

Report of the Director of Environment & Sport to the meeting of Bradford South Area Committee to be held on Thursday, 26 November 2015.

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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) has been agreed.
- 2.4 A further 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 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' 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.

“Big Local – Scholemoor and Lidget Green” (Document AL), Report to Bradford South Area Committee 27 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. A **Community partnership has been created** with Bradford Council and other key stakeholders, including voluntary and statutory agencies, 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. 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 year.
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 Board would like to support innovative and creative projects which will make a real difference to the lives of the residents in the area. Groups were encouraged to focus and link their project to at least one of the priorities of the Greenmoor Big Local Action Plan and contributing to the aims and objectives set out within the Greenmoor Big Local Plan

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. Fourteen voluntary groups were given grants totalling £14,257.00 to carry out community activities in the area.

4. The Board has now 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 –**

The Safer and Stronger task group has a good mix of people with a wealth of knowledge and contacts. We have the necessary people around the table to ensure each project helps create the widest positive impact in the Greenmoor community.

This group is leading the Greenmoor flagship project which is the 'lighting up of Spencer Playing Fields' project. Also being considered is 'Birks Fold' traffic calming project to erect bollards around the area to ensure safety of school children and pedestrians. Details of these projects are as follows:

- (a) **Spencer Field Lighting Project –**

The main project developed under this theme is 'Lighting up Spencer Field'. In short, the idea is to provide lighting around the field and the walking track so people (especially elder South Asian women who live in the area) can use the track in the evenings. The aim is to make the place feel safer so the community can enjoy the field into the later hours. Two local schools are partners and are contributing £6,000 to this project. The Greenmoor Community Partnership Board approved this project recommended by its Safer Stronger task group. The total project is not to exceed £34,000 with contributions coming from various partners. Contribution from Greenmoor not to exceed £28,000. This will be reduced depending on outcome of all funding applications. This project will be led by the Horton Grange Primary School and delivered by Bradford Council.

- (b) **Installation of barriers and bollards on Birks Fold**

This project proposes the installing of barriers and bollards on Birks Fold to help alleviate parking problems, particularly at the beginning and the end of the school day.

Birks Fold is a narrow road that serves Lidget Green Primary School, Scholemoor Cemetery and a small housing development. At times it is a very busy road, especially when there are funerals during the afternoon and when children go home at the end of the school day. When the road is busy motorists park on double yellow lines and also on both sides of the pavement at the end of Birks Fold. This creates a dangerous and sometimes volatile situation. Motorists leaving Birks Fold trying to enter Cemetery Road have an obstructed view of traffic and are having to pull out into the main road to ensure no cars are coming. The bottleneck at the end of Birks Fold, resulting from cars parked on the pavement, prevents cars entering Birks Fold resulting in cars backing up along Cemetery Road, cars are being parked on the pavement adjacent to the main exit and entrance from the playground. Children have great difficulty crossing the road because their view is blocked by parked cars.



The purpose of the project is to erect barriers at the East side of Birks Fold to prevent cars from parking on the pavement. Also to erect a barrier near the school pedestrian entrance to stop children running directly into the road. The Greenmoor Community Partnership Board approved the Birks Fold Traffic Calming Project recommended by its Safer Stronger Task group. The total project is not to exceed £7,222. The costs is shared between the Greenmoor Board, Lidget Green Primary School and the Bradford Council. The project is to be led by Lidget Green Primary School and delivered by Bradford Council.

(c) Other projects in the pipeline include a 'community safety day' working with the Police and the council, the idea is to potentially provide anti-snap locks and other safety equipment along with safety advice to parts of the Greenmoor community.

- **HEALTHIER HAPPIER TASK GROUP -**

This group has met a few times and consists of 14 people, with up to 8-10 regular attenders. We are in an excellent position to get people on board who have local health knowledge including community health workers and a Children Centre manager. There has been an influx of project ideas provided by members and other groups; they range from computer sessions with the elderly and developing a befriending service for older people, to the development of an outdoor gym / yoga / holistic well-being classes for local people to get fit. We are impressed with the number of people who want to be part of this group and we have received a number of requests to be on board with this essential theme. The projects in the pipelines for consideration are IT classes for older people and well-being classes for local people to get fit.

