

## AREA 2 COMMITTEE – 14<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2016

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| <b>Title of paper:</b>  | Basford and Bestwood Wards Report  |  |
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| <b>Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:</b>   |  |  |
| Strategic Regeneration and Development  |  | <input type="checkbox"/>                       |
| Schools   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            |
| Planning and Housing  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            |
| Community Services  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            |
| Energy, Sustainability and Customer   |  | <input type="checkbox"/>                       |
| Jobs, Growth and Transport  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            |
| Adults, Health and Community Sector   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            |
| Children, Early Intervention and Early Years  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            |
| Leisure and Culture   |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            |
| Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration  |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>            |
| <b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>  |  |  |
| This report focusses on current priorities and issues facing the Basford and Bestwood wards and provides details of forthcoming events and activities. The report replaces the previous Performance report which used operational data supplied by the Crime and Drugs Partnership. |  |  |
| <b>Recommendation(s):</b>   |  |  |
| <b>1</b>  | That the priorities, current issues and supporting information for the Basford and Bestwood Wards be noted and comments welcomed.  |  |

### **1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 Each Ward manages a set of priorities and key issues through regular meetings of its Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT). These meetings are led by Neighbourhood Development Officers (NDOs) and supported by core partners including Nottingham City Homes (NCH), Neighbourhood Policing, Community Protection, Children and Early Help, City Services / Waste Management; Fire and Rescue Services and Health.

- 1.2 Ward Councillors are also invited to participate in these meetings.
- 1.3 Ward priorities are identified and informed from a range of sources including Citizens, Councillors, Partners and Officers and current issues will be updated for each area committee.
- 1.4 The list of events and activities will take account of the work which all NDOs undertake with partner organisations within their Ward and shows the depth of activity in place working alongside neighbourhood management to improve social cohesion and tackle priorities at a ward and area level.

## **2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 2.1 The Basford and Bestwood Wards sit within the wider Area 2 Committee which adopted four area based priorities at its first Area Cluster meeting – crime and grime, youth provision, bringing derelict sites into use and the social isolation of older people.
- 2.2 These priorities demonstrate a link to the City Council’s current ambitions contained in the latest City Council Plan 2015 - 19. Actions for each priority will be developed and led by appropriate service teams and partnerships. The Area priorities were reported to the Area 2 Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016 and will be updated at twice a year at Area Committee.
- 2.3 The area priorities listed in 2.1 sit within wider pieces of work and broader agendas which are being addressed by multi agency approaches across the City. At a Ward level it is important to identify how some of these more complex priorities can be worked on at local levels – either ward or area by introducing local solutions. This could, for example, include more targeted use of funding such as Ward Councillor budgets to support healthy eating initiatives or the use of Area Capital to develop an outdoor gym facility.
- 2.4 The current Ward priorities which have been reported previously through the area committee performance reports are shown in Appendix 1 (Bestwood) and 2 (Basford). These priorities will be updated for each area committee, taking into account discussions at NAT meetings and various groups and activities involving local residents.
- 2.5 Appendix 1(Bestwood) and 2 (Basford) sets out the current key issues.
- 2.6 Appendix 1(Bestwood) and 2 (Basford) highlights the forthcoming opportunities for citizens to engage in events and activities in their neighbourhoods.

## **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 None.

**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**

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

No



An EIA is not required because:

An EIA is not required as this is not a new or changing policy, service or function. Appendix 1 & 2 highlights the forthcoming opportunities for citizens to engage in events and activities in their neighbourhoods

**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 Priorities

#### Safer Nottingham

| Priority  | Progress since last Area Committee   | Lead   |
|---|--|--|
| To reduce all crime   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of October all crime down 91 offences (12%) year to date.</li> <li>No patterns</li> </ul>  | 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"> <li>As of October ASB down 125 incidents (19%) year to date</li> <li>Community Protection undertaking enforcement against noisy neighbours.<br/>Since September to 10<sup>th</sup> November:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Breach of Community Protection Notice fines (loud music) – 1</li> <li>Community Protection Warning Letter issued – 5 (music)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Detached youth sessions undertaken by Community Based Fitness every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Youth ASB been very quiet.</li> </ul> | Police, Community Protection, NCH, Early Help & Area Lead. |
| To take action against deliberate fire setting  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low number of fires (Aug-3; Sep-3) – no patterns</li> </ul>   | Fire Service   |
| To address domestic violence through prevention and support services  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner referral to Freedom Programme – for victims of domestic violence. New programme commence September 2016.</li> <li>Equate programme to be delivered to years 7,8,9,10 and 11 at The Oakwood Academy – topics healthy relationships, sexting, social media</li> </ul>   | Police and Early Help                                      |

#### Neighbourhood Nottingham

| Priority   | Progress since last Area Committee  | Lead  |
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| To improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods by tackling hot spot areas and developing derelict land | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Undertaking monthly Cllr ward walks.</li> <li>Launch of We're Watching You campaign – Belleville Drive Area (September)</li> <li>Deep cleans:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>September 12 and 19 Litter removal and alley</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | City Services, Community Protection, NCH and Regeneration |

