

REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES
AREA BASED GRANT

1 SUMMARY

The report outlines spend approved by the Local Implementation Group (LIG) for the 2008/09 financial year for the priority neighbourhood of Bestwood and Leen Valley.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

IT IS RECOMMENDED that the Area Committee approve spend, as outlined in Appendix 1, under the key priorities identified within the local community plan guided by the SSCF Governance and Finance document.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 One Nottingham, the Local Strategic Partnership, was awarded additional resources through the SSCF (Safer Stronger Communities Fund) for the most deprived neighbourhoods in the City. Bestwood was one of four neighbourhoods (Bulwell, Broxtowe & Bells Lane and St. Anns & Sneinton) that were identified as priority pilot areas which would benefit from the Safer, Stronger Community Fund programme during 2006/07 and 2007/08.
- 3.2 The SSCF came to a finish at the end of 2007/08 due to a change in funding streams. One Nottingham has agreed to continue to fund a range of projects in 2008/09 as a transitional year from NRF into the Area Based Grant.
- 3.3 Following a meeting with the representatives from each of the Local Implementation Groups and the Acting Director of Local Communities, the group considered an exit strategy for the project and a decision was made to allocate £30,000 to each LIG (£50,000 in the case of St Anns and Sneinton due to its size) for spend in the priority areas during 2008/09.
- 3.4 This 2008/09 funding will be overseen by the Neighbourhood Action Officer for the area and allocated in the same way as previous SSCF funding and approved by the local LIG and endorsed by Area Committees. Funds would still need to be allocated against the Priority Neighbourhood Action Plan (see appendix 1) and agreed themes contributing toward LAA targets.
- 3.5 The Bestwood Local Implementation Group agreed to allocate spend for the 2008/09 year against projects agreed at the meeting on 9th September 2008. These are detailed in appendix 1.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 £30,000 Area-Based Grant fund has been allocated for spend on projects that will contribute towards the targets of the 2007-2010 SSCF action plan in Bestwood.
- 4.2 The SSCF governance arrangements have been produced to ensure that there are adequate financial controls on the SSCF budget. The same Governance and Financial arrangements will apply for Area-Based Grant in 2008/09.
- 4.3 The conditions of grant allocated for 2008-2009 requires that the expenditure is defrayed by 31st March 2008.
- 4.4 There are seven projects which have been approved by the LIG. The total sum of projects outlined in appendix 1 is £34,178. The difference of £4,178 will be met through the priority area support costs. This difference does not require LIG or Area Committee approval.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None.

6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATION

Projects aim to be as inclusive as possible and target a wide range of groups in the community of Bestwood and Leen Valley.

7 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The work of the priority neighbourhoods addresses the following of the Cities Strategic Priorities:

Choose Nottingham

- Help make Nottingham one of the UK's top three Science Cities with local people benefiting directly from new jobs that will be created.

Respect for Nottingham

- Help to ensure that people feel safe, and that their property and relatives are safe, in their homes and neighbourhoods, wherever they live.
- Make Nottingham England's cleanest big city.

Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods

- Dramatically improve quality of life in our neighbourhoods by investing in schools, leisure facilities and regeneration, creating communities with a mix of skills, levels of incomes and types of homes.

Supporting Nottingham People

- Raise the aspirations and attainment of all Nottingham people starting with the youngest and excluding no-one.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The opportunities and risks associated with these decisions have been identified and will be managed as appropriate.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

Activities will target crime and disorder and anti social behaviour in the area as well as address crime targets within the Local Area Agreements.

10 VALUE FOR MONEY

Services purchased through the programme will be monitored to ensure value for money (see Priority Neighbourhoods Governance and Finance Framework guidance – Basford and Bestwood Area Committee November 2006).

11 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information

None.

12 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

12.1 Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) - Priority Neighbourhoods Governance and Finance Framework November 2006.

