

**WARDS AFFECTED:**  
**Aspley and Bilborough**

**ITEM:**

**WEST AREA COMMITTEE**  
**15 March 2006**

**REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES**

**MEGANIGHT PLAYPROJECT FOR ASPLEY AND BILBOROUGH**

**1 SUMMARY**

This report asks members to agree a one-off contribution of £12,500 to support work set up by the Area Play Development Services.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that members agree to the £12,500 being provided through an equal contributions from the uncommitted balance of Aspley ward and Bilborough ward allocations.

**3 BACKGROUND**

3.1 The Area Play Development Worker, in partnership with the police, Nottingham Forest Football Club, Sports Development and Crime Concern, has organised weekly after-school play sessions.

3.2 The play sessions regularly attract between 60 and 120 children from the area. With the aid of the Play Development Worker and 13 adult volunteers the project is able to deliver a variety of activities.

3.3 The Play Development Worker undertakes a series of outreach engagement sessions to promote centre-based activities and support young people in attending the sessions.

3.4 Young people are given every opportunity to determine what activities they would like the sessions to deliver. Parents are also consulted about the timings and content of the sessions. Clear rules are put in place regarding the behaviour of attendees and concerns that parents may have about the safety of their children.

3.5 The project aims to deliver a variety of outcomes for children, young people and adults. The following list is an example of some of the issues covered:

- Play opportunities for children
- Health education
- Community engagement
- Training & employment
- Crime reduction

3.6 Due to the excellent response to the Meganight Play Project, Play Services are keen to support the work of the project and would like to roll the program out to Bilborough given that parents in Bilborough have expressed an interest.

3.7 The Area Play Development Worker is unable to sustain the level of activities being

organised at present. Hence a request has been made to this committee for financial support.

- 3.8 The resources required will enable a part-time Play Work Coordinator to be employed and will contribute to the rental costs of premises. Breakdown of the costs are £9,500 for play Worker salaries, and £3,000 for the hire of premises.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The £12,500 requested can be met by re-allocating £5,000 from the Aspley Security Improvements budget, £1,250 from the unallocated balances for Aspley, and finally a £6,250 contribution from the unallocated balances for Bilborough.

#### **5. OBSERVATIONS OF THE RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

The £12,500 contribution can be met by reallocating £5,000 from budget code A933113.55615 (Aspley and Bells Lane Community Training Centre Security Improvements), charging Aspley ward £1,250 and Bilborough ward £6,250.

#### **7 CORPORATE OBJECTIVES**

- Ensuring Local Involvement In Decision Making
- Making Nottingham A Safer City
- Creating A More Attractive Place To Live And Work
- Promoting Education And Lifelong Learning
- Creating Employment Opportunities For Local People
- Improving The Health Of Local People
- Maximising Leisure And Cultural Opportunities

#### **8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION.**

Notes of the Area Play Development Worker.

#### **9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

None

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