

Changing Lenton: A Vision for Lenton
First Executive Board Meeting
15 July 2014, 11.00am, Loxley House

Minutes

Present: Sarah Andrews – NCC Housing Strategy
Martin Blakey – Chief Executive, Unipol
Graham de Max – NCC Housing Strategy
Maya Fletcher – Chair
Katie Morgan – NCC Regeneration (minute taker)
Paul Seddon – NCC Development Management
Cllr Dave Trimble – Councillor for Dunkirk & Lenton Ward

Apologies: Prof. Darren Smith – Loughborough University

Note: 'the report' referred to in these minutes is 'Changing Lenton: Lenton's Housing and a Vision for Lenton' published in May 2014.

	Action
<p>1. Introductions and background to the initiative</p> <p>Change is already happening in Lenton, e.g. demolition of the flats. A combination of planning/housing legislation and demographic and social changes has provided an opportunity to study Lenton with a view to guiding the way it changes in the future.</p> <p>A round table meeting was held in November 2013 to create a vision for Lenton, and to bring together a group of people who have an interest in Lenton and/or expertise in relevant issues. Housing was determined to be a key issue on which to focus. The Changing Lenton report was published subsequently as a result of the round table meeting.</p> <p>Moving forward, we need to explore how to bring the vision about, as a small group of people with expertise.</p>	
<p>2. Scope of the Changing Lenton initiative</p> <p>The Board agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the vision should focus on housing but other aspects e.g. infrastructure and environment are also integral and must be considered alongside housing;• various stakeholders and institutions will be involved at appropriate stages of the programme;• the role of the Changing Lenton report and initiative should be a steering one with co-ordinated intervention from NCC;• the report can be used as a useful tool in the planning process;• a framework for action should be developed from the report but	

	<p>probably needs to be more flexible than a Neighbourhood Plan;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> rebuilding the area's reputation and 'brand' is vital; a good starting point to the initiative would be to consider how much information we have about Lenton and address any knowledge gaps. 	
3.	<p>Terms of reference for the group and frequency of meetings</p> <p><u>Meetings</u></p> <p>The Board agreed that meeting approximately 4 times a year will provide a regular framework, without becoming cumbersome. More meetings can be held as and when needed, should something urgent occur.</p> <p>MF agreed to chair the meetings.</p> <p>The Board agreed that Cllr Sarah Piper, as the other councillor for Dunkirk and Lenton Ward, should be invited to join the Board.</p> <p>MF to invite Cllr Piper to join the Board.</p> <p><u>Involvement of Other Organisations</u></p> <p>The Board agreed that involvement from Nottingham University (NU), Nottingham Trent University (NTU) and the Queen's Medical Centre/Nottingham University Hospital Trust (QMC) will be beneficial. The Board agreed that in order to take forward the 'changing Lenton vision', it is important to develop links with the universities and the QMC at a senior level, i.e. Pro-Vice-Chancellor or equivalent.</p> <p>There is considerable potential for mutual benefit in working with university and QMC departments and their staff and students, for example, amongst others, the architecture and human geography departments of both universities; the Board agreed that involvement on a project-work basis (rather than strategic level) would be appropriate.</p> <p>PS will also meet with Peter Westland from NTU in the near future.</p> <p>MF agreed to discuss matters with Ann Priest at NTU and to follow up with Peter Westland at NTU.</p> <p>The Board decided that having input from other parties (e.g. NU, NTU, QMC communications team and NCC education team) should be on an 'as needed' basis.</p>	<p>MF</p> <p>MF</p> <p>PS</p> <p>MF</p>
4.	<p>Support for the group – administration and programme support/management</p> <p>In her role as Programme Manager, SA will provide management and organisation to the initiative.</p>	SA
5.	<p>Publicity for the report</p> <p>The Board agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the report should be publicised, to increase awareness of the issues and to publicise what is happening in Lenton; the report can be used as a reference point from a planning perspective; 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a publicity/communications strategy needs to be developed, with guidance from experts (beyond NCC Comms team resources); • different audiences require different formats – not everyone uses the internet. <p>MF will to speak to Laura Skaife (Director of Communications and External Relations at Nottingham University Hospitals) for guidance /support.</p> <p>Preliminary ideas about Changing Lenton:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • on a temporary basis whilst a dedicated website is under construction utilise a section of the Nottingham Action Group on HMOs (NAG) website; • work with a Creative Quarter web designer; • ‘tabloid’ for residents (see Leeds Unipol approach); • ‘Lenton gardens’ event akin to Nottingham in Bloom; • Focus on the ‘greenness’ of Lenton and highlight its parks, open spaces, and its close proximity to Wollaton Park and Highfields Park • Focus on good transport links. 	<p>MF</p> <p>MB</p>
6.	<p>Projects – initial thinking</p> <p>Discussion of initial project ideas focused on information-gathering themes, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mapping exercise to establish different Lenton neighbourhoods and areas; • study walks of area; • well-managed volunteer projects to do information-gathering work; • Place Check – PS to distribute methodology; • consider smaller ‘infill’ development sites and interventions. <p>PS suggested that Jo Briggs (community planner) should be involved and will be able to give guidance in terms of projects. PS to discuss with JB.</p>	<p>PS</p> <p>PS</p>
7.	<p>Other issues</p> <p>The Board discussed how the Graystacks development can be used as an example of high-quality and flexible student housing.</p> <p>Consideration also needs to be given to the impact of Article 4 (see Leeds 3 year flexibility policy for HMOs).</p>	
8.	<p>Date of the follow-up round table meeting</p> <p>The group agreed that mid-October will be the next meeting date.</p> <p>KM to coordinate.</p> <p>Following this, the group will meet every 3 months.</p> <p>MF, SA and GdM to meet in the meantime to discuss project briefs.</p>	<p>KM</p>

The group agreed that it wouldn't be realistic to do another round-table meeting in November this year as there is not enough to report back on. This will be more likely to happen at the end of 2015.