

## BASFORD & BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE – 20 SEPTEMBER 2017

<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		<b>X</b>
Schools		<b>X</b>
Planning and Housing		<b>X</b>
Community Services		<b>X</b>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<b>X</b>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<b>X</b>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<b>X</b>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<b>X</b>
Leisure and Culture		<b>X</b>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<b>X</b>
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
<p>This report focusses on current priorities and issues facing the two wards within the Area 2 Committee and gives details of forthcoming events and activities. It also highlights the latest issues now being addressed through regular Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT) meetings.</p>		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	To note the progress on Ward priorities and other supporting information including the issues being addressed by each Neighbourhood Action Team (appendices 1-2)	
<b>2</b>	To note the progress made against existing Councillor pledges.	

### **1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 Each Area Committee has agreed priorities which 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 for example Area 1 & 2 Employment and Skills Area Partnership. These priorities will be updated

for each area committee, taking into account discussions at NAT meetings and various groups and activities involving Councillors, residents and local groups.

- 1.2 The events and activities detailed in the report take account of the work which all NDOs undertake with partner organisations within the wards. It shows a range of activity in place across neighbourhoods to improve social cohesion and tackle priorities at a ward and area level.

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

- 2.1 Each Ward manages a set of priorities and key issues through regular meetings of the NAT. These meetings are led by Neighbourhood Development Officers (NDOs) and supported by core partners including Nottingham City Homes (NCH), Neighbourhood Policing, Community Protection, Early Help, City Services / Waste Management; Fire and Rescue Services and Health.
- 2.2 Ward Councillors are also invited to participate in these meetings.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 Ward reports also reflect some of the wider area concerns and priorities which have been either addressed previously through area committee or have been developed as part of the Area Cluster reviews. Some of these wider priorities such as youth provision will be taken forward through appropriate area focussed meetings.
- 2.5 The intention is to work towards a Ward Report which is consistent across all City wards. It will provide details of the pledges which Councillors have prioritised for their respective wards.
- 2.6 The previous Area Committee Priorities Action Plan will be incorporated within the ward plans to avoid any duplication.
- 2.7 Area Committee Chairs will be invited to review the latest Ward Reports to ensure that the format is accessible for Councillors and community representatives and there is sufficient consistency across all areas.
- 2.8 The current individual Ward priorities for Basford and Bestwood are shown in Appendix 1 and 2 respectively and will be updated for each Area Committee.
- 2.9 The ward priorities also make reference to a number of development sites which are listed within the Neighbourhood Regeneration Strategy document – Building a Better Nottingham.

## **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 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 – Basford Ward Report

### Safer Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To reduce all crime (NAT and Area Committee priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of end of July 2017 all crime up 119 offences (28%) compared to the previous year.</li> <li>• Most attributable to incidents of violence.</li> </ul>	Police
To reduce anti-social behaviour in the neighbourhood priority area, focusing upon hotspots, diversionary activities and nuisance neighbours (NAT and Area Committee priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As of end of July 2017 ASB down 54 incidents (22%) compared to the previous year.</li> </ul> <p>Community Protection team continue to be proactive in area. For April 2017, they issued the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community Protection Notice – 10</li> <li>▪ Fly tip actions - 14</li> <li>▪ Dog Ops - 1</li> <li>▪ Fixed Penalty Notices (e.g. littering / dog fouling / fly tipping) - 1</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detached youth sessions undertaken when and where ASB reported – eg Stockhill Park</li> </ul>	Police, Community Protection, NCH, Early Help & Area Lead.
To take action against deliberate fire setting (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Low number of deliberate fires and no patterns. As of end of July, 18% down compared to previous year.</li> </ul>	Fire Service
Promote Nottingham Alert and Twitter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>	Police, Community Protection

