

Report to Cabinet

Subject: Locality Plans Update and Killisick Delivery Plan

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Wards Affected

Netherfield and Colwick
Newstead
Killisick

Purpose

To provide an update on the delivery of the Locality Plans in Netherfield and Newstead and to ask Cabinet to endorse the Delivery Plan for Killisick.

Key Decision

This is not a key decision.

- 1.1 Cabinet endorsed the Locality Plans for Netherfield and Newstead on the 17th October 2013 and agreed to expand locality working to Killisick.
- 1.2 The Netherfield and Newstead Locality Plans have been in place for approaching a year now and this report provides details of the progress that has been made in these two areas. The Killisick Delivery Plan has now been drawn up by partners and is ready to be endorsed by Cabinet.

Delivery Plan in Killisick

- 1.3 In Killisick the Locality Co-ordinator organised a launch of this initiative in January 2014 and then formed a Steering Group which held its first meeting on 25th February. The main objective being to develop and deliver a Delivery Plan for the area.
- 1.4 The Steering Group has met a number of times, is chaired by Councillor Henry Wheeler and involves all the key partners working in the area. The Delivery Plan has now been produced and sets out the priorities and key actions which will be addressed in the area.

- 1.5 The two overriding objectives of the Delivery Plan are to tackle Youth Unemployment and Child Poverty. Under these objectives are the following themes:
- Schools
 - Employers
 - Unemployed
 - Training and Education
 - Supporting Community
- 1.6 There are a range of actions under these themes as detailed in the Delivery Plan which is attached as Appendix 3.
- 1.7 The Locality Co-ordinator organised this year's Killisick Fun Day as the Committee who had previously done this had decided not to continue. This was a successful event enjoyed by lots of people.
- 1.8 There was a range of information stalls and activities including a climbing wall, inflatables, Dr Bike (Ridewise), Marches Energy Van, Nottinghamshire Fire and Rescue Fire Engine, Youth Bus, Face Painter, Beetroot Buccaneer's Display and tombola, fun and games led by the Door Step Games Sports Coaches and the Connecting Communities Sports Coaches. The Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping joined the Neighbourhood Watch stand between 1pm and 2pm and the Police Community Support Team was present throughout the day.
- 1.9 In the main arena there was a Dog and Ferret show as well as games, Zumba and cheerleading, singing, dancing and a samba band. Refreshments were provided by Arnold and Killisick Residents Association (AKRA) whilst Friends of the Hobbucks provided a barbecue. St John's Ambulance provided the first aid.
- 1.10 In the summer holidays a week of sporting activities was organised at Killisick Junior School provided by Connected Communities and funded by Gedling Borough Council and Guinness Trust. Around twenty children participated each day taking part in a range of different sports.
- 1.11 The Locality Coordinator has established a Facebook page for Killisick and is now using it to promote activities, initiatives and services in the area. There are currently 34 page likes. The Locality Co-ordinator will continue to promote this locally so that local people find out about it and can benefit from the information. A noticeboard has been installed next to the Post Office which is also being used to promote activities, services and initiatives including the Mayor's charity events.

Netherfield Locality Plan

- 1.12 In Netherfield the Locality Plan is managed through the Netherfield Steering Group and the four theme groups that it established. The Steering Group meets on a monthly basis which allows the chair of each theme group to report performance across their actions within the plan. The performance monitoring of the Locality Plan takes place on a quarterly basis and the quarter three progress report is attached as Appendix 1.
- 1.13 The last year has seen a number of projects delivered in Netherfield, the Farmers Market has continued with the decision taken to expand the remit from food to include craft items. The purpose of which is to increase the footfall and variety at the market. The Garden and Good Neighbour Award Competition culminated in a Presentation Ceremony held at the Civic Centre and hosted by the Mayor. Further projects consisted of the Netherfield Gala organised in partnership with Netherfield Primary School and the flying skip project over two weekends in Netherfield removing unwanted bulky items from people's properties with the intention of cutting down fly tipping in the area.
- 1.14 In October 2014 the Community Safety Week which was successful in 2013 was repeated with themes on Cyber Safety and helping residents to save money by working with partners to advise on benefits and debt and how to save money on fuel bills. There was also a Question and Answer session with the Police and Crime Commissioner Paddy Tipping, who also visited local businesses to discuss any issues and concerns they may have.
- 1.15 In Netherfield work has started on the proposed design for some environmental improvements to the street scene and properties in the area. A consultation event is being planned in the form of a Planning for Real Exercise using 3D modelling to help illustrate what can be done. The Principal Architect commissioned to undertake this work will produce a schedule of what could be provided for each street to help kick start the consultation process with residents.
- 1.16 The consultation will be held at local schools to attract a wider audience as well as at the local community centre. A key aspect of the improvements will be to create additional green space which is lacking in Netherfield and on a site owned by the County Council which is being considered as a quick win project.
- 1.17 All proposals will be fully costed and phased with the cost of the ongoing maintenance forming part of the overall design master-plan report which will be the subject of a future Cabinet Report. Appendix 4 illustrates the condition of the Public Realm across the Netherfield Area and Appendix 5 suggests a schedule of improvements for discussion with residents as part

of the Planning for Real consultation exercise.

