

**REPORT OF ACTING DIRECTOR OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

**SAFER STRONGER COMMUNITY FUND (SSCF)**

**1 SUMMARY**

The report outlines the financial spend for 2007/08 for the SSCF Priority Neighbourhood area for Broxtowe and Bells Lane.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Area Committee note the current financial position for 2007 /08 (Appendix 1) agreed by the Local Implementation Group and approved by West Area Committee.

**3 BACKGROUND**

3.1 Priority Neighbourhoods in Bulwell, Bestwood, Broxtowe and Bells Lane, St Ann's and 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 and Bells Lane Implementation Group noted and agreed the four core priorities and the two local priorities for 2007/08 at its meeting on the 14 June 2007. All funds allocated through the pilot 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 spent by 31 March 2008.

**5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATION**

An equalities impact assessment will be conducted as part of the monitoring processes for this programme. The impact assessment will include disability, gender, race, sexual orientation, age and religion as priorities.

**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 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**

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

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## Broxtowe and Bells Lane - Priority Neighbourhood Programme

### Approved budget spend for 2007 / 2008

	Total project cost	LIG Approval/ West Area Committee
<b><u>Respect Nottingham - Cleaner/Greener</u></b>		
LAA Targets		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• To have cleaner, greener and safer public spaces</li> </ul>		
<b><u>Project 1 – Neighbourhood Environment Action Team – NEAT</u></b>		
This funding has provided an additional dedicated 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. The 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 will also be tasked with checking known areas of concern and would work closely with other agencies in tackling enviro-crime. There will be opportunity for the team to participate in Weeks of Action and also community Clean Up days.	£69,779	*
<b><u>Project 2 – Brightening Broxtowe &amp; Bells Lane</u></b>		
This programme will provide two integrated services to improve the physical appearance of the Neighbourhood Management area. The first service will implement a garden clearance/improvement programme which will assist residents to improve their gardens, specifically front gardens. The second service will offer the installation, planting and maintenance of hanging baskets and other street furniture on lamp-posts, camera posts and railings across the neighbourhood.	£29,811	*
It is calculated that over a year, the programme would improve up to 200 gardens.		
Lead by Broxtowe Partnership Trust, the programme will be delivered by the formation of a partnership between Neighbourhood Management (LIG), Nottinghamshire Probation Service, Nottingham City Homes, and the Roots and Shoots community garden (Broxtowe Partnership Trust).		
<b><u>Project 3 – Broxtowe Country Park</u></b>		

<p>The SSCF monies will part-fund a detailed feasibility study which will look at all the available options to help bring about long-term solutions to improve the park. It will allow the Council to investigate and respond to local need/want and for future developments to be based on clear evidence.</p>	£10,000	*
<p>This programme will also compliment the work of the Transforming Neighbourhoods Team.</p>		
<p><u>Project 4 – Seagrave School Garden Project</u>  This programme will part-fund an allotment to be developed and maintained by children and adults in school, parents and ‘friends of seagrave’ to give children and adults first hand experience of growing and maintaining fruit and vegetables and being able to understand the benefits of eating healthily. Some timetabled sessions around the curriculum and times based on excellence and enjoyment within the curriculum.</p>	£3,966	*
<p><b><u>Respect Nottingham - Crime</u></b></p>		
<p>LAA Target</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>		
<p><u>Project 5 – Domestic Abuse Package</u>  This funding is to part-fund a Domestic Abuse Family Support Worker who will support survivors and help drive down repeat reports of domestic violence leading to a reduction in violent crime in the local area. The post will work as part of the ‘co-ordinated community response’ model adopted by Nottingham and supported by the Home Office.</p> <p>A Training programme and awareness raising campaign will also be delivered as part of this package via West Area Domestic Violence Action Group (WADVAG).</p>	£10,000	*
<p><u>Project 6 – Target Hardening Programme</u>  Working with the Police, Crime and Drugs Partnership, Nottingham City Homes and local residents, (targetted) households will be checked for their resistance to dwelling burglary with particular attention shown to the rear ground floor of each property. Security improvements will be carried out to help protect residents homes from burglary which could include additional window locks/alarms, additional door locks and door jamms strengthening (London Bar) and Smartwater property marking. The programme will also include the distribution of additional security items e.g. timer switches, personal attack alarms and window/door chimes.</p>	£40,000	*
<p><u>Project 7 – Drugs conference</u>  This programme is a joined up approach across all 4 priority neighbourhood areas, lead by St. Anns and Sneinton. It includes delivery of training to local residents in understanding the issues relating to drug misuse and treatment paths. Developing and delivering a conference on drugs and understanding effects on community in march 2008  Monitoring and supporting assetive outreach work in area, via a research project undertaken in St Anns. This will allow the other pilot areas to learn</p>	£500	*

