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund, including highways and footways		
Recommendations:		
1	Note the Area Capital monies available to Bestwood and Basford in 2016/17 as outlined in Appendix 1.	
2	That Area Committee approves the committed Area Capital schemes in Appendix 1.	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Nottingham LTP 2011-2026 maintains a commitment to deliver local transport improvements across Nottingham's Neighbourhoods and prioritises small scale transport improvements of importance to local communities.

- 1.2 As part of the budget process Nottingham City Council approved at the Executive Board meeting on 23 February 2016 an LTP capital allocation of £1.25 million citywide between 2016-17. At the same meeting a citywide allocation of General Fund Element (public realm) of £750,000 was agreed.
- 1.3 To give opportunity for the Area Committee to make comment on suggested schemes and their progress

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The Area Capital Programme was established in 2006 to improve the environment of the neighbourhoods and to create a sense of place for residents in order to improve the quality of life of local people. The improvements that have been carried out to date using this programme, have included: footpaths, fences, visual enhancements to public realm, refurbishment of parks and improvements to public buildings.
- 2.2 Resources are allocated from the Nottingham City Council general fund and the Local Transport Plan (LTP). To achieve a joint approach to environmental improvements in neighbourhoods, a greater degree of flexibility has been established to prioritise and deliver improvements so that there is a synergy in local solutions for local issues across neighbourhoods.
- 2.3 The programme of works is a rolling programme. There have been instances where schemes are started, with strong community involvement and interest, only to be altered at a later stage due to changing circumstances such as economic conditions and changes in land values.
- 2.4 The Area Committee, particularly community representatives, are invited to comment specifically on those schemes identified in the proposals column and also to consider whether certain schemes can be linked to other programmes of work in order to generate best value and create a greater impact on the local area.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None.

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 Bringing together the various strands which form part of the Area Capital Programme enables the City Council to respond efficiently in delivering on public realm improvements as identified by local people.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 A risk register has been produced which is regularly monitored.

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

- 6.1 None.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An EIA is not required as this is not a new or changing policy, service or function.

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

8.1 Highways Framework Agreement.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 Executive Board Report, 23 February 2016, as part of Item 82, Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17-2018/19, under Annex 3, Capital Programme.

Appendix 1

Basford Area Capital 2016 - 2017 Programme

Basford LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Heatherley Drive	footpaths	Approved December 2016	£49,740			Footpath reconstruction on even-numbered side of Heatherley Drive (LTP contribution) - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Runton Drive	footpaths	Approved December 2016	£14,160			Footpath reconstruction on even-numbered side of Runton Drive - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Wilkinson Street	road safety	Approved December 2016	£1,000			Contribution to traffic flow improvement scheme at Wilkinson St/Radford Rd junction - joint with Leen Valley & Berridge wards - lead service: Traffic & Safety

Total LTP schemes*

£64,900

Basford Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Bagnall Road	area improvement	Prioritised 17 March 2017	£1,630			Excavate two tree pits and make good footpath - lead service: Highway Maintenance
River Leen footpath	litter bins	Prioritised 1 March 2017	£1,972			Funding for lockable bollards and dropped vehicle access to playing field - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Vernon Road	tree works	Prioritised 1 March 2017	£7,000			Further contribution to programme of tree works at identified locations across the ward - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces
Fenton Road bus cage	road safety	Prioritised 1 March 2017	£7,250			Implementation of bus stop cages on Fenton Road - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Western Boulevard	area improvement	Approved December 2016	£6,000			Installation of vehicle access on Western Boulevard - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Whitemoor Park	park improvement	Approved December 2016	£730			Removal of shelter on Whitemoor Park - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces
David Lane/Mill Street	road safety	Approved December 2016	£1,600			Installation of "keep clear" markings to improve traffic flow and prevent obstruction - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Cinderhill Island	road safety	Approved December 2016	£2,000			Installation of "keep clear" markings to improve traffic flow and prevent obstruction - lead service:

					Traffic & Safety
Wilton Street	road safety	Approved December 2016	£244		Installation of bollard to prevent vehicles crossing paved areas - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Heatherley Drive	footpaths	Approved December 2016	£12,390		Footpath reconstruction on even-numbered side of Heatherley Drive (PR contribution) - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Basford Library	area improvement	Approved December 2016	£11,000		Further contribution to programme of landscaping works to Basford Library entrance and gardens at highway frontage - lead service: Highway Delivery

Total Public Realm schemes**

£51,816

Basford Withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
<i>No decommitments to date</i>				

Total Decommitted***

£0

2016 - 2017 LTP allocation

£64,900

LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016

£0

2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation

£38,900

Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016

£13,312

Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF

£117,112

*Less LTP schemes

- £64,900

**Less Public Realm schemes

- £51,816

***Decommitted funds

+ £0

Remaining available balance

£396

LTP element remaining

£0

Public Realm element remaining

£396

Bestwood Area Capital 2016 - 2017 Programme

Bestwood LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Bestwood Park Drive West	road safety	Approved December 2016	£714			Installation of pedestrian safety barriers on Bestwood Park Drive West in the vicinity of Townsend Court - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Gainsford Crescent	road safety	Approved December 2016	£4,000			Implementation of six bus stop cages on Gainsford Crescent - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Schools road safety	signage and lining	Approved September 2016	£3,000			Assessment and replacement of signs / lines outside schools in identified locations across the ward - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Arnold Road shops (Sandcroft Crescent)	study/TRO	Approved by DA 8 April 2016	£8,525			Feasibility study into parking issues at Arnold Road shops and TRO/verge order to address these (subject to outcome of study) - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Arnold Road shops (Leen Valley)	TRO	Approved May 2016	£22,000			Construction of layby and implementation of TRO - lead service: Traffic & Safety

