



Nottingham City Council **Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee**

Date: Wednesday, 3 March 2021

Time: 6.00 pm

Place: Remote meeting held by zoom and streamed to the County Council Website

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

Director for Legal and Governance

Governance Officer: Catherine Ziane-Pryor **Direct Dial:** 0115 8764298

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Declarations of Interest**
- 3 Minutes** 3 - 12
Of the meeting held on 9 December 2020 (for confirmation)
- 4 Proceeds of Crime - Community Benefit**
Police Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping attending with Dept. Sup Michael Allen.
- 5 Policing and Community Protection Update**
Activity update since the last meeting.
- 6 Lead Organisation Update**
Donna Denning of Bestwood Partnership to deliver a presentation.
- 7 Nottingham City Homes Update** 13 - 22
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- 11 Good News Stories**
An opportunity for Community Representatives and officers to update the Committee on recent activity and achievements.
- 12 Date of next Meeting**

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Minutes of the meeting held remotely and streamed to YouTube on 9 December 2020 from 6.02 pm - 7.19 pm

Membership

Present

Councillor Audra Wynter (Chair)
Councillor Samuel Gardiner (Joint Vice Chair)
Councillor Maria Joannou (Joint Vice Chair)
Councillor Cheryl Barnard
Councillor Eunice Campbell-Clark
Councillor Jay Hayes
Councillor Jane Lakey
Councillor Georgia Power
Councillor Ethan Radford

Absent

Community Representatives (✓ indicates in attendance)

✓	Chris Easton	Bestwood Park Church
	Reg Knowles	Bradford Street Allotments
	Rev. Andrew Fisher	Bulwell Churches Together
	Jackie Morris	Friends of Bulwell Bogs
	Ros Yousof	Hoewood Area Residents and Tenants (HART)
	Anne Chizwa	Nottingham Outlaws BMX Club
	Paul Bakajsa	Rise Park Action Group
	Paul Jackson	Royal British Legion - Bulwell
✓	Rev. David Gray	St John's Church
	David Lambert	The People's Church
	Robin Goodwin	Top Valley Community Association

Colleagues, partners and others in attendance:

Sue Foster	- Manager and Senior Advisor at Bestwood Advice Centre
Rosie Atkin	- Connected Nottinghamshire
Donna Denning	- Bestwood Partnership
Celia Knight	- Neighbourhood Development Officer (Bulwell Forest)
Nicky Brake	- Nottingham City Homes Area Housing Manager
Sergeant Ollie Vale	- Nottinghamshire Police
Catherine Ziane-Pryor	- Governance Officer

14 Apologies for Absence

Andy Fisher
Robin Goodwin
Paul Jackson
Danny Paxford
Inspector Christine Busuttil (Sergeant Ollie Vale substituting)
Suki Shergill

15 Declarations of Interest

None.

16 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2020 were confirmed as a true record and will be signed by the Chair.

17 Policing and Community Protection Update

Nottinghamshire Police Sergeant Ollie Vale provided the following update for the past 2 weeks:

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- a) violent crime and victim based crime has increased but not with any pattern or in any one area;
- b) burglary is down by 75% and there have been no vehicle offences;
- c) shoplifting had increased but this was due to 2 prolific shoplifters who are being dealt with by the Neighbourhood Policing Team;
- d) Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) has reduced significantly by 45%. This may have been a result of higher than expected reports of ASB at the end of last year in the Lytham Gardens and Hove Road areas which has now substantially reduced;
- e) there haven't been any reported incidents of hate crime within the last 2 weeks;
- f) there has been a sharp rise in criminal damage with the Cherry Orchard Mount area being targeted with arson but a couple of people have been identified as potentially responsible and will be dealt with;

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- g) overall there's been very little movement in reported crimes, but overall down by 2%;
- h) victim based and violent crime has reduced;
- i) burglary is down along with shoplifting and theft in general, possibly due to managing some disputes and continued good partnership working whereby an injunction was sought for an individual;
- j) there has been a reduction in ASB;
- k) there has been a slight rise in hate crime by one incident. This continues to be from the same sources with no specific individual target for race or religion;

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- l) there has no movement in overall crime;
- m) only been a slight variance in victim based crimes but a drop in violent crime;
- n) shoplifting has slightly increased as is seasonal with Christmas coming. Shops are offered advice;
- o) a slight rise in criminal damage but without any identifying pattern;
- p) vehicle crime down;
- q) ASB and hate crime have reduced.

Operation Reacher

- r) Operation Reacher, which was initiated in Bestwood area and provided additional area focused staffing and resources, has now been rolled out across the whole of the City North Policing Area including Bulwell and Bulwell Forest since November, with the majority of activity in Bulwell and Bulwell Forest;
- s) there have been 24 arrests, 7 traffic prosecutions, 34 instances of stop and search, 10 arrest warrants issued, and £14,000 recovered from the proceeds of crime, and 12 drug seizures including heroin and crack cocaine. This work leaves the Neighbourhood Policing Team to focus on neighbourhood policing.

In the absence of Senior Community Protection Officer Daryl Paxford, the following update was read out:

- t) 79 Fixed Penalty Notices have been issued across the wards for offences relating to fly tipping, littering and dog fouling;
- u) City-wide operations to tackle anti-social behaviour are being supported by a dedicated ASB Car, which provides extra resources later at night;
- v) Community Protection Officers have been assisting with covid-secure business checks and also ensuring businesses are compliant with their legal obligations throughout the pandemic. As well as this officers have been in high profile locations and transport hubs to provide reassurance, advice and help enforcement;
- w) a Community Protection Officer has recently been seconded to a Covid Response Team to support activity around compliance, welfare checks and other covid related matters;
- x) Margaret TRAFFORD, the School Crossing Officer for Rise Park has taken the decision to and retire. Margaret has served in all weathers with dedication and a passion for the safety of the children. We wish Margaret all the best for the future and will be recruiting for a replacement. We are currently working with the school to see if any local parent/grandparents/.guardians would be interested in the position.

18 Digital Inclusion - Connected Nottinghamshire

Rosie Atkin of Connected Nottinghamshire, informed the committee of the digital inclusion work being undertaken across the county to help and support citizens to improve their social and digital inclusion skills and ability. The following points were highlighted and questions from the committee responded to:

- a) this area of work was established as a result of research undertaken in 2018 and several support schemes have been launched to help promote digital communication across the whole community;
- b) the predominant focus for digital inclusion is to increase digital access and interaction with the health sector, but also within and between communities and partners;
- c) the gaps in digital inclusion were recognised prior to the pandemic, but lockdown has highlighted the vast range, and high levels of digital deprivation in relation to access to the internet, devices and also ability;
- d) initially schemes were taken into the community with face-to-face support at digital pop-up hubs at community venues and in job centres, as if a roadshow, but due to COVID-19, a different approach has been taken and support is now provided by telephone;
- e) in addition to community and citizen support, there is a Digital Champion Scheme which trains staff and community workers, such as receptionist at GP surgeries, to teach and assist citizens/patients with digital communication, such as for online booking of appointments and services, and accessing the NHS App to access health information, enabling them to then support other people;
- f) during the past two months approximately 77 citizens have contacted the service for support. This may appear a relatively low figure, but each engagement may take a substantial amount of time and the Digital Inclusion Team only consists of three people;
- g) the Digital Workforce Package is available for small businesses;
- h) the 'Tablet Lending Scheme' pilot is aimed at voluntary and community services and organisations to help encourage digital access and ensure members stay connected. The pilot

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scheme has been well received and is currently operating with one community group but there has been a lot interest shown from other groups;

- i) tackling the inequality in digital inclusion requires a partnership approach and can't be achieved in isolation so it is important that the Community and Voluntary Sector, partners and individuals promote the roll-out of the opportunities offered.

More information can be found on the Connected Nottinghamshire website:

<https://www.connectednottinghamshire.nhs.uk/> or by telephoning 0115 883 8873

Councillor Cheryl Barnard, Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People, commented that inequality of internet access within the City has recently been highlighted for school children during the first lockdown when they were required to work from home. It was found that some families were relying on just one device, often a mobile phone, for digital communication. As a result, the Education Department of Nottingham City Council worked to provide laptops to some particularly vulnerable families and although some Central Government funding was provided, the City Council used the pupil premium to support the digital inclusion agenda.

Resolved

- 1) **to note the valuable work of Connected Nottinghamshire;**
- 2) **to record the Committee's thanks to Rosie Atkin for her presentation.**

19 Bestwood Advice Centre

Sue Foster, Manager and Senior Advisor at Bestwood Advice Centre delivered a presentation which is circulated with the initial publication of the minutes, and highlighted the following points:

- a) Bestwood Advice Centre is based on Gainsford Crescent and has been operating since the 1980s, providing advice and support for citizens on issues such as debt and financial management, insolvency options, tribunals, utility debts, and welfare applications;
- b) the main source of funding for the Advice Centre is currently from the City Council, but with other short-term contributors including British Gas, Coalfields, lottery, a pilot scheme of support with Life After Debt, and Bestwood Partnership;
- c) the advice centres across the city work together as a consortium of Advice Nottingham to achieve funding, watch for trends and work to advise and support citizens, include working in partnership with multiple local organisations;
- d) although usually a face-to-face service, due to the COVID-19 restrictions adaptations had to be made to remote and online working. This was achieved quite rapidly, including providing further information via social media. Following lockdown only very limited access in person was offered for extreme circumstances;
- e) last year the service worked with a Nottingham University in providing a 4 week internship to a student. To make the most of this opportunity, Sophie worked with the service for 4 weeks researching the need for advice centres and the value they bring, not only to the individual but to the community as a whole. This project resulted in some excellent research and culminated in a presentation to local partners and agencies, which will also be used to support funding applications. A copy of the report is available electronically on request. Sophie has remained working with the Advice Centre and is now on the Board as Treasurer;
- f) COVID-19 has resulted in a rise in demand from the centre with many people have not claimed benefits or accessed the service previously, now requesting support, often with multiple issues.

