



NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 22 February 2017

Time: 5.30 pm

Place: Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG

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

Corporate Director for Strategy and Resources

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MINUTES of the meeting held at Ground Floor Committee Room - Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG on 23 November 2016 from 17.31 - 19.10

Membership

Present

Councillor Anne Peach (Chair)
Councillor Merlita Bryan (Vice Chair)
Councillor Liaqat Ali
Councillor Ilyas Aziz
Councillor Azad Choudhry
Councillor Sarah Piper
Councillor Dave Trimble

Absent

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

John Aghoghogbe	-	Belong, Hyson Green
Peter Beynon	-	Resident, Radford and Park
Dave Brennan	-	Chief Executive, Castle Cavendish
Claire Brown	-	Nottingham Park Residents Association
Nick Burns	-	Community Protection
Alison Challenger	-	Director of Public Health
Jamie Dickinson	-	University of Nottingham Students' Union
Moby Farrands	-	Partnership Council
Abel Hartman	-	University of Nottingham Students' Union
Paul Howard	-	Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes
Gill Isterling	-	Thomas Helwys Baptist Church
Iffat Iqbal	-	Neighbourhood Development Officer
Rosemary Jarrett	-	Pleasant and St. Pauls Residents' Association
Christina Jensen-Bates	-	N.P.E.L. (Park Estates)
Peter Milligan	-	The Lenton Centre
Nick Packham	-	Resident
Philippa Scott	-	Holy Trinity and The Priory Churches
Steve Stott	-	Community Protection
Inspector Andy Townsend	-	Nottinghamshire Police
Zena West	-	Governance Officer
Inspector Robert Wilson	-	Nottinghamshire Police
Linda Wright	-	Neighbourhood Development Officer

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jeanine Broomball
Wayne Hobbs
Maya Fletcher

Melanie Futer
June Perry
Tim Preston

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

26 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.

27 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES REPORT

Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes (NCH), introduced the report providing summary updates on the following key themes:

- 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.

- (a) The lift replacement works at Ash View, Oak View and Elm View continues. Engineers are working to get the remaining lift at Oak View in working order. Replacements of lifts at Willow and Pine View are due to start in the next financial year;
- (b) The Grander designs project is continuing through to April 2017. This will include the installation of a scooter store;
- (c) Sample checks of water systems have taken place in tenant homes across the city. This is to confirm that water stored in tanks and pipes is clean and hygienic;
- (d) Surveys on stock condition and energy performance continue across the city. This information will help plan future works programmes including a programme to maintain decency which continues across the city replacing doors, windows, kitchens and bathrooms where needed;
- (e) In Arboretum Nottingham City Homes is planning further fencing works subject to funding to be secured at the next area committee meeting;
- (f) In Dunkirk and Lenton the Willoughby Fencing Project is due to start in November. There has been a high proportion of private properties signed up to this scheme. It is predicted that the outcome of this project will be very positive. Nottingham City Homes are also completing work to visually improve the green space on Maxwell Close within the Willoughby Street Estate;

- (g) A fencing upgrade project has been successfully delivered in the Norton Street area as part of the Decent Neighbourhood Programme. The area has been significantly improved by this work and the impact on the area already noticeable;
- (h) Nottingham City Homes has achieved Landlord accreditation from the Tenant Participation Advisory Service in resident involvement. NCH is now recognised as leading nationally on keeping tenants involved;
- (i) Tenant and Leaseholder Awards 2017 nominations are now open. These include 8 categories open to the wider community to nominate projects that have gone the extra mile for members of the community. Closing dates for nominations is 6 January 2017;
- (j) Residents from Ash View, Elm View, Pine View , Oak View and Willow View met on 11 October 2016. Various issues were discussed including the better use of Pine View Community meeting room. It was suggested that guest speakers could be invited to discuss different issues. Residents at Woodlands High Rise Blocks have held a further meeting and are considering setting up a tenants and residents association. There is a further meeting on 6 December 2016;
- (k) Nottingham City Homes continues to offer reduced rate fitness for tenants at Nottingham City Council fitness centres eg Swim or Fit for £1 and the Tenant academy continues to offer a range of free courses to tenants and groups.

Following discussion and questions from the committee the additional points were made:

- (l) Residents have complained about traffic problems around Church Street due to the works there;
- (m) large barriers have reduced parking in Lenton Centre. Residents have requested that they be taken down or updated to how long they will be present.

RESOLVED to

(1) note the update and performance information;

(2) note the allocation of funds for 2016/2017:

Ward	Actual Budget for 2016/2017	Schemes Approved	Remaining Budget
Arboretum	£25,619.28	£0	£25,619.28
Dunkirk & Lenton	£48,944.60	£7,252.50	£41,692.10
Radford Park	£51,547.42	£40,000	£11,547.42

(3) approve the Area Capital Funding request detailed below:

Address	Request	Reason	Cost	Approval
Kapwood Close, Argyle Street, Highhurst Street, Holden Street – Radford Park	Purchase and install additional bark to the new build planted areas	Help suppress weeds and improve the appearance of the area	£3,000	Approval

28 THE HOUSING AND PLANNING ACT

Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager, Nottingham City Homes, gave a presentation on the Housing and Planning Act 2016. He highlighted the following points:

- (a) the act became law in 2015 but as yet there are no regulations or guidelines published. There is currently no target date set for these to be written;
- (b) the first main change that comes into force in April 2017 is around fixed term tenancies.
 - a. All new tenants will be given a fixed term tenancy.
 - b. This change will not affect current tenants unless they move, or create a new tenancy ie a married couple with a joint tenancy split up and go on to a sole tenancy – this would switch to a fixed term tenancy;
- (c) Tenancies will be assessed at the end of the fixed term and if nothing has significantly change a further fixed term tenancy will be offered;
- (d) If a new tenancy is not offered there will be a chance for review, and Nottingham City Homes will offer housing advise or assistance for them to find their own accommodation;
- (e) Pay to Stay was the second significant change bought in by the Housing and Planning Act 2016. However this part of the act was voluntary measure encouraging tenants on more than £31,000 per year per household to pay increased or market rate rents. Nottingham City Homes had already stated that they were not planning on introducing this measure;
- (f) Sale of higher value homes is the third change bought about by the Housing and Planning Act 2016. Again there has been no guidance issued;
- (g) Nottingham City Homes will potentially have to sell some of the higher value stock as it becomes vacant with the money then being reinvested in replacing stock lost through Right to Buy;
- (h) It may be that this part of the act is more London centric and it is unclear what it currently means for Nottingham;
- (i) “Higher Value” has not been quantified.

Following discussion and questions from the committee the further points were made:

- (j) Tenants have been made aware of the changes, briefing sheets have been delivered to house and tenants have made their dissatisfaction known. Unfortunately it is not something that Nottingham City Homes can alter;
- (k) Right to Buy is unaffected by the changes;
- (l) Nottingham City Homes is looking at offering longer fixed terms for stable tenants;
- (m) The length of terms is currently undecided. There has been no guidance received and the changes have not yet been introduced by Nottingham City homes. The average for those who have is 5 years;
- (n) Sometimes Nottingham City Homes has to sell properties if there is very little stock in some areas. It is more about harmonising management and is decided by a committee based on lots of considerations;
- (o) Nottingham City Homes has issues with low stock of larger houses for bigger families, those along with bungalows and adapted houses may be considered higher value.

RESOLVED to

- (1) thank Paul Howard for the presentation and discussion;**
- (2) invite Nottingham City Homes to update the committee on the implications for Nottingham of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 when they are clear;**
- (3) invite Nottingham City Homes to update a future meeting on other changes for tenants not implemented by the Housing and Planning act 2016.**

29 APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY REP

The Committee appointed Christina Jensen-Bates as community representative for Nottingham Park Estates Ltd.

RESOLVED to confirm the appointment of Christina Jensen-Bates as Community Representatives from the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park wards to the Area Committee for the 2016/17 municipal year.

30 AREA COMMITTEE - IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF CITIZENS

Alison Challenger, Director of Public Health presented a report on Improving the Health of Citizens. She highlighted the following key points:

- (a) key local health issues identified as part of the Area Cluster Review process include; lack of awareness of drug and alcohol services, health needs of the homeless, health needs of students, and emerging communities;
- (b) contracts are now out to tender for services for the community and the input from previous meeting with this committee and other area groups has helped to steer that process.

Following discussion and questions from the committee these additional points were made:

- (c) ward health profiles have been produced and are available on the Nottingham Insight website <https://nottinghaminsight.org.uk/f/96676/Library/Public-Health/>. There is also a summary document comparing each area committee;
- (d) fuel poverty and excess winter deaths continue to be a concern for the committee;
- (e) child poverty is an issue in Nottingham East, particularly in the Arboretum. Poor nourishment and poor housing is also an issue to be addressed. There is a new housing and health strategic group which aims to establish what will help at a population level as well as what will help individuals;
- (f) services available to help physical issues relating to stress need to be advertised to the community more effectively and services could improve their joined up working;
- (g) air quality is an ongoing issue which requires multi agency work and individual involvement. There is a chapter in the joint strategic needs assessment that shows the link between air quality and respiratory illness and what this means for Nottingham. There are planned traffic changes in the next 18 months around the Broadmarsh development which means that less traffic is anticipated around that route.

RESOLVED to note the approach and work undertaken so far by Public Health team.

31 POLICE UPDATE

Inspector Andy Townsend and Inspector Robert Wilson, Nottinghamshire Police gave a verbal report updating the committee on Community Protection. These key points were highlighted:

- (a) For Arboretum ward the total number of crimes reported to the end of September was 1371, this is an increase of 6 on the previous year. Violent crimes have increased by 8, burglaries reduced by 44, vehicle crime reduced by 22 and anti-social behaviour reduced by 74. There has been an increase in shop theft and public order offences. Nottinghamshire Police are in the process of auditing the calls to establish if all calls should have been recorded as a crime;

- (b) For Radford and Park the total number of crimes reported to the end of September is 663, this is an increase of 6 this year. Violent offences remain the same at 108. Robbery numbers are low at 9 but have increased by 4. There are ongoing issues with car crime especially motorbikes with 8 additional cars broken in to particularly around the industrial estate. There has been a good reduction of burglaries with 41 offences being committed;
- (c) For Dunkirk and Lenton the total crimes reported to the end of September is 1056, an increase of 37. Violent offences have increased by 43, which is concerning, but often there is a minor injury or no injury in these cases. There has been significant reduction in robbery, 17 offences, down by 12. Car crime has also seen a good reduction, 14 fewer offences with a total of 114. There has also been a good reduction in burglaries, 40 fewer offences to 50 in total;
- (d) There will be further police recruitment starting in 2007 and work continues to help the police force reflect the community, with a variety of events and adverts planned and in place to encourage under-represented groups to apply;
- (e) Work continues to reduce young people noise in the Lenton and Radford areas;
- (f) Nottinghamshire Police continue execute warrants looking at the supply of drugs, either from residential addresses or business premises.

