

Report of the Director of Environment & Sport to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on Thursday, 27 November 2014.

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Subject:

Big Local – Scholemoor and Lidget Green

Summary statement:

The report informs Bradford South Area Committee on progress to develop the GreenMoor Big Local Programme.

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1. SUMMARY

The report informs Bradford South Area Committee on progress to develop the GreenMoor Big Local Programme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Big Local is an exciting opportunity for residents in 150 areas, in three waves of which Scholemoor and Lidget Green are in the second, around England to use at least £1m over 10 years to make a massive and lasting positive difference to their communities. It works in Councils and other key stakeholders to develop a partnership approach to bring together all the local talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make their area an even better place to live.
- 2.2 Reports have previously been presented to the Area Committee on 26 July 2012 which outlined the initial programme of information sessions with local people, the development of a brief for the “Getting Started Funding” and the authorisation of Bradford CVS, working with CNet to deliver the programme funded by the “Getting Started Funding”. This was followed by a further report on 28 March 2013 which gave a summary of the delivery work carried out to date under the Getting Started programme.
- 2.3 A further report was presented to the Area Committee on 23 January 2014 which gave an update including the setting up of the Community Partnership Board and the Community Plan being agreed in principle by the Big Local National Team. In addition, the renaming of the project to GreenMoor Big Local (serving Scholemoor and Lidget Green) has been agreed.
- 2.4 Appendix 1 provides an update on the progress to develop the GreenMoor Big Local Programme.

3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 There are no Other Considerations.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 Financial

Big Local Lottery Funding of £1,000,000.00 over 10 years has been allocated thorough the Local Trust to deliver an agreed Community Plan.

4.2 Staffing

Support is proved by a Local Trust Representative, Bradford Cnet and by Bradford South and West Area Co-ordinators' Office from within existing resources.



5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 There are no significant risks and governance issues arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.1 This work relates directly to the Local Government Act 2000 and to the Duty of Well-being placed upon the Council to promote and improve the well-being of the District.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY

It is anticipated that, whilst the governance of this funding is not the responsibility of Bradford Council, projects and schemes supported will promote fairness and inclusion while supporting Bradford South Area Committee's commitment to equal opportunities for all.

7.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

The development of Clinical Commissioning Groups will assist in enabling community health issues and solutions to inform the Service planning process.

7.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

It is anticipated that greenhouse gas emissions and wider environmental impacts are a consideration.

7.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

7.4.1 Community safety issues are acknowledged as a key contributor to the quality of health in neighbourhoods. It is anticipated that activity generated through these resources will have a positive impact on community safety issues across the GreenMoor Big Local area.

7.5 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

7.5.1 There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

7.6 TRADE UNION

7.6.1 There are no direct Trade Union implications arising from this report.

7.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS

7.7.1 The area covered by Big Local falls largely within the Great Horton Ward with the balance being in City Ward.



7.8 AREA COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN IMPLICATIONS (for reports to Area Committees only)

- 7.8.1 It is anticipated that the GreenMoor Big Local Community Plan will support priorities in this area which will contribute to addressing priority issues within the Bradford South Area Committee Action Plan 2014-17.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

- 9.1 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report.
- 9.2 That Bradford South Area Committee adopts the recommendations outlined in this report, with amendments.
- 9.3 That Bradford South Area Committee decides not to accept the recommendations outlined in this report.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 That the Bradford South Area Committee notes the progress in the development of GreenMoor Big Local Programme.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – An update on the progress to develop the GreenMoor Big Local Programme.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

“Big Local – Scholemoor and Lidget Green” (Document L), Report to Bradford South Area Committee, 26 July 2012.

“Big Local – Scholemoor and Lidget Green” (Document BK), Report to Bradford South Area Committee, 28 March 2013.

“Big Local – Scholemoor and Lidget Green” (Document AS), Report to Bradford South Area Committee, 23 January 2014.



GREENMOOR BIG LOCAL

(Serving the Lidget Green and Scholemoor area of City of Bradford)

Bradford CNet have been working in partnership with Bradford CVS over the GreenMoor Big Local project (Serving Scholemoor and Lidget Green area of Bradford District) for over two years. This is a ten year initiative by the Big Local Trust on making the area a better place to live, as part of a pioneering Big Lottery Fund (BIG) Scheme, to put decision-making in the hands of local people. We have been working with the Council and other key stakeholders to develop a partnership approach to bring together all the local talent, ambitions, skills and energy from individuals, groups and organisations who want to make their area an even better place to live.