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The majority of support is provided over the phone and via WhatsApp photos or by post if people aren't connected;

- g) utility companies have proved very difficult to deal with, especially as they generally hadn't adapted their working practices due to the COVID-19 restrictions, and some almost verged on obstructive;
- h) it has been highlighted that more financial education is needed to prevent or address poor budgeting and poor financial choices. Talking to some citizens about changing their financial behaviour and choices has been difficult, particularly over the telephone (rather than in person) as some people find it easier to express their anger and frustration at a distance;
- i) during the past 9 months approximately 500 clients have been supported, which is similar to the number of people supported in the previous 12 months. Some client cases require a huge dedication of advisor time, sometimes in the region of 100 hours, particularly where there is digital exclusion;
- j) often when clients approach the Service they are already in debt, do not have capacity to save, and cannot afford to take on further debt even via a credit union loan, so it is rare that clients are referred to credit unions, although they may be included in the financial education work where citizens have the capacity to save;
- k) issues that need highlighting include:
 - i. the extra £20 per week for people on WTC and UC benefits during the pandemic is only temporary, but as it occurred at the same time as the increase in benefits, many recipients haven't realised that this will stop/reduce in April 2021;
 - ii. Council Tax benefit was temporarily increased but will revert in April 2021, again, many recipients haven't realised this;
 - iii. debt reclamation charges from benefit payments were temporarily stopped but are now reintroduced at a much higher rate;
 - iv. digital exclusion, however a campaign has been launched to target the digitally excluded and hard to reach residents in Nottingham with the ability for the Service to contact them by phone or post;
- l) the pandemic has resulted in a lot of additional work and community and individual need, which is predicted to rise significantly, so funding has been secured for 2 part time advisors to support the work but further funding will be needed to enable the need to be met. All routes for further funding are being pursued although most current funding availability is either only COVID-19 related so time limited, or short-term and it's difficult to recruit to short-term posts. Engaging a part-time, results based payment fund raiser is being considered;
- m) people can contact the Bestwood Advice Centre as Follows :

Telephone	0115 962 6519
Text/Whatsapp	+44 (0)7875 746 843
Email	admin@bestwoodadvice.org.uk
Facebook/Messenger	www.facebook.com/bestwoodadvice.org.uk/
Web enquiry	www.bestwoodadvice.org.uk

Members of the Committee expressed their appreciation of the Bestwood Advice Centre's work, congratulated the Team on their achievements and were concerned at the inevitable rise in demand and reducing funding.

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Donna Denning of Bestwood Partnership, added that the Advice Centre also provided support for citizens with white goods, which is key for some citizens to store and cook food. The Bestwood Partnership is currently looking at financial education schemes to help support budgeting and money management.

Rosie Atkin of Connected Nottingham offered to help support the digitally excluded work of the Service.

Resolved to:

- 1) **note the valuable support and advice provided to citizens by the Bestwood Advice Centre;**
- 2) **record the thanks of the Committee to Sue Forster for her attendance and presentation.**

20 Communities Unite

As Jerome Barracks was not in attendance, the item was withdrawn.

21 Good News Stories

The Committee were informed of the following good news reports and community updates;

- a) Reverend Andrew Fisher asked that the Committee be made aware that the Bestwood and Bulwell Foodbank has opened a once weekly session at St Mary's Church on Highbury Road, which will make it easier for people in the area. Referrals are through the usual routes;
- b) Chris Easton updated the Committee on the work taking place at the Bestwood Park Church, with Friday meal deliveries continuing and next week marking the delivery of the 6,000th meal since 27 March 2020. There is still a need with approximately 50 meals sent out on 17th November and 150 festive meals due to be delivered with the help of the community groups and partners, including the Fire and Rescue Service on Christmas Eve, along with 450 hampers. The national 'Love Thy Neighbour Scheme is active in the area;
- c) two local mothers had recognised that some families were struggling to buy Christmas presents for children and organised a Community Christmas Gift Scheme at the church with presents wrapped by care home residents of Hawthorne Lodge. Approximately 250 gifts have been donated and will be distributed prior to Christmas;
- d) there is also now a foodbank operating twice a week in the Crabtree area on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am-3pm;
- e) Maria Shakespeare is still planning to cook and deliver Christmas meals to elderly residents in the community, as she does every year.

22 Nottingham City Homes Update

Nottingham City Homes Area Housing Managers Nicky Brake presented the report which provides an update on performance, activity and engagement, and in an updated Appendix 3, which has been circulated as a supplement to the agenda, requests scheme approvals.

Members of the Committee requested an update item to a future meeting regarding the housing developments in Bestwood and Bulwell, including the proposed timelines. It is noted that one scheme is private and the other is by the City Council, and not NCH, but an update can be considered as a stand-alone item for a future meeting.

Resolved to:

- 1) note the community engagement activity and performance information;
- 2) approve the schemes identified in the revised Appendix 3 as follows:

<u>Address</u>	<u>Reason</u>	<u>Cost</u>
St Albans, Austin Street and Colston Road flats	New External Bins as environment and health issues with internal chutes, under capacity and no ability to recycle	£74,436.20 Split £24,299 Cllr Environmental Budget, balance of £50,137.20 to come from NCH Estate Impact Budget
Lytham Gardens	Improvements required, schemes to be agreed	£50,000
Wendling Gardens	Parking Scheme Improvements required	£12,660 with match funding from NCH

- 3) note the financial position:

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Actual Budget</u>	<u>Schemes Approved</u>	<u>Schemes Committed</u>	<u>Schemes De Committed</u>	<u>Remaining Budget</u>
Bestwood	£119,544.16	£62,660	£62,660	£0	£56,884.16
Bulwell	£97,341.25	0	0	£0	£97,341.25
Bulwell Forest	£24,229.77	£24,229	£24,229	£0	£0.00

23 Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Capital Report

Celia Knight, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which requests funding approvals in each ward, and provides an update to budgets.

Resolved:

- 1) to approve the following LTP and Public Realm schemes within the Bestwood Ward, noting that no funding de-commitments are proposed:

<u>Location (LTP schemes)</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Details</u>
Leybourne Drive	£90,396	resurfacing of the footpath on identified sections of Leybourne Drive
Henning Gardens	£15,098	surface treatment of footpath on Henning Gardens
Erewash Gardens	£3,517	surface treatment of footpath on Erewash Gardens (LTP contribution)
<u>Location (Public Realm)</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Details</u>
Erewash Gardens	£582	surface treatment of footpath on Erewash Gardens (PR contribution)
Crossfield Drive	£9,898	surface treatment of footpath on Crossfield Drive
Wendling Gardens	£12,660	installation of parking scheme on Wendling Gardens (match funded scheme with NCH)

- 2) to note the financial position of budgets held for the Bestwood Ward;

2020 - 2021 LTP allocation	£69,300
LTP carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£39,711
2020 - 2021 Public Realm allocation	£33,300

Public Realm carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£251
Total Available 2020 - 2021 ACF	£142,562
Less LTP schemes	- £109,011
Less Public Realm schemes	- £23,140
De-committed funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£10,411
LTP element remaining	£0
Public Realm element remaining	£10,411

- 3) to approve the following schemes in the Bulwell Ward, and note that no further LTP schemes or de-commitments are proposed at this time;

<u>Location (Public Realm)</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Details</u>
Snapewood nature reserve	£7,000	match funding to repair and restore fencing at Snapewood nature reserve to prevent ASB
Hempshill underpass	£8,000	match funding to provide lighting in the underpass near Hempshill School to improve safety
Hoefield Crescent	£10,000	match funding for provision of multi-sport activities and outdoor gym on Hoefield Crescent

- 4) to note the financial position of budgets held for the Bulwell Ward;

2020 - 2021 LTP allocation	£74,200
LTP carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£0
2020 - 2021 Public Realm allocation	£35,600
Public Realm carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£0
Total Available 2020 - 2021 ACF	£109,800
Less LTP schemes	- £48,356
Less Public Realm schemes	- £25,000
De-committed funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£36,444
LTP element remaining	£25,844
Public Realm element remaining	£10,600

- 5) to approve the following scheme within the Bulwell Forest Ward, and notes that no further LTP schemes or de-commitments are proposed at this time;

<u>Location (Public Realm)</u>	<u>Estimate</u>	<u>Details</u>
Bulwell Forest Golf Club car park	£4,932	contribution to repair works at Bulwell Forest Golf Club car park to improve public amenity parking

- 6) to note the financial position of budgets held for the Bulwell Forest Ward;

2020 - 2021 LTP allocation	£55,100
LTP carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£0
2020 - 2021 Public Realm allocation	£26,400
Public Realm carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£0
Total Available 2020 - 2021 ACF	£81,500
Less LTP schemes	- £55,100
Less Public Realm schemes	- £22,717
De-committed funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£3,683
LTP element remaining	£0
Public Realm element remaining	£3,683

24 Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Partnership / Community Hub

Celia Knight, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which provides an overview of the establishment of the Area Partnerships and Community Hubs. Detailed local statistics, including the indices of deprivation, health, education, housing, crime, and age relevant issues are included within the report, including a survey of community organisations within the Area.