After discussion and questions from the committee Inspector Andy Townsend and Inspector Robert Wilson gave the following additional information:

- (g) Nottinghamshire Police review on an ongoing basis what is effective and what is not so effective at reducing burglaries. They have burglary prevention, response and investigation strategies and regularly review how they communicate with communities and partners. A significant amount of burglaries are down to people not locking their doors or windows so Nottinghamshire Police continue to push this prevention strategy and numbers of burglaries are reducing;
- (h) Nottingham City Homes properties have good standards of security. There has been a significant investment to upgrade windows and doors over the decades so they are much more difficult to burgle than they were 20 years ago, continued investment is always welcomed as is support in getting the message to residents to lock doors and windows;
- (i) Knife crime in Arboretum is still a serious issue. Residents held a public meeting recently where citizens in the Bridlington Street area requested CCTV cameras to help them feel safer. Street lighting has been consulted to improve the lights and additional patrols are going into that area;
- (j) There was an incident outside the Marcus Garvey Centre, involving two groups of people. Two people were injured with knives although not seriously. Investigations in to what caused the argument at 4.30am resulting in the injuries and who was involved is ongoing;

- (k) Someone has been charged in connection to a sexual assault in Lenton. They have been remanded in custody and a court process is ongoing.

RESOLVED to thank Inspector Andy Townsend and Inspector Robert Wilson for their report and to note its content.

32 COMMUNITY PROTECTION - AREA CLUSTER FEEDBACK

Nicky Burns, Senior Community Protection Officer, gave a presentation giving an overview of areas cluster feedback. The following key points were highlighted:

- (a) Community Protection Officers work a basic shift pattern of 2 separate shifts. Those shifts can be flexible depending on the issues an area is currently facing, eg there has recently been an increase in instances of dog fouling and so shift times have been altered to try and catch early morning dog walkers;
- (b) the Senior Community Protection Officer for each area will send Councillors an up to date beat allocation list. Changes to this are inevitable but Councillors will be kept updated as changes happen;
- (c) current priority issues facing the area are: street drinking, fly tipping, bins on streets, trade waste, noise around student premises and dog fouling.

After questions and discussion with the committee the following points were made:

- (d) the Community Protection Team should advertise the figures around the work that they do to allow citizens to see that issues are being tackled eg in 3 areas alone there have been 156 community protection orders issues, predominantly around noise, and only 2 have gone on to the next stage;
- (e) the weekly report is useful for the Councillors to receive, eg it is helpful to let citizens know when charges have been bought;
- (f) 0115 9152020 is the anti-social behaviour hot line and is available throughout office hours. Dialling 101 is also available and the Community protection team still encourages people to dial 101 in non-emergency situations.

RESOLVED to thank Nicky Burns for the report and to note the content.

33 ISSUES / GOOD NEWS STORIES FROM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

The following good news stories were reported by Community representatives:

- (a) the fair at Lenton and Dunkirk went well. The community came together, worked hard to put the fair on and it was a great success. Residents are looking forward to planning the event again next year. Thanks were given to everyone involved;
- (b) a council grant has been received to enable local workshops to be held at monthly markets helping people to understand what can and cannot be

recycled. It is also hoped that funding will be secured in order to plant edible plant species in borders at the park;

- (c) the Partnership Council is closing in at the end of December, however the Skills Exchange has been retained as a member organisation and will buy some software to keep it going. The Fuel poverty project is also at risk and funding and support has been rejected by 3 charities so far. They have managed to revive group that was active in the 1990's developing training for volunteers. This has proved very popular, thanks were given to the Neighbourhood Development Officers for publicising the scheme;
- (d) it was noted that it is was encouraging to see so many new people and organisations at the committee.

RESOLVED to thank Community Representatives for their updates.

34 WARD REPORT

Linda Wright, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the reports focussing on current priorities and issues facing the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, and Radford and Park wards. Linda highlighted the following:

- (a) one of the key issues in the Arboretum ward continues to be reducing street drinking and paraphernalia especially in local parks and public spaces;
- (b) one of the key issues in the Dunkirk and Lenton ward is tackling the waste issue, including bins in streets, trade waste, fly tips, graffiti and contamination;
- (c) one of the key issues in the Radford and Park ward is the development of a maintenance schedule for the area around Argyle, Clifford and Independent Street, to improve cleanliness and reduce fly tipping in Clifford Street.

Following questions and discussion from the committee Linda Wright gave the following further information:

- (d) there has been an increase in homelessness within the Area 4 wards recently. Nottingham City Council has always had a "no second night out" policy and outreach teams are trying to engage those affected. The Council has just received funding over and above the usual extra winter provision and continues to work to reduce the issue;
- (e) there are no current plans in place for the building that burnt down in September on Alfreton Road. However the area is part of the regeneration plan;
- (f) a Christmas events flier was distributed to the committee illustrating the Christmas at Canning event.

RESOLVED to note the priorities, current issues and supporting information for the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park wards

35 AREA CAPITAL REPORT

Iffat Iqbal, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report detailing the latest allocation for the Local Transport Plan (LTP) element under the Area Capital Fund for highways and footways. It also highlights schemes which have been recently prioritised by Ward Councillors for approval by the Area Committee in accordance with the City Council's constitution.

RESOLVED to:

- (1) note the monies available to Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park wards, as outlined below:

Arboretum Ward: £66,875

Dunkirk and Lenton Ward: £36,065

Radford and Park Ward: £113,807

- (2) approve new schemes prioritised by Ward Councillors since the last Area Committee meeting, as detailed below:

Arboretum Public Realm Schemes				
Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised	Estimate	Details
Hyson Green Area	Gating	Approved by October 2016	£4,750	Installation of fencing and gating in identified areas to reduce ASB - lead service: Streetscene
Dunkirk and Lenton LTP schemes				
Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised	Estimate	Details
Lenton Boulevard	Cycling	Prioritised 4 November 2016	£300	Provision of cycle stand on Lenton Boulevard/Hart Street junction

36 ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

Iffat Iqbal, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report advising the Committee on the use of delegated authority by the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations for the financial year 2016/17, and the Ward Councillors' revenue budget allocation for 2016/17. The committee noted that the Christmas lights were approved in May.

RESOLVED to

- (1) note the actions agreed by the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations in respect of projects and schemes in the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, and Radford and Park wards, as detailed below:

Scheme	Ward	Councillors	Amount	Date
Christmas Lights Switch-On at Canning Circus	Arboretum	Merlita Bryan and Azad Choudhury	£200.00	29/09/16
Lenton Planters Maintenance Project	Dunkirk& Lenton	Sarah Piper and David Trimble	£1,500.00	22/09/16
Christmas Lights Switch-On at Canning Circus			£200.00	29/09/16
Kemet Radio – Security Guard Training	Radford & Park	Liaquat Ali and Anne Peach	£1,500.00	22/06/16
African Caribbean Coal Miners Event			£160.00	22/06/16

(2) note the individual Ward Councillors Revenue Budget allocation of £5,000 for 2016/17

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AREA 4 COMMITTEE (Arboretum, Dunkirk & Lenton, Radford & Park)
22/2/2017

Title of paper:	Nottingham City Homes Update	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Nick Murphy, Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes	Wards affected: Arboretum, Dunkirk & Lenton, Radford & Park.
Report author(s) and contact details:	Leanne Hoban, Decent Neighbourhoods Manager, Nottingham City Homes Leanne.hoban@nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk Paul Howard, Tenancy and Estate Manager, Paul.Howard@nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk	
Other colleagues who have provided input:	Alix Dale Communications Officer; Lisa Dawkins Tenant and Community Involvement Manager	
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; 		

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • good news stories and positive publicity. 	
Recommendation(s):	
1	To note and comment on the update and performance information in Appendices 1 and 2.
2	To note the allocation of funds for 2017/18, detailed in Appendix 3
3	To approve the Area Capital Programme funding requests detailed in Appendix 3

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, and 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 that sat 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 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.
- 2.4 Appendix 3 outlines the remaining capital budget for this area

2.5 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

None

3 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

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

None

5 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (only include if required by NCH)

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

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NCH update report

Time: 5:30 pm

Date: 22 February 2017

Presented by: Paul Howard

	Item	Executive Summary / Key Points	For information or decision
1	Capital Programme & major works	<p>Sutton House</p> <p>Sutton House on Forster Street in Radford transferred into NCH ownership on 9 January.</p> <p>Grander Designs</p> <p>Garfield Court in Radford currently has contractors Keepmoat on site and structural works will be started this month to redesign the foyer, create a roof terrace and sun room on the first floor over the communal lounge, construct a new mobility scooter store and totally refurbish the scheme. Garfield currently has five empty flats, and we're hoping that once it's finished it will be fully let and have much improved kerb appeal.</p> <p>Intercom replacement</p> <p>Intercoms are being replaced at Willow and Elm View, The Woodlands, Radford.</p> <p>New build</p>	Information

		<p>52 of the properties on the landmark Lenton site are now complete - 17 houses are yet to complete, plus 10 apartments over the gateway commercial units.</p> <p>Keepmoat will be undertaking the demolition of Church Square followed by the new build of 17 homes to be owned by NCH.</p>	
2	Area Regeneration and Environmental Issues	<p>Arboretum</p> <p>We are looking to complete further fencing works to this estate once funding has been agreed and we aim to secure the funding at this area committee to allow us to factor this scheme into our programme later in the year.</p> <p>Dunkirk & Lenton</p> <p>We have recently completed the Willoughby Street fencing project In November and we have had a very high rate of private properties sign up to this scheme. The project has uplifted the area and we now need to asses if there are any further improvements we can do to this area of the ward.</p> <p>Radford & Park</p> <p>We are currently assessing the remaining fencing to the Norton Street area, with a view to agreeing this as a phase 3 to this project and programming the works in for completion later in the year. We will keep the Area Committee updated with the progress of this project.</p>	Decision
3	Key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Congress	<p>Tenant and Leaseholder Awards 2017 – nominations deadline Friday 20th January</p> <p>We're once again looking for your nominations for our fantastic Tenant and Leaseholder Awards – looking for the very best individuals, groups or</p>	X









		initiatives that are improving the lives of residents and neighbourhoods and helping us to create homes and places where people want to live.	
4	Tenant and Residents Associations updates	<p>Woodlands High Rise Blocks</p> <p>A meeting was held on 6th December with residents from the high rise blocks including Ash View, Elm View, Pine View, Oak View, and Willow View. A number of issues were discussed including the new NCH Block Reps initiative.</p>	X
5	Area Performance Figures	See Appendix 2	X
6	Good news stories & positive publicity	<p>Swim or Fit for a £1</p> <p>For £1 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.</p> <p>For more information contact NCH Involvement Team on 0115 746 910 www.fitinthecommunity.com</p> <p>Fit in the Community' Free Weekly Fitness Sessions in the area:</p> <p>Yoga, Wednesday, 5.00 – 6.00pm, Vine Community Centre, NG7 5GZ</p> <p>Tenant Academy Training Courses</p> <p>Energy Champions Training, Monday 27th March 10.00am – 12noon, Loxley House, Station Street, NG2 3NJ</p> <p>Click Silver for 60's</p> <p>It and internet safety training for people aged 60 and over. This six week</p>	X

		<p>course will allow participants to learn at their own pace with a personal mentor. Due to start in February, start date to be confirmed.</p> <p>For a full list of courses and booking details contact the Involvement Team on 0115 746 9100 or the website below.</p> <p>http://www.nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk/get-involved/tenant-academy/</p>	
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Area report - Dunkirk/Lenton, Arboretum & Radford/Park



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AC4-1 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 by first intervention – Central region <i>Note: This PI monitors the ability of the HPM to select the correct first intervention.</i>	85%	95.89%			94.21%	86.67%	Two cases required second interventions to resolve- 8/10
% of ASB cases resolved – Central region <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%	98.63%			97.89%	100%	Incorrect coding of resolved cases has led to figure dipping below target. This is being addressed with relevant staff.
Number of new ASB cases – Central region <i>Note: Data for this PI is only available by Housing Office.</i>		92			129	121	Figure is for the whole of the city
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	8.75			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.

