

WARDS AFFECTED:
Aspley, Bilborough, Leen Valley

ITEM:

WEST AREA COMMITTEE
13 September 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, and to fund an extension of the scheme to the Bilborough and Leen Valley Wards

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:-

- 2.1 the West Area Committee allocate £6000 from each of the Wards budget to fund this scheme;
- 2.2 Neighbourhood Services, Waste Management Section administer the scheme and monitor the budgets, with Nottingham City Homes identifying appropriate referrals;
- 2.3 the West Area Committee consider and approve the criteria as attached on Appendix A.

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 and a further funding of £6000 in May 2006
- 3.2 A full spend of the current budget is projected by mid September 2006
- 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 197 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 Concerns were raised by members during the West Area Committee meeting of 26th July 2006 regarding the supply cost of each skip. Neighbourhood Services have subsequently agreed a reduced rate of £12 for the removal of white goods disposed of in skips and confirmed that the supply rates are charged at a reduced cost.

4 PROPOSALS

It is proposed that members agree to the request made in the Section 2.0 of this report.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The £18,000 required for this scheme can be met from the Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley Wards current uncommitted balance.

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 aim:-

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

None.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None.

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Provision of Skip Scheme – Conditions & Criteria

Objective

The objective of this scheme is to contribute to an improvement in the visual appearance of the area by assisting those residents who have limited means to remove extensive garden waste and large items of household rubbish.

Provision of the skip is viewed as a last resort remedy prior to taking enforcement action and therefore repeat provision at the same address is not anticipated

Approval Criteria

A skip request will be approved if:-

The unacceptable condition of a garden has been noted by the Housing Patch Manager, tenancy enforcement has commenced and:-

1. the resident has made every effort to bring the garden into an acceptable condition e.g. by cutting back hedges, lawns etc and;
2. the resulting garden waste cannot reasonably be disposed of via the 'brown bin' collections or bulk waste collection and the resident does not have any other means to dispose of;
3. Requests from owner occupiers and residents in private rented accommodation will only be approved if the request satisfies the above criteria and where enforcement action is considered.

In the case of bulk items of waste a skip request will be approved if:-

The unacceptable condition of a garden has been noted by the Housing Patch Manager, tenancy enforcement has commenced and:-

1. the bulk waste items are NOT the result of home improvements/DIY or commercial enterprise;
2. the items cannot be removed via a Bulk Waste collection i.e. more than six items/ 3 collections per year;
3. Residents will be encouraged to make use of the service offered by Neighbourhood Services to dispose of white goods by payment of appropriate fee. However provision has been made in budget for indiscriminate tipping of these items;

4. The following items will not be accepted for removal:-

Vehicle tyres, asbestos, batteries, tins of paint and chemicals;

5. Requests from owner occupiers and residents in private rented accommodation will only be approved if the request satisfies the above criteria and enforcement action is considered.

Recycling

Opportunities for recycling will be identified by the Housing Patch Manager and referred to Street Scene.

Diversity and Equality

Uptake of the scheme as regards ethnicity and disability etc will be monitored by Nottingham City Homes with a view to targeting resources to those in greatest need.