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|  | <p>clearance Bradwell Drive/Ranskill Gardens</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ September 26 Jacklin Gardens/Townsend Court - footpath clearance and shrub pruning</li> <li>▪ October 17 Clean up of flats 3-11 Broadwood Road and Ivy removal</li> <li>▪ November 28 Litter and Fly tip removal - top of bank bordering City Hospital, Belconnen Road to Orlock Walk</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From September to 10<sup>th</sup> November Community Protection issued: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Fly tipping fines – 4</li> <li>▪ Littering fines – 31</li> <li>▪ Dog fouling fines – 4</li> <li>▪ Community Protection Warning Letter issued – 3 (garden)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |
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### Families Nottingham

| Priority  | Progress since last Area Committee  | Lead                                |
|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Maintain activities for young people                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth strategy group mapping provision</li> <li>• CBF delivering football sessions at Southglade and three nights a week outreach.</li> <li>• Early Help Early providing three youth sessions a week for 13-19 year olds at the Ridge from September.</li> <li>• Early Help providing four play sessions a week for 6-13 year olds at the Ridge</li> <li>• New MUGA at the Ridge – to open in winter.</li> <li>• Aspire Partnership created youth forum with representatives from primary and secondary schools.</li> <li>• All schools providing after school provision up to 4.30 pm.</li> </ul> | Early Help, Area Lead               |
| Increase awareness of welfare reform and support services |   | Bestwood Financial Resilience Group |

### Health Nottingham

| Priority                    | Progress since last Area Committee  | Lead                     |
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| To reduce childhood obesity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAC – First centre to develop action plan for healthy standards</li> </ul> | Public Health, City Care |

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|  | <p>for 0-5.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrition Team worked with SAC and Ridge to provide holiday lunch clubs during summer and October holidays.</li> <li>• 1 hour outdoor activity provided in all youth and play sessions</li> <li>• Food for Life Awards at Henry Whipple and The Oakwood Academy</li> </ul> | Nutrition Team, Southglade Leisure Centre, schools |
| To support local volunteers, raise aspirations and support community empowerment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police reviewing engagement approach – to target groups of interest.</li> <li>• Early Help trained 7 new volunteers</li> </ul>   | NAT  |
| To promote mental health services and mental well being                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New Wellness In Mind drop in session being held at Southglade Access Centre</li> <li>• Love You Love Bestwood Community Event – 24<sup>th</sup> September</li> <li>• Aspire Partnership –‘FREE TO BE ME’- be kind to one another campaign in all schools (November)</li> </ul>             | Public Health, NAT                                 |

### Working Nottingham

| Priority   | Progress since last Area Committee   | Lead   |
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| To raise awareness of job opportunities and provide support to get people into employment. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11-16 years at the Oakwood Academy – employability skills.</li> <li>• Early Help and NCN providing adult learning programme.</li> <li>• ABG – September 88 new people, 10 into employment and 33 into training. During October further 6 into employment and 30 onto training. Weekly job club at SAC. Outreach at Bestwood Park Community Centre.</li> </ul> | NCC Economic Development Area Lead<br>Bestwood Partnership |

### List of key current issues (taken from latest NAT Review)

- Police review of engagement approach – to target groups of interest
- Community Protection continue undertaking enforcement against noisy neighbours.
- Youth Strategy Group looking at provision to identify gaps and steer work of Early Help and Area Based Grant (ABG)
- To manage the transition of young people from William Olds Youth Club to the Ridge Adventure Playground
- Deployment of CCTV camera into Whitcombe Gardens / Sweeny Court area to tackle fly tipping.
- Belconnen flats – issue of over flowing bins / side waste.

- Ongoing targeted dog fouling operations – achieving 6/7 a week – focus Padstow fields, Gainsford Crescent
- Parking in front of the Ridge – funds required to restrict access.
- ASB at communications tower on Padstow field
- ASB on Southglade Park

### **Opportunities for citizens to engage - forthcoming dates of events and activities**

- 9<sup>th</sup> November – Cllr Ward Walk, Chippenham Road area
- 5<sup>th</sup> November – Young People's Achievements for 10-19 years at Bulwell Riverside as part of youth week
- 11<sup>th</sup> November – Aspire Free to Be Me campaign in primary and secondary schools
- 1<sup>st</sup> December – Bestwood Christmas Event, (3.30pm-6pm) at Bestwood Park Church
- 6<sup>th</sup> December – celebration event for volunteers at SAC
- 10<sup>th</sup> December – Bestwood Estate Christmas Party 2-4pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Cllr Ward Walk – location tbc
- 14<sup>th</sup> December – Leen Valley Christmas Lunch – 12.30
- 15<sup>th</sup> December – The Oakwood Academy Christmas Extravaganza at 6pm
- 17<sup>th</sup> December – Leen Valley Christmas Party 12-3pm
- Various carol services by the local churches