AC4-2 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 - Dunkirk/Lenton, Arboretum & Radford/Park <i>Note: This PI monitors the proportion of repairs being completed within agreed timescales.</i>	96%	96.29%			97.29%	98.09%	
% of repairs completed in target – Arboretum ward <i>Note: This PI monitors the proportion of repairs being completed within agreed timescales.</i>	96%	95.78%			97.67%	98.08%	Plumbing backlog in the summer has affected this figure
% of repairs completed in target – Dunkirk & Lenton Ward <i>Note: This PI monitors the proportion of repairs being completed within agreed timescales.</i>	96%	94.44%			96.67%	98.18%	Plumbing backlog in the summer has affected this figure
% of repairs completed in target – Radford & Park Ward <i>Note: This PI monitors the proportion of repairs being completed within agreed timescales.</i>	96%	97.1%			97.27%	98.07%	



<p>Tenant satisfaction with the repairs service</p> <p><i>Note: Data for this PI is only available citywide</i></p>	9.1	9.08			9.1	8.9	<p>WS -Oct - 2016 Performance is in target for the month at 9.2% .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.</p>
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AC4-3 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%	<p>Following the rent free week in August when our collection rate improved as tenants still paid despite the reduced debit, we had a reduced collection in September. At 99.58% the collection rate was £220,000 off a 100% return. It is also slightly behind last year's position of 99.8%. Arrears as a % of debit is 2.45% against a target of 2% - this is £470,000 above where we need to be to hit the target. However as the debit reduced by 1% this year, this is an increasingly difficult target to attain. The numbers of Universal Credit cases continues to increase - with the total standing at just over 200, the arrears on these cases totals £109,014 currently. Equally the amount of Housing Benefit we receive continues to decrease, at a rate of approximately £20,000 each week. This means that we have more rent to actually physically collect from tenants. Although more people are coming off benefit they are taking up low paid jobs that are not permanent with regular hours and therefore their income is liable to fluctuate. This makes it difficult for people to budget and as a result we have increased arrears. Additionally there is still the problem of Court fees standing at £325 - as a consequence we are entering cases at a much higher level. Judges will often adjourn cases, allowing the debt to increase but Housing Benefit backdates are now severely restricted.</p>
<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%	<p>This indicator will be on target by the end of the financial year. WE are currently only 0.02% behind target and as we are not carrying out any further evictions during March we will be on target. We have done 101 evictions so far this year and at this point last year we had done 129.</p>

AC4-4a 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 - Dunkirk/Lenton, Arboretum & Radford/Park</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	16.07			18.56	25.72	<p>Void performance summary: There are currently 15 empty properties in the Area Committee 4 area. The average time to relet properties in the Area Committee 4 area is 29 days. There have been 126 new lettings this year. The city wide time to let empty properties is 26. Our voids processes have recently undergone a review. In the long term this should result in an improvement in performance. There are still some long term/hard to let properties in the system which have an adverse effect on performance. The longest a property has been empty in this area is 18 weeks. Our lettings teams are working hard to find appropriate tenants for this property and others in the area</p>
<p>Average void re-let time (calendar days) – Arboretum 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	11.88			25.78	27.58	<p>Void performance summary: There are currently 7 empty properties in the Arboretum ward area. The average time to relet properties in the Arboretum ward area is 33 days. There have been 33 new lettings this year. The city wide time to let empty properties is 26. Our voids processes have recently undergone a review. In the long term this should result in an improvement in performance. There are still some long term/hard to let properties in the system which have an adverse effect on performance. The longest a property has been empty in this area is 17 weeks. Our lettings teams are working hard to find appropriate tenants for this property and others in the area</p>
<p>Average void re-let time (calendar days) – Dunkirk & Lenton 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	6.65			13.91	6.57	<p>Void performance summary: There are currently 1 empty properties in the Dunkirk & Lenton ward area. The average time to relet properties in the Dunkirk & Lenton ward area is 12 days. There have been 8 new lettings this year. The city wide time to let empty properties is 26. Our voids processes have recently undergone a review. In the long term this should result in an improvement in performance. There are still some long term/hard to let properties in the system which have an adverse effect on performance. The longest a property has been empty in this area is 12 weeks. Our lettings teams are working hard to find appropriate tenants for this property and others in the area</p>

<p>Average void re-let time (calendar days) – Radford & Park 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	24.81			19.18	27.92	<p>Void performance summary: There are currently 8 empty properties in the Radford & Park ward area. The average time to relet properties in the Radford & Park ward area is 28 days. There have been 88 new lettings this year. The city wide time to let empty properties is 26. Our voids processes have recently undergone a review. In the long term this should result in an improvement in performance. There are still some long term/hard to let properties in the system which have an adverse effect on performance. The longest a property has been empty in this area is 18 weeks. Our lettings teams are working hard to find appropriate tenants for this property and others in the area</p>
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AC4-4b 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 - Dunkirk/Lenton, Arbotetum & Radford/Park <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>		22			16	16	
Number of lettable voids – Arboretum 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>		5			3	7	
Number of lettable voids – Dunkirk & Lenton 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>		6			2	1	
Number of lettable voids – Radford & Park 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>		11			11	8	

AC4-4c Empty properties - Decommissioning

Performance indicator and definition	Target	2016/17			2015/16	2014/15	Latest Note
		Value	Status	Long Trend	Value	Value	
Number of empty properties awaiting decommission – AC - Dunkirk/Lenton, Arboretum & Radford/Park <i>Note: This PI shows the number of empty properties which will not be re-let and includes those being decommissioned and / or demolished.</i>		10			100	139	
Number of empty properties awaiting decommission – Arboretum ward <i>Note: This PI shows the number of empty properties which will not be re-let and includes those being decommissioned and / or demolished.</i>		0			0	0	
Number of empty properties awaiting decommission – Dunkirk & Lenton Ward <i>Note: This PI shows the number of empty properties which will not be re-let and includes those being decommissioned and / or demolished.</i>		10			100	139	
Number of empty properties awaiting decommission – Radford & Park ward <i>Note: This PI shows the number of empty properties which will not be re-let and includes those being decommissioned and / or demolished.</i>		0			0	0	

AC4-5 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 - Dunkirk/Lenton, Arboretum & Radford/Park <i>Note: This PI measures the number of new tenants who are still in their tenancy 12 months later.</i>	96.5%	93.25%			97.56%	94.77%	PI fractionally under target- analysis to be carried out on current terminations to analyse any trends; 2x NTQ lodging, 1x refused after commenced; 1 x rent eviction
Percentage of new tenancies sustained - Arboretum Ward (2003) <i>Note: This PI measures the number of new tenants who are still in their tenancy 12 months later.</i>	96.5%	100%			100%	94.29%	Sustainability level remains on target
Percentage of new tenancies sustained - Dunkirk & Lenton Ward <i>Note: This PI measures the number of new tenants who are still in their tenancy 12 months later.</i>	96.5%	100%			100%	95%	Sustainability level remains on target
Percentage of new tenancies sustained - Radford & Park Ward (2003) <i>Note: This PI measures the number of new tenants who are still in their tenancy 12 months later.</i>	96.5%	85.9%			96.51%	94.87%	Addresses to be analysed to look for any patterns to underperformance- 2x NTQ lodging; 1 x Eviction rent; 1xrefused after commenced; 1x NTQ private rented

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APPENDIX 3

Area	Ward	Actual Budget (including carry over from 2015/16)	Schemes Approved	Schemes Committed	Schemes De Committed	Remaining Budget
4	Arboretum	£25,619.28	£0	£0	£0	£25,619.28
4	Dunkirk & Lenton	£48,944.60	£7,252.50	£7,252.50	£0	£41,692.10
4	Radford & Park	£51,547.42	£43,000.00	£43,000.00	£0	£8547.42

Address	Request	Reason	Nottingham City Homes Officer	Cost	Approval
Penn Avenue	Install Heras style Fencing	To stop people cutting through this area of the estate.	Leanne Hoban	£1922.50	Approval
Birkin Avenue	Completion of the fencing scheme to this estate	Improve the appearance and security in this area.	Leanne Hoban	£25,619.28	Approval

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ARBORETUM, RADFORD & PARK, DUNKIRK & LENTON AREA COMMITTEE
22ND FEBRUARY 2017

Title of paper:	Section 106 Funding for Parks and Open Spaces in Arboretum Ward		
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Andy Vaughan, Corporate Director, Commercial & Operations Hugh White, Director, Sport & Culture	Wards affected: Arboretum	
Report author(s) and contact details:	James Dymond, Parks Development Manager 0115 876 4983 James.Dymond@nottinghamcity.gov.uk Eddie Curry, Head of Parks & Open Spaces 0115 876 4982 Eddie.Curry@nottinghamcity.gov.uk		
Other colleagues who have provided input:	Martin Harris, Parks Technical Officer 0115 915 2796		
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 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 type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector			<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years			<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration			<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):			
The report outlines the proposal for the spend of £66,931.81 open spaces Section 106 funding.			
Recommendation(s):			
1	That the Committee endorses the allocation of £66,931.81 of Section 106 funding (from planning application 14/02072/PFUL3) as set out in the report.		

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Parks Development and Allotment Team have set out proposals for the spend of £66,931.81 of Section 106 funding that is now available to spend on the “provision and/or enhancement of open space”.

1.2 The spend proposals are as follows:

Site	Proposals	£
Forest Recreation Ground	Path & step repairs	£10,000.00
	CCTV	£14,000.00
	Lighting & other security improvements	£10,000.00
	Site furniture	£5,000.00
	Public toilet in pavilion	£7,931.81
Colville St	Play area improvements	£20,000.00
	TOTAL	£66,931.81

1.3 These proposals are based on discussions with the Police, Neighbourhood Development Officers and Councillors for the area.

1.4 Other future priority works in the area include improvements to Bridlington Street and Wallen Street play areas - however a different Section 106 sum is earmarked for this, which is expected to be received by the Council in mid to late 2017.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

2.1 The development that generated the funding was Barrasford House, planning reference 14/02072/PFUL3 and the funding was received in September 2016.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 If the Section 106 funding is not allocated and spent by September 2021, it would be possible for the developer to reclaim it.

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

4.1 The section 106 receipt 14/02072/PFUL3 is not allocated to a capital scheme at present and therefore available for the proposed works. Once the works proposed above have been approved this specific section 106 receipt will be earmarked awaiting a Delegated Decision.

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

5.1 Legal comments will be sought at the Delegated Decision stage of approvals.

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

6.1 N/A

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because this report does not include proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions.

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 Section 106 agreement: Nottingham City Council and CIP Property (AIPT) Limited and 12 Property Rentals Ltd re development at site of Barrasford House, 1 Goldsmith Street, Nottingham, dated 3rd February 2015.

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NAME OF COMMITTEE / BODY Area 4 Committee Report 22nd February 2017

Title of paper:	Proposal for a Scheme of Selective Licensing for Privately Rented Houses	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	David Bishop - Corporate Director of Development and Growth Andy Vaughan – Corporate Director of Commercial and Operations	Wards affected: ALL
Report author(s) and contact details:	Lorraine Raynor lorraine.raynor@nottinghamcity.gov.uk Graham Demax graham.demax@nottinghamcity.gov.uk Lisa Ball lisa.ball@nottinghamcity.gov.uk	
Other colleagues who have provided input:		
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	22 nd November 2016	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		X
Community Services		<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input 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 type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>This report is to inform the Area Committee for Area 4 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); and • 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</p>		

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.