## Neighbourhood Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods by tackling hot spot areas and developing derelict land (NAT, Area Committee and Ward Councillor Pledges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleanliness score remained on target of 87 for period up to July</li> <li>• Undertaking monthly Cllr ward walks.</li> <li>• Deep cleans: Further works Stockhill Circus twitchell, Ellis Guilford twitchell, River Leen paths planned for October and November 2017</li> <li>• Regular litter picks with community groups and school..</li> </ul> <p>Housing Developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Court – works ongoing on major development</li> </ul>	City Services, Community Protection, NCH and Regeneration
To complete Toton Close Grander Scheme by end of 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Detailed design and costings complete. Costings being evaluated.</li> </ul>	NM/NCH
Support community groups and organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular meeting held to discuss ongoing issues with TRA's and community groups</li> <li>• Events are planned and run in partnership with community groups</li> <li>• Support the development of CBF Gymnasium in managing the Henry Mellish Centre</li> </ul>	
Target litter, dog fouling and fly tipping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enforcement, education and under cover ops</li> </ul>	City Services, Community Protection and community groups
Promote litter picks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These are carried out quarterly in partnership with schools, residents groups</li> </ul>	NM and community groups
Colson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to monitor performance and report issues to the Environment Agency and other partners such as Severn Trent. There have been significant improvements recently.</li> </ul>	NM, Community Protection and Environmental Health
NTIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Phase 1 of works to reduce and remove trees and on</li> </ul>	NM and Parks and

	Vernon Road complete. Phase 2 to be carried out in October 2017	Open Spaces
Ward Councillor Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• These were awarded to a range of community groups and projects</li> </ul>	NM

### Families Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Maintain activities for young people (NAT, Area Committee and Ward Councillor Pledges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Strategy Group consulting schools on what activities they participate in and what they would like to see to inform future work.</li> <li>• CBF continue to deliver free football sessions at Southwark School</li> <li>• Early Help Early providing youth sessions at Heathfield Community Centre</li> <li>• Additional session at Heathfield running on Fridays during July and August</li> </ul>	Early Help, Area Lead
Summer Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A number of events have taken place over the summer on Vernon Park, Stockhill Park, Brooklyn Park. An additional event on Heathfield Park is in the planning stage</li> <li>• Play scheme to run on Stockhill Park</li> <li>• Sports camps at Henry Mellish Sports Centre</li> </ul>	NM, Area Lead and community groups
Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stockhill Park has had new gym equipment installed and a number of improvements to the pavilion completed. Further improvements are planned</li> <li>• Early consultation on improvements to Whitemoor Park</li> </ul>	Parks and community groups

## Health Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To reduce childhood obesity (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sports camps held at Henry Mellish during school holidays</li> <li>• Improved play and gym equipment on parks in Basford</li> </ul>	Public Health, Schools and Area Lead
Increase physical activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gym equipment on parks</li> <li>• Programme of cycle rides and works by Ridewise</li> </ul>	Parks Ridewise

## Working Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To raise awareness of job opportunities and provide support to get people into employment. (NAT, Ward Councillor Pledges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Help and NCN providing adult learning programme at SAC.</li> <li>• Area Based Grant – to be reported separately to Area Committee</li> <li>• Step Into Work Programme – As of April 2017-18 programme deliverer changed to Bestwood Partnership</li> <li>• Promote job opportunities on mybasford facebook and through community networks</li> </ul>	NCC Economic Development Area Lead - 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)
- To promote the existing provision for young people on Heathfield and provide additional sessions over the summer
- Undertaking regular ward walks
- Continue monitoring activities around the Colson 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 October around the Selwyn Close area

- Ongoing targeted dog fouling and fly tipping operations, targeting the Brooklyn Bridge and Vernon Park areas – install new fencing to Brooklyn Bridge to reduce fly tipping.
- Promote family learning opportunities provided by NCH and local colleges
- Continue investment into the Parks in the area – focusing on Whitemoor Park and Stockhill Park
- To improve the state of trees in the area
- Improving the environment by encouraging residents to keep front areas clean
- Parking issues around schools
- Provide lockable access to the River Leen path for our Street Scene team and install new bins along this path
- Provide new bins on Basford United Football Club / Mill Street playing fields
- Additional 20mph signs on Bagnall Road