- **CLEANER GREENER TASK GROUP -**

A 'community gardens' project, led and delivered by Creative Support, is being financially supported. Project to erect bollard to protect Bullgreave Beck and projects to improve Legrams Lane allotments are in the pipeline.

(a) Scholemoor Community Garden

This task group has met quite a few times including a visit to a site for a potential project. This 10-12 people strong group are an enthusiastic bunch. The current project centres around 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 is 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.

A Consultation Event was held in the area, for older people, in order to ascertain what activities local people would like to see in the immediate vicinity. Top of the list was a community allotment garden. As a result of this consultation event a Creative Allotment Group was formed. The group, which is fully constituted, consists of older people, many of whom suffer from varying disabilities. The group has worked alongside Ward Officers and other local Councillors in order to make this project become a reality. In addition the Ward Officer, local Community Wardens and the group have made door to door enquiries in the vicinity of the allotment site and have ascertained that the local community are tired of this site being utilised for "fly tipping". There is considerable support for a community allotment.

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 will be led and delivered by Creative Support. They will also provide 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) Legram Lane Allotments: The second project under consideration is the development of the Legrams Lane allotments which are currently underused. The group are working with the existing allotment holders, Asset Management and the Allotment Officer. More projects ideas are being brought forward due to more people joining the group!

- **RICHER NOT POOR TASK GROUP -**

A lot of background work is being undertaken for this strand due to the limited information available on businesses and specific statistics for the area. The group leader is in talks with Asda to help develop an accredited training programme to help Greenmoor increase their opportunity to gain jobs in the retail industry. Similarly a local opticians business has come forward with a proposal for them to train a Greenmoor resident in optometry with a view for a post for six months to a year. This proposal will be considered by the task group and then the Board. Steps are being undertaken to develop a business database to link and connect local businesses and create a potential to improve the local economy. Other steps include creating further awareness of Greenmoor Big Local, inviting the businesses to a meeting to discuss ideas and potentially create more training opportunities for unemployed people in the area. This work is in progress.

A project to create a directory of businesses in the area is on. Next steps are to set up a business event where an open discussions on ways forward can take place, including thoughts and ideas on developing a business forum.



A proposal has been received for a play worker apprenticeship totalling £4781. The task group need to obtain fuller details of the project, look at all the other aspect of the project, their implications, its benefit and job creation and then consider this proposal further.

- **EASTERN EUROPEAN ENGAGEMENT TASK GROUP**

Two projects have been funded, which include providing benefit advice, IT learning project, and workshops to build confidence and develop employment skills.

Two Eastern European projects led by Paul Bilton have been approved by the Board. One of the projects focuses on providing benefits and well-being advice to be delivered by Lidget Green Community Partnership at St Wilfred's Church. The other is to be delivered by the LACO project; this involves delivering 20 'aim higher' workshops, which build confidence and develop employment skills in people from the Eastern European community. Work to deliver Welfare benefits advice work and purchase of IT equipment costing at £2,500 is in progress. Lidget Green Community Partnership will deliver the project and the progress will be reported through monitoring forms

- **YOUTH WORK TASK GROUP**

This group consists of a range of people from play and youth workers from both ends of the Greenmoor community to community members interested in better facilities and opportunities for children and young people. The current projects considered by the task group include a training mentoring scheme for young people and includes the development of Play Worker Apprenticeships and the rolling out of an existing (and successful) project that focusses on the further development of a training scheme (in mentoring) for young people. Preparatory work on setting up youth activities, piloting a young volunteer's scheme, creating a partnership to deliver youth activities, for £ 2,500. Scholemoor Beacon will deliver the project, and report the progress via monitoring forms.

5. The **First AGM of Greenmoor Big Local** has taken place. The Lord Mayor, Councillor Joanne Dodds, attended. The Chair launched the First Annual report highlighting the journey of Greenmoor Big Local. Board members have attended several training sessions and have met other Big Local Board members from Leeds, Salford and Blackburn to learn and share their experiences. As per the terms of the community partnership board, a third of the board members have retired at this AGM and four new residents and one new elected member have joined in –The Voluntary Sector, the Police and the NHS will also have representatives on the Board.
6. **During the year** the project has had approximately 130 meetings (approx. 400 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. **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 South and West Neighbourhood Offices, and all persons who live or work in the area.

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