It is noted that much of the partnership working has evolved naturally to respond to the needs of the community during COVID-19. Scheduled work, including the establishment of sub-groups to consider and look to address identified local priorities has commenced with positive outcomes to date.

It is proposed that a leaflet will be distributed to 22,000 local properties which will provide useful contact numbers as there are concerns that it is difficult for people who do not have access to the internet to find out where to obtain help. This has been funded by the Bestwood Partnership.

Resolved:

- 1) **to adopt the four following priorities recommended by the newly formed area partnerships based on the need analysis of the Area;**
 - i. **food poverty;**
 - ii. **employment;**
 - iii. **mental health/loneliness and isolation;**
 - iv. **welfare rights and benefits advice;**
- 2) **to note the proposed way forward for agreeing a community hub model for the Bulwell, Bulwell Forest and Bestwood Wards.**

25 Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Ward Members Budgets

Neighbourhood Development Officer Celia Knight presented the report which informs the Committee of funding allocations made by ward councillors and authorised by the Director of Community Protection.

Resolved to note the following

- 1) **Bestwood Ward Budget Allocations since the last report and the remaining funds;**

<u>Schemes: Bestwood Ward</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Reducing domestic violence	18/8/20	Hayes, Power, Wynter	£995
Balance Brought Forward 19/20			£3,554
Councillor funding 20/21			£10,000
Total funds 20/21			£13,554
De-committed schemes 20/21			0
Allocated 20/21 as of 23/10/20			£3,963
Uncommitted Funds after allocated schemes			£9,591

- 2) **Bulwell Ward Budget Allocations since the last report and the remaining funds:**

<u>Schemes: Bulwell Ward</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Crabtree Flats Bulbs	12/10/20	Joannou, Radford	£217
Area around Church Bulbs	12/10/20	Joannou, Radford & Lakey	£217
Bulwell Christmas Lights	23/10/20	Joannou, Radford & Lakey	£2,267
Bulwell Light switch on 2021	23/10/20	Joannou, Radford & Lakey	£4,000
Balance Brought Forward 19/20			£0

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Councillor funding 20/21	£10,000
Total funds 20/21	£10,000
De-committed schemes 20/21	£24,908
Allocated 20/21 as of 23/10/20	£9152
Uncommitted Funds after allocated schemes	£25,756

3) Bulwell Forest Ward Budget Allocations since last report and the remaining funds;

<u>Schemes:</u>	<u>Approved</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bulwell Forest Garden Calendar	28/9/20	Barnard, Campbell-Clark, Gardiner	£270
Highbury Hospital Christmas Activities	20/10/20	Barnard, Campbell-Clark, Gardiner	£250

Balance Brought Forward 19/20	£692
Councillor funding 20/21	£10,000
Total funds 20/21	£10,692
De-committed schemes 20/21	£23
Allocated 20/21 as of 23/10/20	£1,574
Uncommitted Funds after allocated schemes	£9,141

26 Ward Reports

Celia Knight, Neighbourhood Development Officer, presented the report which sets out actions against each of the ward priorities, including through the work of the Neighbourhood Action Teams (NAT), provides details of forthcoming events and activities, and the latest Crime Drugs Partnership (CDP) crime statistics.

Resolved to note the progress to address ward priorities and other supporting information, including the issues addressed by each NAT, and upcoming opportunities for citizens to engage, and the latest statistical updates by the CDP.

27 Suggestions for future agenda items

Members of the Committee requested:

- a) an update item to a future meeting regarding the housing developments in Bestwood and Bulwell, including the proposed timelines;
- b) with the success of the Police's 'Operation Reacher', including retrieving proceeds from crime, it would be interesting to hear from the Police Crime Commissioner if such funds could be invested into the local communities, from where they came.

28 Date of next Meeting

Resolved to note that the next meeting is scheduled for 3 March 2021 at 6pm.

Agenda Item 7



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3 March 2021

Title of paper:	Nottingham City Homes (NCH) Update	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Nick Murphy, Chief Executive of Nottingham City Homes	Wards affected: Bestwood, Bulwell, Bulwell Forest
Report author(s) and contact details:	Dan Pickard, Area Housing Manager, Bestwood, Bulwell, Bulwell Forest NCH daniel.pickard@nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk	
Other colleagues who have provided input:		
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Nottingham People		X
Living in Nottingham		X
Growing Nottingham		<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect for Nottingham		X
Serving Nottingham Better		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/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 (report to follow); • Good news stories and positive publicity. 		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note and comment on the update and performance information;	
2	To note the financial position as detailed in Appendix 3 to the report and note that no further schemes are proposed at this time.	

1 Reasons for recommendations

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

2 Background (including outcomes of consultation)

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

Appendix 3 outlines the remaining capital budget for this area for noting.

3 Other options considered in making recommendations

None

4 Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money/VAT)

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

5 Legal and Procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, Crime and Disorder Act and procurement implications)

None

6 Strategic Assets & Property colleague comments (for decision relating to all property assets and associated infrastructure) (Area Committee reports only)

An EIA is not needed as the report does not contain proposals or financial decisions.

7 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

None

8 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information

None

9 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

None

NCH update report – Appendix 1

Date: March 2021

Presented by: Dan Pickard



	Item	Executive Summary / Key Points
1	Capital Programme & major works	
2 Page 15	Area Regeneration and Environmental Issues	<p>Pilot Crabtree</p> <p>2nd letter sent to residents at Springhead/Holwood Court 16th February to inform them of their colour choices for externals and internals, confirming flooring, new ceiling, complete re-wire including intercom and CCTV, new door to reception at Hoefield Crescent for Springhead. Ceilings to be removed starting end of February and painting in March. External bins the spring in conjunction with the new parking scheme.</p> <p>Residents have asked for more pigeon proofing as part of the engagement which we have now included. Only one resident has raised a repair issue, which we are picking up and will continue to monitor and resolve if any more come up.</p> <p>The external grounds consultation with residents will happen later in March.</p> <p>Still awaiting outcome of the D2Grids mine water project so we can give the go-ahead for the car park improvements.</p> <p>Letter has gone out on 19th February to all Crabtree residents informing them of the Landscaping through the open space between Bonnington and the open ground on the corner of Hoefield and Crabtree, including widening the path and removing unnecessary knee rail. Crabtree Primary school has been contracted to get involved with the planting of the wild meadow and other activity. The letter also encourages residents to in touch and become champions of the area or get involved with the planting. All responses will be monitored and reported on back to councillors.</p>

The old garage site: Mood board and options have been shared with key stakeholders, and we will submit the funding application in September so that we have enough time to engage fully with key stakeholders and residents and get quotations back to include in the funding application.

Bulwell Forest: Because of the high value of the installation, this has had to go out to tender. This will allow us to do more blocks (budget allowing) across the city in the coming years too. Tender preparation in progress currently.

Progress Tracker Update Report

Address	Ward	Description	Status
New market Road	Bulwell	Knee Rail	Complete
Newmarket repair	Bulwell		Complete
Cadlan Court	Bestwood	Handrails to be replaced.	Complete
Duchess Gardens 6 EO	Bulwell	Additional works agreed by NCH to complete the scheme	Complete
Duchess Gardens	Bulwell	Major footpath repairs	Complete
Peary Close Green Space	Bestwood	Knee Rail	Complete
Cherry Orchard Mount	Bestwood	Area in front of shops to be resurfaced. Take up slabs and renew with tarmac	Complete
Centenary Close	Bulwell	Alter new build fencing to incorporate into No2	Complete
Duchess Gardens 6	Bulwell	Communal Railings, Patio, Paths (Prop.1to5)	Complete
Knights Close (new build site)	Bulwell Forest	Bulb planting	Complete

Chatham Court	Bulwell Forest	Bulb planting	Complete
Crabtree Road	Bulwell	Footpath repairs to rear alley of properties	Complete
9 Norwich Gardens	Bulwell	Disabled Parking Space outside property - 9 Norwich Gardens	Complete
Various Areas	Bulwell	NCH flytipping signage order and NCC to install	Complete
Centenary Close	Bulwell	New build bin stores just being used for flytipping. NCC can get all bins from residents so no use for them need to re-purpose or remove	Complete
Leiston Gardens	Bestwood	Foot path work and new steps	In Progress
Springhead Court Main Reception Concierge	Bulwell	Demolition of Concierge, replacement fire door reception to caretaker/plant room. New panel required for fire alarm to make it visible. Move some of the electrical points and boxes to plant room	In Progress
St Albans, Austin Street and Colston Road flats)	Bulwell	Bin chute issues (similar to Courts in Sneintong) smells, not fit for purpose, blocking etc. need to look at the external option and cost savings	Approved Waiting Tender Process
Crabtree Pilot - Zone 3 pathways to new green space	Bulwell	Widen pathways, remove knee rail from Bonnington down to Crabtree/Hoefield Rds and excavate "path with lights" to see what surface remains if any	Scheduled
Crabree Pilot - Zone 1 Springhead Court	Bulwell	Fencing to ground floor properties	Scheduled
Crabtree Pilot - Zone 1 Springhead Court	Bulwell	Pressure washing brickwork, paving and repairing	Scheduled

		external maintenance			
		Crabtree Pilot - Zone 1 Springhead Court Main Reception Communal Door	Bulwell	Curtins have specified a beam that needs to be installed prior to the replacement of the door	DM to raise PO
		Crabtree Pilot - Zone 1 Springhead and Holwood	Bulwell	New Parking scheme and demolition of wall and create hard standing for external bins outside Holwood	Waiting for Quote
		Springhead/Holwood Court	Bulwell	De-commissioning of bin chutes replacing with external bins	Schedule
		Crabtree Pilot - Zone 1 Springhead and Holwood	Bulwell	New flooring and ceilings communal areas	Scheduled
		Crabtree Precinct	Bulwell	NCC request for quotes to remove wave and improve fencing appearance to the rear of the shops	Quote Received waiting decision
		St Johns Church	Bulwell	Parking to alleviate the problem of residents parking on green	Quote with Councillors
		Beckhampton Road	Bestwood	Railings RF and concrete repair TB	Quote Received
		Lytham Gardens	Bestwood	£50k provision sum to be approved in Dec AC details to be worked out later	Evaluation
3	Key messages from the Tenant and Leasehold Involvement	<p>Digital Skills Survey We've launched a digital skills survey to help us support tenants getting on line. All completed surveys will be entered into a prize draw with the opportunity to winning a brand new tablet. The survey can be completed online or a hard copy requested by emailing involved@nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk.</p> <p>Tenant Academy programme Our Tenant Academy programme for February onward is available online. All sessions are free to Nottingham City</p>			

