# ITEM: WEST AREA COMMITTEE 10 MAY 2006

#### REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

#### PROPOSAL TO FUND PROVISION OF SKIP SCHEME 06/07

### 1 **SUMMARY**

This report seeks approval from the West Area Committee for funding to be made available to continue the Provision of Skip Scheme in the Aspley Ward.

#### 2 **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the West Area Committee allocate £6000 from the Aspley Ward budget to fund this scheme.

#### 3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Provision of Skip Scheme has been running since 2004 in the Aspley Ward. The Scheme was originally funded for three years by SRB, with match funding of £6,390 provided by the West Area Committee in 2005.
- 3.2 The scheme has been administered and delivered by the Housing Department/Nottingham City Homes.
- 3.3 The aim of the scheme was to contribute to an improvement in the visual appearance of the area and to assist those residents who have limited means to remove extensive garden waste and large items of household rubbish.
- 3.4 The scheme has provided 153 skips to residents of the Aspley Ward and has proved a major success with residents giving rise to greater community pride and improvement in the visual appearance of the area.
- 3.5 This committee has supported the provision of skips to tenants and residents in the past.

#### 4 PROPOSALS

It is proposed that members agree to the request made in the Section 2 of this report.

#### 5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The £6,000 contribution can be met by charging the Aspley Ward un-committed balance. The total un-committed balance, not including the affect of other requests for allocation else where on this agenda, stands currently as follows:-

Aspley £11,848.91 Bilborough £29,522.44 Leen Valley £14,117.68

Total £55,489.03

#### 6 **EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS**

The provision of skips will raise standards of cleanliness and thus improve the lives of people affected by poverty and deprivation by making the West Area a cleaner and safer environment.

#### 7 STRATEGIC AIMS

This report contributes towards the following strategic aims:-

- <u>Making Nottingham a Safer City</u> Community safety will be a key theme that the area action plan will address.
- Creating a more attractive place to live and work This is a key area that the
  area action plan will address through cleansing, housing, environmental services
  and open spaces.

## 8 <u>LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR</u> THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

Report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhood Services titled 'Environment Improvement to Broxtowe Lane Shops – Request for change of use to provision of Skips dated 14<sup>th</sup> September 2005'.

## 9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None.

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