Recommendation(s):

1	note the contents of the report;
2	offer its 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. 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 Evidence shows that the majority of the area covered by the Area Committee has high a high proportion of properties that are in the private rented sector (PRS) and meets one or more of the criteria for introducing a scheme, and that there is a correlation between the PRS in the area and these conditions. 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.
- 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 the attending the meetings 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 – Area 4"
- 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 22nd 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 per in the Executive Board Report dated 22nd 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 per in the Executive Board Report dated 22nd November 2016

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

- 6.1 N/A

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No

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An EIA is not required because:

(Please explain why an EIA is not necessary)

Yes

X

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

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 22nd 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 licensing 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 its 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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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></p> <p>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>	Positive impact can be continually improved by on-going enforcement action against non-compliant landlords.
Men	X	X		<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>
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		
<p>Other (e.g. marriage/ civil partnership, looked after children, cohesion/ good relations, vulnerable children/ adults).</p> <p><i>Please underline the group(s) /issue more adversely affected or which benefits.</i></p>	X	X		<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>

		<p>average PRS also have an above average % of the population that are from a BME background</p> <p>Overcrowding is likely to be an issue in some areas and illegal conversions of properties particularly affect new and emerging communities.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Potential adverse impact:</p> <p>(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</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>It is intended that accredited landlords will receive a discount on the fee.</p>
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		<p>have a big impact on their portfolios</p> <p>(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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>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</p>
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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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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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ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE:
22 February 2017

Title of paper:	Area 4 Ward Reports	
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Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		X
Schools		X
Planning and Housing		X
Community Services		X
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		X
Jobs, Growth and Transport		X
Adults, Health and Community Sector		X
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		X
Leisure and Culture		X
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		X
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report focusses on current priorities and issues facing Area 4 wards Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford & Park. It also provides details of forthcoming events and activities.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the priorities, current issues and supporting information for Area 4 Wards be noted and comments welcome.	

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. Ward priorities 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 Wards sit within the Area 4 Committee which have adopted three area based priorities at its first Area Cluster meeting:
 - Jobs and training
 - Environmental issues - cleansing, fly tipping, noise and open spaces
 - Regeneration and balanced communities - empty sites, balance of housing (students and family) and houses in multiple occupation
- 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 last Area 4 Committee on 17th February 2016 and will be updated in May 2017.
- 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. 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 Appendix 2 sets out the current key issues.
- 2.6 Appendix 3 highlights the forthcoming opportunities for citizens to engage

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 3 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.

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Appendix 1

Arboretum Ward

Neighbourhood Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Support Community groups and organisations to hold events.	Members of St Pauls and Pleasant Row tenants and residents association volunteered at the Peppers Gardens Christmas Lights switch-on on the 07/12/16. Nottingham Assemblies of the First Born (AFB) – Youth Department – On the 18/12/16 held a “Children’s Angel Assignment Event” in order to increase volunteering in the area.	Neighbourhood Management
Promote interest in Tenants and Residents groups	The Bridlington Parents Group - Met twice during this period and they are planning activates for the next Easter school holidays. St Paul’s and Pleasant Row tenants and residents association have met twice during this period. They were trying to save the NEST from closer and fix security gating that is damaged on their streets. Addison Street Tenants and residents met to discuss the issue of a property company that may try to increase Student accommodation. There was a Public Meeting called on the 09/11/16 to give all residents in the ward an opportunity to raise their individual or group concerns regarding any issues they have. There were no less than 30 residents in attendance, from the following groups and Streets, Bridlington, Old Know and Brown Streets (BOB’s) tenants and residents association, Holland Street, Thurman Street, Birkin Avenue, Brushfield Street and Hazelwood Road were all in attendance. Collectively the top 3 issues asked for were; increased enforcement of Bins on Street, Reduced Fly tipping especially in alleyways/car Parks and the use of CCTV to achieve this.	NAT
Target Fly tipping, dog fouling and litter.	The cleanliness score target for the city is 88. However the data for November shows an improvement of 89, for the ward year to date (YTD). Fly tipping has decreased from 296 incidents noted 2015/16 in comparison to 263 incidents 2016/17 YTD. Dog Fouling-There were 17 incidents YTD in 2016/17, compared with 15 YTD in 2015/16. (Stats are taken from the December 2017 Crime	Community Protection and City Services

	and Drug Partnership (CDP) NAT Report)	
Promote bulky waste appointment service and reduce bin contamination	The following streets have been targeted during this period, Cromwell Street, Portland Road, Raleigh Street and Oliver Close. Residents have been spoken to directly and given relevant leaflets to raise their awareness of how to recycle and increase the use of the free bulky waste collection service.	NAT & Waste Management
Reduce bins on Street by increased enforcement	It has been agreed at the Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) meeting, that 4 Streets a month will be identified as a priority for the Community Protection Officer's (CPO) to door knock and speak to residents/landlord's, asking them reduce bins on street. City Services will also prioritise those streets for cleaning. The streets targeted in October and December were Cromwell Street, Palin street, Hazelwood Street and Accourt Street.	Community Protection
Deliver Deep Cleans to priority areas	<p>Deep Cleans took place on the following area; Birkin Alleyway - clear waste from top and bottom alleyway and the rear of Palin street.(additional 1 ton of waste and 4 fridges Dec 2016)</p> <p>Hawsley Road alleyway, removal of Dog Fouling and Graffiti from the alleyway Nov 2016</p> <p>Cromwell alleyway remove general waste and fridges Dec 2016</p> <p>Pavement washing Balmoral Addison all saints street Oct/Nov 2016 to reduce the capacity for resident's to slip over.</p> <p>Pavement washing Waverly street Dec 2016. Hawsley Road Car Park Nov 2016 to help remove waste from parking bays at the playpark end of the street.</p> <p>Cope Street alleyway, cleared out all waste to the rear off houses to allow access for residents and the fire service.</p>	Neighbourhood Management & City Services
Deliver Phase 2 of Fencing Project	The number of properties and funds for the final stage of the Birkin fencing Scheme should be agreed at the February Area Committee 2017.	Nottingham City Homes

Families Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Deliver regular play opportunities on Bridlington Park	The Play & Youth Team are continuing to deliver a weekly session on Bridlington Park. There are ongoing issues, identified by local residents in the area who want increased cohesion work done from the	Early Help Team

	site. This will be reviewed in March 2017.	
Deliver key themed priorities of; A learning city, resilience in Children, families and communities, healthy minds and relationships.	<p>Themed priority: A Learning City: Diversity Project – completed: 6 sessions run at Forest Fields Playcentre 15 Young People (YP) took part.</p> <p>Garden Creativity – completed: 19 sessions run across Forest Fields Playcentre and Edwards Lane Play Session 23 young people (YP) took part.</p> <p>Themed priority Resilience in children:</p> <p>Healthy eating – Dec 16: 6 sessions run at Forest Fields Playcentre 15 YP took part.</p> <p>Stay Safe – started September: 7 sessions run so far at Edwards Lane Play Session 14 YP taking part 10 sessions run so far at Forest Fields Playcentre & Radford Youth Sessions 17 YP taking part.</p> <p>Gaining confidence through Sport: 6 sessions run at Forest Fields Playcentre 8 YP took part.</p> <p>Themed priority Healthy Minds and Relationships:</p> <p>Fire Writing – completed: 12 sessions run at Forest Field Playcentre 6 YP took part.</p>	Early Help Team

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Reduce Cardio-Vascular Disease and raise awareness of lifestyle risk factors	To participate in the Area Cluster meetings and respond to questions of the Area Committee.	Health
Reduce Alcohol Consumption	To participate in the Area Cluster meetings and respond to questions of the Area Committee provide an update at May Area Committee.	Health
Reduce Childhood Obesity	To participate in the Area Cluster meetings and respond to questions of the Area Committee.	Health
Raise awareness of positive mental health in communities'	To participate in the Area Cluster meetings and respond to questions of the Area Committee.	Health

Working Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Jobs and training initiatives – to be identified	<p>There the number of people claiming unemployment benefit in the ward has decreased. In 2016/17 YTD there were 3300 people claiming benefit, compared to 3709 in 2015/16.</p> <p>The Employment and skills Area 4 & 5 Partnership met twice to develop and deliver a strategy to increasing training and long term Job opportunities in the ward.</p> <p>An area 4 and 5 Employments & Skills Partnership has been meeting up to network, promote services, map existing provision and identify gaps in services against priorities.</p>	Castle Cavendish

Safer Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Reduce Burglary	The general trend from Oct – Dec, shows that Burglary Dwelling has reduced by 30% in the ward YTD. There were actually 74 incidents noted. Burglary other has remained the same with 25 incidents YTD 2016/17. (Stats are taken from the Dec 2016 CDP NAT Report).	Police
Reduce Violent crime and raise awareness of Domestic Violence and abuse.	<p>The general trend from Oct - Dec, shows that violence has increased overall during this period by 2%. There were 352 incidents YTD in 2015/16 compared to 360 incidents in 2016/17.</p> <p>The general trend for Oct 2016 shows a decrease of reported domestic violence by 17%. There were 100 incidents took place YTD in 2015/16 in comparison, to 83 incidents YTD in 2015/17.</p> <p>The Central Locality Domestic Abuse Forum has met to plan work in 2017.</p> <p>A White Ribbon Campaign raised awareness of issues and services in November and December.</p>	NAT
Reduce Anti-Social Behaviour relating to Alcohol/Drug use on street	The general trend from Oct – Dec, shows that drug offenses have decreased slightly from 67 offences YTD in 2015/16 compared to 63 offenses in 2016/17 which is an overall improvement of 6%.	Police and Community Protection

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

Reduce street drinking and the paraphernalia left behind at the Forest Rec and introduce CCTV.
Reduce overall crime in the ward especially around the Forest and Student Areas.
Raise awareness of Domestic Violence and Abuse.
Sustain youth activities at Bridlington Park.
Promote Small Steps Big Changes.
Increase recycling; encourage residents to remove bins from streets at the identified hot spot areas.

