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## NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

### BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE

**MINUTES of the meeting held at Loxley House, Station Street, on 21 September 2016 from 16.30 - 18.05**

#### **Membership**

##### Present

Councillor Brian Grocock  
Councillor Cat Arnold (Chair)  
Councillor Alex Norris  
Councillor Linda Woodings

##### Absent

Councillor David Smith  
Councillor Michael Wildgust

#### **Colleagues, partners and others in attendance**

Kim Pavier	-	Bestwood Advice Centre
Dianne Finnie	-	Bestwood Park Community Association
Gary Cawthorne	-	Bestwood Partnership
Mark Leavesley	-	Governance Officer
Dale Griffin	)	Neighbourhood Development Officer
Gursharan Nijran	)	
James Tilford	-	Parks Development Officer
Wade Adams	-	Nottingham City Homes Officer
Michael Savage	-	Nottingham City Homes (Tenant Representative)
Inspector James Woolley	-	Nottinghamshire Police

#### **16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Councillor Smith	)	personal
Councillor Wildgust	)	
Chris Easton	-	Bestwood Church
Inspector Fenwick	-	Nottinghamshire police

#### **17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

None.

#### **18 MINUTES**

Subject to the following, the Committee confirmed the minutes of the meeting held on 25 May 2016 as a correct record and they were signed by the Chair:

- re-number from the Nottingham City Homes minute, due to there being two minute 8, therefore this becomes minute 9;
- original minute 8, Bestwood Partnership, being amended to read in bullet point 3 '.....200 people **will be** helped with improving their skills.....'.

## **19 ISSUES FROM APPOINTED COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Councillors explained that this would be a standing item for each meeting and was an opportunity for the community to raise any relevant issues affecting their areas.

It was stated that to allow officers sufficient time to investigate and respond appropriately, any issues that Community Representatives want to raise should be notified to the Neighbourhood Development Officers (NDOs) a minimum of 3 working days before the Committee meeting.

## **20 BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS**

The NDOs presented the report, which detailed the current priorities and issues in the Basford and Bestwood wards, and provided details of forthcoming events and activities in the local area.

Councillors commented that social media should be utilised more, and that the Facebook pages should be updated more regularly, especially with details of upcoming events and time-sensitive issues etc.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

## **21 POLICE UPDATE**

Inspector Woolley updated the Committee in regard to quarter 1 (April-June 2016) as follows:

### **Bestwood Ward**

Compared to the same period in 2015, Bestwood Ward has one of the highest levels of crime reduction in the City, with 34% (120 record crimes) in all crime and 11% (31 recorded incidents) reduction in anti-social behaviour.

During quarter 1, Bestwood Ward has seen reductions in dwelling house burglary, violent crime, robbery, sexual offences and criminal damages.

There has been a slight increase in autocrime offences, particularly theft from motor vehicles, although no specific location or vehicle type has been targeted.

Area performance has continued to be strong, with continued reductions in many of the crime categories.

The Neighbourhood Police Team attended a Southglade Park community event and utilised Facebook and Pokémon Go to attract attendees and re-enforce crime prevention messages.

The Bestwood Ward Neighbourhood Police Team has seen a change in PCSO personnel, but no reduction in staffing levels.

### **Basford Ward**

Compared to the same period in 2015, Basford Ward has seen over a 4% reduction (15 recorded crimes) in all crime and an 11% (23 recorded incidents) reduction in anti-social behaviour.

During quarter 1, Basford Ward has seen reductions in dwelling house burglary, violent crime, robbery.

There has been a slight increase in autocrime offences and criminal damage offences. No specific location has been the target of these crime types.

Members of the public have raised concerns regarding ASB around the Whitemoor (Luton Close) and Park Lane beat (Newark/Elvaston Court) areas - police have disrupted this by engaging with local residents, working with partners, such as housing, and executing drug warrants. Police have seized drugs, and suspects have been interviewed under police caution.

