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**ITEM:
WEST AREA COMMITTEE
10 January 2007**

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

**BROXTOWE AND BELLS LANE NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT PILOT –
INTERVENTIONS/BUDGET SPEND**

1. SUMMARY

At the last meeting of the West Area Committee on 15 November 2006 a report on the Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) Governance and Finance Framework was agreed. It was resolved that the committees role and responsibility as 'Delegated Authority' for the SSCF be noted. A list of Interventions and budget spend agreed under the delegated authority is attached at Appendix 1.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (a) Note that schemes totalling £113,730.20 have now been approved by the Broxtowe and Bells Lane Local Implementation Group (LIG) under agreed delegated powers;
- (b) Note that £65,635.80 remains to be allocated before 31st March 2007.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Priority Neighbourhoods have been identified in Bulwell, Bestwood, Arboretum (a New Deal for Communities area, NDC), Broxtowe and Bells Lane, St Ann's and Sneinton to receive funding allocated by the SSCF of the Local Area Agreement.
- 3.2 The delegated powers previously agreed state that where an urgent decision is required that the Chair, Vice Chair and Opposition member (if relevant) have delegated authority to make decisions in consultation with a Community representative.
- 3.3 As the West Area Committee will not meet again until 10th January 2007 it was held to be necessary to use delegated authority to ensure the budget is spent by 31st March 2007. A meeting that invited all required to make a delegated decision was held on 7th December 2006 and the schemes listed at Appendix 1 were agreed.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Broxtowe and Bells Lane LIG has a budget of £271,893 for year 1 which must be spent by 31st March 2007. With the spend report to Committee today there remains £65,635.80 to be allocated in year 1.

6. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

An equalities impact assessment will be conducted as part of the monitoring process for this programme.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

None

8. CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

None

9. VALUE FOR MONEY

None

10. CORPORATE OBJECTIVES

This report contributes to the following 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

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

None

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Appendix 1.

Broxtowe & Bells Lane Neighbourhood Management Pilot
Interventions/Budget Spend Update – December 2006

	To be agreed 06/07	LIG Approval	West Area Committee Approval
<p><u>Liveability</u></p> <p>LAA Targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the quality of the local environment by reducing the gap in aspects of liveability between the worst neighbourhoods /wards and the district as a whole with a particular focus on litter and detritus. • To have cleaner, greener and safer public spaces <p>Local Community Plan Targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of people satisfied with the condition of parks and green spaces <p><u>Project 1 – Necta Training Project</u> This funding will involve Necta Ltd, in association with Nottingham City Council, Broxtowe Partnership Trust, Broxtowe Job Shop and Future Form, delivering a scheme to train and employ local young people to undertake the maintenance and development of Broxtowe Country Park. This project intends to not only maintain and improve the park but also by employing local people to carry out this work it is hoped that antisocial behaviour will reduce and community ownership of the park will increase.</p> <p>The project will also contribute to LAA targets within Block D: Economic Development and Enterprise and targets the Local Community Plan - Better Prospects, as each of the 5 young people on this course will be trained to an NVQ or Institution of Grounds Maintenance qualification and guaranteed and interview with Neighbourhood Services if they successfully complete their programme.</p> <p>Comments of the LIG</p> <p>The LIG has authorised expenditure against this proposal.</p> <p>Comments of West Area Committee</p> <p>To be submitted on the 7th December 2006 using the interim arrangements set out in the Governance and</p>	£54,040.00		To be submitted 07.12.06

