ITEM No

WEST AREA COMMITTEE 25 JULY 2007

REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD STRATEGY AND SUPPORT

SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITY FUND (SSCF)

1 <u>SUMMARY</u>

The report outlines:-

- The financial spend for 2006/07 and the current financial position for 2007/08 for the SSCF pilot in the Broxtowe & Bells Lane Area;
- the four core priorities all pilot areas will work towards and the two local priorities for 2007/08 for Broxtowe & Bells Lane.

2 <u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (a) Note the approved spend for the previous financial year, 2006/07 (Appendix 1);
- (b) note the current financial position for 2007 /08 (Appendix 1) agreed by the Local Implementation Group and approved by West Area Committee;
- (c) note the four core priorities all pilot areas will work towards and the two local priorities for each area as outlined in Appendix 2.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Priority Neighbourhoods in Bulwell, Bestwood, Broxtowe & Bells Lane, St Ann's & Sneinton receive additional funding allocated by the Safer Stronger Communities Fund of the Local Area Agreement. The four neighbourhoods which receive SSCF monies have been selected based on:-
 - the most disadvantaged Super Output Areas (3% most deprived nationally)
 - the desire to build on work in Bestwood by the Operation Kingdom initiative
- 3.2 The SSCF pilot programme is about improving the basic conditions that affect people's quality of life in disadvantaged neighbourhoods. One of the core outcomes is "to improve the quality of life for people in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods and ensure service providers are more responsive to neighbourhood needs and improve their delivery".
- 3.3 Following a meeting with One Nottingham it was agreed that the SSCF pilot areas would focus on four core priorities and two local priorities per area. All priorities are aligned to and contribute towards the Local Area Agreement and Local Community Plan.

3.4 The Broxtowe & Bells Lane Implementation Group agreed the local priorities for 2007/08 at the meeting on the 14 June 2007(Appendix 2). All funds allocated through the pilot will adhere to these priorities.

4 **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The SSCF governance arrangements have been produced to ensure that there are adequate financial controls on the SSCF budget.
- 4.2 The conditions of grant allocated for 2007-2008 requires that the expenditure is defrayed by 31 March 2008.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

An equalities impact assessment will be conducted as part of the monitoring processes for this programme. The impact assessment will have the following priorities: Disability, Gender, Race, Sexual orientation, Age, Religion.

7 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The work of the Safer Stronger Priority Pilots addresses the following Strategic Priorities:-

- People feeling safe in their communities
- A cleaner greener city
- Educational attainment
- More local people being economically active

8 **RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES**

None.

9 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

Activities will target crime and disorder and anti social behaviour in the area as well as address Crime Targets within the Local Area Agreements.

10 VALUE FOR MONEY

Services purchased through the programme will be monitored to ensure value for money (see Priority Neighbourhoods Governance and Finance Framework guidance – West Area Committee November 2006).

11 <u>List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing</u> <u>confidential or exempt information</u>

None.

12 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- Safer Stronger Communities Fund (SSCF) Priority Neighbourhoods Governance and Finance Framework November 2006
- Local Area Agreement
- Local Community Plan

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APPENDIX 1

BROXTOWE & BELLS LANE NEIGHBOURHOOD MANAGEMENT PILOT

Finance Report

Background

Priority Neighbourhoods have been identified in Bulwell, Bestwood, Broxtowe & Bells Lane, St. Ann's & Sneinton to received funding allocated by the Safer Stronger Communities Fund of the Local Area Agreement.

End of year finance report – 2006 / 2007

The Broxtowe & Bells Lane pilot had a budget of \pounds 271,893 for year one (2006 / 07), which had to be spent by 31 March 2007.

The original allocation of funds for 2006 / 07 was:-

Project Management	£ 92,527
Leverage	£ 179,366
Total	£ 271,893

Project No.	Project Name	Actual Spend
1	Necta Project – 'Workforce of the future'	£ 54,277
2	Street Representative programme	£ 807
3	Brightening Broxtowe	£ 762
4	Clean up campaign 'Twelve days of Christmas'	£ 15,098
5	NEAT	£ 34,705
6	Police bicycles, equipment and uniform	£ 9,574
7	Westleigh Road Lighting Project	£ 7,090
8	Noticeboard, tables etc. – 'Raising Awareness'	£ 2,695
9	Sports Training	£ NIL
10	Road Traffic Collision Event	£ 600
11	Crime reduction/target hardening	£ 64,624