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the information be noted;**
- (2) that the thanks of the wards Councillors be recorded to all those involved in the clean-up operation following the removal of travellers from Bestwood Park;**
- (3) that Inspector Woolley send information to local representatives regarding how to monitor / report those speeding in the local areas.**

### **22 AREA BASED GRANTS UPDATE**

Gary Cawthorne, Bestwood Partnerships presented an update report, copies of which were handed around the table (a copy of which is attached to these minutes).

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

### **23 IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF CITIZENS**

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

### **24 USE OF SECTION 106 FUNDING ON PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IN BASFORD**

James Tilford, Parks Development Officer, presented the report.

**RESOLVED to approve the use of £95,000 of Section 106 funds, generated from a development in the Basford area (planning application 09/03300/POUT), on parks, open spaces and allotments in the Basford ward as follows:**

<u>Site</u>	<u>Proposals</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Whitemoor Nature Reserve	- Landscaping - Pond creation - Path works around park - Site furniture	30,000
Stockhill Park	- Park gates - Pavilion shutters - Path works around park	30,000
Stockhill Circus allotments	- Waste clearance to allow re-use	5,000
Whitemoor and Bagthorpe allotments	- Path works / access resurface - Security improvements - Plot access improvements - Power supply	30,000
<b>Total</b>		<b><u>95,000</u></b>

**25 NOTTINGHAM CITY HOMES: PERFORMANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCHEMES - UPDATES**

(a) Performance

Wade Adams, Tenancy and Estates Manager, NCH, updated the Committee on performance against key issues and themes linked to local priorities and strategic themes for NCH, including the capital programme and major work, area regeneration and environment issues, key messages from the Tenant and Leaseholder Congress, Tenant and Resident Association updates, area performance, 'good news' stories and positive publicity.

**RESOLVED to note the report.**

(b) Environmental schemes

**RESOLVED**

- (1) to approve the spend of £81,709.59 from the Bestwood ward budget for phase 2 of a scheme to replace / upgrade boundaries in the Leybourne Drive area;
- (2) to note the remaining balances, following the approval in (1) above, of £95,055.70 (Basford) and £56, 241.63 (Bestwood).

**26 AREA COMMITTEE FINANCE AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY – Q1 APRIL TO MAY 2016**

Dale Griffin, NDO, presented the report, detailing decisions taken under delegated authority since the meeting on 25 May 2016.

**RESOLVED** to note the actions taken under delegated authority in respect of projects in the Basford / Bestwood wards as follows:

<u>Basford schemes</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Nottingham Carnival	290
Basford school book vouchers	5,195
Music Hub residential music camp	240
Our Ladies Church Hall IT equipment	350
Vernon Park Summer Fun Day 2016	3,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,915</b>

Balance bought forward 2015/16	5,550
Allocation 2016/17	15,000
<b>Total available 2016/17</b>	<b>20,550</b>
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>9,915</b>
<b>Total remaining</b>	<b>10,635</b>

<u>Bestwood schemes</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Southglade Library garden	375
Bestwood Christmas event	13,500
Bestwood's Got Talent 2017	1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,875</b>

Balance bought forward 2015/16	10,176
Allocation 2016/17	15,000
<b>Total available 2016/17</b>	<b>25,176</b>
<b>Total allocated</b>	<b>14,875</b>
<b>Total remaining</b>	<b>10,301</b>

**27 AREA CAPITAL FUND 2016/17**

Dale Griffin, NDO, presented the report, detailing the latest spend proposals under the Area Capital 2016/17 Programme, including highways, footpaths and public realm.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) to note there are no Basford schemes for approval, and to approve the following Bestwood schemes prioritised since the last meeting:

<u>Scheme</u>	<u>Cost (£)</u>
Various schools' road safety	3,000
Leybourne Drive - public realm improvements	28,857

- (2) to note the 2016/17 available balances of £117,112 (Basford) and £74,343 (Bestwood).

