

Report to Cabinet

Subject: Localities Update and Lottery Bid for Deprived Wards

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Wards Affected

Bestwood St Albans
Calverton
Carlton Hill
Cavendish
Coppice
Daybrook
Ernehale
Netherfield
Newstead Abbey

Purpose

To provide an update on the delivery of the Locality Plans in Killisick, Netherfield and Newstead and to ask Cabinet for approval in principle to develop a holistic approach to assist with challenges of child poverty in the Borough and that further work is undertaken to develop a lottery bid.

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

Background

- 1.1. Cabinet agreed on the 3rd May 2012 to change the way that it worked in communities by having a more focused approach in two priority areas, Netherfield and Newstead rather than a generic approach across the borough. These areas were selected as the priority neighbourhoods in view of the challenges faced by those communities, for example Anti-Social Behaviour, Health and Education, Unemployment and Child poverty.
- 1.2. On the 17th October 2013 Cabinet agreed to extend locality working to

Killisick given the challenges in this area, particularly with Youth Unemployment and Child Poverty.

- 1.3. The two Locality Co-ordinators developed Locality Plans for these areas setting out the priorities and key activities that needed to be delivered and their focus since then has been on ensuring that these things are delivered and that improvements are made in these communities. This report provides further details of the achievements whilst there are some key outcomes in the attached appendix 5.1.

Killisick Delivery Plan

- 1.4. The Steering Group established in Killisick oversees the delivery of the Killisick Delivery Plan and ensures that information about the projects and initiatives are communicated efficiently and effectively. The Facebook page now has 172 likes and is used regularly to promote opportunities, events and useful information about a range of services available to local people. It has also been possible to utilise the services of Newstead resident to design the Killisick newsletter providing two issues a year. The winter edition is currently being developed.
- 1.5. The Locality Co-ordinator has continued to organise Killisick Fun Day along the original lines with a main arena and lots of free activities. The headline act this year was Dangerous Steve, the climbing wall, bouncy castles, face painting, Youth Bus, Friends of the Hobbucks Barbecue and Gedling Sports Partnership sporting activities were all present, all completely free of charge. Sure Start provided a baby area and information stalls such as SmokefreeLife Nottinghamshire was also there. The Locality Co-ordinator where possible has linked activities to the themes of the Delivery Plan by providing an opportunities tent which has included Kings Money Advice, Arnold Food Bank, Inspire, Gedling Homes etc. In 2015 there was a health quiz too and promotion of the health hub at Arnold Library.
- 1.6. Gedling Sports Partnership was asked to deliver activities in the summer holidays which were very successful. Two weeks were delivered in 2015 and one week in 2016 due to reduced funding. Over 50 children attended the week this summer in Killisick with many of them also going on to attend other Gedling Sports Partnership summer camps in Arnold.
- 1.7. The Locality Co-ordinator has supported the redevelopment of the Beacon in Killisick which has seen the closed Baptist Church reopen as a place of Worship but so much more. Many of the activities now being delivered were discussed at Killisick Steering Group which is attended by representatives from Beacon. The Locality Co-ordinator also facilitated their inclusion in the partnership work on the COMA Programme which they have found very beneficial, even though they aren't planning to take over any Council building

at this stage. The Beacon benefited from business planning and facilities management training, which has enabled the project to open a new community hub for the community of Killisick.

Netherfield Locality Plan

- 1.8. Netherfield Locality Plan is managed through a Steering Group made up of Officers from Gedling Borough Council and Partner organisations, Councillors and Residents. In 2014/15 a decision was taken by the Steering Group to focus on key projects and move away from the formal process of theme groups but instead identify and implement a number of projects through a Neighbourhood Planning Process. The Neighbourhood Planning Exercise was completed in March 2015 and resulted in several projects being identified as key to the Regeneration of Netherfield as well as some “quick win projects”.
- 1.9. A decision was taken to focus on the quick win projects for the first three years and in light of this funding bids were submitted for a new play area in December 2015 Nottinghamshire Supporting Communities Fund and WREN in January 2016 which were both successful. The process of implementing the project is now underway.
- 1.10. A further bid has been submitted for the Cinderpath situated at the back of Borne Mews and several residential properties to create an improved recreational route with additional lighting for walking and cycling. The result of the bid will not be known until the end of October.
- 1.11. A project at Conway Park will be the subject of a further bid later in the year and will conclude the quick wins identified by the Steering Group for this financial year. The outline design is still taking shape and once this has been completed work will start on writing the bid.
- 1.12. The Garden Competition and Good Neighbour Award which started in 2014 has now become a key date in the calendar for local residents and the numbers of applicants for both competitions increases year on year. The competition culminates into a presentation evening hosted by the Mayor of Gedling when the winners and runners up are announced and receive their prizes. The evening is a way of bringing together everyone involved in the competition to celebrate their success. The majority of the funding of the project is achieved through sponsorship with this year’s key sponsor being B & Q. The evening is also themed with Carlton Brass Training Band playing music to reflect the theme. In 2015 the theme was “Last Night at the Proms” and this year was dedicated to “Big Bands Music”.
- 1.13. A key project identified by the Steering Group as one which could help to Regenerate Netherfield is the Old Mineral Line being used as a walking/cycle

