

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 a 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 a 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 skips to many 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. At its meeting on the 6th September 2006, this Committee requested that opportunities to mainstream the scheme be explored. Unfortunately, there is no capacity within City Council budgets to pick up the cost of providing a Neighbourhood Skips Scheme.

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:-

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| Aspley | £25,712 |
| Bilborough | £21,181 |
| Leen Valley | £23,631 |
| Total | £70,524 |

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None arising from this report

7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY 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.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

The skips scheme is greatly valued by the tenants and residents in the Aspley Ward, without the support of the area committee the provision of this service can not continue.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

This report contributes towards the priorities against the crime and disorder act by preventing the build up of waste within confined neighbourhoods and thus reduces the risk of arson and vandalism.

10 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This report contributes towards the following strategic priorities:-

- People feeling safe in their communities
- A cleaner city

11 VALUE FOR MONEY

The West Area team aims to develop projects which make a valuable contribution to the Best Value Review process and to adhere to the Best Value principles. Nottingham City Homes project manage the skips scheme within their existing resource time.

12 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR 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 14th September 2005'.

13 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None.

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