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# AREA BASED GRANT

REPORT to Area Committee 21/9/16

The Bestwood Partnership – Lead Organisation

Gary Cawthorne, Development Manager

## EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING Qu1 performance and Qu2 activity

Organisation Name	Amount Qu 1	Outline of activity delivered
Bestwood Directions	5470	<p>21 individual support sessions, comprising:            2 at Bestwood Park Community Centre            3 at Heathfield school, 1 at Old Basford primary            3 at each of Southwark primary, Robin Hood school, and Gladehill, 1 at Edwards Lane Community Centre and 5 at Basford Library</p> <p>3 training / educational opportunities jointly with New College Nottingham, comprising            Food Hygiene 12<sup>th</sup> May,            Health and Safety at Work 9<sup>th</sup> June,            I.T. course Southglade Tuesdays</p>
New College Nottingham	1000	<p>39 Job club sessions provided, all at Southglade Access Centre, Wednesdays am. &amp; p.m. and Fridays p.m.            3 training / education opportunities jointly with Bestwood Directions as shown above</p>
Bestwood Advice Centre	500	<p>Benefits-to-work calculations for individuals, on-site, Thursdays a.m., 2 sessions so far (additional sessions will be carried forward to qu 2)</p>

We have taken part in two meetings of the new **Employment and Skills Partnership**, for both areas 1 and 2, led by councillors, provides the opportunity, alongside City officers, to ensure close working between The Bestwood Partnership and other agencies so as to create a seamless provision across the north of the City.

Liaison work with the **library service, schools and community centres** to develop provision in **Basford** has been undertaken with great success already. Additional to establishing bases from which employability support services and training courses can be delivered, the opportunity has been taken to research the wishes of citizens as to the kind of support and training courses they would engage with. A wide range of suggestions for **adult education courses** have already been identified, and this survey will be used to focus training offered where possible.

Prior to the Area-based Grant we were operating a **Coalfields Regeneration project** to support local people into employment. While this project is now finished and the funding ended, we have continued to use the strapline "Changing Our Lives" alongside the City Council logo to emphasise continuity, so that residents are able to see this as a continuing service, which has helped delivery agencies and staff operate it seamlessly.

Quantitative Output	Performance		
	Q1 target	Q1 actual	Annual target
Job club sessions provided	25	39	100
Training / educational opportunities provided	2	3	20
Individual support sessions provided	25	23	100

Qualitative Output	Performance		
	Q1 target	Q1 actual	Annual target
People aged 29+ supported through job clubs	25	17	100
People aged 29+ in sustainable employment	5	2	40
People improving financial awareness	5	5	40

Emerging Issues:	RAG rating
Lack of previous employability provision in Basford ward	Amber (moving to green)

### Activity quarter 2

Close working together between ourselves and **Right Track** to enhance the mutual referral process between those over 29 Area 1 or 2 and those under 29 to be referred to Right Track provision. Co-working between our organisations will ensure an optimal outcome for local residents across the north of the City, which will impact strongly on our performance in Area 2.

Promotion of opportunities through summer events in the area during July and August, in particular the **Southglade Live** event in July.

Closer collaboration between The Bestwood Partnership and **Bestwood Advice Centre** to improve provision where employability support requires closer attention to in-work benefits and increase referral to employability support. **Money Advice course** to be delivered locally.

New I.T. course in September at Southglade Access Centre and a Food Hygiene Course, delivered by New College Nottingham

### CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE Qu1 performance and Qu2 activity

Organisation Name	Amount Qu 1	Outline of activity delivered
CBF Gymnasiums in conjunction with ACAF	10,000	22 universal sessions, 10 Outreach and 4 targeted provided. So far concentration has been on universal provision in Basford, built on previous experience, with new outreach and targeted sessions in Bestwood ward. These have been Wednesdays at Beckhampton Rd and Chediston Vale. Standard sessions take place at Henry Mellish and Southwark school, as well as Highbury Vale community centre.
In addition to direct delivery with and for young people in Basford and Bestwood, a <b>Youth Strategy Group</b> has been set up between the Bestwood Partnership, CBF Gymnasiums, City Council officers and all those active in the area working with young people to ensure a co-ordinated approach between Early Years, community delivery of services to young people, CBF Gymnasiums activity and what ABG can bring innovatively to the area.		