<p>from the findings of the research through delivery of workshops in their locality, and enable them influence future decision making via the conference.</p>		
<p><u>Project 8 – Fire safety in the home</u>  This programme allows Nottinghamshire Fire Service to carryout a thorough fire safety check in residents homes before supplying a fire proof letter box and/or deep fat fryer when required.</p> <p>The project aims to reduce kitchen fires caused by chip pan fires, to reduce deliberate dwelling fires as a result of domestic violence, violence or hate crime.</p>	£2,000	*
<p><b><u>Choose Nottingham – Jobs and Training</u></b></p>		
<p>LAA Target</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase the number of economically active people</li> </ul>		
<p><u>Project 9 – Sports training</u>  This programme provides training in sports leadership, coaching etc for local residents. It is aiming to increase the sports physical activity in the area for all ages. It also provides training opportunities within the priority neighbourhood area as a stepping stone in confidence and ability for residents looking for volunteering/training/employment.</p>	£1,500	*
<p><u>Project 10– Community Call Centre</u>  This SSCF will fund a part-time post tasked with the general co-ordination of the Home Working Community Call Centre project.</p> <p>Lead by BEST, this project also provides regular basic skills tuition to enable potential call centre home workers to improve their basic skills well enough to re enter the selection process with a greater chance of success.</p> <p>The project aims to increase the number of local jobs and provide access to employment for local people as well as increasing basic skills of local people looking for employment.</p>	£20,640	*
<p><u>Project 11 – Introduction to youth work training</u>  Working with local residents (18 to 65) in partnership with Youth Services, Broxtowe Partnership Trust and BELSATRA, this project contains 2 training programmes for local residents wanting to become involved in Youth Work. The programme also increases the volunteering prospects for local young people to develop their knowledge and skills in youth work.</p> <p>Once local residents are trained, the project provides the opportunity for volunteers to support and under – pin the current work of Youth Services and could also lead to other job prospects in the Youth Service across the City.</p>	£6,690	*
<p><u>Project 12 – BEST in Construction</u>  This programme lead by BEST, provides 16 local residents with the opportunity to gain the industry standard necessary to work legally on a building site. BEST, working with Carillion will deliver 2 training programmes to gain the CSCS Green Card certificates.</p>	£7,432	*

<p>The programme provides local people with a way of gaining employment specific qualification in the construction industry and their Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) so that they are kitted up and job ready. The programme also provide trainees with an IAG (Information Advice and Guidance) interview and a guaranteed interviews with Sky Blue recruitment (recruitment arm of Carillion).</p> <p>All trainees will have a basic skills English and Maths initial assessment and join the BEST Job Shop and receive employability skills training and job search advice and support.</p> <p><b><u>Young Nottingham – Education</u></b></p> <p>LAA Target</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To increase people in education, employment or training</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Project 13 – Literacy volunteers</u></b>  Literacy Volunteers, a Registered Charity are leading on this project to recruit, vet (via the CRB, Enhanced Disclosure), train and support Volunteers to help children in local primary schools by assisting with their literacy, communication and social skills.</p> <p>Volunteers are supported by a Literacy Volunteers Area Co-ordinator working in partnership with local schools.</p> <p>The project also aims to support parents engage in volunteering and/or training.</p> <p><b><u>Project 14 - Breakfast Clubs</u></b>  The breakfast clubs will be based at Brocklewood infants, Brocklewood Junior and Rosslyn Park School. The breakfast clubs will provide a healthy breakfast from 8am as well as a range of activities. The clubs also aim to increase the number of children eating breakfast regularly in a stimulating and safe environment as well as improving educational attainment and punctuality. The clubs also provide childcare before school for parents at work or in training and will be a part of the forthcoming extended schools programme.</p> <p>Both clubs are supported by the Business Support Officer. A financial business plan has been produced for the next four years to enable the clubs to run effectively on a sustainable income.</p> <p><b><u>Project 15 – Parent Volunteer Programme</u></b>  Lead by Literacy Volunteers, this programme will train Parent Volunteers, recruited by local primary schools, to help children who are having difficulties reading overcome their problems.</p> <p>This programme consists of training and support with schools responsible for the management of the Volunteers, taking up references and CRB Checks. Each PV that successfully completes the sessions will be awarded a Certificate that will certify their achievement.</p> <p><b><u>Project 16 – Connexions</u></b>  This programme will identify NEET and Not known young people and</p>	<p>£4,300</p> <p>£7,940</p> <p>£798</p>	<p>*</p> <p>*</p> <p>*</p>
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<p>provide support and access to services to enable them to progress.</p> <p>It also includes running pilot programmes tracing Not Knowns and linking in to services to meet their needs, and education programmes partnered with the voluntary sector and Castle College to provide access to accredited education programmes which will allow the young people to up-skill and identify further options for future EET destinations.</p> <p>The programme also provides support for young people to apply for EMA and develop a joined up service between all partners to ensure the young people have their individual needs met. Develop and manage information systems which allow the tracking of young peoples progression, achievements, and destinations.</p>	<p>£35,000</p>	<p>*</p>
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<p>Total Leverage Funding 07/08</p>	<p>£248,986</p>
<p>Funding approved by Local Implementation Group</p>	<p>£250,356</p>
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<p>Overspend</p>	<p>£1,370</p>