

Lenton & Wollaton East, Meadows and Wollaton West 06 January 2021

Title of paper:	Area Partnership and Community Hub		
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		Not applicable	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:			
Nottingham People			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Living in Nottingham			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Growing Nottingham			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Respect for Nottingham			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Serving Nottingham Better			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):			
<p>Due to the collaborative working of Nottingham City Council and partner organisations during the Government lockdown of the COVID-19 Pandemic (March 2020), area partnerships evolved naturally to support the community.</p> <p>Nottingham City Council and partner organisations realised that to continue to support the community, they needed a different approach, a structure which enables all partners to combine their knowledge and resources to maintain the support for communities, especially the most vulnerable of society. With this realisation in mind the formation of Area Partnership and Community Hubs are proposed.</p> <p>Each of the Area Partnerships will have their own distinct ambitions, vision and priorities aimed at meeting the local needs and aspirations of residents living in the wards that fall within the Area Committee boundaries.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Development officers working with the Nottingham Trent University MBA students have carried out some research to investigate and recommend which Community hub/hubs model will fit better locally to meet the changing need and demand of the communities living in the areas during and post Covid-19. The Community hub/hubs will support the delivery of the Area priorities which will help reframe the connections and relationships between statutory, voluntary and faith sectors and change the way services are operating by removing barriers and exploring opportunities for strengthening joint working, funding and collectively adding value.</p> <p>The Area Partnerships will be aligned to the existing 7 Area Committees. Each Area Partnership will be reporting to the Area Committee.</p>			

Recommendation(s):	
1	To adopt the four priorities recommended by the newly formed Area Partnerships, based on a needs analysis of the area.
2	To support the Area Partnership in delivering the initial actions required through further consultation, ensuring senior representation, and identifying key communications channels and messages towards the formation of ward based Community Hubs

1 Reasons for recommendations

- 1.1 Based on the findings of the report the Area Partnership will develop Area Actions Plans to deliver on the priorities and agree which partnership organisation/s will manage and deliver the bespoke Community hub model in the area to make sure it happens.
- 1.2 Implementation of Community Hubs within the wards will benefit the community by providing better-connected services and resources. Partners' organisations will work more closely, allowing for innovative ideas and increased flexibility to better adapt and change when the circumstances arise. This new way of working will need a change in mind-set, which will take time, but if all parties are prepared to embrace this and work together, then the benefit for the future of the community is optimistic.

2 Background (including outcomes of consultation)

- 2.1 The purpose of this report is to demonstrate the initial work carried out by Nottingham City Council and partner organisations, building on the cluster model that developed during wave one of the COVID-19 pandemic to support the community by creating a partnership hub.
- 2.2 The Neighbourhood Management Teams began by looking at the lessons learnt from their experience during the wave one COVID-19 period, recording which local services they were able to call upon in the height of the pandemic, the services the community most needed. The team also looked at the recurring needs frequently raised during that period.
- 2.3 The team formulated a questionnaire from their findings, distributed it to the partner organisations involved to complete, and invited them to a meeting to discuss the results
- 2.4 Nottingham Trent University students carried out a desktop exercise to look at the data e.g. the Government Statistics, 2019 Indices of Deprivation Data for each ward and the returned questionnaires to determine if it supported their findings (Appendix 1).
- 2.5 The questionnaire and meeting was designed to determine the other partner organisation's priorities and if there was a consensus among all organisations. The team asked the partner organisations to select four key priorities from the questionnaire/meeting based on the themes that had gained most importance during wave one COVID-19 pandemic, relevant to all wards in the Area.
- 2.6 The narrative captured from the Area Partnership meeting, together with the questionnaires and the data analysis determined that the Lenton & Wollaton East, Meadows and Wollaton West Area priorities should be (with communication being an overarching element across all four priorities):
 - Isolation and Loneliness

- Mental Health
- Food Poverty
- Benefits and Welfare Advice

3 Other options considered in making recommendations

3.1 None. The Covid-19 Pandemic has identified the need to formalise an Area Partnership.

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

4.1 At present there are no financial implications but this may change in the future. Any new financial implications will be discussed at future Area Committee meetings.

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?

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No

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An EIA is not required because:

(Please explain why an EIA is not necessary)

Yes

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This is currently being completed with the Equality and Employability Team and will be attached as an appendix in the next report. 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 Indices of Deprivation 2019