Quantitative Output	Performance		
	Q1 target	Q1 actual	Annual target
Universal sessions provided	15	22	60
Outreach or detached sessions provided	5	10	30
Targeted sessions provided	0	4	10
Mapping exercise of existing youth provision	0	0	1

Qualitative Output	Performance		
	Q1 target	Q1 actual	Annual target
Young people engaged through universal provision	50	80	200
Young people engaged through detached or outreach provision	25	40	100
Young people individually assessed and supported in targeted provision	0	0	30

Emerging issues:	RAG rating
Hotspot areas Chediston Vale and Beckhampton Road to be address by outreach work.	Amber
Individual young people to be identified through Young People's Panel to be worked with in targeted sessions, especially where there has been police involvement, or identified as at risk	Amber

**Activity quarter 2** In additional to the focussing of activity across the area by CBF Gymnasiums, a **summer programme** took place for young people during August. It is also expected that the draft **mapping exercise** of existing provision will be finalised as a working document to show hot-spots, provision, gaps in provision and help focus future activity

Outreach provision in Bestwood for **Beckhampton Rd and Chediston Vale** is moving from Wednesdays to Fridays in response to perceived need and at request of Youth Strategy group. The Youth Strategy Group and the Young People's Panel will meet on the same occasion each time, so ensuring that we focus on needs of individual young people for targeted support.

## COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS Qu1 performance & Qu 2 Activity

Organisation Name	Amount Qu 1	Outline of activity delivered
Bestwood Park Community Association	1288	Centre is open to all local citizens to access, appropriately on a weekly basis when needed. The centre hosts Pre-School provision.
Bestwood Estate Community Association	1620	Centre is open to all local citizens to access, appropriately on a weekly basis when needed. Key activities are elderly lunch club and dementia support group. Hosts Pre-School Learning Alliance provision.
Leen Valley Community Association	625	Open 30 hours per week, with 4 under-represented groups. Centre is open to all local citizens to access at appropriate times.
Heathfield Community Association	1000	Finalisation of monitoring pending, will count in qu. 2

**Bestwood Park Community Association** was supported to develop its management committee at a very successful AGM. **Funding levels** for Centres are in line with last year.

Quantitative Output	Performance		
	Q1 target	Q1 actual	Annual target
Community associations enhancing membership	1	1	3
Community associations accessing financial support	0	1	3
Community centre development plans improved	0	0	4

Qualitative Output	Performance		
	Q1 target	Q1 actual	Annual target
People accessing community centres	100	350	400
Community assns increasing financial sustainability	0	0	3
Community associations improving their governance	1	1	3
New volunteers active in community associations	3	3	12

Emerging issues:	RAG rating
Bestwood Park Community Association needing new management structure at A.G.M. – successfully supported into place	Green
Healthfield Community Association – limited committee membership putting pressure on one or two people – to be addressed (see below)	Amber

**Activity quarter 2:** As the year goes on, the focus is on both developing the relationship between the Lead Organisation and its Community Association partners. We also intend to develop the relationship, as a partnership, between the Associations themselves. This helps them feel less isolated, and helps in sharing skills, at a time when self-reliance is important.. The **business plans** under development will be progressed.

## SUPPORT FOR LOCAL VCS INFRASTRUCTURE Qu1 and 2

Organisation Name	Amount Qu 1/2	Outline of activity delivered including
Nottingham Council for Voluntary Service	tbc	Funding to provide financial, organisational and training opportunities for local organisations: outputs to be counted in qu 2 onwards
The Partnership Council	tbc	Funding to provide voluntary sector forums: outputs to be counted in qu 2 onwards

This element of the Area Based Grant will commence in qu 2. Outputs and Outcomes centre on 12 organisations being supported to improve their service delivery, financial sustainability, management capacity and knowledge. Additional funds of at least £2,000 will be made available to support local organisations with one-off activities and events. This figure will be increased by any underspend in other priority areas.

**A major Partnership event involving all partners, and especially voluntary and community sector organisations operating in the area, is being planned for the Autumn, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November, at Bestwood Park Church, as a Community Conference.**