- 1.18 It is anticipated that resources to deliver these improvements will come from bidding for funding as well as service providers who own stock within the area. For example the Council is submitting bids to Nottinghamshire County Council's Supporting Local Communities fund and WREN to fund improvements to the Cinder Path and a new play area for Ley Street. It has been agreed within the Steering Group that all improvements have to be tenure blind to ensure uniformity across the area.
- 1.19 The feasibility study to determine whether the Mineral Line can be used as both a tram and cycle/walking route is underway and due to report in March 2015. Nottinghamshire County Council's Landscape Architect Team is conducting the study which will identify immediate and future liabilities as well as the cost for creating the cycle and walking route. Also included within the study will be the merits of using the tunnel that was built in 1850 as a visitor/information centre which could be used to house historical artefacts which depicts the history of Netherfield and wider Borough.
- 1.20 In summary the greatest impact of the Netherfield Locality working has been the positive working relationships developed through the Netherfield Locality Group. The Group not only meets monthly but works as a multi-agency team outside meetings, sharing information around funding bids and opportunities for sharing expertise and resources. This positive partnership team has led to outcomes which include Netherfield Primary School receiving community safety funds for parent counselling, local schools positively marketing the Council's out of school holiday activities, a local Health Fair organised by the Clinical Commissioning Group at Carlton-le-Willows Academy and Gedling Homes match funding a range of local community projects.

Newstead Locality Plan

- 1.21 In Newstead the Locality Plan is delivered through the Children and Young People's Group and Future Newstead. Good progress has been made on delivering the actions in the Plan over the last year. A progress report can be found at Appendix 2.
- 1.22 One of the clear successes of the locality initiative in Newstead is the improved relationships that now exist between the agencies with responsibility for children or young people's services. There has been good engagement with the group from Sure Start, the Youth Service, the Primary School, Gedling Borough's Leisure and Culture section and Gedling Homes. More recently a relationship is being developed with EMH Housing who is keen to support local projects.

- 1.23 In terms of the projects delivered there have been some notable successes. The introduction of the hanging baskets and planters in 2013, sponsored by B&Q, was very welcome. B&Q also provided prizes for the school children who designed the colour scheme for the baskets. The children also took part in planting the planter opposite the school. In 2014 the hanging baskets and planters were again provided alongside the village garden competition which led to the Parish Council entering Newstead in the Nottinghamshire Best Kept Village competition.
- 1.24 The village garden competition winners were presented with their prizes by the Mayor at a Greener and Cleaner fun day organised in conjunction with Nomads Cricket Club who hosted a cricket tournament. Local sports coaches working in Newstead got the young people involved. There was also a climbing wall, pony rides, Dr Bike, Marches Energy Van and a range of information stalls and arts and crafts.
- 1.25 Whilst the theme of the summer event was environmental, the theme for the December 2013 event, badged as a Christmas Fayre, was community safety incorporating health. This included information on domestic abuse, cyber safety and burglary and theft, alcohol consumption, smoking and sport and physical activity and will be repeated in 2014.
- 1.26 A summer camp was organised during the school holidays which saw around forty children every day taking part in sports and games and arts activities. This was funded by Gedling Borough Council and Gedling Homes.
- 1.27 The Locality Co-ordinator successfully bid for just under £1k to run a work club at Newstead Centre in the IT Training room. This has been running over a year now and has regularly attracted five job seekers, four of which are currently working. There have also been a further sixteen job seekers that have attended less frequently. One of the current difficulties is that there are only three computers working and these are extremely old which means that the Locality Co-ordinator is unable to promote the Work Club locally at the moment.
- 1.28 The Locality Co-ordinator has obtained three computers from another Community Centre that has recently refurbished their IT Suite so it is hoped the number available can be doubled to six once these are set up. Long term there are plans for a complete overhaul.
- 1.29 A Facebook page has been established for Newstead which is regularly used to promote projects and initiatives. The garden competition was promoted continually before and after the closing date; the fun day was also promoted with lots of photos uploaded as was the summer camp. The Locality Co-ordinator has also continued to upload any useful information

sent to her by partner organisations. There are currently 136 page likes.

Proposal

- 2.1 The Locality Co-ordinators for Netherfield and Newstead have produced full progress reports for their respective locality plans which should be noted. The full progress reports are appendices to this report.
- 2.2 It is proposed that the Killisick Delivery Plan is endorsed by Cabinet for implementation and that progress against the plan, as with the two other Locality Plans, is managed by the Locality Co-ordinator then reported back to the Portfolio Holder for Community Development.

Alternative Options

- 3.1 The Council could opt not to endorse the Killisick Delivery Plan but this would be counterproductive because by having this plan the Locality Co-ordinator has a clear remit in this area and the plan sets out the priorities for the area based on both intelligence and consultation. Having an adopted Delivery Plan in place will aid local delivery and support funding applications to external organisations.

Financial Implications

- 4.1 In reference to paragraph 1.18 the Council is currently submitting two external funding bids to Nottinghamshire County Council's Supporting Local Communities fund for environmental improvements in Netherfield as follows:
 - a) **Ley St Field Development** : £50,000 – Decision May 2015 (With £75,000 match funding from Wren – application pending, decision August 2015)
 - b) **Netherfield Cinder Path revitalisation**: £50,000 – Decision May 2015 (With up to £75,000 match funding from Wren – application pending, decision August 2015)
- 4.2 There are no additional budget requirements linked to this report.

Appendices

- 5.1 Appendix 1 - Locality Plan for Netherfield Progress Report

Appendix 2 – Locality Plan for Newstead Progress Report

Appendix 3 – Delivery Plan for Killisick

Appendix 4 – Public Realm Survey across Netherfield

Appendix 5 – Schedule of Netherfield improvements for consultation

Background Papers

6 Locality Plans for Netherfield and Newstead

Recommendations

THAT:

- (a) the progress report for the Netherfield Locality Plan is noted
- (b) the progress report for the Newstead Locality Plan is noted;
- (c) the Killisick Delivery Plan is endorsed; and
- (d) the Public Realm Survey and schedule of improvements for consultation across Netherfield are noted.

Reasons for Recommendations

7.1 The endorsement of the Delivery Plan in Killisick will enable the Locality Co-ordinator to formalise the key priorities, following consultation with local residents and stakeholders by publishing the final document.