## APPENDIX 2

### Basford Ward Priorities

#### Safer Nottingham

| Priority  | Progress since last Area Committee  | Lead         |
|---|---|--------------|
| Promote Nottingham Alert and Twitter  | Over 600 followers  | Police       |
| Reduce crime and Anti-social behaviour, focusing on hotspots, by increasing patrols and diversionary activities | Meeting with affected party taken place. Plan of action being considered.<br>Additional diversionary activities to start in new year. | NAT          |
| To take action to reduce deliberate fires   | Numbers reduced and no pattern to incidents.  | Fire Service |

#### Neighbourhood Nottingham

| Priority  | Progress since last Area Committee  | Lead                     |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| Support Community groups and organisations to hold events                 | Regular meetings are held to discuss issues and plan events.  | Neighbourhood Management |
| Promote interest in Tenants and Residents groups eg Whitemoor area        | Discussions are ongoing regards merger of TRA to strengthen community group in the Highbury Vale area.    | Nottingham City Homes    |
| Target litter, dog fouling and fly tipping                                | Ongoing with regular enforcement action.  | NAT                      |
| Promote bulky waste appointment service and reduce bin contamination      |   | Waste Management         |
| Promote community litter pick events with TRA's schools, and residents    | A number of community litter picks have happened this year. More will be planned from the spring onwards. | NAT                      |
| Improve parking around Southwark School by installing additional bollards | Waiting for installation by contractors.  | Traffic Management       |
| Improving footways on Hayling Drive and Runton Drive                      | Odd side are complete. Even sides to be completed in new year.  | Highways                 |

#### Families Nottingham

| Priority   | Progress since last Area Committee                                      | Lead       |
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| Explore weekly youth group on Whitemoor estate                                 | This has proved difficult due to the lack of a suitable site.           | Early Help |
| Working with partners to secure additional funding for young people activities | A number of bids have been submitted with partners but without success. | NM         |



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| Additional sessions for young people in the Rosegarth and Heathfield Areas | Football sessions on Southwark School have been extended from spring to winter and new sessions on Heathfield are planned from the new year. | Early Help and NM |
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### Health Nottingham

| Priority  | Progress since last Area Committee | Lead   |
|---|------------------------------------|--|
| Increase physical activity including cycling and walking projects | These are ongoing.                 | Health, TravelRight                          |
| To reduce childhood obesity                                       |                                    | Public Health, Schools and Henry Mellish S C |

### Working Nottingham

| Priority   | Progress since last Area Committee   | Lead   |
|--|--|--|
| To raise awareness of job opportunities and provide support to get people into employment. | Facebook and other media are being used to promote job and training opportunities. | NCC Economic Development, Bestwood Partnership |

### List of key current issues (taken from latest NAT Review)

- Continued promotion of neighbourhood alert ( over 600 ) and My Basford Facebook ( Approximately 200)
- Review depending on policing resources of 4 weeks 4 streets initiative
- Additional patrols around the Basford Tram stop to reduce damage to trams and ongoing work by partners to explore what additional intervention can be put in place in the long term to address on street youth related asb.
- To promote the existing provision for young people on Heathfield and explore additional sessions in the Stockhill and Whitemoor Areas
- Undertaking regular ward walks
- Continue monitoring activities around the Colsons site after recent improvements – working with the Environment Agency to seek improvements on operation or to take enforcement action and Nottingham City Council powers
- Day of Action in November 2017 planned.
- Launch of We're Watching You Campaign into Basford – winter 2016
- Ongoing targeted dog fouling and fly tipping operations, targeting the Brooklyn Bridge area
- Support establishment of new Employment and Skills Partnership
- Promote family learning opportunities provided by NCH and local colleges

- Continue investment into the Parks in the area – focusing on gym equipment on Stockhill Park and improvements to the gate and pavilion security
- To improve the state of trees in the area
- Improving the environment by encouraging residents to keep front areas clean
- Parking issues around schools – additional bollards planned around Southwark School.
- Explore ways to reduce vandalism to trams along the River Leen path
- Discourage parking on grass verges to improve visual appearance of neighbourhoods – action taken on Bagnall Road and Ladbrooke Crescent.

### **Opportunities for citizens to engage - forthcoming dates of events and activities**

- Monthly meeting with Stockhill and Ladbrooke Tenants and Residents
- Monthly meetings with Highbury Vale Tenants and Residents
- Monthly meetings with Rosegay TRA
- Quarterly meetings with Friends of Vernon Park
- Quarterly Ward Forums
- Day of Action around Highbury Tram Stop – November 2016
- Ward Walk – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November around the Vernon Park area
- Christmas playscheme and party – December, Henry Mellish Centre
- Christmas playscheme and party – December at Stockhill pavilion