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

- Every Tuesday 10am – 12. Domestic Awareness Training (The Freedom Programme) at the Mary Potter Centre.
- March 27th at 9.15am- 4.30pm (lunch not included) Working with children and young people impacted by domestic violence and abuse (Delegates must have completed Understanding & Responding to Domestic Violence and Abuse course to attend) at the Mary Potter Centre.
- Tuesday February 7th, 6pm – 7, St Pauls and Pleasant Row Residents meeting at the Mary Potter Centre.
- February 16th Hyson Green (10 am-12), March 16th Arboretum (1pm – 3), April 13th Hyson Green (1.3pm -3) & May 9th (10am – 12) Ward Walks. The meeting point is the Mary Potter Centre.
- Fortnightly at the Mary Potter Centre - Bridlington Parents Group meeting (Contact Courtney Rose Take1 Studios).
- February 10th The Arboretum Rec will be showcasing the Light Night event.
- February 21st Public meeting, 6pm to 8pm at Mary Potter Centre

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Appendix 2

Dunkirk and Lenton

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead/Partners
Tackle noise nuisance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Increase reporting</i> <i>More effective response to noise nuisance</i> <i>A local noise awareness campaign</i> 	The general trend from November– December 2016 shows that noise has increased in the ward. Noise is showing a 12% increase year to date (YTD) and other ASB Youth has increased by 21% (YTD). (Stats are taken from the Nov/Dec Crime Drug Partnership NAT Report)	Community Protection
	Community Protection Notices- 21 issued in the last 3 months for noise nuisance	Community Protection Canning Team
	A Community Trigger meeting regarding off campus University student ASB was held on 9 th December 2016. An Action Plan with SMART actions is being developed to tackle two main issues, student related noise nuisance and waste management issues. The next meeting is being planned for March 2017.	Community Protection
	Steve Stott Anti-social Behaviour manager is the lead for producing a clear noise reporting process and clarification on what response residents can expect by March 2017.	Community Protection
	Central Police team will deliver training to Control Room staff on handling noise complaints and monitor impact. Training starts in January 2017 and should be completed by end of February 2017.	Central Police team
	Additional funding has been requested from University of Nottingham and Trent University for dedicated CPOs to cover student ASB hotspot areas including Lenton Drives by May 2017.	Community Protection
	Local CPOs have been foot patrolling the Lenton Drives every Wednesday to focus on pre-enforcement, engagement, communicating behavioural expectations, safety, welfare, historical ASB concerns including noise awareness.	Community Protection Canning Team
	Community Protection have deployed ASB car for evenings and Friday/Saturday nights until early morning to directly deal with noise incidents.	Community Protection Canning Team
Tackle bins (Contamination & on pavements) and gardens (messy & bulky waste) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Tackle waste issues on Lenton</i> 	2 focused meetings have been held in December and January to develop an action plan to tackle end of term waste issues in HMOs. The plan will be shared with all Stakeholders at the Student Action Group meeting in February 2017.	NDO, Nottingham University, Student Union, EMPO, Street Scene, Domestic

<i>Blvd</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase enforcement action in hotspot areas • Promote bin Text alert • Increase street cleansing • NAT to focus on tackling messy gardens • A survey or focus group on good practices for waste management by students for students 		Waste, Waste Advisors
	The Cleanliness score for the ward for November was 88 and December 92 compared to the City cleanliness score of 90.	Streetscene
	The next Community Trigger meeting in March 2016 will focus on Student waste management issues	Community Protection
	Houses Multiple Occupation team are creating a database which will hold landlord contact details which CPO can access to inform landlords on Community Protection notices issued to student tenants by April 2017.	Community Protection
	Community Protection Notices (CPN)- 15 Fixed Penalty Notices (for bins on street) - 51 Businesses visited to check Trade Waste agreements - 14 Formal letters issues for untidy Garden's (s215) - 47	Community Protection
	An evidence-based case is being prepared by Streetscene and Domestic waste for Nottingham University and Landlords to ask for funding for extra compactors/skips to support the end of term clearances by March 2017.	Street Scene, Domestic Waste,

Family Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead/Partners
Ensure local community including young people are aware of activities on offer for families <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote play & youth activities • Create opportunities for families to come together at community events • Activity is more visible in community. 	Play and Youth Session at Dunkirk Community Centre have now moved to Thursday and Fridays from 3.30pm to 5pm as requested by Dunkirk Primary school. Numbers are increasing at the session with 14-16 young people attending weekly.	NCC Youth and Play Team.
	South Locality Early Help team took 29 young people to the citywide event at Harvey Hadden on the 21st Dec. 4 young people from Dunkirk attended the whole day event participating in a day of free activities including swimming and ice skating.	NCC Youth and Play Team.
	Corine Smith is the new Full Time senior and is starting week commencing the 31/01/17 – she will be the new lead for the Dunkirk session.	NCC Youth and Play Team.
	The Early Help team will be participating in the Communi-TEA event on 2 nd March delivering taster activities for parents and children living in	Early Help

	the ward.	
	The Lenton Centre delivered a Hothouse theatre session in December 2016 aimed at 10yrs to 18yrs old which attracted a small number of young people from the ward.	The Lenton Centre

Health Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Promote Healthy lifestyles among students and residents	Public Health lead has participated in the Area Cluster meetings and will respond to questions of the November Area Committee in February 2017.	Public Health
Raise awareness of positive mental health in communities' including students	<p>Student Services at the University of Nottingham offer a wide range of support services for students involved in mental health issues.</p> <p>Let's get together, wellbeing in Dunkirk and Lenton project has published 2 newsletters focused on mental health and wellbeing in the last six months.</p> <p>The Lenton Centre offer Tasty Tuesday sessions every week where free food parcels are distributed to homeless and vulnerable adults.</p> <p>Thomas Helwys Baptist Church delivers a Befriending scheme for elderly and isolated residents living in the Dunkirk and Lenton ward.</p>	<p>Public Health, University of Nottingham DOLCA, Thomas Helwys Baptist Church</p> <p>The Lenton Centre Thomas Helwys Baptist Church</p>

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Working Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Increase training and employment opportunities in the ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signpost young people towards job clubs and apprentices More local people accessing training and employment Promote local job clubs 	There has been no increase in the number of people claiming unemployment benefit in the ward. In 2016/17 YTD there were 445 people claiming benefit, the same as 445 in 2015/16.	NCC – Employment and Skills, Castle Cavendish
	To participate in the Area Cluster meetings and update Area 4 Committee annually.	NCC – Employment and Skills, Castle Cavendish
	Central Locality Employment & Skills Partnership meets quarterly to map partner's activities against agreed priorities and to refresh existing Area Jobs Plan and update partnership activity. This has resulted in	NCC – Employment and Skills

	increased training and employment opportunities including apprenticeships.	
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Safer Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead/Partners
Reduce burglaries <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular high visible Police patrols/operations Crime prevention activities Take actions against Rogue landlords Deliver campaigns to raise awareness of students on securing doors and windows Increase local citizens confidence to report crime 	The general trend from November to December shows that burglary dwelling has decreased in the ward. Burglary dwelling is showing a 19% decrease year to date (YTD) and burglary other a 41% (YTD) increase. (Stats are taken from the Nov/Dec Crime Drug Partnership NAT Report)	Police
	Police and Community Protection continue to patrol hot spot areas, using intelligence from the Community and NAT members	Police, Community Protection
	Operation Graduate, an initiative focusing on Police presence and visibility to reduce burglaries ran throughout November and December 2016.	Police, Community Protection
Improved safer walking and cycling provision in the ward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Create links between new green spaces to make cycling and walking a safer and pleasant experience Increase enforcement action in hotspot areas to stop cycling on pavement 	Hosta Consulting has been commissioned by local Councillors to work with local residents and officers working in the ward to come up with proposals to improve the security and appearance of the footpath (Leen walk) leading from Grove Road railway Bridge to Gregory St. A resident's consultation meeting has been organised on 15 th Feb, 6pm at Lenton Priory Church.	Neighbourhood Management
	Nottingham Student Union are working with local Councillors to improve the visual appearance of Grove Road and Sherwin Road railway bridge which are very popular cycling and walking routes in the ward.	Nottingham Student Union
	A Cycle superhighway along Castle Blvd to Abbey St and Gregory St is complete to provide a safer two way segregated cycle lane that meets the needs of existing cyclists and encourages a viable alternative to motor vehicles and a healthier lifestyles for all citizens.	NCC Western Cycle Corridor team
	Cycling Operations are on hold during the Cycle Corridor Works. CPO's are stopping and issuing warning and advice to cyclists. Once works are completed and signage is clearer, fines (FPN's) will be issued.	Community Protection

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

- Student end of term waste management issues including Christmas, Easter and summer.
- Anti-social behaviour issues at Penn Ave
- Messy gardens, side waste and bin issues on Lenton Boulevard
- Improving security on Leen walk for pedestrian and cyclists.
- Ongoing parking issues in the ward including Maxwell Close, Palmer Court, Abbey Bridge, Church St, Hoyland Ave, Swenson Ave, Lenton Blvd, Galway and Harrowby Roads.
- Improving community cohesion among students and long term residents
- Address Housing/HMO issues within the ward i.e. Lenton Drives, Greenfield St, Friary Close and Claude St.

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

- Nottingham City Council Budget Consultation meeting 25th January, 6.30pm at St Mary's Church, off Derby Road.
- Dunkirk and Lenton Residents meeting on 1st February 6pm at Dunkirk Community Centre
- Leen Walk consultation meeting 15th Feb, 6pm at Lenton Priory Church at Gregory Street
- Communi-TEA event on 2nd March 1pm – 5pm at Dunkirk Community Centre
- NAG meeting on 22nd March, 6.30pm to focus on current trends in the student housing market and associated matters at Rose and Crown
- Lenton Community meeting on 4th April 5.30pm at the Lenton Centre
- NAG meeting on 24th May, 6.30pm to focus on Planning and planning legislation especially those relating to HMOs, and impact on residents, whether they own their own homes or rent, and their neighbourhoods.
- Tasty Tuesdays and free food parcels in Lenton every Tuesday from 5pm at Thomas Helwys Baptist Church
- Ward walks every first Wednesday of the month
 - QMC/ Hillside – Wed 1st Feb 9.45am- meet outside Hillside shops on Derby Road
 - New Lenton Build / Lenton Drives – 1st March 9.45am – meeting outside The Lenton Centre
 - Dunkirk and Abbey Bridge – 5th April 9.45am - meeting at Dunkirk Community Centre

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Appendix 3

Radford and Park Ward

Neighbourhood Nottingham

	Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead Partners
1	Reduce fly tipping and bins on streets/Neighbourhood/Residents Issues.	<p>Resident's champions have been introduced in the ward to be the eyes and ears of the ward so that they can report any issues to the Neighbourhood Development Office by text or Whatapp. Continuing enforcement with Community Protection, education and awareness is still in place to support the work of the resident's champions.</p> <p>Mobile Cameras which have been purchased for the fly-tipping hotspots is to be viewed by Ward Councillors, the Community Protection Officers and Neighbourhood Development Officer so that the issues can actioned and hopefully be eradicated.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Development Officer drive/visit the ward at least twice a week to ensure there are no immediate issue that that needs to be resolved.</p>	City Services, Waste Management and Community Protection/NDO
2	New Build Sites	Improvements to waste management and environmental concerns. Develop maintenance schedules, improve cleanliness and tenant responsibility. (A new tenants and residents group is proposed.)	City Services/Housing/NDO
3	Raise the awareness of Businesses regarding their waste management.	<p>Business Waste issues have been highlighted on Hartley Road and Alfreton Road. This issue are being dealt with and the businesses are responding and adhering to officers' requests.</p> <p>There is a waste management issue within the Kentucky business site area and the Community protection Officers are working with the businesses to tackle this issue.</p>	City Services/Waste Management, community protection
4	Implement the Woodlands Action Plan bringing significant improvements to communal areas and outside landscaping	Landscaping work has started to improve the cleanliness of outside areas. The lifts are also being completed. Pine view Community Room has been repainted. Consultation with residents is being sought to enhance the action plan.	NCC
5	Garfield Road/Hartley Road fencing – behind the business car	Remove existing damaged wooden fencing and concrete posts and fit and install galvanised palisade fencing and pedestrian gates to the	NCC/Highway & Energy Infrastructure/NDO/Com

