

**JOINT REPORT OF DIRECTORS (REGENERATION, PLANNING AND TRANSPORT)  
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 areas that will enhance the public realm.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Area Committee note the following:-

- (a) the total spend of £2.091m to 31 July 2008, as detailed in Appendix A at the locations in Appendix B;
- (b) that to date 59 footpaths and 42 works to the public realm have been completed;
- (c) the available funds of £579,000 for the remainder of the programme to the end March 2009, as detailed in Appendix A;
- (d) the value of works previously approved for 2007-08 of £536,000, as detailed in Appendix A at the locations in Appendix C;
- (e) that 3 footpaths and 31 public realm works are expected to be completed by 31 March 2009.

**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 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**

The Project Manager will report 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 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. Arrangements for the future years 2009-11 will be similar to those used formerly.

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 and is regularly monitored.

#### **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**

The programme is expected to assist in the reduction of crime and disorder by enhancing the local neighbourhood.

#### **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**

Executive Board Report 18 July 2006  
Executive Board Report 18 February 2008

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**APPENDIX A – Statement of Accounts at 31 July 2008**

**Housing/Non-Housing**

Area	Ward	Budget			Completed to date				Committed				Remaining funds	
					Non Housing	Housing	Non Housing	Housing	Non Housing	Housing	Non Housing	Housing		
		Total	Housing	Non Housing	Footpath	Footpath	Public Realm	Public Realm	Footpath	Footpath	Public Realm	Public Realm	Housing	Non Housing
<b>West</b>	<b>Aspley</b>	3206	386	531	219	2	2	202	20	7	290	173	2	0
	<b>Bilborough</b>		450	1184	715	71	14	252	0	14	0	30	83	455
	<b>Leen Valley</b>		40	615	576	33	0	5	0	0	0	2	0	39
	<b>Totals</b>		876	2330	1510	106	16	459	20	21	290	205	85	494
				3206		1616	2091	475		41	536	495		579

**APPENDIX B – Works completed to 31 July 2008**

<b><u>Ward</u></b>	<b><u>Footway</u></b>		<b><u>Public Realm/Environmental</u></b>		
	<b><u>Highway</u></b>	<b><u>Housing</u></b>	<b><u>Highway</u></b>	<b><u>Housing</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<b><u>Aspley</u></b>	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
				36/38 Bidford Road	Fencing
				Welstead Avenue/Harwill Crescent	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
				18,33,35,42,64,78 Harwill Crescent	Fencing
				21,23,25 Bankwood Crescent	Fencing
				7-10 Ashwell Gardens	Fencing
				598 Aspley Lane	Fencing
				1 Orchard Close	Fencing
				Woodfield Road	Fencing

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<b>Ward</b>	<b>Footway</b>		<b>Public Realm/Environmental</b>		
	<b>Highway</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Highway</b>	<b>Housing</b>	<b>Description</b>
	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
	Flamsteed Road, Part			Bilborough Estate	Hardstandings
	Westwick Road			46 Fircroft Avenue	Dropped kerb
	Canwick Close	Canwick Close		Morden Close	Fencing
	Crowley Close			Beechdale Road garages	Fencing
	Cotswold Road				
	Tangmere Crescent	Tangmere Crescent			
	Wyrle Drive				
	Balmoral Crescent				
	White Lodge Gardens	White Lodge Gardens			
	Ranmere Road		Wollaton Vale CC		Tarmac to forecourt
	Cuxton Close		Wigman Road Centre Reserve		Tarmac
	Greaves Close				

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<b><u>Ward</u></b>	<b><u>Footway</u></b>		<b><u>Public Realm/Environmental</u></b>		
<b><u>Leen Valley</u></b>	<b><u>Highway</u></b>	<b><u>Housing</u></b>	<b><u>Highway</u></b>	<b><u>Housing</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
	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				
	Rodwell Close				
	Manville Close				
	Radford Bridge Road				
	Revesby Gardens				
	Aspley Park Drive				
	Greendale Gardens				
	Aylestone Drive				
	Plantation Side				
	Darley Road				
	Darley Avenue				

**APPENDIX C - Committed Works**

<b><u>Ward</u></b>	<b><u>Footways</u></b>			<b><u>Public Realm/Environmental</u></b>		
	<b><u>Highway</u></b>	<b><u>Housing</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>	<b><u>Highway</u></b>	<b><u>Housing</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<b>Aspley</b>	Arklow Close	Arklow Close		Arklow Close		Carriageway
				Cambourne Drive		Parking scheme
				Tilbury Rise		Parking scheme
				Tunstall Crescent		Parking Scheme
					5, 7, 9, 11 Harwill Crescent	Fencing
					10-13 Paignton Close	Fencing
					5, 7, 9, 11 Harwill Crescent	Fencing
					Keverne Close flats	Fencing
					65-85 Tunstall Crescent	Fencing
					42-46 Tunstall Crescent	Extend gardens, £15,000
					3-5 Ambleside Road	Fencing, £1,312
					197-207 Minver Crescent	Fencing, £4,674
					79 Tunstall Crescent	Fencing, £1,130
					83-89 Seaton Crescent	Fencing, £2,460
					143-149 Minver Crescent	Fencing, £3,116
					49-51 Tunstall Crescent	Fencing, £2,952
					94-102 Welstead Avenue	Fencing, £3,116
					Welstead Avenue green	Fencing, £18,040
					125 Frinton Road	Fencing, £656
					37 Sherbourne Road	Gate, £650
					10-13 Paignton Close	Gate/Fencing, £5,950
					Aspley Ward	Skips, £20,000
					Tilbury Rise green	Parking, £39,499



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<b><u>Ward</u></b>	<b><u>Footways</u></b>			<b><u>Public Realm/Environmental</u></b>		
<b><u>Bilborough</u></b>	<b><u>Highway</u></b>	<b><u>Housing</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>	<b><u>Highway</u></b>	<b><u>Housing</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
					Moor Road flats	Fencing
		St. Michaels Avenue			163-169 Strelley Road	Fencing
					St Michaels, St Martins, St Levens	Fencing
					St Michaels Avenue	Barriers
					Fairley Road	Fencing
					St Michaels, St Martins, St Agnes	Gating to stairwells

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<b>Ward</b>	<b><u>Footways</u></b>			<b><u>Public Realm/Environmental</u></b>		
	<b><u>Highway</u></b>	<b><u>Housing</u></b>	<b><u>Status</u></b>	<b><u>Highway</u></b>	<b><u>Housing</u></b>	<b><u>Description</u></b>
<b>Leen Valley</b>					1 Aberford	Bollards, £1,000
					Orchard Court	Fencing, £656

### **Quality of Work**

The City Council's Highways service 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 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 being covered for the same money.

### **Process with Utility Companies**

With regard to concerns raised regarding Utility companies digging up recently resurfaced footways the process followed is:-

- 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 first 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 co-ordinate our works with those of the Utility companies.