route connecting up all of the parks, schools and businesses along the route. A feasibility study identified this to be achievable but a further study was commissioned to look at whether both a tram and the cycle/walking route could be located together on the site of the old mineral line. The study established this could be achieved however further work is required to determine how the project will be taken forward.

- 1.14. The Steering Group has supported the programme of diversionary activities identified by the Locality Co-ordinator with the support of local schools during the school holidays and are keen for these to continue. The activities consist of holiday clubs and trips to places such as Yorkshire Sculpture Park, London Zoo, the Houses of Parliament and the Space Centre. All these activities/trips are considered beneficial in raising aspirations for the young people involved.
- 1.15. The Locality Co-ordinator has worked with Carlton Le Willows Schools to pay for taster university sessions for children in year 8 from Netherfield who would not normally consider university as an option.

Newstead Locality Plan

- 1.16. In Newstead the Locality Plan is currently delivered through Future Newstead and a Children and Young People's Group that the Locality Co-ordinator established. A review of these arrangements has recently been carried out and there are plans to establish a Steering Group which will replace the Children and Young People's Group. This Steering Group will have representatives from the community and key partner organisations. Good relationships still exist with key partners and they are expected to engage with these new arrangements.
- 1.17. Whilst good progress has been made on delivering projects and initiatives, there are still some challenges. The difficult financial climate has seen a reduction in the funding available to the localities from partner organisations. Gedling Homes withdrew the funding for the hanging baskets and planters in 2016 which had previously paid for their upkeep. Amongst the options being explored was plastic flowers and an arts project but fortunately Newstead Parish Council agreed to take over looking after the plants following a request from the Locality Co-ordinator.
- 1.18. The garden competition has continued to run with prizes presented by the Mayor at the Cleaner and Greener fun days. In 2016 this was again held in conjunction with Nomads Cricket Club and saw local people enjoy a climbing wall, balloon modelling, face painting and a variety of sports from Nottingham Rugby Club and Gedling Sports Partnership. The Youth Club and the Women's Institute provided stalls and Sure Start provided craft activities. The Marches Energy Van provided advice for local people on reducing fuel and

water consumption and therefore helping people to save money. Nomads provided a barbecue.

- 1.19. Communication is seen as being very important in Newstead and the Locality Co-ordinator continues to support the Newstead Facebook page ensuring interesting articles and events are advertised and that local people know about issues in the area. There are now 263 likes. A particular success has been the introduction of a village newsletter which is designed by a Newstead resident completely free of charge. Three issues have now been produced and are well received. Young people at the Youth Club have delivered them round the village.
- 1.20. The Locality Co-ordinator provides support to the Youth Club and helped them to apply for the grant aid for the running of the Youth Club. This provides £3,600 per annum. The young people were particularly interested in sports so the Youth Diversionary budget was used to fund a Monday Night Sports Club which has been really successful. In 2015 the Sport and Health Development Officer applied for some Home Office funding through Street Games for Newstead. This meant that the Youth Diversionary Budget was freed up and utilised to part fund the MUGA solar and wind powered lights. The young people had asked for these and had raised funds and door knocked residents prior to the Planning application being submitted.
- 1.21. The Parish Council and the Ward Councillors for Newstead (Borough and County) also provided funds and the lights were installed in July 2016. As they operate on a timer between 4pm and 9pm, the young people have had to wait to see them working. An official opening is currently being arranged. The Sports Club and the Youth Club can now make use of the MUGA which they were unable to do before the lights were installed.

