BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE – 20 FEBRUARY 2014

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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s)Not applicable(if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter	\checkmark	
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour	\checkmark	
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other Cit	y 🗹	
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre	\checkmark	
Help keep your energy bills down		
Good access to public transport		

Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events Support early intervention activities Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens

Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):

The ward performance reports provide updates on key issues and themes which link back to local priorities and strategic themes in the Nottingham Plan 2020. The reports provide summary updates on the following key themes:

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- Ward Priorities
- Community Engagement
- Finance
- Safer theme Crime and Anti-Social behaviour (ASB)
- Neighbourhood theme Environmental issues and Housing
- Working theme Unemployment rates
- Housing
- Community Protection
- Fire
- Health Theme local health priorities

The following is a brief summary by the respective Ward Neighbourhood Development Officers (NDO):

Ward: Berridge

NDOs: Debbie Royle and Beth Hanna

Some of the data in the ward report attached now refers only to a month not a quarter. It covers the month of December 2013. It is important to note that as the figures are only for a month and not averaged out over three months, some of the increases/decreases seem quite high/low compared to those reported in previous meetings.

<u>Ward Priorities:</u> Berridge Ward Priorities for January – April 2014 can be seen on the front page of the appendices. These priorities will be reviewed quarterly.

Community Engagement:

NDOs have organised monthly Ward Walks in the ward. Local Action Group meetings take place, every 6 weeks, throughout the ward. A second budget consultation was held giving citizens the opportunity to give us their views. A successful Week of Action took place during the week beginning the 3rd December with a variety of activities taking place including the Christmas Lights switch on event which involved a market with local groups and organisations giving out advice and information and carol singing by local school children. There was also a presentation to the winners of a Pre-crime poster competition. These posters have been distributed throughout the ward.

Crime:

Crime overall is up 2% in Berridge for the year to date (YTD), however comparing the month of December 2012 to December 2013 it is up by 17%. The Central Locality has targets to reduce Dwelling Burglary, Shop Theft and Violence. The target is being met for Dwelling Burglary, but not for Shop Theft or Violent Crime. Dwelling burglary remains stable. Theft offences account for the greatest volume of crime during December, showing an increase on the same month last year and an increase year to date. Violence is one the of the main volume crime categories on the ward and is showing an increase when compared to the same month last year and the year to date. December saw a higher percentage than usual in the level of domestic violence. (See page 12)

Anti Social Behaviour (ASB):

Year to date ASB in the ward has reduced by 10.2% with 84 fewer ASB incidents reported YTD. However in terms of incidents per 1000 of the population, Berridge is under the ward average (2.92%) at 2.36%.

Cleanliness:

The index score for Berridge for September 2013 is 85% compared to a Neighbourhood Target of 86%.

Graffiti Reports:

36 incidents were reported in September 2013. This is an increase of 23 compared to September 2012.

Fly tipping:

80 incidents were reported in September 2013. This is an increase of 27 compared to September 2012.

Unemployment Rate:

Unemployment is 6.9 % (or 1008) in September 2013 and is ranked 6 out of 20 wards. This is an decrease of 0.7% since the previous month.

Community Protection:

In June 2013, 2 statutory notices for the environment

Fire:

In November 2012 there were 7 fires. In November 2013 there were 3. YTD there has also been a reduction of 17%.

Cleanliness:

The index score for Berridge for November 2013 is 90 which means that the Neighbourhood Target is being surpassed.

Graffiti Reports:

There has been 17 incidents of graffiti in November 2013 which is a decrease of 12 compared to the November 2012.

Fly tipping:

There have been 64 incidents of flytipping in November 2013 which is an increase of 13 compared to November 2012.

Community Protection:

In December 2013, 2 Statutory Notices for the Environment were issued/.

Ward: Sherwood

NDOs: Leigh White and Angela Bolton

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Ward Priorities:

We are in the process of reviewing and updating the Ward Priorities for 2013/2014 with the Councillors, Citizens and our Partners.

Community Engagement:

NDOs have organised 4 ward walks in different parts of the ward. A Christmas Light switch on was arranged for the town centre which was very well attended. The lights were switched on by a local school pupil who won the competition. A second budget consultation was held giving citizens the opportunity to give us their views.

Crime:

Crime overall is up 26% in Sherwood for the year to date, however comparing the month of December 2012 to December 2013 it is down by 4%. Priorities for Sherwood have been set as Dwelling Burglary, Shop Theft and Violence. The target is being met for Dwelling burglary, but shop theft and violence are still higher than the target. Steps are being taken to try and achieve these targets.

<u>ASB:</u>

Year to date (compared to the corresponding period last year) ASB has increased by 10.5%. In terms of incidents per 1000 of the population, Sherwood is under the ward average (2.92) at 1.62.

Cleanliness:

The index score for Sherwood for November 2013 is 86 which means that the Neighbourhood Target is being met.

Graffiti Reports:

There has been 1 incident of graffiti which is a decrease of 1 compared to the previous month when there were 2.

Fly Tipping:

There have been 30 incidents of flytipping during November in Sherwood which is an increase of 19. This will be tackled during the Week of Action in March.

Housing:

Edwards Lane and Sherwood housing estates have both maintained their 3 star statuses. (Further detail to be provided at Chairs brief)

Fire:

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There were 3 deliberate fires in November 2013 compared to none in November 2012.

Recommendation(s):

To note the key information from the Ward Performance Reports for December 2013.

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Ward performance reports provide a descriptive and statistical picture of what is happening at a ward level and invite community representatives to comment, debate, challenge and identify how they can add value to improve their neighbourhoods.
- 1.2 Ward performance reports will also monitor progress in the wards and act 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 Neighbourhood Working has been important for a number of years in Nottingham as a means of engaging better with citizens and to drive forward service improvement.
- 2.2 The Nottingham Plan has a goal that 'public service delivery will be better integrated and appropriately devolved, ensuring more accessible and responsive services for all and giving residents more control over what happens in their neighbourhoods'; the Ward Performance report will help to support this.
- 2.3 The Ward Performance report captures work at a local level to support the Nottingham Plan; it is a short summary of key updates on priorities and issues in the ward. More detailed implementation plans sit behind the report such as the Ward Action Plan, Neighbourhood Action Team's (NAT) action log, Crime and Drug (CDP) plans and other partners' implementation plans.
- 2.4 The Ward Performance reports are co-ordinated by Neighbourhood Development Officers, with data analysis undertaken by the CDP.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 None

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

4.1 None

5. <u>RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME</u> <u>AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)</u>

5.1 None

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

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

7. <u>LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR</u> <u>THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION</u>

7.1 Neighbourhood Working Framework 2012 CLT report.

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

8.1 None