Homes' residents and members of community groups who support our residents. Highlights include:

- Online - **Employability sessions** including interview Skills workshops, Nottingham City Homes' celebrates International Women's day and Women in Construction Introduction to Caretaking, Plumbing, Electrics, Construction, Plumbing and Painting and decorating
- Online – **Clicksilver Connections** – a 4 week one to one IT support and mentoring programme with attendees matched with training business professionals (see attached poster)
- Online – **Nottingham Festival of Science and Curiosity**, 8 to 17 February 2021, celebrating Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths with interactive, fun and free events
- Online - **Volunteers and volunteering training programme** including How to take minutes, Being a trustee and Writing Opportunities to attract Volunteers
- Classroom – **Paediatric first aid***, Saturday 20/03/2021 and 27/03/2021 (attendance to both days required), Lenton Centre

Tenant Awards 2021

Entries for the 2021 Awards are now open until 12 May. In fact, in these difficult times it's more important than ever to recognize the unsung heroes within our communities. Please help to make a nomination and spread the word.

Our online nomination form can be found here: <https://nottinghamcityhomes.org.uk/section/get-involved/tenant-awards/>

LOCAL:

Tenant Academy:

- Tenant Academy: Classroom – **Food Safety training*** – 23/03/2021, Crabtree Community Centre, Bulwell
- Classroom - **Wildlings Connect, Learn and Play*** (4 weeks) – commencing Saturday 6 March from 10am to 12noon at Bulwell Forest Gardens (see attached poster)

Green Flag:

Nottingham had a record number of Green Flag sites across the city.

		<p>Bestwood- Crossfield Court Community Garden, Bestwood is being submitted in this round 2021 for the Community Award. Tenants have helped create a lovely space for the local community to enjoy and grow food sustainably.</p> <p>Meden Gardens has also been shortlisted for the NCH Garden Competition award.</p> <p>Bulwell: Hazelhurst Gardens received it's very first Green Flag in October 2020 and a repeat submission has been entered by NCH for 2021</p> <p>Bulwell Forest: Chatham Gardens We have submitted a brand new Green Flag submission for Chatham this year to recognise the great efforts residents have made to create a beautiful garden. Watch this space!</p>
<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Page 20</p>	<p>4 Tenant and Residents Associations/community updates</p>	<p>Bulwell: People's Choice – we are supporting the group in partnership with Cllrs and Rebalancing to deliver a hot meals project in March – further details to follow.</p> <p>Decent Neighbourhoods – MUGA development. We are all very excited to begin formal consultation with key stakeholders in Crabtree on this very exciting opportunity.</p> <p>Partnership project with National Justice Museum – NJM have developed a Worry Doll' workshop in an envelope' as an engaging activity that aims to get young people and older residents talking about the impact the pandemic has had on mental health. We are working with community groups and Toy Library to get the packs out to families and older residents.</p>
<p>5</p>	<p>Good news stories & positive publicity</p>	<p>Bulwell Forest (update included in Cllr bulletin): Young Person of Inspiration! Iris is aged 11 and is a green champion and resident of Bulwell Forest. Iris as nominated by Bulwell Forest Garden and won the Nottingham's Young Person of Innovation 2021 award for her incredible voluntary work at the community garden and many hours spent litter picking in her area. Iris has since become NCH's youngest ever Street and Block Champion and has also been nominated in the Tenant Awards.</p>

APPENDIX 3 – Bulwell, Bulwell Forest, Bestwood

Area	Ward	Actual Budget (including carry over from 2019/20)	Schemes Approved	Schemes Committed	Schemes De Committed	Remaining Budget
Mar-21	Bestwood	£119,544.16	£62,660	£62,660	£0	£56,884.16
Mar -21	Bulwell	£97,341.25	0	0	£0	£97,341.25
Mar – 21	Bulwell Forest	£24,229.77	£24,229	£24,229	£0	£0.00

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Agenda Item 8

Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee March 3rd 2021

Title of paper:	Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Capital Schemes	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Nottingham People		<input type="checkbox"/>
Living in Nottingham		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Growing Nottingham		<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect for Nottingham		<input type="checkbox"/>
Serving Nottingham Better		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report provides Area Committee with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways and footways • Latest spend proposals regarding Public Realm schemes 		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the prioritised Area Capital and public realm schemes for Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest, as set out below, are approved.	

1 Reasons for recommendations

- 1.1 The Nottingham LTP strategy 2011-2026 maintains a commitment to deliver local transport improvements across Nottingham's neighbourhoods and prioritises small-scale transport improvements of importance to local communities.
- 1.2 As part of the budget process Nottingham City Council approved at the Executive Board meeting on 18 February 2020 an LTP capital allocation of £1.25 million citywide between 2019 -20 was approved. At the same meeting a citywide allocation of General Fund Element (public realm) of £750,000 was agreed. At the subsequent Executive Board meeting on 21 July 2020, as part of the budget update, a top-slice of 20% was made to the General Fund Element (public realm) reducing it to £600,000.

2 Background (including outcomes of consultation)

- 2.1 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 its establishment 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 the programme have included footpath construction and repairs, fences, visual enhancements to public realm, refurbishment of parks and improvements to public buildings.
- 2.2 Resources are allocated from the Nottingham City council general fund, the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and from the Housing Revenue Account. To achieve a joint approach to environmental improvements in neighbourhoods, a greater degree of flexibility has been established to prioritise and deliver improvements so that there is a synergy in local solutions for local issues across neighbourhoods.
- 2.3 The programme of works is a rolling programme. There have been instances where schemes are started, with strong community involvement and interest, only to be altered at a later stage due to changing circumstances such as economic conditions and changes in land values.
- 2.4 The Area Committee, particularly community representatives, are invited to comment specifically on those schemes identified in the proposals column and to consider whether certain schemes can be linked to other programmes of work in order to generate best value and create a greater impact on the local area.

3 Other options considered in making recommendations

- 3.1 None

4 Finance colleague 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.
- 4.2 This report has been sent to the Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer for consultation and/or approval in line with the amendment to delegations for making decisions for new capital expenditure which came into force on 11 November 2020. Approval was granted on February 2nd 2021 by the Head of Community Partnerships and on February 15th 2021 by the Section 151 Officer. Confirmation has been received that monitoring the camera feeds will not involve the council in any additional staffing or monitoring costs

5 Legal and Procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, Crime and Disorder Act and procurement implications)

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

6 Strategic Assets & Property colleague comments (for decision relating to all property assets and associated infrastructure) (Area Committee reports only)

6.1 None

7 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

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

No x

An EIA is not required because this decision does not relate to changing policy or function

8 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information

8.1 Highways Framework Agreement

9 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

9.1 Executive Board Report, 18 February 2020, Medium Term Financial Plan, Annex 3, Capital Programme.

These details can be found here:

<https://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/documents/b27342/Supplement%20agenda%20-%20Urgent%20Items%2018th-Feb-2020%2014.00%20Executive%20Board.pdf?T=9>

on the following pages:

General Fund (unchanged) – General Fund Capital Programme – excluding Transport Schemes, Annex 3, Section 3, p5 (p83 of total).

