

**WARDS AFFECTED:  
BILBOROUGH & ASPLEY**

**ITEM:**

**WEST AREA COMMITTEE  
10 January 2007**

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

**BRIDGE GREEN NURSING VILLAGE**

**1 SUMMARY**

This report seeks approval from the West Area Committee for funding to be made available to contribute towards security improvement at Bridge Green Sheltered housing scheme.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the West Area Committee allocate £6,000 from the Bilborough ward allocation as a contribution towards cost of replacing damaged perimeter fencing around the village.

**3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The Bridge Green Sheltered Housing Scheme is comprises of 87 bungalows on Strelley Road and has approximately 110 residents housed at the complex. Whilst the complex is warden aided, there have been regular incidents of anti-social behaviour and crime involving young people from the neighbouring housing estate.
- 3.2 Young people enter the complex along Woodfield Road and Honiton Road and have caused severe damage to the fencing. Many of the young people use this route as cut through to the local supermarket. The elderly residents are particular concerned with the increasing number of young people who steal from the supermarket and store their goods at the complex and return later to collect them when the security guards are not around. Evidence of drug taking has also been found along the fencing between Woodfield Road and Honiton Road.
- 3.3 Many of the tenants and residents living around the complex have created an unauthorised cut through to the supermarket and when challenged by the elderly people have become confrontational and intimidating.
- 3.4 Residents of Bridge Green have repaired the damaged fencing on numerous occasions only to see it vandalised within a few days of the repairs being carried out. The residents have identified a long term solution to the problems being experienced. They would like to strengthen the fencing along the weakest points of the perimeter and have agreed to the residents' budget being used for this purpose.
- 3.5 The total cost of the works required has estimated to be in the region of £13,000 with the residents having set aside £7,000 from their own budget.

**4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The £6,000 requested from this area committee can be met from the Bilborough and Aspley Ward's current uncommitted balance of £39,605 and £14,932.24 respectively, which forms part of the overall West Area Committee uncommitted balance of £84,989. This figure does not include the effect of any other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda.

**5 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS**

None

**6 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

None

**7 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS**

The security measures to be carried out at Bridge Green will contribute to reducing Crime and anti-social behaviour.

**8 VALUE FOR MONEY**

West Area Committee aims to make a valuable contribution to the Best Value Review process and to adhere to the Best Value principles in all activities that it supports.

**9 STRATEGIC AIMS**

This report contributes towards the following strategic aims:

- Making Nottingham A Safer City
- Creating A More Attractive Place To Live And Work
- Improving The Health Of Local People

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

None.

**11 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

None.

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