

Subject: Neighbourhoods that Work- Study Visit 2016 briefing
Report to: Housing and Neighbourhoods Committee

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SUBJECT MATTER/RECOMMENDATIONS

To brief EMT on the forthcoming study visit for the Neighbourhoods that Work programme

1. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The 'Neighbourhoods that Work' initiative has been funded through £3.1m from the Big Lottery fund for a 3-5 year period. The programme is focused on the borough's urban wards, correlating with national deprivation statistics and therefore complying with Lottery priorities to fund work in communities with the greatest need.
- 1.2 NTW launched in October 2015, coinciding with the first study visit. There is a commitment to delivering annual study visits, in partnership with the Big Lottery Fund, to ensure NTW learning is shared and to provide space to identify any explore opportunities for investment, joint commissioning and progressive alliances. There was an early indication that this year's study visit would coincide with a ministerial visit, although we understand that this is now unlikely due to scheduling.

2. STUDY VISIT 2016

- 2.1 **The 2016 study visit will take place** on Friday 21st October, at St.George's Theatre, Great Yarmouth. Timings have not been finalised, but the day is expected to run from 9am until 2pm.
- 2.2 **The agenda** is being developed by a delegation of the NTW partnership and NTW practitioners. The format will include introductions to the NTW programme philosophy and operations, year one outputs and outcomes, progress on overarching aims, case studies and practice insights across the delivery areas, presentation on wider GY linked delivery, and a Keynote speaker connecting delivery to the broader Stronger Communities agenda and the UN Sustainable Development Goals. There will also be the opportunity to go on project visits.
- 2.3 **The study visit has been aligned**, in content and in timing, with the 2016 Cultural Heritage Conference. Scheduled for Thursday 20th October, this national conference (also being held at St. George's) will pay reference to the importance of connecting conservation and heritage initiatives to tangible opportunities within communities, place based regeneration, and ultimately stronger communities. The BLF locality manager will be presenting at both the conference and the study visit to consolidate understanding of the connection between the agendas. A community groups networking event has also been scheduled for the evening of 20th, coinciding with the launch of the Arts and Cultural strategy, providing an additional bridge between the events plus an opportunity for delegates from either event to gain insight into grass

roots activity.

- 2.4 **Wider alignment** has been considered, to reflect and draw links to the strategic objectives of key public sector partners, including those of the GY&WCCG, Public Health, Early Help, etc.
- 2.5 **Registration and promotion**, for either or both events, is through 'Eventbrite' online event promotion site. This provides an easy way for delegates to register, and for us to promote the event and manage requests. Further publicity and promotion will be achieved through established networks and through re-engagement of previous delegates. A 'save the date' notice has been circulated amongst networks, and following interest and previous attendances, the delegation is expected to have regional and national representation, including the Chairperson of the Big Lottery Fund.
- 2.6 **Recommended attendance from GYBC** includes both councillors, it is suggested that this includes the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Housing and Neighbourhoods Committee and the appropriate member of EMT, who will be encouraged to give a welcome address, to participate in leading discussion on strategic areas (such as future investment, or resource alignment), and to provide closing remarks.

3. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 There are no financial implications as the budget for the study visit is set within the overall budget for NTW, provided through the Big Lottery Fund.

4. **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The visit will be of minimal risk as, to date, all delivery objectives for year one have either been met or are on track to being met. The information shared at the study visit will therefore be positive, and be very likely to be received positively.

5. **CONCLUSIONS**

- 5.1 The study visit will provide the key opportunity to promote and share the developments and outcomes of the high profile NTW programme in Great Yarmouth. It also provides a significant opportunity to explore and progress place based leadership for the borough. The outcomes from the first complete year of NTW delivery will also be presented to the relevant GYBC committee.

6. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 The Housing and Neighbourhoods Committee is asked to note the contents of this briefing.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Areas of consideration: e.g. does this report raise any of the following issues and if so how have these been considered/mitigated against?

Area for consideration	Comment
Monitoring Officer Consultation:	None
Section 151 Officer Consultation:	Through EMT
Existing Council Policies:	Corporate Plan
Financial Implications:	As above
Legal Implications (including human rights):	None identified
Risk Implications:	As above
Equality Issues/EQIA assessment:	None identified
Crime & Disorder:	None identified
Every Child Matters:	None identified