

Other Committees

Area Committees

Area One	Bulwell and Bulwell Forest	North Locality
Area Two	Basford and Bestwood	North Locality
Area Three (known as West Area)	Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley	North Locality
Area Four	Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, Radford and Park	Central Locality
Area Five	Berridge and Sherwood	Central Locality
Area Six	Mapperley and St Anns and Dales	South Locality
Area Seven	Wollaton West and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey	Central Locality
Area Eight	Bridge, Clifton North and Clifton South	South Locality

Area Committees can exercise both executive and non-executive functions delegated to them by the Executive and Full Council accordingly and are also constituted as a consultative body in relation to the provision of housing services by Nottingham City Homes (NCH). The terms of reference of Area Committees 1 to 8 are set out below:

- (a) To approve, ensure the delivery of and monitor ward action plans and other relevant area plans (including those related to NCH services);
- (b) to lead and co-ordinate regeneration and renewal activity at an area level;
- (c) to undertake and co-ordinate consultation within their areas;
- (d) to be consulted on, approve and monitor delivery of the area capital programme and other area based budgets;
- (e) Within budgetary limits, to be empowered to undertake any measures to achieve the following objectives:
 - (i) the promotion or improvement of the economic wellbeing of their area;
 - (ii) the promotion of improvement or improvement of the social wellbeing of their area;
 - (iii) the promotion or improvement of the environmental wellbeing of their area;
- (f) to agree priorities, work programmes, and variations in performance standards, including through Transforming Neighbourhoods processes, for services such as, but not limited to:
 - (i) footpath replacement;
 - (ii) street lighting;
 - (iii) patch maintenance;
 - (iv) grounds maintenance on community parks and playgrounds (excluding heritage sites and Bulwell Hall and Bulwell Forest Golf

Courses);

- (g) in respect of services in the local area, and if urgent, via a panel of the Chair, Vice-Chair, an opposition Councillor (if there is one) and a community representative, to approve
- (i) housing environmental improvements;
 - (ii) highway environmental improvements of a local nature;
 - (iii) minor traffic schemes, diversions and closures under highways and road traffic legislation, of a local nature;
 - (iv) applications for footpath closures on grounds of amenity or development;
 - (v) requests for the making, variation or revocation of gating orders;
- and to be consulted on proposals for the following services in relation to the local area:
- (vi) strategic planning applications;
 - (vii) schools re-organisation;
 - (viii) detailed proposals for landscaping, open space provisions, park equipment provision, affordable housing and other local enhancements relating to agreements under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and section 278 of the Highways Act 1980;
- (h) To be part of the process for monitoring and scrutinising the performance of local Services (provided by the Council and other bodies) and provide feedback and recommendations on their effectiveness to the Executive Board, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Tenant and Leaseholder Congress to include:
- (i) refuse collection;
 - (ii) housing – void properties;
 - (iii) community safety;
 - (iv) voluntary sector grants – a half yearly report;
- (i) to contribute to Best Value Reviews;
- (j) To advise the Executive Board, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Tenant and Leaseholder Congress on local needs and priorities and on the impact of Council and NCH policy on their areas;
- (k) To input local needs and priorities, identified through area working, to the preparation of Nottingham City Council budgets, NCH area based budgets and each organisation's policies and strategies;
- (l) to prepare, implement and review local projects in consultation with local communities and secure funding from appropriate sources;
- (m) to be consulted on and contribute to the development of housing policies and strategies both local and city wide;
- (n) to build partnerships between other public, private, voluntary and community organisations, local residents' and tenants' associations;
- (o) to suggest and/or approve proposals of local significance to rationalise the City

Council's operational property holdings and to be consulted on any proposals to dispose of operational property holdings in their area of more than local significance; a proportion of capital receipts to be retained in accordance with a scheme to be determined by the Executive Board;

- (p) to allocate grants in amounts not exceeding £25,000 to community or voluntary organisations for the purposes of benefit to the area covered by the Committee, within a framework to be approved and reviewed from time to time by the Executive Board;
- (q) to make appointments to outside bodies (where the body relates to the area concerned) as specified by the Executive Board;
- (r) to approve any further matters delegated from time to time by Council or the Executive Board.

Area Committees are accountable to Council and the Executive Board and there are usually 4 meetings per annum for each Area Committee.

Formal membership comprises, for each Area Committee, the Councillors who represent the wards within the area of that Committee. Substitutes are not permitted.

By provisions contained in regulation 16A of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990, Area Committees need not reflect the political balance of the Council as a whole where the Councillors on those committees were elected for wards wholly or partly within the area concerned. A Councillor on the Executive Board may serve on the Area Committee appropriate to their ward. Co-options to the committees may be made.

Where there is an equality of party representation on an Area Committee, the Chair is appointed by Council, Area Committees themselves appointing the Chair in all other circumstances

Community representatives are also appointed to each committee in accordance with a process agreed by the Executive Board on 20 July 2010. Community representatives will include, on each area committee, one person (who must be an NCH tenant) to represent NCH tenants and leaseholders. There will be a regular standing item on the agenda for each area committee for NCH officers and representatives to raise specific NCH issues within the Committee's terms of reference.

