

JOINT REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF NEIGHBOURHOOD REGENERATION AND HOUSING

AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES

1 SUMMARY

The Area Capital fund is a three-year capital programme to improve footways, street lighting, fencing and other area that will enhance the public realm.

2 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (a) note the total spend to 30 November 2007 of £1,684,000, as detailed in Appendix A at the locations in Appendix B
- (b) note the available funds of £731,000 for the remainder of the programme i.e March 2009 as detailed in Appendix A;
- (c) note the value of works committed for 2007-08, £791,000, as; detailed in Appendix A at the locations in Appendix C

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Executive Board on 18 July 2006 approved the allocation of £22m for area based capital investment in the public realm.
- 3.2 The programme is being delivered through collaborative working across several departments and service areas.
- 3.3 Works are commissioned through Highways Construction and Maintenance by using a combination of existing staff, agency staff and sub-contractors.
- 3.4 The allocation for the West Area is £3.206m over three years. At least 70% of which must be spent on footpath reconstruction or resurfacing.
- 3.5 The remaining 30% may be used to enable priority schemes addressing community safety, fencing, lighting and other initiatives to improve the public realm.
- 3.6 Appendix D outlines information on the quality of the works and on the process involved regarding utilities companies.

4 PROPOSALS

Committee instructs the Neighbourhood Manager to report back to the Area Committee on a quarterly basis on the progress being made and with any proposed alterations to the agreed programme.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The allocation for the West Area Committee is £3.206m for three years. The figure includes an element for fees to cover the management of the procurement and delivery of the programme. Progress on budget spend will be reported back to this committee during the course of the three year programme.
- 5.2 Highway Construction and Maintenance staff are undertaking programme management with support from Major Projects, an internal Gateway Review has been undertaken as required by Financial Regulations.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The programme will enable a series of improvement to take place that will improve the condition of footways for disabled and elderly residents.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

A Risk Register has been produced that is regularly reviewed

9 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The report supports the priorities of the Corporate Plan to transform local neighbourhoods, support local people and ensure that Nottingham is a safer City.

10 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

By improving footways and providing fencing to vulnerable properties it is hoped the incidences of anti-social behaviour are reduced

11 VALUE FOR MONEY

The removal of artificial boundaries within the public realm will enable far better, more simple integration of service procurement, with further opportunities to lever in third party funds, thus creating a much more efficient and effective provision of service.

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

None.

13 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None.

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APPENDIX A – Statement of Accounts at 30 November 2007

AREA CAPITAL FUND STATEMENT

DATE: 30 November 2007

		Budget			Completed to date				Committed 07-08				Balance	
		Total	Footpath	Public Realm	Highways		Housing		Highways		Housing		Footpath	Env+P Realm
Area	Ward				Footpath	Environmental	Footpath	Public Realm	Footpath	Environmental	Footpath	Public Realm		
West	Aspley	3206	556	361	221	0	2	119	6	293	6	204	321	-255
	Bilborough		1273	361	611	0	54	217	93	12	27	86	488	46
	Leen Valley		415	240	422	0	33	5	64	0	0	0	-104	235
	TOTALS		2244	962	1254	0	89	341	163	305	33	290	705	26
				3206			1254		430		468		323	
			3206			1684				791				731

APPENDIX B – Works completed to 30 November 2007

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Footway</u>		<u>Public Realm/Environmental</u>		
	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Description</u>
Aspley	Woodfield Road			1-3 Rosslyn Drive	Fencing
	Frinton Road			Various	Hardstandings
	Whitwell Close			149-155 Eltham Drive	Fencing
	Bradfield road			75 Tunstall Drive	Fencing
	Amesbury Circus			48 Withern Road	Fencing
	Wareham Close			178-182 Lindfield Road	Fencing
	Dulverton Vale (Amesbury/Bells Lane)			Shepton Crescent	Hardstandings
	Brecon Close	Brecon Close		53 Withern Road	Dropped kerb
	Albury Drive			94 Withern Road	Hardstanding
	Rosslyn Drive			69 Ainsdale Crescent	Hardstanding

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<u>Ward</u>	<u>Footway</u>		<u>Public Realm/Environmental</u>		
<u>Bilborough</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Description</u>
	Hoylake Crescent	Hoylake Crescent		St Agnes Close	Fencing
	Darnhall Crescent	Darnhall Crescent		Denewood Crescent	Hardstandings
	Westerham Close			Bramley Green	Walkways
	Caterham Close			St Agnes Close	Fencing
	Bartlow Road	Bartlow Road		39-42 Cuxton Close	Fencing
	Huxley Close	Huxley Close		1-45 Cuxton Close	Gates
		Clanfield Close		Marldon Close	Fencing
	Canver Close			Beechdale Estate	Hardstandings
	Earls Close			Denewood Close	Rear gates
	Hanslope Crescent			102-112 Staverton Road	Fencing
	Flamsted Road, Part			Bilborough Estate	Hardstandings
	Westwick Road			46 Fircroft Avenue	Dropped kerb
	Canwick Close	Canwick Close			
	Crowley Close				
	Cotswold Road				
	Tangmere Crescent	Tangmere Crescent			
	Wyrle Drive				

