

WEST AREA COMMITTEE – 11 MARCH 2009

Title of paper:	Neighbourhood Action Team Update and Funding Requests	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Acting Director of Local Communities	Wards affected: Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley
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Relevant Council Plan theme(s):		
Choose Nottingham		√
Respect for Nottingham		√
Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods		√
Supporting Nottingham People		√
Serving Nottingham Better		√
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
As part of the new Neighbourhood Management way of working, Neighbourhood Action Officers and the Health Action Officer will submit a report at every Area Committee with an update of work currently being carried out and any issues and concerns raised by members of the community.		
Recommendations:		
1	That the Neighbourhood Action Team updates, as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be noted.	
2	That the funding requests be approved and met from the budgets as detailed in Appendix 2 to the report.	

1 BACKGROUND

See Appendix 1

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

The requests for funding contained within Appendix 2 arose from consultation with members, local communities and officers.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

None

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

4.1 Aspley:

Funding of £3,588.00 for the Tartanaires and Bells Lane Community Centre furniture can be met by:

£1,196.00 from the uncommitted balance of Councillor Chapman's budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor Chapman's budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2,290.00.

£1,196.00 from the uncommitted balance of Councillor Unczur's budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor Unczur's budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2,500.00.

£1,196.00 from the uncommitted balance of Councillor James' budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor James' budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2,500.00.

4.2 Leen Valley:

Funding of £13,250 for Robert Shaw playing fields can be met by:

£2,146.50 from the uncommitted balance of Councillor Foster's budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor Foster's budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2,146.50.

£1,746.50 from the uncommitted balance of Councillor Long's budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor Long's budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £1,746.50.

£6,500 from the uncommitted balance of the Leen Valley public realm budget. The uncommitted balance, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £6,500.00.

£2,857.00 from the uncommitted balance of the Crime and Anti-social Behaviour budget. The uncommitted balance, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £14,000.00.

4.3 All wards

Funding of £3000.00 for the over 50s health festival in June 2009 can be met from the uncommitted balance of the Health budget. The uncommitted balance, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £5000.00.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)

The projects are reliant on the money from this Committee, without which they can not

take place.

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

None

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM UPDATE**Aspley**

- 1 Greens Car Parking Scheme - Camborne Drive is almost complete, but landscaping to the green areas is yet to be carried out. Tunstall Crescent still needs a tarmac top coat to be laid and landscaping to be carried out. Tilbury Rise works started in early February 2009.
- 2 The Neighbourhood Action Officer (NAO) is working with Housing Patch Managers and Streetscene to put together a 'clean up' agenda, which will coincide with the 'Big Spring Clean' Campaign (March 20 - April 27 2009). These works are to be funded through the Aspley skips programme.
- 3 The Health Action Officer (HAO) has been working in collaboration with the Community Librarian at Aspley Library to put on a 'Healthy Heart' promotion during February, which is National Heart month. A full programme of activity will take place during the 9 to 20 February 2009 in Aspley Library, which include a permanent information display, blood pressure and cardio vascular disease checks, a 'Best Foot Forward' representative and a Change Makers for Heart Health group made up of local residents who 'spread the word' about heart health and cardio-vascular disease. Also included in this programme is the existing activity of a Chair Exercise class run by YMCA. This is a pilot promotion with a view to running similar initiatives in all West Area libraries around different health awareness themes.

Bilborough

- 1 The current priorities from the Local Action Groups (LAGs) during February 2009 are:
 - anti-social behaviour and youth congregation at Flamsteed Road shops;
 - street lighting and footpath repairs at Balloonwoods;
 - obstructive parking outside the Denewood Centre and the impact on local residents;
 - continual parking problems at the shops on Beechdale Road.

The Bilborough Neighbourhood Action Team is continuing to work on these priorities.

- 2 Draft action plans and further consultation processes are starting regarding the development of Birchover Park, which is the site of new community centre, Lancaster Way and the possibility of developing Firbeck Park with more play facilities.
- 3 Neighbourhood Management, One Nottingham and the Police have now set a date for the business engagement event around the Glaisdale Drive Industrial Estate. The event will take place on 22 April 2009 at the Disability Living Centre on Glaisdale Drive. The focus of the event will look at how local service providers can help and give advice to businesses but also to build better relationships so that local people can benefit in the future. We want businesses to come forward with ideas and suggestions about improving our neighbourhoods.
- 4 There will be careers fair for the parents of children at Portland School on 26 February 2009 which will give local people the opportunity to access services and receive careers advice to help them back into work. Neighbourhood Management will be in attendance and have invited Job Centre Plus to come and talk to local people about

the changes in Income Support for lone parents.

