

**REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

**PROPOSAL TO FUND PROVISION OF SKIP SCHEME 07/08**

**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 £4,000 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 Single Regeneration Budget (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 is 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 an Area Committee meeting on the 6 September 2006, this Committee requested that opportunities were to be explored regarding mainstreaming this scheme. Unfortunately, there is no capacity within City Council budgets to pick up the cost of providing a Neighbourhood Skip Scheme.

**4 PROPOSALS**

It is proposed that members agree to the request made in the Section 2 of this report.

## **5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The £4,000 contribution can be met by charging the Aspley Ward uncommitted balance. The total uncommitted balance for the area, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, stand currently as follows:-

Aspley	£10,396
Bilborough	£14,514
Leen Valley	£21,964
Total	£46,874

## **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 14 September 2005'.

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

None

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