LTP (unchanged) – Local Transport Plan Programme Overview, Annex 3, Appendix D, Section 1 (p100)

9.2 Executive Board Report, 18 February 2020, Medium Term Financial Plan, Annex 3, Capital Programme.

These details can be found here:

<https://committee.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/documents/b27899/Executive%20Board%2021072020%20Additional%20Supplementary%20Agenda%2021st-Jul-2020%2014.00%20Executive%20Board.pdf?T=9>

on the following page:

General Fund Council Financial Position – 2020/21 Budget Update (reduction by 20%), Appendix 1c (p15)

Bestwood Area Capital 2020 - 2021 Programme – Previously approved

Bestwood LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Details
Leybourne Drive	footpath	approved December 2020	£90,396	resurfacing of the footpath on identified sections of Leybourne Drive - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Henning Gardens	footpath	approved December 2020	£15,098	surface treatment of footpath on Henning Gardens - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Erewash Gardens	footpath	approved December 2020	£3,517	surface treatment of footpath on Erewash Gardens (LTP contribution) - lead service: Highway Maintenance

Total previous LTP £109,011

Bestwood Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Details
Erewash Gardens	footpath	approved December 2020	£582	surface treatment of footpath on Erewash Gardens (PR contribution) - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Crossfield Drive	footpath	approved December 2020	£9,898	surface treatment of footpath on Crossfield Drive - lead service: Highway Maintenance
Wendling Gardens	parking	approved December 2020	£12,660	installation of parking scheme on Wendling Gardens (match funded scheme with NCH) - lead service: Highway Design

Total previous Public Realm £23,140

Bulwell Area Capital 2020 - 2021 Programme – Previously approved

Bulwell LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Details
Bulwell Ward junction protection	TRO	approved September 2020	£12,500	double yellow lines to improve safety and access at identified locations around Lillington Road, South Snape Close and Langdown Close - lead service: Traffic Management
Low Wood Road	road safety	approved September 2020	£25,000	contribution to road safety improvements on Low Wood Road - lead service: Road Safety
Bacton Avenue area	footpaths	approved September 2020	£10,856	residual contribution to slurry seal of adopted footpaths on Bacton Ave, Bacton Gdns, Cawston Gdns, Hemsby Gdns and Dunholme Close - lead service: Highway Maintenance

Total previous LTP £48,356

Bulwell Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Details
Snapewood nature reserve	fencing	approved December 2020	£7,000	match funding to repair and restore fencing at Snapewood nature reserve to prevent ASB - lead service: Neighbourhood Management
Hempshill underpass	lighting	approved December 2020	£8,000	match funding to provide lighting in the underpass near Hempshill School to improve safety - lead service: Neighbourhood Management
Hoefield Crescent	area improvement	approved December 2020	£10,000	match funding for provision of multi-sport activities and outdoor gym on Hoefield Crescent - lead service: Neighbourhood Management

Total previous Public Realm £25,000

Bulwell Forest Area Capital 2020 - 2021 Programme – Previously approved

Bulwell Forest Area LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Details
St Albans Road 2	footpath	prioritised 06/08/20	£19,885	footpath reconstruction on St Albans Road - Kersall Drive to Cantrell Road right side (residual contribution) - lead service: Highway Maintenance
School Streets project	road safety	prioritised 06/08/20	£35,215	road safety project including Stanstead School Streets scheme plus TRO's outside Hyvale and on Ridgeway (LTP contribution) - lead service: Road Safety <i>NB: approved subject to detailed design</i>

Total previous LTP £55,100

Bulwell Forest Area Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Details
Bulwell Forest Golf Club car park	area improvement	approved December 2020	£4,932	contribution to repair works at Bulwell Forest Golf Club car park to improve public amenity parking - lead service: Highway Maintenance
School Streets project	road safety	prioritised 06/08/20	£17,785	road safety project including Stanstead School Streets scheme plus TRO's outside Hyvale and on Ridgeway (PR contribution) - lead service: Road Safety <i>NB: approved subject to detailed design</i>

Total previous Public Realm £22,717

Bestwood Area Capital 2020 - 2021 Programme

LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Details

Total new LTP schemes	£0
Previously approved LTP schemes	£109,011
Total LTP schemes*	£109,011

Bestwood Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Details
Bestwood Ward CCTV	security camera	prioritised 20/01/21	£10,000	additional contribution to purchase, licensing and moving of CCTV cameras - lead service: CCTV operations

Total new Public Realm schemes	£10,000
Previously approved Public Realm schemes	£23,140
Total Public Realm schemes**	£33,140

Bestwood Withdrawn schemes

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

Total Decommited***	£0
2020 - 2021 LTP allocation	£69,300
LTP carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£39,711
2020 - 2021 Public Realm allocation	£33,300
Public Realm carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£251
Total Available 2020 - 2021 ACF	£142,562
*Less LTP schemes	- £109,011
**Less Public Realm schemes	- £33,140
***Decommited funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£411
LTP element remaining	£0
Public Realm element remaining	£411

Bulwell Area Capital 2020 - 2021 Programme

Bulwell LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Details
Bulwell Ward carriageways	carriageways	prioritised 21/01/21	£25,844	resurfacing works on carriageway at locations to be identified across the ward - lead service: Highway Maintenance

Total new LTP schemes £25,844
Previously approved LTP schemes £48,356
 Total LTP schemes* £74,200

Bulwell Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Details
Bulwell Hall Park	area improvement	prioritised 21/01/21	£10,600	improvement works in Bulwell Hall Park - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces

Total new Public Realm schemes £10,600
Previously approved Public Realm schemes £25,000
 Total Public Realm schemes** £35,600

Bulwell Withdrawn schemes

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

Total Decommited*** £0
 2020 - 2021 LTP allocation £74,200
 LTP carried forward from 2019 - 2020 £0
 2020 - 2021 Public Realm allocation £35,600
 Public Realm carried forward from 2019 - 2020 £0
Total Available 2020 - 2021 ACF £109,800
 *Less LTP schemes - £74,200
 **Less Public Realm schemes - £35,600
 ***Decommited funds + £0
Remaining available balance £0
 LTP element remaining £0
 Public Realm element remaining £0

Bulwell Forest Area Capital 2020 - 2021 Programme

Bulwell Forest LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Details

Total new LTP schemes	£0
Previously approved LTP schemes	£55,100
Total LTP schemes*	£55,100

Bulwell Forest Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Details
Bulwell Forest recreation ground	area improvement	prioritised 13/01/21	£3,000	provision of two memorial benches to mark the centenary of WW1 - lead service: Parks & Open Spaces
Bulwell Forest winter maintenance	grit bins	prioritised 11/02/21	£505	installation of grit bin at priority site in Bulwell Forest ward - lead service: Highway Maintenance

Total new Public Realm schemes	£3,505
Previously approved Public Realm schemes	£22,717
Total Public Realm schemes**	£26,222

Bulwell Forest Withdrawn schemes

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

Total Decommited***	£0
2020 - 2021 LTP allocation	£55,100
LTP carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£0
2020 - 2021 Public Realm allocation	£26,400
Public Realm carried forward from 2019 - 2020	£0
Total Available 2020 - 2021 ACF	£81,500
*Less LTP schemes	- £55,100
**Less Public Realm schemes	- £26,222
***Decommited funds	+ £0
Remaining available balance	£178
LTP element remaining	£0
Public Realm element remaining	£178

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Agenda Item 9

Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee – 3rd March 2021

Title of paper:	Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Ward Reports	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Nottingham People		X
Living in Nottingham		X
Growing Nottingham		X
Respect for Nottingham		X
Serving Nottingham Better		X
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report focusses on current priorities and issues facing the Bestwood, Bulwell, and Bulwell Forest Wards and gives details of forthcoming events and activities. It also highlights the latest issues now being addressed through regular Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) meetings and provides an update on the Area Partnership.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note the progress on Ward priorities and other supporting information including the issues being addressed by each Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT), and upcoming opportunities for citizens to engage, the latest Crime and Drugs Partnership statistics and the update on the Area Partnership	

1 Reasons for recommendations

- 1.1 Each Ward has agreed priorities which link to the City Council's current ambitions contained in the latest City Council Plan 2019-23. Actions for each priority are developed and led by appropriate service teams and partnerships. These priorities are updated for each Area Committee, taking into account discussions at NAT meetings and various groups and activities involving Councillors, residents, and local groups.
- 1.2 The events and activities detailed in the report take account of the work undertaken by Neighbourhood Development Officers (NDOs), with partner organisations, within the wards. It shows a range of activity in place across neighbourhoods to improve social cohesion and tackle priorities at a ward and area level.
- 1.3 The Area Partnerships were established in all areas across the City in November 2020 and this report provides an update on their work.

2 Background (including outcomes of consultation)

- 2.1 Each Ward manages a set of priorities and key issues through regular meetings of the Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT). These meetings are led by Neighbourhood Development Officers and supported by core partners including: Nottingham City Homes (NCH), Neighbourhood Policing, Community Protection, Early Help, City Services/Waste Management, Fire and Rescue Services, Employment and Skills, and Health.
- 2.2 Ward Councillors are also invited to participate in these meetings.
- 2.3 Ward priorities are identified through a range of sources including: Citizens, Councillors, Partners, and Officers and current issues will be updated for each area committee.
- 2.4 Area Committee Chairs will be invited to review the latest Ward Reports to ensure that The format is accessible for Councillors and community representatives and that there is sufficient consistency across all areas.
- 2.5 The current individual Ward priorities, Key Issues, and Opportunities for Engagement for Bestwood, Bulwell, and Bulwell Forest are shown in the attached appendices and will be updated for each Area Committee.
- 2.6 An update on the work of the Area Partnership is also included in the appendices.

