



Report of the Director of Place to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on Thursday, 30 November 2017.

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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 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 A further report was presented to the Area Committee on 24 November 2016 which updated on the work of the six task groups and some of the key projects such as Lidget Green Memorial Garden, Multi Use Games area at Spencer Fields, Greenmoor Directory, Lidget Green Walking club extension to the building and Play Worker Apprenticeships.

It was also reported that a Community Involvement Officer had been recruited with remit of creating more awareness of Big Local, running a social media campaign and organising events and to develop/deliver a marketing strategy working with the Greenmoor Project Officer and Co-ordinator. Also, preparations were made being for the second Annual General Meeting in December 2016.

- 2.7 Appendix 1 provides an update on the progress to develop the GreenMoor Big Local Programme 2016-17.

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' 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 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 GreenMoor Big Local Programme 2016.17.

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 2015.

“Big Local – Scholemoor and Lidget Green” (Document U), Report to Bradford South Area Committee – 24 November 2016.

Greenmoor Big Local 2016-2017

In 2012 Scholemoor and Lidget Green in Bradford was allocated £1 million to spend on making the area a better place to live as part of a pioneering Big Lottery Fund scheme to put decision-making power in the hands of local people. This initiative is an exciting opportunity for residents in the Lidget Green and Scholemoor area to have a say in how that money is spent in their neighbourhood which will make a lasting positive difference to where they live.

Greenmoor Big Local is about bringing 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. Bradford CNet have been working over Greenmoor Big Local project (Serving Scholemoor and Lidget Green area of Bradford District) for over four 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.

The Greenmoor Big Local Partnership Board is fully established with 18 voting 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.

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.

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.

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:-

1. Safer Stronger
2. Healthier Happier
3. Richer not Poorer
4. Cleaner Greener

5. Youth Work
6. Eastern European Community Engagement

During the year the Greenmoor Community Partnership Board considered and approved the following projects.

1. Memorial Garden – Lidget Green Community Partnership

The aim of this project was to provide an informal community recreation, growing space and public open space to commemorate and memorialize those from the area who have been involved with or affected by past and current global wars and conflicts. The Memorial Garden project was launched on 27th April. Dignitaries and students from local schools gathered outside St Wilfrid's Church to celebrate the completion of the Lidget Green Memorial Garden project.

2. Artworks Project -

To create work that helps to unify and reinforce the branding of the Greenmoor area, whilst creating 5 pieces of useful public art for the area. Artworks worked with the Greenmoor Big Local Community Board and CNet to identify 5 stakeholder groups including schools and older people's centres. A professional artist has been employed to run 10 workshops (2 per group) as a way of gaining buy-in to the project and generating both written and visual source material which could then act as inspiration for the design of the public artwork, before employing professional producers and installers to make and site the work.

3. Bike to the Future project – Scholemoor Beacon

Bike to the Future is a new service provided in partnership with Scholemoor Beacon and the Margaret Carey Foundation to increase the number of people using bikes and using bikes in a safe way. It has provided an opportunity for people to have access to a free bike that they have learnt how to maintain. Old bikes are sourced from council tips and the police. There are weekly sessions by a trained bicycle mechanic and an opportunity for local people to get involved through volunteering.

4. Lidget Green Walking Club Extension – Lidget Green Walking Club –

This project was to improve and expand the current walking club building. The enhanced building will include two offices and improved facilities with new double glazed windows, central heating system and also disabled toilet facilities. Office space and a 'shop front' will be provided for the Greenmoor Big Local team. As this building is in the heart of the Greenmoor community and well used, it is an ideal to create an even more of a presence. It will also allow people to interact with the team on a face to face basis, thus further improving and strengthening community links.

5. The Greenmoor Directory – Lidget Green Walking Club and Greenmoor Community Partnership Board

The Greenmoor directory is a combination of news from local organisations, events taking place within the area and also promoting local businesses. An update of Greenmoor Big Local work and profiles of local achievements of people and organisations also feature in the directory. Four issues went out over the 12 month

period.



6. Play worker apprenticeships – Eccleshill Adventure Playground: The Big Swing

This project has provided two Play work Apprenticeship opportunities for young people aged between 16 to 24 years in the Greenmoor area. The apprenticeship has offered a 12 month contract of employment which encompasses learning and practical a programme leading to an accredited level 2 in Play work.

7. Friends Who Care – Lidget Green community cohesion event

Friends Who Care hosted an open “Fun Day” event on Sunday 9th of October 2016 attended by 100 participants. The event included yoga session, a talk on nutrition and entertainment with film and devotional songs. The session received excellent feedback with many requesting this style event to be delivered every year.

8. Anand Milan- community cohesion entertainment event

Anand Milan Centre hosted an open “Fun Day” event on Friday 14th of October 2016 attended by over 120 participants. Anand Milan Centre provides provisions to meet basic and culturally sensitive needs of the elderly. The event which included Bollywood songs performed by a musical group were held at St. Wilfrid’s Community Centre and was deemed a huge success by the attendees.

9. Exceed Alliance Chaand Raat/Ladies evening

On the 9th of September 2016 Exceed Alliance organised a ladies only event. The aim of the event was to enable local women to socialise, have fun, and meet new people in a comfortable and safe environment which is local to where they live. Over 200 people attended the event (ladies and children). The ladies had a chance to look around a range of stalls, watch a fashion show, live singing and dancing. Positive feedback was received from the ladies and children.



10. Exceed Alliance Summer fun day



The summer fun day had a range of fun activities for families to access, including information workshops, stalls, rides, ladies wellbeing corner. They provided a range of activities for families to engage in locally. To offer a platform of community cohesion through fun activities. Over 300 people attended this event.

11. Khidmat Centre Information Day

The Khidmat Centre showcased its work at the event and promoted their services. Stakeholders were also invited to showcase their services particularly those that add value to the work of Khidmat centre. The Khidmat centre offers a range of services and facilities in areas of health and education for the benefit of the local community. These are delivered in partnership and with the support of other providers. The information fun day was an opportunity to showcase joint partnership work.

12. Scholemoor Beacon – Community fun day



Over 150 people came along to the Scholemoor Fun Day on Saturday 29th October and had a great time enjoying home cooked food, cakes and refreshments. The event really brought the local people together and not just on the day but also in the lead up to the event in planning and preparing for the day. It was a group of local residents supported by

staff at Scholemoor Beacon that shaped the event and chose the activities at the centre.

13. Greenmoor AGM

An annual general meeting for Greenmoor Big Local was held in December 2016. The residents of the Greenmoor Big Local area were updated with all the new developments in the area and a brief costings summary of all the projects was provided.

Greenmoor Big Local was allocated an initial sum of £1,000,000.00 to make it a better place to live and improve the quality of life in the area. To this allocation, a further two additional sums have been added since then (1) £22,500 and (2) £105,000 making a total amount available of £1,107,500.00. It has so far spent an amount of £436,224.60 up to the end of April 2017 and has now an amount available of £671,275.40 to be spent over the remaining term of Big Local.

Bradford CNet, the local trusted organisation, appointed by the Greenmoor Community Partnership Board, to provide them the administrative support, are grateful to all the volunteers on the Task Groups, all the Greenmoor Community Partnership Board

Members, all the agencies, Bradford Council elected members and staff from Bradford South and West Neighbourhood offices and all persons who live or work in the area who have contributed towards the success of this project.

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