

BASFORD & BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE – 6 DECEMBER 2017

Title of paper:	Basford and Bestwood Wards Report	
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Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		X
Schools		X
Planning and Housing		X
Community Services		X
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		X
Jobs, Growth and Transport		X
Adults, Health and Community Sector		X
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		X
Leisure and Culture		X
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		X
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<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>		
Recommendations:		
1	To note the progress on Ward priorities and other supporting information including the issues being addressed by each Neighbourhood Action Team (appendices 1-2)	
2	To note the progress made against existing Councillor Ward 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"> • As of end of September 2017 all crime up 170 offences (26%) compared to the previous year. • Most attributable to incidents of violence. 	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"> • As of end of September 2017 ASB down 82 incidents (22%) compared to the previous year. <p>Community Protection team continue to be proactive in area. For September to October 2017, they issued the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Community Protection Notice – 0 ▪ Alcohol surrender – 61 ▪ Section 215 - 14 ▪ Fly tip actions - 60 ▪ Dog Ops - 0 ▪ Fixed Penalty Notices (e.g. littering / dog fouling / fly tipping) - 8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detached youth sessions undertaken when and where ASB reported – eg Stockhill Park 	Police, Community Protection, NCH, Early Help & Area Lead.
To take action against deliberate fire setting (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low number of deliberate fires and no patterns. As of end of September, 29% down compared to previous year. 	Fire Service
Promote Nottingham Alert and Twitter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing 	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 Councillor Ward Pledges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleanliness score remained on target of 87 for period up to September 2017 • Undertaking regular Cllr ward walks. • Deep cleans: Further works Stockhill Circus twitchell, Ellis Guilford twitchell, River Leen paths completed in October and. Additional clean ups being planned for the new year. • Regular litter picks with community groups and school. <p>Housing Developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northern Court – works ongoing on major development 	City Services, Community Protection, NCH and Regeneration
To complete Toton Close Grander Scheme by end of 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detailed design and costings complete. Costings agreed and timetable being evaluated. 	NM/NCH/Highway design
Support community groups and organisations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meeting held to discuss ongoing issues with TRA's and community groups • Events are planned and run in partnership with community groups • Support the development of CBF Gymnasium in managing the Henry Mellish Centre 	
Target litter, dog fouling and fly tipping	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement, education and under cover ops 	City Services, Community Protection and community groups
Promote litter picks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are carried out quarterly in partnership with schools, residents groups 	NM and community groups
Colson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to monitor performance and report issues to the Environment Agency and other partners such as Severn Trent. EA have brought successful prosecution under their permit. Sentencing due in December. 	NM, Community Protection and Environmental Health

NTIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 of works to reduce and remove trees and on Vernon Road complete. Phase 2 to be carried out in Autumn 2017. 	NM and Parks and Open Spaces
Ward Councillor Grants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These were awarded to a range of community groups and projects funding fun days, sports clubs and playschemes in the area. 	NM

Families Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
Maintain activities for young people (NAT, Area Committee and Councillor Ward Pledges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth Strategy Group consulting schools on what activities they participate in and what they would like to see to inform future work. CBF continue to deliver free football sessions at Southwark School Early Help Early providing youth sessions at Heathfield Community Centre Additional session at Heathfield were held on Fridays during July and August and October half term at Stockhill. Extra sessions to be held on Thursdays over the winter month starting in December. 	Early Help, Area Lead
Autumn Programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A number of events have took place over the summer on Vernon Park, Stockhill Park, Brooklyn Park and Heathfield Park. Play scheme to run on Stockhill Park Sports camps at Henry Mellish Sports Centre over the Christmas holiday. Christmas parties for youngsters at Stockhill and Henry Mellish are planned. 	NM, Area Lead and community groups
Parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stockhill Park has had new gym equipment installed and a 	Parks and community

	number of improvements to the pavilion completed. Further improvements are planned <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early consultation on improvements to Whitemoor Park 	groups
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Health Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To reduce childhood obesity (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sports camps held at Henry Mellish during school holidays • Improved play and gym equipment on parks in Basford 	Public Health, Schools and Area Lead
Increase physical activity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gym equipment on parks • Programme of cycle rides and works by Ridewise 	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, Councillor Ward Pledges)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Help and NCN providing adult learning programme at SAC. • Area Based Grant – to be reported separately to Area Committee • Step Into Work Programme – As of April 2017-18 programme deliverer changed to Bestwood Partnership • Promote job opportunities on mybasford facebook and through community networks 	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 winter following a successful 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. Awaiting sentencing following successful prosecution by the EA.
- Day of Action in October around the Stockhill Circus 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. Funding has been approved and design work has started.
- 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 – Highbury Road and Percy Street twitchel works are ongoing.
- 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 – work snow complete
- Provide new bins on Basford United Football Club / Mill Street playing fields – work snow complete
- 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
- Following the closure Rosegay TRA, investigating the setting up of a Local Action Group.
- Quarterly meetings with Friends of Vernon Park
- Day of Action being planned for 2018
- Ward Walk – Thursday 23rd November(Heathfield Estate C)
- Four Summer Fun Days on local parks completed and Christmas playschemes and parties planned for Stockhill and Highbury