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

- Monthly meeting with Stockhill and Ladbroke Tenants and Residents
- Explore re-launching the Highbury Vale Tenants and Residents group
- Monthly meetings with Rosegay TRA
- Quarterly meetings with Friends of Vernon Park
- Day of Action around alleyways and Selwyn Close – October 2017
- Ward Walk – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September(Britannia Avenue Estate), 19<sup>th</sup> October(Heathfield Estate E) and 23<sup>rd</sup> November(Heathfield Estate C)
- Four Summer Fun Days on local parks
- Basford United Football Club public meeting

## Appendix 2 - Bestwood Ward Report

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To reduce all crime (NAT and Area Committee priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of end of July 2017 all crime up 208 offences (71%) compared to the same time in the previous year.</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 (NAT and Area Committee priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As of end of July 2017 ASB down 54 incidents (18%) compared to the same time in the previous year.</li> </ul> <p>Community Protection team continue to be proactive in area. For April 2017 to 18<sup>th</sup> August, they issued the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Protection Warning Letters (for gardens / noise) - 56</li> <li>Community Protection Notice - 2</li> <li>Dog Ops - 56</li> <li>Fixed Penalty Notices (e.g. littering / dog fouling / fly tipping) – 27</li> <li>Detached youth work continues in area on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays commissioned by Area Lead. Youth ASB continues to be quiet.</li> <li>Travellers (June 2017) – proactive response to move travellers on.</li> </ul>	Police, Community Protection, NCH, Early Help & Area Lead.
To take action against deliberate fire setting (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of deliberate fires has increased during summer months (April – 2, May – 2, June -10, July - 7).</li> </ul>	Fire Service
To address domestic violence through prevention and support services (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Partner referral to Freedom Programme – for victims of domestic violence.</li> </ul>	Police and Early Help

	January – April 2017 – Received 15 referrals. 4 attended and completed the course. May – July 2017 – Received 30 referrals. 8 completed the course	
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### Neighbourhood Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods by tackling hot spot areas and developing derelict land (NAT, Area Committee and Ward Councillor Pledges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cleanliness score remained on average score of 87 between April and July.</li> <li>• Undertaking monthly Cllr ward walks.</li> <li>• Notable cleaning activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ April – Ranskill Gardens footpath – cut back of vegetation, moss clearance and fly tipping.</li> <li>▪ May – Partnership clean up day and bulky waste awareness raising around the Welsh Estate</li> <li>▪ June - Path clearance and rubbish Belconnen Road to Cairns Close</li> <li>▪ July - Clearance of rubbish from Traveller sites - Beckhampton Road and Ridgeway</li> <li>▪ August - Cutting back/ clearing pathways bordering Sandy Banks and Cherry Orchard Mount</li> <li>▪ Planned for September - deep clean of Beckhampton Road middle shops including sweeping, weed removal, litter bin washing.</li> <li>▪ WOA - Morrell Bank estate - weed removal, shrub pruning, clear steps and walkways.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Monthly litter picks with 'Eco Warrior' pupils from Southglade Primary School on Sandy Banks Nature Reserve (Feb, March, April, May)</li> <li>• Continued works for WREN improvements to Hucknall Walkway including involvement of pupils and a community</li> </ul>	City Services, Community Protection, NCH and Regeneration

	<p>workshop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued works for s.106 improvements to Sunrise Hill Nature Reserve.</li> <li><b>Visual and accessibility improvements to the Elmbridge Shopping precinct area commenced (May 2017).</b></li> </ul> <p>Housing Developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Amber Hill – works continued to build 8 properties completed in June 2017.</u></li> <li>Hazel Hill site completion set for mid November 2017.</li> <li>Hazel Hill Crescent 3 bungalows complete keys are to be handed over.</li> <li>Gautries Close development of 5 properties completion set for October 2017.</li> <li>Padstow and Ridge field consultation has begun and feedback has come in.</li> <li>Eastglade site investigations have begun.</li> </ul>	
<p>To look into the parking issues at Arnold Road shops (Landcroft Crescent).          Improve parking provision at Arnold Road shops (Leen Valley Community Centre) by creating extra parking.          (Councillor Pledges)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consultation by Traffic and Safety has been undertaken (March – April 2017). Completion of schemes expected before the end of this financial year.</li> </ul>	<p>Traffic and Safety</p>

