

WEST AREA COMMITTEE – 2 MARCH 2016

Title of paper:	Ward Performance	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		x
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		x
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		x
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>The following is a brief summary by the respective Ward Neighbourhood Development Officers highlighting key issues:</p> <p><u>WARD: ASPLEY (Aspley, Bells Lane and Broxtowe Beats), NDO Liam Searle</u></p> <p><u>Key successes</u></p> <p>Key Successes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of Broxtowe Lane Car Parking Scheme • Promoting solar panel scheme for Nottingham City Homes properties <p>Emerging issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing rate of Domestic Violence and Sexual Crime • Financial Deprivation / Exclusion <p>The NAT (Aspley Neighbourhood Action Team)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NAT partners are looking into ways of driving the ward health priority, particularly raising 		

the profile and accessibility of services such as Women's Aid, Small Steps/Big Changes and Equation. Engagement with local schools is to be reviewed and refreshed. Inviting service providers to every local event will be standard practice in order to 'capture' and engage with local residents. Specific events based around these priorities will be explored for this year's week of action.

- Event planning for the Community Cohesion event and the Easter Parade.
- Supporting the 'Proud Project'
- Forming and supporting a new financial resilience team.

Events Planned

- Community Cohesion 'World Food Day' 24th March 2016 ACTC 3pm
- Easter Parade, Saturday 2nd April 2016, Phoenix Adventure Playground

WARD: Bilborough (Balloon Woods, Bilborough, Denewood and Strelley Beats) **Neighbourhood Development Officer, Julianne Christou**

Key Successes

- The Christmas Festival attracted hundreds of people. There was plenty to do inside and outside!
- The Bracebridge Drive Bins have been removed successfully and there has been little or no flytipping since. Great work from our Neighbourhood Operations team and the Community Protection Officers.
- Councillors, City Services, Police, Nottingham City Homes, Community Protection Officers and local school children were involved in a 'We Are Watching You' Dog Poo campaign in January.
- Local volunteers have been involved in the 'Take a Seat' campaign encouraging local shops and businesses to offer people, especially older people a sit down if they get tired or out of breath when they are out and about in Bilborough.

Emerging issues

- There are a small number of young people continuing to cause anti-social behaviour. The police, NAT partners and other agencies are working together to deal with this issue. CCTV has gone back to Bracebridge Drive.

Events Planned

- Events during April: 4th April Family IT Event at the Bilborough Library.
- 7th April Family Fun Day at Harvey Hadden Sports Village.
- 23rd April Beechdale Community Centre & Tenants & Residents 2pm
- 30th April Spring into Spring at Denewood Tenants & Residents 11-2pm

What is the Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) focusing its work on?

- The NAT continues its work on reviewing ward priorities, and the next phase will be to strengthen actions around the health theme. Looking at how to promote awareness about cancer screening and dementia both for staff and residents.
- Continuing to work with young people and how they can support older people in the Ward, through the 'Our Place Project'.
- Raising awareness about Jobs Clubs, Training and Employment opportunities.

WARD: Leen Valley (Beechdale, Ainsley And Hyson Green Beats) NDO Rob Gabbitas

Key successes

- Area capital paving improvements at The Spinney
- Improved use of CCTV to promote community safety and reduce anti social behaviour
- Ring Road improvements programme – ongoing
- Commencement of new housing development – Chalfont Drive
- Lighting up Aspley / Melbourne Road Christmas tree
- Working with residents on Kennington Road estate – Jobs event (30th January)

Emerging issues

- Work with Bluecoat Academy and local residents to resolve ongoing parking issues – various site visits and ongoing dialogue with local residents.
- Supporting a number of smaller communities to learn English as a building block for improved integration and cohesion (Vine Community Centre)
- Management and security of Beechdale Baths site (prior to redevelopment)
- Finding a solution to repairing equipment on Robert Shaw Field that has been vandalised, in order to open the field and reduce antisocial behaviour in the area.
- Parking on Ashwell Gardens and consultation on a Resident Parking Scheme
- Chalfont Drive Development and minimising disruption to residents in this area.

NAT focus

- Sustaining youth activities in the area, also linking with schools to engage young people
- Safer communities – continuing to build trust between partners working across the area
- Community cohesion events eg NCH employment roadshow (28 January 2016)
- Clean ups and enforcement responses to enviro-crime
- Further developing initiatives in Kennington Road area, in partnership with Southwold School

Recommendation(s):

1 To note the Ward performance reports.

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 also monitor progress in the Ward and act as a catalyst.

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”; Ward Performance reports help to support this process.

2.3 The Ward Performance Reports capture 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.

2.4 More detailed implementation plans sit behind the report, such as the Ward plans and other partners’ implementation plans.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 None

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

4.1 None

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

5.1 Consideration of the above is integral to all the activity that is contained in this report. Reduction of crime and disorder is a key goal of a large proportion of the initiatives described.

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

6.1 None

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)

7.1 An EIA is not required because this is not a new or changing policy, service or function.

8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

8.1 None

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 None