3 Other options considered in making recommendations

- 3.1 None

4 Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money/VAT)

- 4.1 None

5 Legal and Procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, Crime and Disorder Act and procurement implications)

- 5.1 None

6 Strategic Assets & Property colleague comments (for decision relating to all property assets and associated infrastructure) (Area Committee reports only)

- 6.1 None

7 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

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

No

X

An EIA is not required because this report does not relate to changing policy 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

Appendix 1 Bestwood Ward Report

Neighbourhood Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last area committee (Jan 2020)	Lead
To improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods by tackling hot spot areas and developing derelict land	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monthly Cllr ward walks undertaken when lockdown restrictions have allowed this to take place eg on Lytham Gardens and Leybourne Crescent areas Work has commenced to develop the Eastglade site for housing which will be managed by Nottingham City Homes 	Neighbourhood Management City Services Community Protection Nottingham City Homes
Sense of community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A door to door leaflet produced by the Area Partnership has been distributed to enable residents to know about local organisations which can help them during the pandemic Local parents arranged a collection of toys for families which were struggling to buy any for their children Bestwood Park Church continues to provide a hot meal once a week for vulnerable people which provides an opportunity for them to talk to someone during lockdown. 	Neighbourhood Management, Community & Voluntary Sector groups & NAT

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Safer Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last area committee	Lead
To reduce all crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular analysis of data to identify trends / patterns at the Neighbourhood Action Team meeting Operation Reacher continues to deliver positive results with the disruption of criminals in Bestwood and surrounding area. 	Police
To reduce anti-social behaviour in the neighbourhood priority area, focusing upon hotspots, diversionary activities and nuisance neighbours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inter agency meetings have taken place to identify ways of reducing ASB in the Lytham Gardens area and to improve the neighbourhood for families living there. A meeting to bring together all of the organisations working with young people in the Top Valley area took place to share information about current work and identify ways of avoiding duplication. ASB has increased in the ward as in all areas due to 	NAT

Including fly tipping and dog fouling	<p>breaches of Covid regulations which are being addressed by the police and Community Protection Officers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing work is taking place by Community Protection to identify people who flytip in the ward. 	
To take action against deliberate fire setting	The majority of deliberate fires in the ward relate to the Lytham Gardens area and inter agency work is taking place to try and reduce these incidents.	Fire Service
To address domestic violence through prevention and support services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ongoing rolling Freedom Programme – for victims of domestic violence. 	Police and Early Help

Nottingham Families

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Maintain activities for young people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organisations are working within the current regulations to find ways to maintain support to children and young people eg through the delivery of activity packs, street outreach support or small activity groups. 	Early Help, Bestwood Partnership,

Healthy Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To support local volunteers, raise aspirations and support community empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bestwood Park Church has begun to develop a community garden within its grounds by planting bulbs and a Christmas Tree. It is hoped that further work will take place shortly and will include more local residents once restrictions are lifted. The Area Partnership has held various meetings which representatives of community groups are involved with eg around issues of mental health and food poverty. 	NAT, Area Lead
To promote mental health services and mental wellbeing	The useful telephone numbers leaflet which was circulated within the ward contained information about mental health support services as people are not able to access their usual community groups at the current time.	NAT, Community & Voluntary Sector

Working Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To raise awareness of job opportunities and provide support to get people into employment.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information about possible job opportunities or employment advice providers is posted on the My Bestwood facebook page• The Employment and Skills Area Partnership meeting has continued to meet online during the pandemic to share information.• It is hoped that an online jobs fair will take place in March.	NCC Economic Development Area Lead - Bestwood Partnership

Key Current Issues

- Mental health and loneliness and isolation amongst all ages during the Covid restrictions
- Anti social behaviour in the Lytham gardens area
- Increase in unemployment

Opportunities for community engagement

- Area Partnership Meetings for representatives of statutory, community and faith organisations
- Ward walks are currently suspended but will be reintroduced when restrictions allow
- My Bestwood facebook page promotes any opportunities as they become available
- Residents can contact their local councillors to raise any local issues.

Appendix 2 Bulwell Ward Report

Neighbourhood Nottingham

Priority	Progress Since last area committee	Lead
Reduce Heavy and Industrial Fly tipping on Blenheim Site near allotment site and reduce costs of clearance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new CCTV camera installed on site to capture offenders who are repeatedly flytipping. 	Neighbourhood Development , CP & NOM
Create wild flower and bee friendly opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planting bulbs at the Cinderhill Flats and BANKS near st Johns church had to be deferred to the Autumn due to Coronavirus restrictions but bulbs were provided to various community groups and schools for them to plant in their own grounds 	Parks, Councillors Neighbourhood Development, Community Groups
Clean up of Snapewood nature reserve	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flytipping cleared and councillors looking to secure fencing. 	Led by Councillor Joannou, Nom CP

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Safer Nottingham

Priority	Progress Since last Area Committee	Lead
Set up a Youth Market for spring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation to be conducted with existing market holders 	Neighbourhood Development,
Criminal Damage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Criminal Damage has decreased by 23% up to the end of December compared to the previous year. 	Police
Deliberate fires	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There has been an increase in the number of deliberate fires in the ward compared to the previous year. The Fire Service are represented at the NAT meeting and any action need to address this is discussed at that meeting. 	Fire Service, Police, CP/NOM,NM
Reduce Drug dealing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is an increase of drug offences of 9%. 	Police

	The beat team are working to reduce offences but a higher number often reflects proactive policing showing that more people are being caught..	
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Nottingham Families

Priority	Progress Since last Area Committee	Lead
Reducing Youth Related ASB figures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Morrisons and Springfield car park has been closed at night after the shops have shut to prevent large groups of vehicles meeting up on the site and causing issues for neighbouring properties. 	Police

Healthy Nottingham

Priority	Progress Since last Area Committee	Lead
Promote healthy lifestyles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most activities have had to be put on hold due to coronavirus restrictions but activities which are able to take place are promoted on the My Bulwell facebook page. 	Rebalancing & Councillors Neighbourhood management and Various partners.

Working Nottingham

Priority	Progress Since last Area Committee	Lead
Create job opportunities Volunteering and skills development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The possibility of a virtual jobs fair is being explored for March. A new project for people living within Bulwell ward seeking employment advice has started and is being run by Right Track and The Toy Library. To meet with the jobs centre and explore linking voluntary work to skills development and the potential of claimants having placements with voluntary projects e.g. community centres. 	Rebalancing & NCC Neighbourhood management & Community Employment & Skills Officer.

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Key Current Issues

- Flytipping
- ASB
- Increasing Unemployment
- Mental health and isolation

Opportunities for community engagement

- Area Partnership Meetings for representatives of statutory, community and faith organisations
- Ward walks are currently suspended but will be reintroduced when restrictions allow
- My Bulwell facebook page promotes any opportunities as they become available
- Residents can contact their local councillors to raise any local issues.

Appendix 3 Bulwell Forest Ward Report

Priority	Progress Since last Area Committee	Lead
Continued tenant/resident engagement	<p>Ward walks were undertaken before they had to be postponed due to the current lockdown eg on Rise Park Rd, Bannerman Rd</p> <p>Residents have continued to contact councillors regarding issues in the ward which are being addressed.</p> <p>Information is sent out regularly to community, statutory and faith groups for them to share with their members</p> <p>My Bulwell Forest facebook page now has approx. 500 followers and issued to share information about any new projects or work which has taken place.</p>	NM
Management of vacant sites/developments	<p>Tenants have now moved into the new properties on Knights Close.</p> <p>Planning permission has now been granted for housing developments on the former Mellish school site and the former school playing field on Piccadilly.</p>	NCH/NCC
Dog Fouling	<p>Dog operations have been undertaken by Community Protection.</p> <p>Residents walking dogs have been spoken to so that checks can be carried out that they are carrying bags etc.</p> <p>There has been a 54% reduction in reports of dog fouling compared to the previous year.</p>	NCC
Fly tipping and abandoned bins	<p>Community Protection continue to work to reduce the number of abandoned bins. Fly tips are investigated for any evidence.</p>	NCC
Bee Friendly initiatives	<p>It has been agreed to reduce grass cutting in designated areas to encourage wild flower growth and to raise awareness of reasons for longer grass to reduce complaints</p>	City Services/NM
Littering around entrance to Southglade Food Park	<p>Litter in the woodland area near the foodpark continues to be an issue. Two smoking shelters have been installed within the grounds of the foodpark to try and reduce the littering outside the premises.</p>	NCC

Safer Nottingham

Priority	Progress Since last Area Committee	Lead
Domestic Abuse	Domestic abuse reports have increased by 12% up to the end of December.	NCC
Nuisance motorised bikes	Few reports of motorised bikes have been received	Notts Police

Healthy Nottingham

Priority	Progress Since last Area Committee	Lead
Improved air quality	It has been agreed to;- -carry out a programme of work to reduce car idling eg at St Albans Crossings and outside school gates. -raise awareness amongst partner agencies and community groups about the need for improved air quality and the dangers of car idling However, this work has had to be postponed due to the coronavirus restrictions	NCC/CP
Holiday Hunger	Over the Christmas holiday, Bulwell Forest garden provided free food packs to families who needed extra food. They also provided a hot meal to vulnerable people in the week leading up to Christmas. Vouchers were also provided to families in receipt of free school meals.	NCC, community groups
Childhood Obesity	A calendar has been produced by Bulwell Forest Garden with healthy recipes. They have also started an online group for people who would like to Grow their own vegetables.	NCC/All partners

Families Nottingham

Priority	Progress Since last Area Committee	Lead
Shortage of foster carers	A leaflet funded by councillor from all three wards is being produced to be distributed to properties in all of the wards to try and increase the number of foster carers locally.	All

Working Nottingham

Priority	Progress Since last Area Committee	Lead
Increase awareness about access to employment opportunities.	Various opportunities have been promoted on My Bulwell Forest Facebook and have attracted interest. The possibility of a virtual Jobs Fair is being explored	NCC

Key Current Issues

Redevelopment of Derelict sites

Fly tipping

Community Engagement

Mental health and isolation/loneliness

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Opportunities for citizens to engage

- Area Partnership Meetings for representatives of statutory, community and faith organisations
- Ward walks are currently suspended but will be reintroduced when restrictions allow
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Appendix 4