Regular reports have been presented to the GreenMoor Board and to the Bradford Council Area Committee. The last report informed Bradford South Area Committee on progress to develop the GreenMoor Big Local programme and was presented to the Bradford South Area Committee on 23rd January 2014.

The GreenMoor Community Plan and its Action Plans have now been completed and they have been endorsed by the Big Local Trust. They are available on website:
www.Greenmoorbiglocal.org

The Partnership Board agreed to amend the Terms of Reference to accommodate voting rights of Bradford Council elected Councillors. The Board agreed to include three elected members representing the wards in the GreenMoor Big Local area to join the GreenMoor Community Partnership Board. These three councillors now have full voting rights on the board.

The Board reviewed the arrangement of support and help from the current Big Local representative Steve Skinner. They considered other potential candidates but decided to continue with Steve Skinner, as their Big Local representative.

Bradford CVS and Bradford CNet have completed their current contract under the Pathway Scheme of Big Local, to provide support to the Board. Under the next stages of the Big Local Programme, the Partnership Board considered an application by Bradford CNet to be the Lead Local Trusted Organisation (LTO). The role included acting as their banker, administer their small grants programme, provide complete administrative, secretarial and monitoring support, and provide support and coordination over the implementation of the Action Plans of the Community Plan.

The Board gave their approval for appointment of CNet as an LTO for the next two years to be reviewed after twelve months. The role and responsibilities of the Local Trusted Organisation have been accepted by the Big Local Trust in London and necessary terms and conditions have been agreed between the Local Trusted Organisation and the Big Local trust.



The Board has now set up six task groups to be led by a GreenMoor Community Partnership Board Member. The task groups would explore what is in the area, where the gaps are, work with other agencies and partners, and submit details of projects that they feel will improve the quality of life of the residents of the area, and recommend them for consideration by the GreenMoor Community Partnership Board.

The six task groups, their aims & team leaders are as follows;

1. Safer and Stronger task group - Aim to reduce Crime and improve a sense of safety -- Team leader Abbas Najib.
2. Healthier Happier –Aim to work with current health care providers developing a partnership to identify major funding for the development of health & leisure facilities - Team leader Shabir Elahi.
3. For Richer not poorer –Aim to take steps to reduce unemployment in particular youth unemployment by provision of training and job search activities - Team Leader Tayyiba Jarral.
4. Cleaner Greener– Aim to continue to improve environment by building on and extending current clean ups / stay clean schemes – Team leader Shieraz Bashir.
5. Eastern European Community engagement Aim - Work with LACO & other organisations over Eastern European engagement – Team Leader Paul Bilton.
6. Youth Forum set up - Increased Engagement & provision for Young People – Team leader Marbat Hussain.

Efforts are being made to recruit as many community members as possible who are willing to contribute to the work of the task teams. – Invitations have gone out to various agencies, businesses, leading workers, volunteers, and residents. A number of people who work in the area or have the knowledge about the area have responded.

The Board invited applications for GreenMoor Small Grants Programme Round One 2014 from local voluntary and community organisations, based in the Big Local area or on its borders for projects that will contribute to improve the quality of life for local people. They were very well publicised and advertised. Invitation to participate on the assessment panel was extended to all Board Members. Two independent members, experts from the voluntary sector also participated. Six voluntary groups were given grants totalling £5000 to carry out community activities in the area.

A new part time community engagement officer has been employed by Bradford CNet to work in the Big Local area. She is expected to co-ordinate the work of the task groups and provide the administrative support they need, and the support that the Board will need. She will also assist in carrying out the first year's tasks as per the Year One and Year two Actions Plans of the Community Plan.

Many thanks to all who are assisting towards the success of this project including Bradford Council elected Members, Members of Parliament, Staff from Bradford South and West Neighbourhood Offices, and all persons who live or work in the area. Community Partnership Board meetings are open to everyone in the area, including residents, volunteers, schools, statutory and voluntary agencies working in the area.

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