	park Business Car Parking issue	site. A Ringo Car Parking scheme is to be introduced to the car park behind the businesses on Hartley Road/Garfield Road to stop staff from organisations in the area from parking in the business car park.	munity Protection Enforcement Officer
6	Traffic Regulation: Implement recommended regulations to improve flow and parking. Continue to review the Area Capital Contenders list with Traffic and safety and take agreed schemes to the Area Committee	Faraday Road approved and Hartley Road Scheme and Ward Wide parking survey are being carried out. The survey results and outcome to be provided for the next Area Committee.	Traffic Management
7	Robust enforcement of parking infringements;	Feedback to the Community of the outcome of the enforcement actions. Continue to raise awareness of community to report incidents.	Community Protection
8	To continue to work with student stakeholders to address parking, noise and waste issues in student areas.	This is an ongoing process with all partners involved to address the issues.	Universities and Community protection and City Services, waste management. HYMO Team/NDO
Page 78	Prune/ Remove trees in problem places and introduce replanting schemes in more suitable places.	The tree programme scheme is in progress and due to be completed in Autumn 2017.	Tree Officer/Sport Culture & Park Communities
12	Improve facilities and promote use of parks and open spaces;	Produce a development plan and snagging list for the parks, focusing on Radford Recreation Ground and St Peters Park. A request has been put forward to create a community garden/growing area from St Peters Church and All Souls in St Peters Church yard. This would help transform the back of the St Peters Church site and be of active benefit to the local community. It would also allow the relocation of a bench in the corner of the site that had complaints with regard to ASB and late night drinking etc. It would also be an opportunity to highlight the World War I memorial located in that area.	Parks/NDO/NOM/St Peters Church Community/All Souls
13	Continue to promote economic regeneration and community regeneration of derelict sites.	The improvement Retailer scheme for the shops fronts on Alfreton Road is currently being carried out (March 2017). Businesses are offered grants to improve their properties.	Economic Regeneration, Planning
14	To continue to work on solutions to address the issues of language	Identify ESOL provision in the Ward and promote them. Continue to provide waste management awareness in the appropriate	NCC

	difficulties.	languages	
15	To continue to promote a sense of identity for the Ward and to develop activities to contribute to the building of strong cohesive resilient communities, where people feel they belong e.g. community fun day at John Carroll for residents of old and new build houses.	Radford Recreation Ground Curry in the Park October 2016 attracted more local residents and the event was a great success. The event template to be replicated in October 2017. Banners to promote John Carroll Leisure Centre to be introduced on Radford Boulevard and Ilkeston Road. This will showcase what the leisure centre has to offer to residents/students and the general public. The Ward Councillors have approved a grant for these banners.	NDO/Parks/John Carroll Leisure Centre Manager
16	To specifically consult on Ward Priorities for Radford and Park	To continue to seek ways of facilitating community engagement and involvement to ensure people have a say in what happens in the Ward and have an opportunity to contribute and participate.	NDO/Ward Councillors/NCH

Families Nottingham

	Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead Partners
Page 79	Support and Promote Children and Youth Activities and Family Friendly Places in the Ward where young people to come together to hang-out/get together to realise their full potential	To develop the Tennyson Street Site so that the building can become a Hub where young people and residents can use to come together to share ideas, cook, create art, learn etc.	NDO/Ward Councillors
2	Increase the provision of activity and delivery of services in the Radford area, especially for older children	An extra play session has been created at Garden Street Family Centre. Active involvement of Early Help team at community events	Early Help, Castle Cavendish
3	Support the Development of Family Housing in Radford	Social Landlords, Developers and NCC Planning Department work together to develop a programme of work.	Neighbourhood Management

Health Nottingham

	Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead Partners
1	Raise awareness of Cardio-Vascular Disease and lifestyle risk factors	Health Partners and Health Promotion at Community Events	Neighbourhood Management
2	Increase physical activity including cycling and walking projects and the introduction of	The Green Cycle Corridor has been introduced. John Carroll Leisure Centre organise activity programmes which are	John Carroll Leisure Centre

	the green cycle corridor	available for citizens to access.	
3	Promote positive mental health among students and residents and reduce social isolation, by raising awareness of support services and increasing opportunities for social activities	Promote at Community Events and Venues	University, Early Help; Voluntary Sector
4	Ensure local retailers are targeted for test purchases for underage drinkers	This targeted work is ongoing	Trading Standards
5	Reduce childhood obesity by promoting physical activity and play opportunities and raise awareness of healthy eating	Development of new playground at Radford Recreation Ground. Healthy Eating Arabic Course for Families at Radford Children's Centre, schools breakfast clubs are some of the activities offered.	Parks and Neighbourhood Management/Local Schools

Working Nottingham

	Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead Partners
Page 20	Promote awareness of job and employment and skills support and utilise the wider partnership network to signpost to services	Area Employment Partnership has been developed to co-ordinate the offer. This has resulted in increased training and employment opportunities including apprenticeships.	NCC – Employment and Skills Castle Cavendish
	Improve co-ordination and reduce duplication of different services and partners through the Area 4 & 5 employment partnership	Area Employment Partnership developed to co-ordinate work. Ensure job clubs and employment and skills support are in appropriate and accessible locations for Radford and Park Residents through the Area 4 & 5 employment partnership. To participate in the Area 6 Cluster meetings and respond to questions of the Area Committee.	NCC – Employment and Skills Castle Cavendish

Safer Nottingham

	Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead Partners
1	Reduce antisocial behaviour and burglaries/vehicle crime Continuing to patrol hot spot areas, using intelligence from the Community and NAT members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular Police operations • Crime prevention activities • Take actions against Rogue landlords • Deliver campaigns to raise awareness of students on securing doors and windows 	Police, Community Protection, Universities Police, Community Protection

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase local citizens confidence to report crime Continuing to promote the 101 number. Regular Police operations • High visible patrols 	
2	Improve safety in the private rented housing sector by taking action against rogue landlords	Ongoing	Police, Community Protection, Universities, HMO
3	Raise awareness of domestic abuse and promote support agencies	Training is offered to NAT Members and other partner organisation so that these issues could be recognised and dealt with appropriately.	Police and all NAT partners
4	Improve social cohesion.	By holding regular activities and events where different sections of the community come together.	NM

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

- The impact of students on the Ward including parties, noise and waste management issues
- Waste issues in the ward including bins on streets, trade waste bins, fly tips, graffiti and contamination
- Ongoing parking issues in the ward, traffic management and implementing schemes to traffic calm and improve road safety
- Developing Resident Associations amongst new and existing NCH Housing
- Improving community cohesion among students, emerging communities cohesion and long term residents
- Improvement to parks and play areas including continued work on St Peters Park

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

- Budget Consultation – 25.01.17 – Mary Potter Centre – 2.00 – 6.00 pm
- Radford West Resident Meetings, 14.03.2017, 16.30, Pine View Community Room, The Woodlands 09.05.2017, 16.30, Pine View Community Room, The Woodlands
- Radford Leen Resident Meetings. 21.03.2017, 18.00, The Pheasant Inn, Prospect Street, Radford, 16.05,2017, 18.00, The Pheasant Inn, Prospect Street, Radford
- Easter Event Easter Family fun Day April – date and venue to be confirmed
- Summer Event – Summer Family Fun Day - date and venue to be confirmed

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**ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE:
22nd February 2017**

Title of paper:	AREA CAPITAL FUND – 2016/17 PROGRAMME	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Dave Halstead Director of Neighbourhood Services and Commercial Operations.	Wards affected: Arboretum Dunkirk and Lenton Radford and Park
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input 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 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 details the latest allocation for the Local Transport Plan (LTP) element under the Area Capital Fund for highways and footways. It also highlights schemes which have recently been prioritised by Ward Councillors for approval by the Area Committee in accordance with the City Council's Constitution.		

Recommendation(s):	
1	To note the monies available to Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park Wards, as outlined in Appendix 1.
2	To approve new schemes prioritised by Ward Councillors since the last Area Committee meeting, as detailed in Appendix 1 (shown as non-shaded).

1 **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 The Nottingham Local Transport Plan (LTP) strategy 2011– 26 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. The Area Capital Programme was established 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. Since it was established in 2006 to meet the then corporate priority of "Transforming Neighbourhoods", the Area Capital Fund has included a total programme expenditure portfolio of £40 million. The improvements that have been carried out to date using this programme have included footpaths, fences, visual enhancements to the public realm, refurbishment of parks and improvements to public buildings.
- 1.3. Resources are allocated from the Nottingham City Council General Fund, the LTP and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). 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.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5. The Area Committee is 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.

2 **BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 This process provides an opportunity for the Area Committee to make comment on suggested schemes and their progress.
- 2.3. Area Capital Fund schemes, including the LTP element, have been identified through various methods including consultation, citizen feedback via Councillors Casework and partnership working. Discussions on potential schemes take place at monthly

Neighbourhood Action Teams (NAT) meetings, regular briefings with Ward Councillors and monthly ward walks across neighbourhood police beats.

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 and is monitored regularly.

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

6.1 Improving the infrastructure enhances the environment.

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



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 None

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 None

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Arboretum Area Capital 2016 - 2017 Programme

Arboretum LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Bateman Gardens	carriageway	Prioritised 30 January 2017	£6,468			Microasphalt surface treatment on Bateman Gardens - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Aspley Place	carriageway	Approved September 2016	£14,920			Carriageway resurfacing on Aspley Place - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Cromwell Street	road safety	Approved September 2016	£25,500			Provision of traffic calming measures on Cromwell Street - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Arboretum Ward parking	feasibility study	Approved May 2016	£4,500			Study to determine options around parking issues in the Alfreton Road area - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Forest Road West	zebrides	Approved May 2016	£5,750	-	yes	Upgrade zebra crossing to zebrides near Unity Primary School - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Craven Road	road safety	Approved May 2016	£10,250			Installation of VAS on Craven Road - lead service: Traffic & Safety

Total LTP schemes*

£67,388

Arboretum Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Hyson Green fencing	fencing	Prioritised 24 September 2017	£7,405			Additional contribution to joint NCH fencing project in Hyson Green area - lead service: NCH
Bentinck Road area	gating	Prioritised 24 September 2017	£80			Additional contribution to existing scheme to meet increased costs - lead service: Streetscene
Bentinck Road area	gating	Approved November 2016	£4,000			Installation of fencing and gating in the vicinity of Bentinck School to reduce ASB - lead service: Streetscene
Hyson Green area	gating	Approved by DA October 2016	£4,750			Installation of fencing and gating in identified areas to reduce ASB - lead service: Streetscene
Radford Road	litter bins	Approved September 2016	£1,355			Joint scheme with Berridge Ward to provide litter bins as part of the Deep Clean programme - lead service: Streetscene
Kirkstead Street	area improvement	Approved May 2016	£17,600			Installation of outdoor gym, refurbishment of fencing and additional play equipment at Kirkstead Street playground - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces
Hazelwood Street/St Pauls Avenue	alleyways	Approved by DA February 2016	£2,307			Improvement of alleyways off Hazelwood Street and St Pauls Avenue - lead service: Streetscene
The Forest/Gregory Boulevard	area improvement	Approved May 2016	£4,000	in planning		Improvement to verges adjacent to The Forest tram stop, to include new path and other surfacing works - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces

Radford Road	lighting	Approved May 2016	£12,000	-	complete	Provision of Christmas lights for Radford Road - lead service: Street Lighting
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Total Public Realm schemes** £53,497

Arboretum Withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
Previously decommitted schemes			£1,900	
Radford Road	lighting	underspend	£1,443	Provision of Christmas lights for Radford Road - lead service: Street Lighting (May-16)

