

Report of the Director of Environment & Sport to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on Thursday, 24 November 2016.

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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 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) had been agreed.
- 2.4 A report was presented to the Area Committee on 27 November 2014 that gave an update on the Partnership Board which now includes the ward councillors with full voting rights, establishment of six task groups and the employment of a part time community engagement officer.
- 2.5 A further report was presented to the Area Committee on 26 November 2015 which updated on the work of the six task groups and some of the key projects that are being developed which included Spencer Field Lighting Project, installation of bollards and safety rails on Birks Fold, Scholemoor Community Garden on disused land at Necropolis Road/Scholemoor Road, 2 projects for Eastern European communities to provide benefit advice, IT learning project and workshops to build confidence and development employment skills. The first Annual General Meeting of the Board had taken place and attended by Cllr Joanne Dodds Lord Mayor.
- 2.6 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 through the Local Trust to deliver an agreed Community Plan.

4.2 Staffing

Support is provided by a Local Trust Representative, Bradford Cnet and by Bradford South and West Area Co-ordinators' Offices 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 welcomes the report and thanks all those involved in the Greenmoor Big Local project on the progress made.

10.2 That a further report is presented to the Area Committee in 12 months time.

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.

“Big Local – Scholemoor and Lidget Green” (Document AL), Report to Bradford South Area Committee 27 November 2014.

“Big Local – Scholemoor and Lidget Green” (Document Q), Report to Bradford South Area committee 26 November 2014.



GREENMOOR BIG LOCAL

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

Bradford CNet have been working over 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.

1. **The Greenmoor Big Local Partnership Board** is fully established with 15 Board members in total. This includes councillors and representatives from the voluntary sector. The constant drive to recruit people from different areas and backgrounds has helped develop a mixed and eclectic group of people. The difference in confidence, understanding, drive and determination has increased over time which is exciting to see. There is a clear process in how projects are developed and brought to the Board meetings which is appreciated by the group.
2. A **Community Profile and Community Plan together with Action Plans** were agreed with Big Local Trust. The Board reviewed the arrangement of support and help from the current Big Local representative (Steve Skinner) and the current Local Trusted Organisation (Bradford CNet) and have decided to continue with the current arrangements for another two years.
3. The **Greenmoor Big Local Community Small Grant Programme** is a scheme to support ideas and projects aimed at improving the Greenmoor area. The funding scheme is open to groups, organisations, charities and social enterprises, based in the Greenmoor Big Local area, and whose applications will directly benefit people living in Greenmoor area.

The programme is working well and has made a real difference and has already helped local groups a lot. The Grants panel had worked really hard to make sure the scheme works as well as possible. The Board underwent training to equip them with assessment skills. Guidelines and criteria were developed to help the panel reach informed decisions. A sum of £8,425 was distributed to eight voluntary groups in the area.

4. The Board has set up six task groups. The task groups 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 Board. The following are the task groups with a brief summary of their work so far.

- **SAFER & STRONGER TASK GROUP –**

Projects completed include the Spencer Fields 'lighting project' where street lamps have been placed around the existing walking path, the Birks Fold project where bollards have been erected around the entrance of the school to prevent accidents, equal contributions were made by Greenmoor, the school and the council for this



project. A Community Safety day was undertaken recently in the Scholemoor area with the local school children knocking on doors and delivering leaflets locally, this was publicised in the T&A.

This group is currently exploring a Multi-Use Games Area Project on Spencer Fields and a project from Scholemoor Beacon.

- **HEALTHIER HAPPIER TASK GROUP -**

- **Well Being Café – Scholemoor Beacon**

- A well-being café has been running successfully at Scholemoor Beacon with many older people attending in the area. Feedback received from the clients has been very positive and there is clear evidence that this project has help relieve social isolation in the area. The Board has been impressed with the work and have approved the second wave of funding to continue the well-being café for another year.

- **IT club for elders – Walking Club**

- Feedback in the Lidget Green area showed that older people needed somewhere they could learn to use computers. The IT club has regular attenders. It has been closed for the last few months due to the extension work but will be up and running later in the year.

- Other projects in the pipeline include Jujitsu classes and other informal exercise classes for women and a cycling project.

- **CLEANER GREENER TASK GROUP -**

Projects completed include the Scholemoor Community Garden which has the 'Creative Allotment Residents Group' maintaining it. The current major project Greenmoor have committed to is the Memorial garden. Projects in the pipelines includes the development of Legram Lanes Allotments.

- (a) **Scholemoor Community Garden – completed project**

- This project centred on a piece of wasteland (near Scholemoor and Necropolis Road) identified by Creative Support (an organisation that are currently working with parts of the Greenmoor community). This piece of land is within the Greenmoor area and is overlooked by nearby residents. The aim of the project was to transform a waste piece of land, which has been blighted by fly tipping in to a Community Garden. The land is owned by Incommunities and has been leased for two years to Creative Support. They have had negotiations with Incommunities who have stated the likelihood of extending the lease beyond the two years.

Work commenced to clear the site with volunteers under the “Pay Back Scheme”. The Greenmoor Community Partnership Board approved the Scholemoor Garden Project recommended by its Cleaner Greener task group. The total project recommended is not to exceed £10,095. The project was led and delivered by Creative Support. They also provided support to the group of residents to set up the Creative Allotment Residents Group who will look after the garden in future. Any equipment that is remaining after the creation of the garden will be held by Creative Support on behalf of the residents group.