<p>Financial Framework.</p> <p><u>Project 2 – Street Representatives</u> This will provide a community driven, quick response to reporting a whole range of environmental issues e.g. abandoned properties/cars, faulty streetlights, potholes, graffiti, fly tipping etc.</p> <p>The Street Representative programme will also provide the community the opportunity to identify trends and long standing problems that by working together with service providers and Councillors could collectively look at changing and improving service delivery as well as more detailed interventions to provide long-term solutions to these problems.</p> <p>This project also contributes to the LAA and Local Community Plan targets on community engagement.</p> <p>Comments of the LIG</p> <p>The LIG has authorised expenditure against this proposal.</p> <p>Comments of West Area Committee</p>	<p>£982.00</p>		<p>To be submitted 07.12.06</p>
<p>To be submitted on the 7th December 2006 using the interim arrangements set out in the Governance and Financial Framework.</p> <p><u>Project 3 – Brightening Broxtowe</u> This funding will involve the Broxtowe community engaging in bulb planting across the estate and a winter hanging basket event. It will have a very positive effect on the estate and the residents can continue to use the hanging baskets time and time again.</p> <p>Comments of the LIG</p> <p>The LIG has authorised expenditure against this proposal.</p> <p>Comments of West Area Committee</p>	<p>£1,000.00</p>		<p>To be submitted 07.12.06</p>
<p>To be submitted on the 7th December 2006 using the interim arrangements set out in the Governance and Financial Framework.</p>	<p>£16,429.00</p>		<p>To be submitted 07.12.06</p>

<p><u>Project 4 – ‘Twelve Days of Christmas Clean Up Campaign’</u> The funding for this project will be used to deliver a detailed programme of activities including free bulky item collection, Christmas card recycling, hazardous waste collection etc. for the benefit of the Broxtowe and Bells Lane estates. It will remove unwanted waste, reduce fly tipping and to improve the appearance of the estates and raise awareness of the services provided by Nottingham City Council, Nottingham City Homes etc. The campaign will also provide a starting point for the additional Neighbourhood Environmental Action Team (NEAT) and the Street Reps programme (subject to LIG and Area Committee approval).</p>			
<p>Comments of the LIG</p> <p>The LIG has authorised expenditure against this proposal.</p>	<p>£31,705.00 (Jan07 – Mar 07)</p>		<p>To be submitted 07.12.06</p>
<p>Comments of West Area Committee</p> <p>To be submitted on the 7th December 2006 using the interim arrangements set out in the Governance and Financial Framework.</p>	<p>£69,779.00 (Apr 07 – Mar 08)</p>		
<p><u>Project 5 – Additional NEAT resources</u> This funding would be used to establish an additional team to promote and assist with community based projects, to be a response team to cover vandalism and all aspects of enviro-crime, and act as an educational tool to raise awareness of environmental issues including visits to schools and community centres. This service will enable User Groups, Community Groups and other service providers to access a dedicated team to undertake specific tasks which are not part of normal works. The team would also be tasked with checking known areas of concern and would work closely with other agencies in tackling enviro-crime. There would be opportunity for the team to participate in Weeks of Action and also community Clean Up days.</p> <p>Comments of the LIG</p> <p>The LIG has authorised expenditure against this proposal.</p> <p>Comments of West Area Committee</p> <p>To be submitted on the 7th December 2006 using the interim arrangements set out in the Governance and</p>			

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<p><u>Crime</u></p> <p>LAA Target</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce overall crime in line with local CDP targets and narrow the gap between the worst performing wards/neighbourhoods and other areas across the district. <p>Local Community Plan Targets</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To reduce overall crime To reduce the fear of crime Increase number of homes where security has been improved Increase number of community Safety initiatives in the area Increase the number of 'hotspot' tasking patrols/initiatives To reduce car crime through positive actions and partnership working <p><u>Project 6 – Police bicycles</u></p> <p>The funding requested will be used to pay for 6 pedal cycles and oncost for the next 3 years for the Neighbourhood Policing teams that cover Broxtowe and Bells Lane areas. The bicycles will provide transport to the teams, show a highly visible presence on the estates whilst also providing a good degree of mobility. The use of the bicycles will also allow Officers to cover more of the beat area than if they were on foot all of which will contribute to reducing the fear of crime on Broxtowe and Bells Lane. In addition, a number of offenders use bicycles to commit crime, so by providing Officers bicycles themselves it is anticipated they will be far easier to catch and bring to justice.</p> <p>The bikes will also provide Officers with transport that can be used on Broxtowe Country Park. The park is currently a hotspot for anti-social behaviour including motor bike nuisance.</p> <p>Comments of the LIG</p> <p>The LIG has authorised expenditure against this proposal.</p> <p>Comments of West Area Committee</p>	£9,574.20		To be submitted 07.12.06

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Total Leverage Funding 06/07	£179,366.00
Funding approved by LIG to date	£113,730.20
Total Leverage outstanding	£ 65,635.80