Total Decommitted*** £3,343

2016 - 2017 LTP allocation £68,800

LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016 £35,957

2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation £41,300

Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016 £21,850

Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF £167,907

*Less LTP schemes - £67,388

**Less Public Realm schemes - £53,497

***Decommitted funds + £3,343

Remaining available balance £50,365

LTP element remaining £37,369

Public Realm element remaining £12,996

Dunkirk & Lenton Area Capital 2016 - 2017 Programme

Dunkirk & Lenton LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Lenton Manor	carriageway	Prioritised 1 December 2016	£1,483			Resurface of identified section of carriageway on Lenton Manor - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Lenton Boulevard	cycling	Approved November 2016	£300			Provision of cycle stand on Lenton Boulevard/Hart Street junction - lead service: Transport Strategy
Maxwell Close	TRO	Approved May 2016	£3,000			Contribution to parking scheme on Maxwell Close - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Warwick Street	carriageway	Approved May 2016	£10,500	11/08/2016	yes	Micro-asphalt surface treatment to carriageway on Warwick Road - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Dunkirk Area	SNP	Approved May 2016	£2,015	13/06/2016		Refurbishment of cast street name plates in Dunkirk area - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Dunkirk & Lenton schools	road safety	Approved May 2016	£15,000			Package of TROs to address road safety issues at identified sites near schools across the ward - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Dunkirk Road/Gibbons Street	road safety	Approved May 2016	£720			Widening of cycle access under railway bridge to accommodate mobility scooters and wheelchairs - lead service: Highway Maintenance

Total LTP schemes*

£33,018

Dunkirk & Lenton Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Leen Walk footpath	fencing	Prioritised 9 February 2017	£1,250			Installation of additional green palisade fencing to match existing near railway bridge, to deter ASB - lead service: Streetscene
Lenton Recreation Ground	park improvement	Approved September 2016	£849			Refurbishment of playground equipment on Lenton Recreation Ground - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces
Priory Park	pathways	Approved May 2016	£15,000			Reconstruction of existing and construction of new paths in Priory Park - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces
Willoughby Street/Maxwell Close	area improvement	Approved May 2016	£19,155			Contribution to NCH area improvement scheme on Willoughby Street and Maxwell Close - lead service: NCH

Total Public Realm schemes**

£36,254

Dunkirk & Lenton Withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
Warwick Road	carriageway	underspend	£3,552	Micro-asphalt surface treatment to carriageway on Warwick Road - lead service Highway Maintenance (May-16)

Total Decommitted***	£3,552
2016 - 2017 LTP allocation	£38,600
LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£21,436
2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation	£23,200
Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016	£19,368
Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF	£102,604
*Less LTP schemes	- £33,018
**Less Public Realm schemes	- £36,254
***Decommitted funds	+ £3,552
Remaining available balance	£36,884
LTP element remaining	£30,570
Public Realm element remaining	£6,314

Radford & Park Area Capital 2016 - 2017 Programme

Radford & Park LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Ilkeston Road	footpath	Prioritised 03 February 2017	£14,755			Reconstruction of footpath on Ilkeston Road from Balfour Road to Douglas Road - lead service: Highway Services
Hartley Road/Norton Street	road safety	Approved September 2016	£53,250			Road safety improvements to the junction of Hartley Road/Norton Street - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Hartley Road	signage	Approved May 2016	£1,300			Relocation of road sign to safer location - lead service: Traffic & Safety
Faraday Road	TRO	Approved May 2016	£20,000			Double yellow Line junction protection in Faraday Road area with dual use parking bays between Derby Road and Kittiwake Mews - lead service: Traffic & Safety

Total LTP schemes*

£89,305

Radford & Park Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Garfield Road	fencing	Prioritised 8 December 2016	£6,576			Replace existing fencing and bollards with palisade fencing and pedestrian gates - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Radford Ward CCTV	CCTV	Approved May 2016	£2,864			2 x yearly SIM rental for mobile CCTV cameras, plus cost of 7 moves, and residual costs from decommitted CCTV scheme
Wyville Close, Warner Street & Byfield Close	area improvement	Approved May 2016	£42,000			Contribution to NCH area improvement scheme on Wyville Close, Warner Street and Byfield Close - lead service: NCH
Grimston Road	gating	Approved May 2016	£1,500			Gating scheme in Grimston Road area - lead service: Neighbourhood Management

Total Public Realm schemes**

£52,940

Radford & Park Withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
Previously decommitted schemes			£54,157	

Total Decommitted***

£54,157

2016 - 2017 LTP allocation

£67,400

LTP carried forward from 2015 - 2016

£50,500

2016 - 2017 Public Realm allocation

£40,500

Public Realm carried forward from 2015 - 2016

£22,164

Total Available 2016 - 2017 ACF		£180,564
<i>*Less LTP schemes</i>	-	£89,305
<i>**Less Public Realm schemes</i>	-	£52,940
<i>***Decommitted funds</i>	+	£54,157
Remaining available balance		£92,476
LTP element remaining		£69,414
Public Realm element remaining		£23,062

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK COMMITTEE
22nd February 2017

Title of paper:	Action Taken Under Delegated Authority – Ward Allocations	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Dave Halstead Director of Neighbourhood Services	Wards affected: Arboretum Dunkirk and Lenton Radford and Park
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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"/>	
Planning and Housing	<input 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 asks the Committee to note decisions made under delegated authority that support the local community in a variety of ways. The funds allocated by Councillors are used to address the diverse needs from various sections of the community and to reduce inequalities.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note the actions taken under delegated authority in appendices 1-4	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Decisions in relation to councillors ward allocations are made under delegated authority by the Corporate Director for Commercial and Operations and they must then be reported back to the Area Committee for information.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 This action follows the arrangements established by the Executive Board in respect of individual councillor allocation budget spending.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 No other options were considered.

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

- 4.1 Councillors have an individual ward allocation of £5,000 per Councillor for 2016/17. A proportion of uncommitted funds from 2015/2016 has been brought forward and will be committed during this financial year.

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. Individual EIAs will be completed for projects where necessary

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

Arboretum Ward Budget Allocations 2016/17 - Councillors Bryan and Choudhry

Schemes	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Carnival 2016	04/05/2016	750
Log Cabin refurbishment	04/05/2016	300
Radford Road Spring Clean	04/05/2016	735
Office Equipment - Moor Lionz	17/05/2016	500
Community Training - Kemet Radio	24/05/2016	1000
Nottingham's Ex-Coal Miners of African Caribbean Heritage	07/06/2016	160
Hyson Green Cultural Festival	08/06/2016	500
HGYC - Summer Play Scheme	08/06/2016	400
Pythian Club Summer Event	08/06/2016	500
Football Coaching	18/07/2016	500
AJ Sports	18/07/2016	500
Youth Radio	18/07/2016	500
Arboretum Fun Day 2016	28/07/2016	1500
Women United	16/08/2016	50
Christmas Lights Switch- on Canning Circus	29/09/2016	200
Colville Play Area	29/10/2016	532
Hyson Green Festive Lights Event	14/10/2016	227
Black History Event	17/10/2016	200
Christmas & New Years Event	11/01/2017	700

Committed unspent balance brought B/fw15/16	£5,091
Uncommitted Balance b/fwd 2015/16	1,379
Balance as at 31/03/2016	6,470
Budget allocated 2016/17	£10,00
Balance Available to Spend	£16,470
Allocated funds	£14,218
Uncommitted to date	£1,552

APPENDIX 2

Dunkirk and Lenton Ward Budget Allocations 2016/17 - Councillors Trimble and Piper

Schemes	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Willoughby St Planter	18/04/2016	900
Jigsaw Group time capsule	18/01/2016	178
Picnic in Lenton Recreation Ground	25/05/2016	500
Community BBQ	11/08/2016	344
Lenton & park walk booklet	11/08/2016	250
Removal of garden waste bins in student HMOs	15/06/2016	500
Lenton Planters	22/09/2016	1,500
Christmas Lights Switch- on Canning Circus	29/09/2016	200
Dunkirk Community Planter	27/01/2017	92.29
Communi-TEA Event 2017	27/01/2017	200
Martinmas Fair 2017	27/01/2017	3000
Defibrillator for Dunkirk FC	27/01/2017	500
Tasty Tuesday Christmas Meal	19/12/2017	80
The Lenton Centre Boiler (contribution)	27/01/2017	5000

Committed unspent balance brought B/fwd 15/16	£18,231
Unspent Balance b/fwd 2015/16	
Balance as at 31/03/2016	£18,231
Budget allocated 2016/17	£10,000
Balance Available to Spend	£28,231
Allocated funds	£22,712
Uncommitted to date	£5,520

APPENDIX 3

Radford and Park Ward Budget Allocations 2016/17 - Councillors Peach and Ali

Schemes	Date	Amount (total)
Carnival 2016	4/5/2016	300
Mellers Primary Wind Instrument Classes	31/5/2016	3,000
Hyson Green Youth Club - Easter activities 2016	14/6/2016	1,012
Good garden award postcards	7/7/2016	149
Curry in the park 2016	7/7/2016	900
Canning Christmas Switch on 2016	7/7/2016	900
Community Engagement Fund	7/7/2016	1,000
Alley Clearing Grimston	7/7/2016	1,500
Walking route publication round park estate	7/7/2016	250
Nottingham's Ex-Coal Miners of African Caribbean Heritage	7/7/2016	160
Canning Circus light switch on event	24/8/2016	200
Radford Road CCTV		5405
Walking Route Publication – Park Estate	24/08/16	250
Support to Children	10/10/16	466

Committed unspent balance brought B/fwd 15/16	£24,469
Unspent Balance b/fwd 2015/16	
Uncommitted Balance b/fwd as at 31/03/16	£19,446
Balance as at 31/03/2016	£43,914
Budget allocated 2016/17	£20,405
Balance Available to Spend	£64,319
Allocated funds	£17,393
Uncommitted to date	£46,927

APPENDIX 4

On 17 October 2016, delegated decision ref: 2633 agreed:

- 1) To authorise the Legal Services Manager to enter into an agreement with Nottingham City Homes or its Registered Provider subsidiary, hereafter referred to as NCH, in relation to the matters at 2 and 3 below:
- 2) To allocate £123,000 of affordable housing monies paid pursuant to the Section 106 agreement related to Breconshire Dyeworks, Barlock Road (Reference 09/03300/POUT) towards the purchase price of land on which affordable housing is to be built by NCH at Church Square, Lenton as detailed in this decision.
- 3) On completion of the agreement at 1 above to make the necessary transfer of funds to implement 2 above.

Councillors David Trimble, Sarah Piper, Liaqat Ali and Merlita Bryan were consulted on the decision. It must now be reported to Area Committee, and noted.

Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, Radford and Park Area Committee

Title of paper:	Street Drinking and associated Anti-social Behaviour	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Andrew Errington Director, Community Protection	Wards affected: Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, Radford and Park
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Other colleagues who have provided input:	Senior CPO Nick Burns – Community Protection, Nottingham City Council Senior CPO Wayne Hobbs – Community Protection, Nottingham City Council Tamazin Wilson – Legal Services, Nottingham City Council Inspector Andy Townsend – Nottinghamshire Police Inspector Rob Wilson – Nottinghamshire Police	
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	Not Applicable	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
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 type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>Street Drinking (the drinking of alcohol on the streets and in other similar public places) and anti-social behaviour that is associated with street drinking has been identified as an area of concern within Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park.</p> <p>This report summarises the nature of street drinking activity within the area, the legal tools and powers that are available to tackle the issue, identifies some current initiatives being used to tackle the problem within the Area Committee boundary and outside.</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note the contents of the report and to comment on the effectiveness of actions taken to date to tackle street drinking	
2	To discuss further initiatives for officers to investigate to tackle street drinking with the intention of minimising the impact of the activity on those living, working and visiting the area.	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The drinking of alcohol in public places such as on streets, in local parks or children's play areas is not unlawful. However, street drinking is often accompanied by anti-social behaviour that can have a significant impact on an individual's or community's sense of safety and well-being.
- 1.2 Councillors within Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park are directly involved with their local communities and are able to understand the impact that street drinking is having within their wards.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

2.1 The Issues

- 2.1.1 Councillors and residents have raised concerns regarding the impact of street drinking activity and associated behaviours within the Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park wards.
- 2.1.2 Within Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park a variety of different types of street drinking activity can be identified including:
- Alcohol dependant individuals and groups
 - Individuals and groups from new and emerging communities amongst which street drinking is seen as a cultural norm
 - Groups of University students en-route to and from the City Centre
- 2.1.3 Each of these types of activity bring with them different challenges to partners working within the area to minimise the impact of anti-social behaviour.
- 2.1.4 Problems associated with street drinking can include:
- Drunken, aggressive, abusive behaviour of individuals or groups towards themselves or others;
 - Noise from rowdy behaviour;
 - Residents, passers-by, those working in the area feeling a sense of intimidation by the mere presence of groups of street drinkers;
 - Environmental issues including vomiting, urination, defecation and alcohol related detritus

2.2 Legal Tools and Powers

As stated above the drinking of alcohol in public places is not, per se, unlawful. However there are a number of tools and powers available to the Police, Community Protection and other partners to help tackle anti-social behaviour associated with street drinking and the main ones are outlined below.

