

**BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS
AREA (TWO) COMMITTEE**

26 NOVEMBER 2008

REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

PROPOSED NEW PROJECTS NOVEMBER 2008

1. SUMMARY

This report identifies a number of projects currently seeking funding from the Area Two Committee. If supported these projects will not only improve the lives, living environment and well being of residents in Area Two but will also ensure that Area Two funding is spent in this financial year. Appendix 1 gives comprehensive information regarding the specific projects.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that Bestwood and Basford Area Committee approve the allocation of funding to the projects detailed in this report.

2.2 Note the contribution that these projects make to the Local Area Agreement targets of:-

NI1 – percentage of people who believe people from backgrounds get on well together in their local area

NI 4 – percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality

NI 5 – Overall general satisfaction in their area

3. BACKGROUND

Each year Area Two Committee is allocated a sum of money to be spent for the benefit of the residents of the wards of Bestwood and Basford. The projects listed on the attached appendix will improve the ward and add value to the open space and environment. They will also encourage wide community involvement in area projects and raise awareness of the work of the Area Committee

4. PROPOSALS

The attached schedule outlines requests for funding for Area Committee to consider funding or part funding.

5. TIMESCALES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSAL

All £63,470 Allocated to Area Two Committee for 2008/09 should be allocated within the financial year and projects completed within the following year.

The expenditure outlined in this report cannot be met from the Committees' current uncommitted balance of £33,470 (Basford Ward - £23,510, Bestwood Ward - £9,960).

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

The £23,885 required for the projects cannot be met from the Basford Ward current uncommitted balance of £23,510. Therefore, decisions will need to be made to prioritize projects and expenditure. This figure does not include the effect of any other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

8. EQUAL AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The funds allocated by Area Committee are used to address diverse needs of various sections of the community and to reduce inequalities thereof. It also contributes towards the City Council's work in respect of the Equality Standard for Local Government.

9. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The funding is subject to satisfactory risk assessment undertaken.

10. STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The money will contribute towards the priority of Community Plan, more particularly, the key themes of: Young Nottingham – creating a stimulating environment for children and young people; and Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods – by engaging with the diversity of the local population, and bringing them together as a community and building sustainable communities where residents are engaged in decisions that effect their quality of life. This funding will also meet the priorities of the Respect for Nottingham Strategy as it will aid the development of cohesive communities and a strong sense of citizenship.

11. CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

None

12. VALUE FOR MONEY

Bestwood and Basford Area Committee aims, in supporting developing projects, to make a valuable contribution to the Best Value Review process and to adhere to the Best value principles.

13. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

None.

14. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None

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APPENDIX 1

Proposed New Projects for Area 2 Allocation Funding, November 2008, include:

Project	Amount Sought	Source Of Request
<p><u>Heathfield Park CCTV Column</u></p> <p>The purchase and installation of a CCTV column to be erected in Heathfield Park, Basford to support target hardening and provide reassurance for local residents. This would increase customer satisfaction and a greater sense of well being in the area.</p>	£5,000	Local Community
<p><u>Personal Safety Scheme for Basford</u></p> <p>To supply free personal safety alarms to pensioners and disabled residents living in the Basford Ward to give reassurance and protection. This funding is subject to match funding from the Community Safety Budget. The cost of the alarms is £5.49 per unit incl VAT.</p>	£5,000	Proposed by Councillor Mick Newton
<p><u>Steel Band Entertainment</u></p> <p>To support the Whitemoor Family Fun Day 29 October 2008. The event was an open air event which welcomed people from all communities. The event created an opportunity to celebrate and appreciate cultural diversity. Public events of this type can increase customer satisfaction and a greater sense of well being in the area.</p>	£300	Local Community
<p><u>Inter-School Consultation Regarding Young People's lives and Aspirations within The Basford Ward</u></p> <p>This project would be delivered in Heathfield, Southwark, Old Basford and Whitemoor Primary Schools, also Ellis Guilford for the 11-16 age groups. The project would involve working with the school's councils to find out what the young people in the ward want to do in their spare time, what they would like to</p>	£5,000 + £750.00 support cost	Proposed by Councillor Rob Lee

<p>see, and what they want to achieve. The project would give the young people a taste of democracy and empowerment and culminate in a debate in the council chambers with the chance to win funding to support their ideas.</p>		
<p><u>Book Voucher Scheme for Primary Schools in Basford</u></p> <p>To coincide with the national year of reading the Basford Councillors are looking to give a £5 book voucher to each young person in the four primary schools in the Basford Ward these include Southwark (427 pupils), Old Basford (383 pupils), Heathfield (257 pupils) and Whitemoor (400 pupils). Total pupils 1467 x £5 = £7,335, 1,500 Basford library bookmarks = £100, 1,500 printed Christmas cards=£400</p>	<p>£7,835</p>	<p>Proposed by Councillor's Mick Newton and Cat Arnold</p>
	<p>Total Amount Sought £23885</p> <p>Basford £23,885</p>	