Bestwood Ward Summary

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Ward	Category	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Year To Date				YTD Rates	
														2019-20	2020-21	Vol +/-	% Change	2019-20	2020-21
Bestwood	All Crime	94	131	132	138	135	118	144	107	156				1410	1155	-255	-18%	80.83	66.22
	Victim Based Crime	77	99	106	116	119	100	113	92	119				900	941	41	5%	51.60	53.95
	Criminal Damage	9	6	15	17	21	19	18	15	17				233	137	-96	-41%	13.36	7.85
	Theft	8	16	9	19	19	14	27	30	29				236	171	-65	-28%	13.53	9.80
	Burglary - Residential	1	10	4	4	7	1	6	4	8				61	45	-16	-26%	3.50	2.58
	Violence	47	56	69	64	54	54	52	34	52				496	482	-14	-3%	28.44	27.63
	Domestic Violence	17	27	40	46	24	23	19	12	19				225	227	2	1%	12.90	13.01
	NTE Violence	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1				12	8	-4	-33%	0.69	0.46
	Other Violence	30	28	28	17	29	30	32	21	32				259	247	-12	-5%	14.85	14.16
	ASB	96	114	72	92	63	48	68	65	47				490	665	175	36%	28.09	38.12
	Noise	43	59	41	52	34	12	20	28	23				195	312	117	60%	11.18	17.89
	Youth	13	17	11	14	10	11	20	14	6				105	116	11	10%	6.02	6.65
Alcohol	12	14	10	13	7	5	6	2	3				30	72	42	140%	1.72	4.13	
Ave. Qrt Score	Deliberate Fires	4	0	3	1	0	5	4	6				24	23	-1	-4%	1.38	1.32	
	Cleanliness Score	0											0	0	0	-	N/A	N/A	
	Graffiti (reactive)	2	1	2	1	2	0	1	1	0				14	10	-4	-29%	0.80	0.57
	Fly-Tipping (reactive)	50	55	70	43	45	69	47	46	48				381	473	92	24%	21.84	27.12
	Dog Fouling (reactive)	0	5	7	2	6	0	1	1	7				55	29	-26	-47%	3.15	1.66
	Unemployment	1023	1214	1221	1198	1186	1191	1196	1196					3190	9425	6235	195%	182.88	540.33

Ward	Category	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Year To Date				YTD Rates	
														2019-20	2020-21	Vol +/-	% Change	2019-20	2020-21
Bestwood	Burglary - Business & Co.	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	3	0				1	6	5	500%	0.06	0.34
	Vehicle Offences	9	7	3	4	11	6	3	3	6				50	52	2	4%	2.87	2.98
	Personal Robbery	2	1	1	3	3	1	2	1	1				14	15	1	7%	0.80	0.86
	Business Robbery	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0				4	2	-2	-50%	0.23	0.11
	Sexual Offences	1	2	5	4	2	4	5	2	6				58	31	-27	-47%	3.33	1.78
	Hate Crime	5	7	3	1	1	1	5	0	4				31	27	-4	-13%	1.78	1.55
	Misc. Crimes Against Soc.	1	5	9	6	4	7	5	1	6				57	44	-13	-23%	3.27	2.52
	Possession of Weapons	1	0	1	3	0	0	2	3	1				24	11	-13	-54%	1.38	0.63
	Public Order Offences	8	15	9	7	6	10	11	8	13				107	87	-20	-19%	6.13	4.99
	Drugs Offences	7	12	7	6	6	1	13	3	17				69	72	3	4%	3.96	4.13

Bulwell Ward Summary

Ward	Category	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20	Jul-20	Aug-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Nov-20	Dec-20	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Year To Date				YTD Rates	
														2019-20	2020-21	Vol +/-	% Change	2019-20	2020-21
Bulwell	All Crime	144	180	181	202	210	174	218	184	161				1905	1654	-251	-13%	115.59	100.36
	Victim Based Crime	116	141	149	154	172	144	183	161	126				1221	1346	125	10%	74.09	81.67
	Criminal Damage	16	15	19	16	15	19	30	25	16				222	171	-51	-23%	13.47	10.38
	Theft	40	43	49	54	64	43	68	54	54				471	469	-2	0%	28.58	28.46
	Burglary - Residential	5	3	4	4	7	5	5	3	3				44	39	-5	-11%	2.67	2.37
	Violence	38	65	65	72	76	67	64	60	42				599	549	-50	-8%	36.34	33.31
	<i>Domestic Violence</i>	17	25	29	25	30	30	32	24	12				249	224	-25	-10%	15.11	13.59
	<i>NTE Violence</i>	0	0	4	3	3	4	2	1	1				19	18	-1	-5%	1.15	1.09
	<i>Other Violence</i>	21	40	32	44	43	33	30	35	29				331	307	-24	-7%	20.08	18.63
	ASB	130	116	87	110	109	90	101	69	55				546	867	321	59%	33.13	52.61
	<i>Noise</i>	48	49	37	39	45	34	26	21	22				147	321	174	118%	8.92	19.48
	<i>Youth</i>	19	22	20	20	23	15	22	16	6				125	163	38	30%	7.58	9.89
	<i>Alcohol</i>	18	19	9	11	6	9	14	5	5				44	96	52	118%	2.67	5.82
Deliberate Fires	10	8	3	2	2	4	5	3					25	37	12	48%	1.52	2.25	
Ave. Qrt Score	Cleanliness Score	0												0	0	0	-	N/A	N/A
	Graffiti (reactive)	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	0				14	7	-7	-50%	0.85	0.42
	Fly-Tipping (reactive)	33	68	53	59	76	82	73	40	40				373	524	151	40%	22.63	31.79
	Dog Fouling (reactive)	0	0	3	1	3	4	2	2	2				38	17	-21	-55%	2.31	1.03
	Unemployment	1067	1262	1256	1206	1227	1237	1182	1237					3112	9674	6562	211%	188.82	586.98

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Bulwell	Burglary - Business & Co.	2	1	1	0	2	0	3	4	2				45	15	-30	-67%	2.73	0.91
	Vehicle Offences	9	5	5	5	3	6	5	7	7				101	52	-49	-49%	6.13	3.16
	Personal Robbery	1	3	2	0	0	3	2	1	2				22	14	-8	-36%	1.33	0.85
	Business Robbery	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0				4	1	-3	-75%	0.24	0.06
	Sexual Offences	5	6	3	3	5	1	6	7	0				64	36	-28	-44%	3.88	2.18
	Hate Crime	2	2	4	5	4	2	1	2	0				35	22	-13	-37%	2.12	1.33
	Misc. Crimes Against Soc.	7	5	2	8	7	3	7	4	8				64	51	-13	-20%	3.88	3.09
	Possession of Weapons	2	0	2	4	2	2	3	3	2				33	20	-13	-39%	2.00	1.21
	Public Order Offences	16	22	18	23	24	16	14	8	12				159	153	-6	-4%	9.65	9.28
Drugs Offences	3	12	10	13	5	9	11	8	13				77	84	7	9%	4.67	5.10	

Bulwell Forest Ward Summary

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														2019-20	2020-21	Vol +/-	% Change	2019-20	2020-21
Bulwell Forest	All Crime	90	82	101	132	101	98	101	103	79				961	887	-74	-8%	70.13	64.73
	Victim Based Crime	77	66	79	108	82	78	82	85	68				615	725	110	18%	44.88	52.90
	Criminal Damage	7	10	9	14	7	8	11	10	12				133	88	-45	-34%	9.71	6.42
	Theft	13	5	10	16	15	9	15	14	8				160	105	-55	-34%	11.68	7.66
	Burglary - Residential	3	1	2	2	1	2	2	2	2				36	17	-19	-53%	2.63	1.24
	Violence	41	36	47	66	51	52	45	52	38				353	428	75	21%	25.76	31.23
	<i>Domestic Violence</i>	10	5	19	18	12	18	18	13	11				111	124	13	12%	8.10	9.05
	<i>NTE Violence</i>	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	1	1				9	8	-1	-11%	0.66	0.58
	<i>Other Violence</i>	31	31	25	47	37	34	27	38	26				233	296	63	27%	17.00	21.60
	ASB	53	81	73	62	70	48	45	39	38				274	509	235	86%	19.99	37.14
	<i>Noise</i>	18	33	23	27	32	23	15	19	12				67	202	135	201%	4.89	14.74
	<i>Youth</i>	6	12	20	9	12	4	10	6	10				83	89	6	7%	6.06	6.49
	<i>Alcohol</i>	7	11	4	5	2	2	3	1	1				27	36	9	33%	1.97	2.63
Deliberate Fires	1	0	1	1	0	3	3	1					7	10	3	43%	0.51	0.73	
Ave. Qrt Score	Cleanliness Score	0												0	0	0	-	N/A	N/A
	Graffiti (reactive)	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0				18	5	-13	-72%	1.31	0.36
	Fly-Tipping (reactive)	13	21	17	30	12	21	22	20	20				100	176	76	76%	7.30	12.84
	Dog Fouling (reactive)	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	5	6				35	16	-19	-54%	2.55	1.17
	Unemployment	494	630	638	627	637	642	627	612					1392	4907	3515	253%	101.58	358.07

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Bulwell Forest	Burglary - Business & Co.	1	1	0	2	1	1	3	1	0				15	10	-5	-33%	1.09	0.73
	Vehicle Offences	9	6	4	1	5	5	2	4	5				45	41	-4	-9%	3.28	2.99
	Personal Robbery	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0				10	5	-5	-50%	0.73	0.36
	Business Robbery	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				2	1	-1	-50%	0.15	0.07
	Sexual Offences	1	6	5	7	2	1	3	2	3				33	30	-3	-9%	2.41	2.19
	Hate Crime	4	4	8	2	5	6	3	4	3				17	39	22	129%	1.24	2.85
	Misc. Crimes Against Soc.	0	3	2	3	4	2	10	2	0				20	26	6	30%	1.46	1.90
	Possession of Weapons	1	0	2	1	1	6	0	0	2				9	13	4	44%	0.66	0.95
	Public Order Offences	8	10	12	11	9	7	7	10	6				108	80	-28	-26%	7.88	5.84
Drugs Offences	4	3	6	9	5	5	2	6	3				37	43	6	16%	2.70	3.14	

Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Partnership Update

The first meeting of the Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area partnership meeting took place in November and included a range of partners from statutory, voluntary, community and faith groups and ward councillors. At this meeting, it was agreed that the initial priorities to work on should be mental health and isolation, food poverty and benefits, the community hub and communications and separate sub groups were set up for each of these. Employment was also seen as a priority but this was already covered through the exiting Employment and Skills Area Partnership chaired by Cllr Lakey. The sub groups have all met since November and reported back to a full partnership meeting in January.