2.2.1 Designated Public Places Order (DPPO)

- 2.2.1.1 DPPOs were introduced by the Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 and enable local authorities to designate areas where restrictions on public drinking apply. Nottingham has a DPPO operating throughout the City, after existing locality based DPPOs were extended to give whole city coverage in early 2014.

- 2.2.1.2 The city wide DPPO provisions allow an authorised officer (Police, PCSO, CPO) to require the surrender of alcohol from anyone within the designated area. However, statutory guidance issued with regards DPPOs makes it clear that the power should not be used to tackle peaceful activities and that it is not appropriate to challenge an individual consuming alcohol where that individual is not causing a problem.
- 2.2.1.3 Accordingly, the DPPO should not be interpreted as a ban on drinking alcohol in the street. Officers can only require surrender of alcohol where they feel the person consuming the alcohol is causing a problem or appears likely to cause a problem. An offence is committed upon failure to surrender the alcohol when asked.
- 2.2.1.4 During the 2016 calendar year 118 alcohol confiscations were recorded in Arboretum, with 79 recorded across Radford and Park and Dunkirk and Lenton.
- 2.2.1.5 DPPOs were effectively abolished by the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and replaced by Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs). However, transitional arrangements mean that DPPOs in existence at the commencement of that Act in October 2014, including Nottingham's DPPOs, will remain in force as DPPOs until October 2017.

2.2.2 Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPOs)

- 2.2.2.1 PSPOs were introduced, in October 2014, by the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and are designed to help stop individuals/groups committing anti-social behaviour in a public place.
- 2.2.2.2 A local authority may make a PSPO if it is satisfied on reasonable grounds that activities in a public place have had a detrimental impact on the quality of life of those in the locality, and that the effect is persistent and unreasonable and justifies any restrictions imposed by the PSPO.
- 2.2.2.3 PSPOs can prohibit specific behaviours and can require specific things to be done. They can last for an initial period of 3 years (which is capable of further extension). PSPOs can only be introduced after significant formal consultation with the Police, community representatives and the owners and occupiers of land within the area affected.
- 2.2.2.4 Any PSPO introduced may be subjected to legal challenge on defined grounds by any "interested person" which is defined as anyone who lives in the restricted area or regularly works in or visits that area.
- 2.2.2.5 Whilst a PSPO may contain a prohibition on consuming alcohol in a public place, and thus go further than a DPPO in imposing a ban on street drinking itself, the process to be followed in challenging a person who is drinking in contravention of either a DPPO or PSPO is very similar. Nottingham has recently introduced a PSPO within the Hockley area which does include a ban on street drinking itself.
- 2.2.2.6 PSPOs can be enforced by Police/PCSOs and CPOs. Breach of a PSPO is an offence, but is only punishable at court by means of a financial penalty. A Fixed Penalty Notice may be offered as a means of discharging liability for any alleged offence.

- 2.2.2.7 Such a financial penalty may have an impact on some of those causing problems by street drinking i.e. some students, but may be of limited impact on those who are alcohol dependant and who are in need of treatment rather than enforcement.
- 2.2.2.8 In October 2017, Nottingham's existing DPPOs will convert to PSPOs on their current terms unless appropriate consultation has been carried out beforehand on a varied set of restrictions. It is possible to have different PSPOs for different areas within the City.
- 2.2.2.9 Area Committee may wish to consider the greater use of current DPPO powers and review the effectiveness of the Hockley PSPO in reducing street drinking within that area before deciding what approach to take with regards the DPPO/PSPO conversion within Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park.
- 2.2.3 Dispersal Powers
- 2.2.3.1 Dispersal powers contained within the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 are also available to the Police to disperse anti-social individuals and to provide short term respite to communities.
- 2.2.3.2 A Police Officer of the rank of at least Inspector may authorise the use of the dispersal power in a specified locality for a specified period of up to 48 hours if satisfied, on reasonable grounds, that it is necessary for the purpose of removing or reducing the likelihood of members of the public suffering harassment, alarm or distress or the occurrence of crime and disorder in the locality.
- 2.2.3.3 In exercising the power, the Officer must have regard to the rights of freedom of expression and freedom of assembly set out in the European Convention, and thus in the context of street drinking it cannot easily be used in isolation to tackle groups who may be congregating socially.
- 2.2.4 Community Protection Notices (CPNs) and other ASB, Crime and Policing Act tools
- 2.2.4.1 CPNs were also introduced by the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 and can be issued by Authorised Officers (including Police/PCSOs/CPOs) to stop a person aged 16 years or over committing anti-social behaviour which is of a persistent nature, is unreasonable, and which is having a detrimental impact on the quality of life of those in the locality. If this threshold is met, CPNs can be issued to individual street drinkers.
- 2.2.4.2 CPNs can contain prohibitions and positive requirements. They are a two stage process with a Community Protection Notice Warning (CPNW) needing to be served before a CPN itself can be issued. Breach of a CPN is a criminal offence and may result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued or a prosecution being taken.
- 2.2.4.3 If a CPN is not effective in curtailing the anti-social behaviour of individual street drinkers both stand-alone Civil Injunctions and Criminal Behaviour Orders (available upon conviction for a criminal offence including breach of a CPN) may be considered. Both of these remedies allow the court to include positive requirements i.e. to compel engagement with alcohol support services.

2.2.5 Criminal Offences (Police)

- 2.2.5.1 Further options available to Police officers to deal with unacceptable behaviour include intervention and arrest in some circumstances, for committing offences of disorderly conduct (Section 5 Public Order Act 1986) or being drunk and disorderly (Section 91 Criminal Justice Act 1967). Instances of criminal damage (Section 1 Criminal Damage Act 1971) also provide opportunities for Police officers to investigate, interview and bring resolution.

2.3 **Current Initiatives**

2.3.1 Operation Absenter

- 2.3.1.1 Operation Absenter forms part of the overall Arboretum Project and specifically targets street drinking activity in the Radford East, Forest Recreation and Arboretum and Hyson Green Police beats.
- 2.3.1.2 Police staff and CPOs conduct pro-active alcohol confiscations under the terms of the current DPPO, consider the use of CPNs against repeat offenders, and work closely with Framework to manage those street drinkers whom it is believed would benefit from Framework's intervention. Experience shows that most problematic street drinkers who have on-going alcohol dependency are already known to Framework and thus new referrals are seldom needed.
- 2.3.1.3 Information is also gathered from empty alcohol containers with regards bottle marking which may identify the property from which the alcohol was obtained. This may provide the grounds for a review of a specific premise's licence or may support a representation against new licence applications in respect of those premises or others in the immediate vicinity.
- 2.3.1.4 Operation Absenter has included targeted work around smaller parks within the area including Kirkstead, Bridlington, the Sunken Garden and Peppers Park and has also delivered high visibility patrols and changes to the layout of benches on the Forest Recreation Ground.

2.3.2 Community Trigger Action Plan regarding off campus University Student ASB

- 2.3.2.1 A multi-agency Community Trigger meeting was held in December 2016 to develop an Action Plan to tackle the issue of anti-social behaviour perpetrated off-campus by University students, much of which is concentrated within Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park.
- 2.3.2.2 One of the behavioural issues raised was that of street drinking and associated behaviours and, in response, a specific action has been identified to undertake some targeted DPPO enforcement action during the current University term in identified hotspot locations to clarify the size and nature of the current problem. This enforcement action may be a valuable source of information for Area Committee in determining future options regarding the stipulations of any future PSPO.

2.3.2.3 Data from initial operations which are planned to take place after the writing of this report, but before the Area Committee meeting will be presented at the Area Committee meeting.

2.3.3 Alcohol Saturation Zone

2.3.3.1 In 2014 the local authority created a “Saturation Zone” covering elements of the Arboretum, Berridge and Radford and Park wards. The creation of the Zone took account of the cumulative impact of the number of licensed premises, in particular off-licences, selling alcohol in the area. There was evidence that the high numbers of licensed premises was adding to the cumulative impact, underpinning street drinking in the area.

2.3.3.2 The Zone allows a presumption of refusal for any applications for new premises licences, new club premises certificates and variations to licences, except for minor changes in the area. In 2016 there were two applications relating to off-licences in the Arboretum ward which, following objections, were refused at Licensing panel. One related to a new licence, the other extending licensing hours.

2.3.3.3 Another action within the Community Trigger Action Plan mentioned above is for consideration to be given to the extension of the current Alcohol Saturation Zones contained within the City Council’s Licensing Policy to include high density student areas within Radford and Park and Dunkirk and Lenton. Any such extension, which would be subject to significant public consultation, may help to limit the number of new alcohol licences granted within the specified area.

2.3.4 Good practice – City Centre Street Drinking and Begging monthly case conference

2.3.4.1 Street drinking and begging has, for some time, been an issue of concern within the City Centre, and good practice in providing support for some of the most prolific and vulnerable offenders has been developed in the form of the monthly Street Drinkers and Beggars Case Conference meeting.

2.3.4.2 This is a multi-agency meeting attended by the Police, Community Protection, Framework, NHS (QMC Emergency Department High Dependency Nurse) Nottingham Recovery Network, Clean Slate, Emmanuel House, the Friary (West Bridgford) and occasionally the Big Issue. Other drug and alcohol support agencies attend on an ad hoc basis.

2.3.4.3 Individuals referred to the meeting are monitored in terms of current offending, mental health, physical health, housing status, current offending, engagement with services and drug and alcohol. Updates on each individual are made by any agency working with them and tasks and agreed actions are taken until their removal from the forum.

2.3.4.4 A similar case conferencing system has been tried in the Arboretum ward. However, some of the subjects were common to both areas as were virtually all the partners attending. Consideration could be given to including Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, and Radford and Park problematic drinkers in the City Centre meeting.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 None

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

4.1 Finance have not been asked to provide comments as present as this report is to prompt discussion on what further actions may be deemed appropriate. However, any such actions agreed may have financial implications and these can be explored once identified.

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

5.1 The report summarises a range of powers which are available to the Police, Community Protection and/or other partners to help tackle anti-social behaviour associated with street drinking in paragraph 2.2. above. The report does not recommend a particular course of action. If the Council wish to explore a particular legal power which is available to the Council in more detail specific legal advice will be required

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 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required as this report does not contain any firm proposals and accordingly no key decisions or changes on citizens are being considered

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 Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001

Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014

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