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"> As of end of October 2017 all crime up 231 offences (36%) compared to the same time in the previous year. No patterns 	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"> As of end of October ASB down 122 incidents (24%) compared to the same time in the previous year. <p>Community Protection team continue to be proactive in area. For September to October 2017, they issued the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Protection Warning Letters (for gardens / noise) – September: 12, October: 5 Community Protection Notice – September:1, October:1 Dog Ops – September:11, October 13 Fixed Penalty Notices (e.g. littering / dog fouling / fly tipping / cycling on pavements) – September:6, October:5 Detached youth work continues in area on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays commissioned by Area Lead. Youth ASB has increased during October associated with Halloween and fireworks. 	Police, Community Protection, NCH, Early Help & Area Lead.
To take action against deliberate fire setting (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of deliberate fires continues to show an increase in comparison to the previous year with a 93% increase (29 fires for the year to date (August – 3, September - 5). 	Fire Service
To address domestic violence through prevention and support services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partner referral to Freedom Programme – for victims of domestic violence. New course commenced in September. 	Police and Early Help

(NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Help to undertake activity in youth club and Southglade Access Centre as part of the 16 day White Ribbon Campaign – cake sales and pledges. 	
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Neighbourhood Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
<p>To improve the visual appearance of neighbourhoods by tackling hot spot areas and developing derelict land (NAT, Area Committee and Councillor Ward Pledges)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cleanliness score increased from score of 86 in August to 88 in September. • Undertaking monthly Cllr ward walks. • Notable cleaning activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Week Of Action – three deep cleans including Morrell Bank estate - weed removal, shrub pruning, clear steps and walkways; City Hospital Footpath and Beckhampton Road middle shops. ▪ October - Aidan Gardens/Bewcastle Road area shrub pruning and litter removal. • Continued works for WREN improvements to Hucknall Walkway • Visual and accessibility improvements to the Elmbridge Shopping precinct area commenced (May 2017). <p>Housing Developments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hazel Hill site completion set for end of November 2017. • Gautries Close development of 5 properties completed. • NCH & NCC are considering the various options and continuing consultation for the Padstow and detached Padstow sites. • Eastglade site investigations still undergoing. • Haywood detached playing field NCH undertaking site 	<p>City Services, Community Protection, NCH and Regeneration</p>

	<p>investigations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ranskill Gardens – Demolition to commence January 2018. Building 8 low energy homes aimed for first time buyers. Build expected March to October 2018 	
<p>To look into the parking issues at Arnold Road shops (Landcroft Crescent).</p> <p>Improve parking provision at Arnold Road shops (Leen Valley Community Centre) by creating extra parking.</p> <p>(Councillor Ward Pledges)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation by Traffic and Safety has been undertaken (March – April 2017). Completion of schemes expected before the end of this financial year. 	Traffic and Safety

Families Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
<p>Maintain activities for young people (NAT, Area Committee and Councillor Ward Pledges)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Strategy Group: Bestwood dance group (Red Dance) contribution funding by the Bestwood Councillors started in September – averaging 10-12 young people. Further funding secured for another term from Bestwood Partnership. • CBF continue to deliver free football sessions at Southglade and three nights a week outreach around the area. • Early Help providing three youth sessions a week for 13-19 year olds at the Ridge. • Early Help providing 3 play sessions a week for 6-13 year olds at the Ridge. • Over the Summer period Early Help engaged with 800 young people • Early Help Halloween party engaged 85 children and parents • Community and voluntary groups continue to deliver youth 	<p>Early Help, Area Lead</p>