12.2 Safer Stronger Communities Fund Action Plan 2007-2010

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Safer Stronger Communities - Priority Neighbourhoods (Bestwood, Broxtowe & Bells Lane, Bulwell, St. Anns & Sneinton)

Action Plan, 2007 / 2010

City-Wide Theme RESPECT NOTTINGHAM Local theme SAFER, STRONGER NEIGHBOURHOODS					2008/09 Projects	
Objective and Measure	Baseline	Target 07/08	Target 08/09	Target 09/10	Key Actions	Responsible
C2. To reduce overall crime in line with CDP targets		9.38%			<p><u>The BAIT Project : £2,539.00</u> Community Fishing Project. Funding used for young people from the Bestwood and Leen Valley area to participate in field trips and acquire AQA accreditations for cooking and angling.</p> <p><u>Forest Schools: £6,400.00</u> Forest school is based around the idea of running outdoor classrooms, to take part in outdoor activities designed to support children's social, emotional and learning development. The programme will be targeted at Henry Whipple, Robinhood and Southglade schools. 18 children from each school would attend 6 sessions of two hours over 6 consecutive weeks. To be targeted to those children with additional learning needs, behavioural issues, who are at risk of future disengagement from education, or who need extra support in building self-esteem, confidence and group work skills. Forest schools can provide an important and influential experience for children who may be at risk of anti-social behaviour or who display challenging behaviour.</p> <p><u>Relate2you – anger management / mentoring workshops £4,270.00</u> The Relate2you parenting support project includes a variety of support services such as counselling for</p>	Gary Poyser (BAIT project)
- Reduce public perceptions of drug dealing as a problem in local neighbourhoods	39%	37%	34%			Kate Milman (Wild Things)
- Reduce burglary (dwelling burglary and theft from vehicles)	40%	38%	35%			
- To reduce peoples perceptions of ASB.	70%	68%	65%			
- To increase percentage of people who feel that parents in their local area take responsibility for the behaviour of their children.						

					<p>adult individuals and couples, family counselling, counselling for young people, group work and more formal training. Funding to support delivery of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Two eight week courses on 'looking at anger' (up to 16 members). - Two one day courses – 'introduction to parenting mentoring' (up to 10 members). 	Bridget Gilliatt (Relate Notts)
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City-Wide Theme RESPECT NOTTINGHAM Local theme CLEANER AND GREENER PUBLIC SPACES					2008/09 Projects	
Objective and Measure	Baseline	Target 07/08	Target 08/09	Target 09/10	Key Actions	Responsible
<p>C4. To achieve cleaner public spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduce percentage of land with unacceptable levels of litter and detritus - Reduce fly tipping - Improve residents satisfaction with parks and open spaces - Support partners to achieve decent homes standard 	12%	11%	10%		<p>Forest Schools (as above) Forest School aims to act as a catalyst for encouraging children's interest in, awareness of, and respect for the wider environment. Children will gain knowledge and practical conservation skills.</p>	Kate Milman (Wild Things)

City-Wide Theme YOUNG NOTTINGHAM Local Theme BRIGHTER FUTURE					2008/09 Projects	
Objective and Measure	Baseline	Target 07/08	Target 08/09	Target 09/10	Key Actions	Responsible
<p>C5. To increase people in education, employment or training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reduce number of young people (16 – 18 years) not in education, employment or training 		6.77%	6.39%		<p><u>Bestwood Community Education</u> £8,000 The aims of the activity are to increase the skills base in the community, with employment-oriented and accredited adult education courses. This funding will allow for an additional 10 adult community learning courses to be provided at Bestwood Directions. The funding will also support childcare and transport costs which will improve access to these courses.</p> <p><u>Forest Schools (as above)</u> Forest School offers a small group alternative learning environment with a high adult to child ration offering the maximum support to each child. The experience and its practical hands-on and exciting activities are designed to engage children with learning who may be struggling to achieve and are at danger of disengaging with education. The activities are focused on building self-esteem, communication and group work skills which will hopefully contribute helping children overcome any barriers to learning they may have (i.e. lack of confidence, fear of failure, problems working alongside others etc).</p>	<p>Bestwood Directions</p> <p>Kate Milman (Wild Things)</p>