Total LTP schemes* £38,239

Bestwood Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Leybourne Drive	area improvement	Prioritised 9 March 2017	£18,361			Further contribution to public realm improvement scheme in partnership with NCH - lead service: NCH
Leybourne Drive	area improvement	Approved September 2016	£28,857			Contribution to public realm improvement scheme in partnership with NCH - lead service: NCH

Total Public Realm schemes** £47,218

Bestwood Withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
<i>Previously decommitted schemes</i>			£7,320	

Total Decommitted*** £7,320

2016 - 2017 LTP allocation	£75,400
LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£0
2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation	£45,200
Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£8,805
Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF	£129,405
* <i>Less LTP schemes</i>	- £38,239
** <i>Less Public Realm schemes</i>	- £47,218
***Decommitted funds	+ £7,320
Remaining available balance	£51,268
LTP element remaining	£44,481
Public Realm element remaining	£6,787

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BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE – 29th MARCH 2017

Title of paper:	Ward Councillor Budget	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Community Services		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report advises this Area Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Neighbourhood Services for those projects funded by Ward Councillor Budgets.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the Area Committee note the actions agreed by the Director of Neighbourhood Services in respect of projects and schemes within the Basford and Bestwood wards, detailed in Appendices A and B.	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Records detailing Ward Councillors spending decisions and consultation are shown in the attached Appendices. In accordance with the Constitution the Area Committee is required to note spending decisions taken by Ward Councillors. This report outlines the spending decisions since the last Area Committee during 2016/17.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 This action follows the arrangements established by the Executive Board to allow for spending approvals through individual Ward Councillor budget allocations.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not to provide the funding outlined in Appendices A and B but the funding requested will provide additional services or benefit to residents of this area.

4 FINANCE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 Ward Councillors have an individual allocation for 2016/17 of £5,000.
- 4.2 The full balance has not been allocated. Further projects will be reported to a subsequent committee.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 These arrangements provide transparency and regulation to the spending of individual Ward Councillor allocation.
- 5.2 The funds allocated by Area Committee are used to address diverse needs from various sections of the community and reduce inequalities.

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

- 6.1 None.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 An EIA is not needed (report does not contain proposals. Individual Councillors make decisions about their allocations and many groups funded seek to reduce inequalities)

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

- 8.1 Delegated authority for each scheme listed in Appendices A & B is held by the Constitutional Services team.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 9.1 None.

APPENDIX A

Basford Ward Budget Allocations 2016/17

Allocated Schemes: Basford Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Basford EIP Book Vouchers	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£5,195
Residential Music Camp	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£240
Literacy Club Volunteers	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£340
Our Ladies Church Hall IT Equipment	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£350
Vernon Park Summer Fun Day 2016	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£3,500
Highbury Vale Summer Fun Day	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£650
Stockhill Park Summer Fun Day	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£750
Rosegay Football Programme 2016	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£900
Highbury Olympics	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£500
Highbury Xmas Playscheme and Party	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£750
Artwork for environemantal schemes	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£675
Stockhill Xmas Event	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£300
Brownies Trip	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£150
Jumping Djembes Drumming project	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£400
New Generation Community Hub	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£1,500
Basford Library Consultation Event	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£150
SALTAR Easter and Summer programme	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£1,250
Brooklyn Park Summer Fun Day	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£650
Vernon Park Summer Fun Day	Arnold, Norris and Woodings	£3,500
Schemes to be de-committed: Basford Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)

Balance brought forward 2015/16	£13,141
Allocation 2016/17	£15,000
Total available allocation	£28,141
Total de-committed	
Total allocated at 28/02/17	£21,750
Total unallocated at 28/02/17	£6,391

APPENDIX B

Bestwood Ward Budget Allocations 2016/17

Allocated Schemes: Bestwood Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Southglade Library Garden	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£375
Bestwood Christmas Event 2016	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£13,500
Bestwood's Got Talent 2017	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1,000
Money Box – schools savings project	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£250
Love You Love Bestwood Community Event - September	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£565
Southglade Park Live 2017	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1500
Nottingham African Women Empowerment Forum - workshop	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£500
Southglade Primary School – Houses of Parliament	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£250
Top Valley Academy Outward Bound Trip	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£600
St Margaret's Clitherow School – Gardening Project	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£100
Aspire Partnership – be kind campaign	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£1,875
Southglade Library Christmas Puppet Show	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£100
Southglade Primary School litter picking equipment	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£620

Schemes to be de-committed: Bestwood Ward	Councillor(s)	Amount
Bestwood Christmas Event 2016	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£2,100
Southglade Primary School litter picking equipment	Grocock, Smith and Wildgust	£191

Balance Brought forward 2015/16	£10,176
Allocation 2016/17	£15,000
Total Available Allocation	£25,176
Total de-committed	£2,291
Total allocated at 28/2/17	£18,944
Total unallocated at 28/2/17	£6,232