(b) Memorial Garden

This project entails creating a reflection space on a green triangle piece of land in Clayton Rd past the McColl's and going towards Scholemoor. The design of the area consists of durable / fire proof benches, fruit trees that can be harvested, shrubs and greenery. The space has been given a memorial status and this was celebrated by a small event with Cllr Joanne Dodds and children from the local school. This was publicised in the T&A.

The Council's Parks and Greenspaces have developed the designs working with Lidget Green Partnership. They are currently tendering out for the work and the deadline has been extended to 11th November 2016. Greenmoor have committed £30k to the project.

(c) Legram Lane Allotments: The development of Legram Lane Allotment has been discussed in this task group. Discussions will be taking place with the Allotment Officer, BEES, B CEP, ARTWORKS, current users and a few board members to take this potential project forward. The project will look to increase the use of the allotments, encourage schools and other groups to use the allotments for education and well-being purposes etc.

- **RICHER NOT POOR TASK GROUP -**

The Greenmoor Directory – This project is led by the Board and consists of 4 business and community directories delivered in a year. A Board member leads this project and develops the content with the help of the CNET team. This directory has had a great reception and the fact that it goes out all households in the Greenmoor area means that the work is getting excellent exposure.

Lidget Green Walking Club extension – The Board approved £7k for this extension with the agreement that the floor office would be used as the 'shop front' of Greenmoor Big Local. The work is still underway and will be completed before the end of the year.

The Job Club – Scholemoor Beacon – Feedback received at the centre showed that the local community needed computer access and guidance to help people look for jobs. There has been much take up for this service and one person at least has been able to secure a job through this.

- **EASTERN EUROPEAN ENGAGEMENT TASK GROUP**

Higher Aspirations workshop – COMPLETED – These workshops were delivered to groups from the Eastern European Community by LACO. Feedback showed that they were not as well attended as expected, even though they were based in a school that was attended by many children from those communities.



Advice workshops: Lidget Green Partnership – These advice sessions are aimed at the Eastern European Communities for advice on a range of matters, from schooling to housing issues. They will also receive well-being advice and have a chance to look for jobs with access to the internet and guidance provided. These sessions will be delivered by West Bowling Community Centre commencing shortly.

- **YOUTH WORK TASK GROUP.**

Mentoring Scheme, Scholemoor Beacon – COMPLETED - This project was delivered by youth workers based at Scholemoor Beacon, where a group of young people were trained in youth work.

Play worker Apprenticeships – Eccleshill – The Big Swing

This project was recently approved by the Greenmoor Board. They originally asked for 11k but 9k was granted as a Board Member found a pot of funding where they could apply for the further 2k. The post is for 2 play worker apprenticeships based in Greenmoor and trained at Scholemoor Beacon by their play workers. The post is for 12 months and at the end they will be accredited with play worker qualifications and effort will be made to help them find a job.

5. We are currently preparing for the **second AGM** which is set to be in the first week in December 2016. Invites will go out to all the people who have been involved with Greenmoor Big Local over the past few years. The residents from the Greenmoor community will also be invited. Invitations will go out via email, flyers and face to face invitations.
6. **During the year** the project has had approximately 100 meetings (approx. 300 hours). with residents / public, Project Steering Committee Group meetings, meetings with elected members, training days for the Board, grant assessment panel meetings, meeting with schools, meeting with voluntary groups and agencies in the area, meetings with businesses in the area, project task group meetings, etc.
7. This year has seen an increase in **events for Greenmoor**, from our main event which was the launch of our flagship projects 'Lighting up Spencer Fields' to cohesion events by Anand Milan, Scholemoor Beacon, Friends Who Care, Khidmat Centre and Exceed Alliance with the help of CNET team.

Greenmoor Big Local held "The Big Switch On" event Spencer Fields. The event was to celebrate the completion of the work. The event was marked with a community fun day that included several stalls and activities for children. The Lord Mayor of Bradford Councillor Joanne Dodds and Tasif Khan, the super flyweight boxer from Bradford were the chief guests and they officially turned on the lights. The Lord Mayor said: "I am delighted to be switching the lights on at Spencer Fields. I have been involved in the project since the start and I know how lighting up this area will bring so much benefit to the local community. Local residents will be able to use the field after dark which will create some great opportunities for individuals and groups alike. The Big Local is a great way for local people to get involved and make a difference in their community."



The walking track is now being used by a large number of the local community, particularly the elderly and women, as a way of getting exercise. Feedback and monitoring reports show that people feel safer and more importantly are enjoying the walking track and field for longer periods in the day. This project was funded by Greenmoor Big Local, Horton Grange and Farnham Primary Schools.

8. A **Community Involvement Officer** has been recruited. Her primary role will be to help create more awareness of Greenmoor Big Local in the area which may include 'door to door' knocking and more grassroots work – ultimately involving more people into the initiative. In addition, her role will be to run a social media campaign, events for Greenmoor Big Local and develop/deliver a marketing strategy working with the Greenmoor project officer and project co-ordinator.

9. **Thanks** to all who have assisted towards making a success of this project including Greenmoor Community Partnership Board members, Bradford Council elected members, members of Parliament, staff from Bradford West and South Neighbourhood Offices, and all persons who live or work in the area.

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