Communications sub group

The communications group met very quickly as it had been identified that there was a need to get information out to as many residents as possible about support services particularly as a significant number did not have access to the internet and all of their usual ways of obtaining information and support were currently closed. The group worked very hard so that an A5 double sided leaflet, funded by Bestwood Partnership, was produced and distributed before Christmas. This has already resulted in some residents receiving support which they otherwise would not have known about eg from Bestwood Partnership and Bestop Kitchen. The sub group is aware that ensuring that everyone has access to information is important going forward eg if English is not the first language and will meet again if there is further work which can be done to increase access.

Mental Health and Isolation

This sub group has met once and discussed the low numbers of organisations which were able to provide any form of social support to individuals who were isolated eg all of the lunch clubs and community groups were currently closed. Knowledge of what was still currently able to operate was shared. The useful telephone numbers leaflet had provided information on helplines to residents and some groups were able to provide limited support. It was agreed that, once restrictions are lifted, a stall should be held in Bulwell market place and possibly other locations with information about local services and activities. It was also agreed to explore whether a city wide group of mental health support services existed which one or more people from the partnership could link into and share information which may be helpful to local residents. The group will meet again in February.

Food Poverty and Benefits

This group has met three times as it decided to focus initially on ensuring that anyone across the 3 wards who needed access to free food over the Christmas period could access the help they needed. Information was shared amongst partners about the services on offer from organisations such as Crabtree Community Centre, Pythian and Bestop Kitchen. It was identified that part of Bulwell Forest ward would not be able to access the hot meals available the week before Christmas to vulnerable residents in other wards and Bulwell Forest Garden agreed to fill this gap. Referrals for the projects available were distributed to partner agencies. Further partnership work and communication is still needed to ensure that people who need the help the most receive it and to avoid duplication. Organisations

requested that a city wide meeting be set up which the partnership could link into and someone from Nottingham City Council attended the next meeting to discuss the best ways of linking into a city wide group which is due to start in the next couple of months. No work has been undertaken to date on the benefits issues. Alex Norris MP also attended the last meeting as Rebalancing the North is also interested in food poverty issues and is keen to avoid duplication.

Community Hub

This sub group has met once and had a lengthy discussion about what any "Community Hub" should look like eg should be an information hub or one which provides services or both. In the absence of significant amounts of new funding, it was agreed that initially the aim of community hubs was to ensure that all residents, regardless of where they live in the three wards, should be able to know where they can easily access advice and information about services which are available. The list of places shared at the meeting of where people already access information was extensive and included schools, Riverside, online sites, community and faith groups, leisure centres, GP surgeries. However, it was clear that many front line staff did not always have up to date information on all the issues which they had to deal with thus restricting the level of support given. Ways of increasing this knowledge were discussed and included the need to strengthen the Ask Lion service. Initially, it was agreed that all organisations would check that their information on Ask Lion was up to date and would check with their front line staff what additional information would be useful. Work is being done within Nottingham City Council to improve the Ask Lion Service and this will be reported back to the sub group as it progresses. It was agreed that, in the absence of significant additional funding, strengthening the existing information networks in all 3 wards would be the most effective way of improving information to residents. The group will meet again in February.

Partnership Funding

An additional sub group has met twice due to the opportunity to access funding for funding partnership working. The initial funding opportunity deadline proved too tight but the groups will meet again in three month's time to look at the possibility of applying funding to further the partnership's aims.

Conclusion

The partnership has only been in existence since November but the strength of the working relationships between partner organisations and the commitment to trying to improve outcomes for local residents during a crisis has been reflected in the willingness of very busy people to give up time to progress and move suggestions forward. A very big "Thank You" to all the partners involved.

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Agenda Item 10

Bestwood Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Area Committee March 3rd 2021

Title of paper:	Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest Ward Members Budgets	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Andrew Errington Director, Community Protection	Wards affected: Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Nottingham People		x
Living in Nottingham		x
Growing Nottingham		x
Respect for Nottingham		x
Serving Nottingham Better		x
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report advises this Area Committee of the use of delegated authority by the Director of Community Protection for those projects funded by Ward Councillor Budgets		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the Area Committee note the actions agreed by the Director of Community Protection in respect of projects and schemes within Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest detailed in Appendix A.	

1 Reasons for recommendations

- 1.1 Records detailing Ward Councillors spending decisions and consultation are shown in the attached appendix. In accordance with the Constitution the Area Committee is required to note spending decisions taken by Ward Councillors. This report outlines the spending decisions since the last Area Committee during 2020/21

2 Background (including outcomes of consultation)

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

3 Other options considered in making recommendations

- 3.1 Not to provide the funding outlined in Appendix 1 but the funding requested will provide additional services or benefit to residents of Bestwood, Bulwell and Bulwell Forest wards.

4 Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money/VAT)

- 4.1 Wards with three councillors have been allocated £10,000 for 2020/21 which has been added to any underspend from the previous financial year.
- 4.2 The full balance has not been allocated. Further projects will be reported to a subsequent committee.

5 Legal and Procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, Crime and Disorder Act and procurement implications)

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

6 Strategic Assets & Property colleague comments (for decision relating to all property assets and associated infrastructure) (Area Committee reports only)

- 6.1 None

7 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 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 this decision does not relate to changing policy or function

8 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information

- 8.1 A delegated authority for each scheme is available

9 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 9.1 None

Appendix 1

Bestwood Ward Budget Allocations since last report

<u>Schemes: Bestwood Ward</u>	<u>Date Approved</u>	<u>Councillor(s)</u>	<u>Amount (total in £)</u>
Bestwood Christmas Lights 2020	6/11/20	Hayes, Power, Wynter	£1773
Glade Hill Primary School Books	22/12/20	Hayes, Power, Wynter	£300
Southglade Primary School books	22/12/20	Hayes, Power	£300
Henry Whipple Primary School Books	22/12/20	Hayes, Wynter	£300
Robin Hood Primary School Books	22/12/20	Hayes, Power, Wynter	£300
Fostering Recruitment leaflet	12/1/21	Hayes, Power, Wynter	£840

Balance Brought Forward 19/20	£3,554
Councillor funding 20/21	£10,000
Total funds 20/21	£13,554
Decommitted schemes 20/21	0
Allocated 20/21 as of 25/1/21	£7,777
Uncommitted Funds after allocated schemes	£5,777

Bulwell Ward Budget Allocations since last report

Schemes: Bulwell Ward	Date Approved	Councillor(s)	Amount (total)
Pythian Club	6/11/20	Joannou, Radford	£600
Bulbs for Rufford	18/11/20	Joannou, Lakey, Radford	£117
Bulbs for Cinderhill	18/11/20	Joannou, Radford	£117
Football Posts	23/11/20	Joannou	£986
Build a Bike	22/12/20	Joannou	£1315
Snapewood Primary School Reading Bus	22/12/20	Joannou	£1800
Street Zumba	22/12/20	Joannou	£2000
Bulwell academy Mentoring Programme	22/12/20	Joannou	£500
Roots Out Community cafe	22/12/20	Radford	£3990
Helping Kids Achieve Basketball and first aid training	22/12/20	Joannou	£1000
Bulwell Forest Garden consultancy	22/12/20	Joannou and Radford	£800
Fostering recruitment leaflet	11/1/21	Lakey and Radford	£840
Men in Minds	15/1/21	Lakey	£1270

Balance Brought Forward 19/20	£0
Councillor funding 20/21	£10,000
Total funds 20/21	£10,000
Decommitted schemes 20/21	£24,908
Allocated 20/21 as of 25/1/21	£24,487
Uncommitted Funds after allocated schemes	£10,421

Bulwell Forest Ward Budget Allocations since last report

Schemes: Bulwell Forest Ward	Date Approved	Councillor(s)	Amount (total in £)
Bulwell Forest Garden Consultancy	22/12/20	Barnard, Campbell-Clark, Gardiner	£1000
Fostering Recruitment leaflet	11/1/21	Barnard, Campbell-Clark, Gardiner	£840
Black History Books - Library Service	15/1/21	Barnard, Campbell-Clark, Gardiner	£500
Men in Minds	15/1/21	Barnard, Campbell-Clark, Gardiner	£200

Balance Brought Forward 19/20	£692
Councillor funding 20/21	£10,000
Total funds 20/21	£10,692
Decommitted schemes 20/21	£23
Allocated 20/21 as of 25/1/21	£4,113
Uncommitted Funds after allocated schemes	£6,602

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