Addressing Child Poverty

- 1.22. The two Locality Co-ordinators individually and then collectively came to the conclusion that a focused approach on tackling child poverty is needed in these areas with a focus on key transitions. This will bring together a number of projects that are in the three areas plans. This initiative is about tackling deprivation in these areas and improving the life chances of children and young people, it is about helping to narrow the gap, and ensure that children have the best start, and that this continues at all ages. There is a focus on the transitions from home to Pre-School, Pre-School to School, Primary to Secondary, Year 9 Options and future paths post 16.
- 1.23. In order to achieve this, lottery funding has been investigated with local partners. The ideas have been discussed with partner organisations in the existing three localities including Sure Start, Head teachers of the Primary Schools and Nottinghamshire County Council Early Intervention Teams.

Carlton Le Willows Academy has also been involved and Nottingham Trent University has also supported the consultation in these ideas.

1.24. The Locality Co-ordinators asked the Performance Team to collate some data using the Index of Multiple Deprivation, particularly issues affecting children, looking at the most deprived areas in the borough which was done and identified the areas outlined above with the exception of Newstead which isn't included due to the affluent area surrounding the village, the remaining areas are shown in the table below:

Pre 2015 Wards	Exiting Wards	(IMD) Rank (where 1 is most deprived) (National)	(IMD) Rank (where 1 is most deprived) (Borough)
Killisick	Coppice (100%)	1,943	1
Bonington	Bestwood St Albans(100%)	5,476	2
Netherfield and Colwick	Netherfield (88%)	6,189	3
St Marys	Ernehale(100%)	7,065	4
Netherfield and Colwick	Netherfield(100%)	7,233	5
Calverton	Calverton(100%)	8,269	6
Valley	Cavendish(82%) Carlton Hill(12%)	9,420	7
Daybrook	Daybrook(100%)	9,679	8

1.25. All of these areas are in the 30% most deprived nationally. More detail about this including Nottinghamshire comparisons is available within background papers.

1.26. Monitoring and Evaluation will be particularly important if this bid is to be successful and the Locality Co-ordinators are currently looking at the outcomes that this initiative will deliver. In order to ensure that this initiative is manageable, the Locality Co-ordinators are looking at the feasibility of splitting the area into three clusters as detailed below:

- Arnold Cluster
- Netherfield / Carlton Cluster
- Rural Cluster.

Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that progress on delivery in the Killisick, Netherfield and Newstead localities is noted.
- 2.2 It is proposed that Cabinet give approval in principle to develop a holistic approach to assist with challenges of child poverty in the Borough and that further work is undertaken to develop a lottery bid. The Locality Co-ordinators will continue to work in Killisick, Netherfield and Newstead but if the bid for funding is successful additional work will be undertaken which focusses on child poverty across the additional areas set out in the table at paragraph 1.24.

Alternative Options

- 3 Cabinet could decide that addressing child poverty is not a priority and therefore a lottery bid is not considered suitable. This will make the Locality Co-ordinators role difficult as they will not be able to deliver the change that they feel is necessary to tackle child poverty in these areas. The Locality Co-ordinators are limited in what they can deliver with the resources available to them which has been exacerbated recently with partners funding reductions.

Financial Implications

- 4 Whilst there are no direct financial implications contained in this report. Any future application for funding may have financial implications and these would need to be reported through the agreed financial decision making processes.

Appendices

- 5.1 Key Outcomes

Background Papers

- 6.1 Index of Multiple Deprivation Data Analysis
- 6.2 Index of Multiple Deprivation Data Analysis – Killisick Detail
- 6.3 Child Poverty School Questionnaire Early Years
- 6.4 Child Poverty School Questionnaire Primary School
- 6.5 Child poverty School Questionnaire Secondary School
- 6.6 Final Report on pilot questionnaire
- 6.7 Locality Plans for Killisick, Netherfield and Newstead

Recommendations

7.1 It is recommended:

- That cabinet notes the progress made in delivering the plans in Killisick, Netherfield and Newstead.
- That cabinet approves in principle to develop a holistic approach to assist with challenges of child poverty in the Borough.
- That cabinet gives approval for further work towards obtaining lottery funding as detailed in the report.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 8.1 To note the progress made in Killisick, Netherfield and Newstead
- 8.2 To highlight the need to obtain external funding to address child poverty issues in Gedling.
- 8.3 To highlight the intention to work in some additional areas to address the identified levels of family deprivation and child poverty subject to lottery funding.