- 5 There is some interest in the installation of a youth shelter on Lancaster Way Park, but further consultation is required on this.
- 6 A Health Open Day was run on 26 January 2009 at the Sheila Russell Community Centre (SRCC). The event itself was organised by the Community Centre, however, the HAO was instrumental in helping volunteers with the planning of the event and gaining the participation of several health practitioners/voluntary groups working in West Area, including the heart nurse, Primary Care Trust (PCT), LINK and Change Makers. The open day was run as a consultation event by the community centre to find out what sort of health activities residents would wish to attend on a regular basis. The HAO has been instrumental in bringing together the PCT, Community Cohesion Team and the heart nurse to discuss the feasibility of running mainstream health service provision on an outreach basis at the SRCC. For example; blood pressure/cardio vascular disease checks, chiropody, diabetes checks, hearing and sight tests. The HAO will be providing further assistance to the SRCC with this initiative. If successful, it is hoped to roll out a programme of outreach mainstream health service provision at various locations throughout West Area.

Leen Valley

- 1 The NAO continues to work on the redevelopment of the Robert Shaw playing field, working with the local community groups, the school and Parks Development to plan the best possible use of the field.
- 2 In response to issues raised at the Ainsley Beat LAG with regards to parking around Kennington Road during school start and finish times the NAO is working with Southwold School and the Schools Travel Team to develop a walking bus for pupils and parents to use as an alternative to using the car. A trial will begin during May 2009 for children living on Southwold Drive and surrounding areas.
- 3 The LAGs continue to set priorities, which at present include:
 - litter on Aspley Lane, as such a litter pick will be organised during the Big Spring Clean Initiative;
 - in the Ainsley Beat dog fouling, traffic issues and disused garages were all agreed as priorities, and as a result initiatives are currently being investigated.

A public meeting for the Hyson Green Beat is presently being planned for the end of April 2009 and hopefully a LAG will be formed for that area.

- 4 The HAO attended a partners' event at Radford Children's Centre on 14 January 2009. This was an excellent networking morning, along with workshops, looking at how an approach to service delivery through co-ordinated partnership working can be established.

Area wide

- 1 Consultation is currently being carried out by the HAO around access to health services and current provision of services in the West Area. This was carried out at the Sheila Russell open day on 26th January 2009 and will be carried out during the 'Healthy Heart' fortnight at Aspley Library. The information gathered will provide both an evidenced need for services and reasons why residents do not access existing

services. This is ongoing and will be carried out at every opportunity. The findings will be used for the purpose of aligning health services to local need and making access to those services easier.

- 2 A submission from the HAO has been requested by the Overview and Scrutiny Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee as part of its current dentistry review. The submission highlighted the lack of dentistry provision in West Area and evidence submitted included the local consultation carried out in 2008 concerning the proposed NHS GP-led practice/health centre in Bilborough.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Projects	Ward	Background	Funding requested	Allocating Budget
Tartanaires	Aspley	The Tartanaires have the opportunity to buy a 49 seater coach, which was previously owned by a band that has since disbanded. This will enable the band to travel together to events and competitions allowing more parents and supporters to be involved. The Tartanaires have been invited to Liverpool to take part in the music festival during August Bank Holiday and to take part in the St Patricks Day parade. The Tartanaires themselves feel that what they do for young people is so worthwhile and they want to showcase their skills and the coach will allow them to this not just in Nottingham but at events across the UK. The Tartanaires will work with NAO to come up publicity material which will also promote the aims and objectives of the City.	£1,200	An equal charge to Aspley councillors individual budgets
Bells Lane Community Centre furniture	Aspley	Bells Lane Community Centre would like funding to replace the dilapidated seating in the foyer. The centre has received a quote to replace the current furniture, which is falling apart, with modern pieces including wooden arms.	£2,388	An equal charge to Aspley councillors individual budgets
Roberts Shaw Playing Field maintenance and clearance	Leen Valley	A request for funding is made for the clearance of the Robert Shaw playing field and improvements to the entrance to reduce criminal activity. The field at present is overgrown and has not been used for a number of years. Residents and the local school are keen for the field to be re-opened and used by the community outside school hours. The funding requested will be used to clear the entrance way of fly tipping and weed growth and rake and plough a playing surface for ball games to be played on.	£13,250	£2,146.50 from Councillor Foster's budget £1,746.50 from Councillor Long's budget £6,500 from Leen Valley public realm budget £2,857 from West Area Crime and Anti-social

		However, this is on the proviso that Robert Shaw Primary School can meet the costs for the annual maintenance of the site.		Behaviour budget
Over 50's Health Festival June 2009	All Wards	This request is made for the purpose of holding an over 50's festival at Harvey Hadden Sports Centre in June 2009. The aim of this event is to give residents over the age of 50 the opportunity to try out leisure and health activities and also to find out about organisations which maybe able to offer practical advice and help around health, wellbeing and safety.	£3,000	£3,000 from the West Area Health budget