

1. **TITLE:** Locality Working

2. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

The Locality Co-ordinators for Netherfield and Newstead have finalised a draft locality plan for their respective priority wards.

It is proposed that the Netherfield and Newstead Locality Plans are endorsed by Cabinet for implementation and that progress against the action plans is managed by the Locality Co-ordinators then reported back to the Portfolio Holder for Community Development.

It is proposed that the Locality Co-ordinator for Newstead whilst remaining in Newstead for part of the week is deployed the rest of each week in Killisick, in order to support the ward councillor in tackling the escalating issues in that ward. Initially the Locality Co-ordinator would be based at the Civic Centre whilst the options of providing an office and contact point for residents in Killisick is appraised.

4. **DECISION MADE BY:** Cabinet

5. **DECISION:**

- (a) To endorse the two Locality Plans for Netherfield and Newstead;
- (b) To approve an extension of locality working to include Killisick; and
- (c) To endorse the proposal that the locality co-ordinator for Newstead becomes the locality co-ordinator for Newstead and Killisick.

6. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The endorsement of the Locality Plans in Netherfield and Newstead will enable Locality Co-ordinators to formalise their key priorities, following consultation with local residents and stakeholders by publishing the final document.

The Locality Plans will also form the basis of external funding applications which require the evidenced based information contained in the Locality Plans.

The extension of locality working to Killisick will enable resources to be targeted to this ward to work with the local ward member and partners to tackle the escalating issues in that ward.

7. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The Council could opt not to endorse the two Locality Plans but this would be counterproductive because by having them the Locality Co-ordinators have a clear remit in their areas and the plans set out the priorities for the areas based on both intelligence and consultation. Having adopted Locality Plans in place will aid local delivery and support funding applications to external organisations.

The Council could choose not to extend locality working to include Killisick ward but this would not allow any extra resources to be deployed in that ward to co-ordinate a response to

the increasing levels of deprivation currently being experienced in that area.

8. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:**

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Locality Working  
Appendix 1  
Appendix 2

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

11. **DISPENSATIONS GRANTED:** N/A