## Families Nottingham

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Maintain activities for young people (NAT, Area Committee and Ward Councillor Pledges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Youth Strategy Group consulting schools on what activities they participate in and what they would like to see to inform future work. Trial dance group contribution funding by the Bestwood Councillors due to start in September.</li> <li>CBF continue to deliver free football sessions at Southglade and three nights a week outreach around the area.</li> <li>Early Help Early providing three youth sessions a week for 13-19 year olds at the Ridge.</li> <li>Early Help providing four play sessions a week for 6-13 year olds at the Ridge.</li> <li>Community and voluntary groups continue to deliver youth provision in the area.</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 (NAT priority)	Research into causes of residents accessing food banks and what agencies need to be doing to support this.	Bestwood Financial Resilience Group

## Health Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To reduce childhood obesity (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New open access play and stay session for under 5s started in May at Bestwood Park Church.</li> <li>1 hour outdoor activity provided in all youth and play sessions</li> <li>Schools Out programme ran during Easter and Summer holidays at Southglade Leisure Centre.</li> </ul>	Public Health, City Care Nutrition Team, Southglade Leisure Centre, schools
To support local volunteers, raise aspirations and support community empowerment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Area Lead provided funding to a number of community groups to enhance their local delivery (March).</li> <li>Bestwood Got Talent 2018 committed funding by</li> </ul>	NAT, Area Lead

(NAT priority)	<p>Bestwood Councillors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Help children centre volunteers programme to commence in September 2017.</li> </ul>	
To promote mental health services and mental well being (NAT and Area Committee priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trial appointment of Wellness in Mind continued until June at Southglade Access Centre – low take up of service.</li> <li>• Bestop Kitchen launched 27<sup>th</sup> June– aim to promote social cohesion, reduce social isolation, utilise wasted food and healthy eating.</li> <li>• To provide a varied programme of community events to reduce social isolation and promote community cohesion – Knights Close Bite Size Fun Day (31<sup>st</sup> May), community cohesion event (20<sup>th</sup> June), Southglade Park Live (27<sup>th</sup> July).</li> <li>• Mapping of community activity to be promoted in Week of Action.</li> </ul>	Public Health, NAT, Community & Voluntary Sector

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

- Planning for Week of Action 30<sup>th</sup> September to 6<sup>th</sup> October 2017
- Early Help and voluntary sector delivering large summer programme for children and young people in ward
- Youth Strategy Group looking at provision to identify gaps and steer work of Early Help and Area Based Grant (ABG)

- The Ridge Adventure Playground – works yet to commence
- Fly tipping – residents leaving items on street
- Ongoing targeted dog fouling operations
- Parking in front of the Ridge Adventure Playground – access to be restricted from September by implementation of barriers.

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

- 12<sup>th</sup> April – Cllr Ward Walk – Top valley – Welsh Estate
- 10<sup>th</sup> May – Cllr Ward Walk – Bestwood – Arnside Road / Oakington Close area
- 31<sup>st</sup> May – 11-2pm Knights Close Bite Size Fun Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> June – Cllr Ward Walk – Bestwood Park (Chiltern Way, Pedmore Valley etc)
- 20<sup>th</sup> June – Bestwood’s Great Get Together – community cohesion event
- 27<sup>th</sup> June – Launch of Bestop Kitchen 2-5pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> July – Cllr Ward Walk – Top Valley (Easegill Court, Swildon Walk etc)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Leen Valley Community Centre Fun Day 11-3pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> July – Southglade Park Live 12-4pm
- 2<sup>nd</sup> August – Bestwood Estate Community Centre Fun Day 2-4pm
- 9<sup>th</sup> August – Cllr Ward Walk – Bestwood Estate (Morrell Bank, Barent Walk, Padstow etc)
- 13<sup>th</sup> September – Cllr Ward Walk – location tbc
- 30<sup>th</sup> September – 6<sup>th</sup> October – Week of Action