City-Wide Theme TRANSFORMING NOTTINGHAM'S NEIGHBOURHOODS Local theme PROMOTING ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP					2008/09 Projects	
Objective and Measure	Baseline	Target 07/08	Target 08/09	Target 09/10	Key Actions	Responsible
<p>C8. To increase public influence in decision making</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions affecting local people 	25%	27%	28%		<p>Forest School (as above) Aims to promote and support children's development of social, group work, communication, decision making, co-operative, and life skills, and to encourage positive behaviour and attitudes and respect for each other and their wider community.</p> <p>Bestwood Baftas £1,850.00 Delivery of a one off event to celebrate the achievement of residents living in the Bestwood/Leen Valley area. 100 residents will be invited. Aims of event:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To acknowledge the achievement of residents - To motivate residents to continue to succeed - To raise aspirations and motivation of residents living in the area 	<p>Kate Milman (Wild Things)</p> <p>Lisa Elliker (Children's Centre)</p>

City-Wide Theme TRANSFORMING NOTTINGHAM'S NEIGHBOURHOODS Local theme PROMOTING ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP Priority Area Theme INTEGRATED SERVICES					2008/09 Projects	
Objective and Measure	Baseline	Target 07/08	Target 08/09	Target 09/10	Key Actions	Responsible
<p>C9 – To increase public satisfaction in their living space.</p> <p>- Percentage of people who are satisfied with the area they live in</p>	69%	71%	73%		<p><u>Relate2you – anger management / mentoring workshops (as above)</u> The course will be well integrated with Bestwood Children's Centre. Course participants are identified with the active involvement of Children Centre staff, and include fathers as well as mothers.</p> <p><u>Kindred Spirits (Age Concern) £4,119.00</u> The overall aim of the Kindred Spirits service is to enhance the quality of life and promote the well-being of all Kindred Spirits by reducing their social isolation and loneliness through them sharing interests and making friends in warm and inclusive atmosphere. More specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To alleviate loneliness and isolation in older people in Bestwood by supporting them to access activities available locally. - Make the service accessible to people who are particularly lonely and isolated by targeted promotion. - Encourage service users to become independent of the service once they have benefited from you. <p>This will be achieved through targeted promotion and increased referrals from agencies to the service. The service will also look to increase the number of local activities in the Bestwood area.</p>	<p>Bridget Gilliatt (Relate Notts)</p> <p>Carol Wilby (Age Concern)</p>

City-Wide Theme ACTIVE AND HEALTHY NOTTINGHAM Local theme HEALTHIER COMMUNITIES Priority Area theme – HEALTH AWARENESS					2008/09 Projects	
Objective and Measure	Baseline	Target 07/08	Target 08/09	Target 09/10	Key Actions	Responsible
<p>To improve awareness of health related issues in Bestwood.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase number of young people involved in physical activity - Increase awareness of healthy lifestyles 					<p><u>Forest Schools (as above)</u> Aims to promote awareness and interest in the importance of physical health through the active focus of the Forest School Programme, and through learning about cooking healthy food on the camp fire to share.</p> <p><u>Relate2you – anger management / mentoring workshops (as above)</u> Courses will contribute to health and well being of individuals.</p> <p><u>Kindred Spirits (Age Concern) (As above)</u> It will tackle health inequalities and promote active lifestyles by encouraging people to make friends while enjoying low cost, accessible physical activity. The service also improves mental health issues such as depression, caused by loneliness and isolation. The project will work closely with the local Health Trainer.</p> <p><u>Best Companions £7,000.00</u> A project that aims to bring together lonely and isolated older people in the area together to socialise and make them feel valued. A lunch club with bingo and chair based activities. The project is run by volunteers and supported by Bestwood Partnership.</p> <p>Funding to support rent, purchase of food and gifts and transport costs.</p>	<p>Kate Milman (Wild Things)</p> <p>Bridget Gilliatt (Relate Notts)</p> <p>Carol Wilby (Age Concern)</p> <p>Hellan Bellamy (Bestwood Partnership)</p>