Total = £190,232

Actual spend for 2006 / 07 was:-

Project Management	£ 81,559.00 (underspend of £10,968)
Leverage	£ 190,232.00 (overspend of £10,866)
Total	£ 101.00 (underspend)

Update - Finance Report for 2007 / 2008

The Broxtowe & Bells Lane pilot has a budget of £340,983 for year two (2007 / 08), which has to be spent by 31^{st} March 2008. The allocation of funds is broken down as:-

Project Management £ 91,997

Leverage £ 248,986 Total £ 340,983 Funding allocated in previous year (2006 /07) by the LIG and approved by West Area Committee:-

Project	Project Name		Agreed Spend	Actual Spend
No.				
1	NEAT		£ 69,779	
2	Sports Training		£ 1,500	
		Total	£ 71,279	

Funding applications agreed/approved by the LIG and West Area Committee:-

 Brightening Broxtowe & Bells Lane Broxtowe Country Park Community Call Centre 	£ 29,811 £ 10,000 £ 20,640 (£14,420 - 2008 /09)
Overall current position:-	
Total leverage funding for 2007 / 2008 Funding previously agreed/approved (2006/07) Funding agreed/approved	£ 248,986 £ 71,279 £ 60,451
Available funds	£ 117,256

APPENDIX 2

Safer Stronger Communities - Priority Neighbourhoods (Bestwood, Broxtowe & Bells Lane, Bulwell, St. Anns & Sneinton)

Action Plan, 2007 / 2010

City-Wide Theme RESPECT NOTTINGHAM Local theme SAFER, STRONGER NEIGHBOURHOODS								
Objective and Measure	Baseline	Target 07/08	Target 08/09	Target 09/10	Key Actions	Responsible		
C2. To reduce overall crime in line with CDP targets								
- Reduce drug and alcohol misuse					Raise education/awareness of dangers of alcohol/drugs misuse (especially with young people)			
 Reduce burglary (dwelling burglary and theft from vehicles) 					Look to develop the target hardening opportunities from last year			
- Reduce anti social behaviour within priority areas					Look to develop diversion activity for children and young people			

City-Wide Theme RESPECT NOTTINGHAM Local theme CLEANER AND GREENER PUBLIC SPACES								
Objective and Measure	Baseline	Target 07/08	Target 08/09	Target 09/10	Key Actions	Responsible		
C4. To achieve cleaner public spaces								
 Reduce percentage of land with unacceptable levels of litter and detritus Reduce fly tipping Improve residents satisfaction with parks and open spaces 					Develop the role of the NEAT within the pilot area (including awareness raising) Continue to develop the Street representative programme and roll out across all priority areas. Develop Denton Green/Six ways carpark and recycling facilities Develop Outreach Garden Project To deliver against the BCP action plan	Broxtowe Partnership Trust / LIG		

City-Wide Theme YOUNG NOTTINGHAM							
Objective and Measure	Baseline	Target 07/08	Target 08/09	Target 09/10	Key Actions	Responsible	
 C5. To increase people in education, employment or training Reduce number of young people (16 – 18 years) not in education, employment 					To support and develop Call Centre training and employment opportunities For all 4 priority area to work jointly to on actions to reduce NEET's		

City-Wide Theme TRANSFORMING NOTTINGHAM Local theme ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP								
Objective and Measure	Baseline	Target 07/08	Target 08/09	Target 09/10	Key Actions	Responsible		
 C8. To increase public influence in decision making percentage of people who feel they can influence decisions affecting local people 					Ongoing development of the LIG Develop wider issue/themed groups within the neighbourhood management pilot and pilot area Develop reputation Management package Develop and coordinate community consultation			

Local Themes:-

City-Wide Theme CHOOSE NOTTINGHAM Local theme BETTER PROSPECTS							
Objective and Measure	Baseline	Target 07/08	Target 08/09	Target 09/10	Key Actions	Responsible	
 C1. To increase the number of economically active people Number of people in priority areas accessing training through targeted assistance 					Support and develop training opportunities (including basic skills) Look to develop and co-ordinate apprenticeship opportunities Work in partnership with statutory agencies and community voluntary sector To support and develop Call Centre training and employment opportunities		

City-Wide Theme YOUNG NOTTINGHAM								
Objective and Measure	Baseline	Target 07/08	Target 08/09	Target 09/10	Key Actions	Responsible		
C5. To increase people in education, employment or training					Develop two-way communication methods with young people to influence the Neighbourhood Management pilot Develop a young persons Street Reps programme Awareness/education regarding the dangers of alcohol and drugs misuse. Develop interventions to raise aspirations of young people			