	<p>provision in the area (e.g. The Peoples Church, Messy Church, Arnold Road Evangelical Church, Scouts, Nottingham City Lionhearts Marching Band and other sports clubs).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All schools providing after school provision up to 4.30 pm. • Schools Out programme delivered at Southglade Leisure Centre during holiday periods. 	
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Health Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
To reduce childhood obesity (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lets Get Moving at Bestwood Park Church continues to grow in numbers (under 5s). • 1 hour outdoor activity provided in all youth and play sessions • Schools Out programme ran during October holiday at Southglade Leisure Centre. 	Public Health, City Care Nutrition Team, Southglade Leisure Centre, schools
To support local volunteers, raise aspirations and support community empowerment (NAT priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning underway for Bestwood Got Talent 2018 – funding committed funding by Bestwood Councillors. • Early Help children centre volunteers programme to commenced in September 2017 – 6 on programme 	NAT, Area Lead
To promote mental health services and mental well being (NAT and Area Committee priority)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bestop Kitchen continues to grow – averaging 70-85 people each week – aim to promote social cohesion, reduce social isolation, utilise wasted food and healthy eating. Looking to secure funding to expand to develop breakfast clubs during holidays. • Bestwood Park Church liaising with New College to run workshops on wellbeing for elderly and young people. • Continue to provide a varied programme of community events to reduce social isolation and promote community 	Public Health, NAT, Community & Voluntary Sector

	<p>cohesion – MUGA launch event (30th September) – nearly 330 in attendance, Early Help Halloween event, Leen Valley Community Centre Halloween Event.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Week of Action – booklet highlighting community activity distributed to households in the ward to increase awareness of groups and encourage participation. 	
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Working Nottingham

Priority	Progress since last Area Committee	Lead
<p>To raise awareness of job opportunities and provide support to get people into employment. (NAT, Councillor Ward Pledges)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Help and NCN providing adult learning programme at SAC. • Area Based Grant – to be reported separately to Area Committee • Step Into Work Programme – As of April 2017-18 programme deliverer changed to Bestwood Partnership • Jobs Fair in the planning process to be held at Bulwell Riverside in March 2018 	<p>NCC Economic Development Area Lead - Bestwood Partnership</p>

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

- Fly tipping in communal flat areas and sporadic fly tips on streets
- CCTV camera to be sited shortly on corner of Aveline Close / Birkdale Way
- Christmas publicity highlighting a range of opportunities to engage with during November and December in Bestwood – to be targeted via schools, community venues, youth providers, independent living centres.
- Youth Strategy Group exploring if any further work required with young people around knife crime.
- The Ridge Adventure Playground – works yet to commence
- Ongoing targeted dog fouling operations
- Parking in front of the Ridge Adventure Playground – access to be restricted from September by implementation of pop up bollards.

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

- 11 October – Cllr Ward Walk – Raymede Drive
- 8 November – Cllr Ward Walk – Leybourne Drive
- Saturday 25 November: Christmas Fayre at 10am at Anchor Court communal lounge (Blyton Walk, Bestwood Park).
- Thursday 30 November: 12.30pm -1.30pm - Santa and his elves visit babies at Southglade Access Centre – free photo opportunity in Santa’s grotto.
- Thursday 30 November: 3.30pm - 6pm – Christmas launch event at Bestwood Park Church – Christmas concert, bouncy castles, stallholders, Sublime Science Show.
- Saturday 2 December: Christmas Fayre raising funds for Framework at Bestwood Park Church 12-2pm.
- Thursday 7 December: Christmas Extravaganza at The Oakwood Academy (Bewcastle Road), 4pm
- Tuesday 12 December: Messy Church (for primary school age children and their parents / carers) Christmas Special at Bestwood Estate Community Centre (Gainsford Crescent) 4.30pm.
- 13 December – Cllr Ward Walk – location tbc
- Wednesday 13 December: Leen Valley Community Centre (Arnold Road) Adults Christmas dinner, 12.30pm
- Saturday 16 December: Leen Valley Community Centre (Arnold Road) Children’s Christmas Party,
- Sunday 17 December: Arnold Road Evangelical Church, Arnold Road:11:00am – Christmas Family Service, 6:30pm – Carols by Candlelight Service
- Sunday 17 December: Community Carol Service at 4pm, Bestwood Park Church.
- Sunday 17 December: Christmas Carol Service, 5pm at The Peoples Church, Gladehill Road.
- Tuesday 19 December: Bestop Kitchen Christmas Special, with carol singing and school choir performing. 12noon-3pm at Bestwood Park Church. Suggested donation £2.50 adult, 50p child.
- Thursday 21 December: - Messy Church Christmas Special (for primary school age children and their parents / carers) at Bestwood Park Church, 4.30pm.
- Saturday 23 December: Infant of Prague, Cherry Orchard Mount, 4.30pm: Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent
- Sunday 24 December: Nativity Service at 10.30am at Bestwood Park Church.
- Sunday 24 December: Christmas Service at Arnold Road Evangelical Church 11:00am
- Sunday 24 December: Carols in The Peoples Church Car Park, outdoor carol singing with festive refreshments, from 4pm
- Sunday 24 December: Infant of Prague, Cherry Orchard Mount 6.30pm: Vigil Children's and family Christmas Mass