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<u>Ward</u>	<u>Footway</u>		<u>Public Realm/Environmental</u>		
<u>Leen Valley</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Description</u>
	Marchwood Close	Marchwood Close		3,13,23,31,41,45,14 Wistow Close	Fencing
	Vale Crescent North			25 Southwold Drive	Fencing
	Ainsley Road			1 Aberford Avenue	Hardstanding
	Southfield Road				
	Dorothy Grove				
	Northdown Road				
	Shepherds Wood Drive				
	Vale Crescent South				

APPENDIX C- Committed Works

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Footways</u>			<u>Public Realm/Environmental</u>		
	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Description</u>
Aspley	Arklow Close	Arklow Close		Arklow Close		Carriageway
				Cambourne Drive		Parking scheme
				Tilbury Rise		Parking scheme
				Tunstall Crescent		Parking Scheme
					36/38 Bidford Road	Fencing
					Bankwood Close	Fencing
					Welstead Avenue/Harwill	Fencing
					7/9 Dulverton Vale	Fencing
					119 Ainsdale Crescent	Gate
					109-117 Ainsdale Crescent	Extend gardens
					159, 167, 169 Minver Crescent	Fencing
					11, 13, 15 Minver Crescent	Fencing
					5, 7, 9, 11 Harwill Crescent	Fencing
					18, 33, 35, 42, 64, 78 Harwill Crescent	Fencing
					21, 23, 25 Bankwood Close	Fencing
					10-13 Paignton Close	Fencing
					5, 7, 9, 11 Harwill Crescent	Fencing
					Keverne Close flats	Fencing
					7-10 Ashwell Gardens	Fencing

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<u>Aspley</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Highway</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Description</u>
					598 Aspley Lane	Fencing
					1 Orchard Close	Fencing
					65-85 Tunstall Crescent	Fencing
					65-68 Tunstall Crescent	Fencing
					Woodfield Road	Fencing

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	Cuxton Close			Wigman Road centre res, Part		Tarmac
	Brindley Road		Cancelled		Moor Road flats	Fencing
		St. Michaels Avenue			163-169 Strelley Road	Fencing
	Balmoral Crescent				308-318, 290-296 Wigman road	Fencing
	Ranmere Road				St Michaels, St Martins, St Levens	Fencing
					St Michaels Avenue	Barriers
					Morden Close	Fencing
					Beechdale Road garages	Fencing
					Fairley Road	Fencing
					St Michaels, St Martins, St Agnes	Gating to stairwells
				Vale Community Centre		Tarmac to forecourt

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Leen Valley	Rodwell Close				None	
	Manville Close					
	Radford Bridge Road					
	Revesby Gardens					

APPENDIX D

Quality of Work

City Council's Highways employs a team of supervisors who check on day to day quality of workmanship and address the problems they identify as they arise.

Some problems only come to light months after the work has been carried out which is why a second inspection is carried out some months later (normally 3/4 months after completion of the works).

There is a perception about the quality arising from the use of slurry seal as a surface treatment.

Slurry seal is an acceptable engineering treatment and is very economical. Re-tarmacing the same footway rather than using slurry seal would in general terms quadruple the cost resulting in only a quarter of the area covered for the same money.

Process with Utilities Companies

Re. concerns raised regarding Utilities companies digging up recently resurfaced footways:

The process followed is that:

- a) Annual footway programme is agreed with Area Committees;
- b) Highways then send the agreed lists to Network Management;
- c) Network Management then inform Highways where there are potential conflicts;
- d) Highways then re-programme works to reduce conflicts.

Under the Traffic Management Act 2004 and previous legislation Utility companies have the right to excavate the highway to repair/maintain their equipment.

Specifically under the 2004 legislation the Local Authority (Network Management) can insist that full width reinstatements are undertaken if their works fall within the 1st 12 months of the new footway being completed. Outside of this period the Utility Company is only required to resurface the footway with the same materials.

It is the duty of the Highway Authority to police the reinstatement works carried out by Utility companies and enforce that their works are carried out in a safe manner and that the reinstatements meet the required standards.

In view of the intensity of the footway programme, and the recent problems, Highways have employed an extra resource to liaise and coordinate our works with those of the Utilities companies.