

**WEST AREA COMMITTEE – 13 MAY 2009**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Action Team Update and Funding Requests</b>	
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<b>Relevant Council Plan theme(s):</b>		
Choose Nottingham		√
Respect for Nottingham		√
Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods		√
Supporting Nottingham People		√
Serving Nottingham Better		√
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):</b>		
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.		
<b>Recommendations:</b>		
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 £250 towards the Seagrave School Mining Trip can be met by:

£250 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 £973.83

#### **4.2 Bilborough:**

Funding of £450 for the Arnold Football Trip and Seagrave School Mining Trip can be met by:

£225 from the uncommitted balance of Councillor Cresswell's budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor Cresswell's budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2613.17

£225 from the uncommitted balance of Councillor Watson's budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor Watson's budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2613.17

#### **4.3 Funding for the Bilborough Library 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations can be met by :**

£2600 from the uncommitted balance of Councillor Wood's budget. The uncommitted balance of Councillor Wood's budget, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2613.17

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### **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 Ward walks are established and going well in the Aspley Ward.
- 2 The Neighbourhood Action Teams (NATs) continue to work towards resolving priorities raised at Local Action Groups (LAGs)
- 3 Two successful projects carried out as part of the Big Spring Clean Initiative March 2009.
  1. 'Big Spring Clean - Household Clearance', across Bells Lane, Broxtowe and Aspley beats, which saw almost 300 tonne of rubbish cleared by Streetscene along with 275 fridges, 586 TV's and 683 Tyres.
  2. Dog Poo pilot (24<sup>th</sup> March – May 2009) – This pilot is a result of dog poo consistently being a priority at the LAGs and TRA meetings, which triggered a response at NAT level. The aim of the pilot is to bring about a change in attitude, education followed by enforcement and the rewarding of the desired good dog owner behaviour and of course a reduction in the amount of dog poo in our neighbourhoods. This pilot has been part sponsored by The Aspley and Bells Lane Partnership who have also worked closely with the NAO.

The pilot consist of the following elements:

- Dog Poo Stencils sprayed on the popular routes to school footpaths.
  - Dog Poo News delivered residents on the popular routes to local schools.
  - The CPO's are carrying out undercover operations.
  - The Dog Warden, CPO's and NAO have given assembly talks to the five local schools in the area.
  - Seagrave School won the praise postcard picture competition, which thanks responsible owners that do pick up after their dogs. The praise postcard competition will be drawn beginning of May.
  - The project as whole will be evaluated at the end of May 2009.
  - The project has received national and local press coverage.
- 2 The Greens Car Parking Schemes: Camborne Close; Tenbury Crescent and Tilbury Rise – shrubbery and seeding to planted over the six week – scheme will then be complete.
  - 3 Aspley ward has nineteen closes which potentially could benefit from car parking schemes. Looking at car parking options at Allendale Avenue which potentially could be the first pilot project. The Neighbourhood Action Officer is working with Nottingham City Homes Patch Managers, the police and Highways on this project.

### **Bilborough**

A Neighbourhood Action Officer (NAO) for Bilborough will be recruited by mid May 2009. In the interim period other members of the Area Management Team have ensured continuity in providing support for local communities. Members can contact the Area Manager or other Neighbourhood Action Officers with any enquiries.

### **Leen Valley**

- 1 The Local Action Groups (LAGs) continue to set priorities for both the Police and Nottingham City Council to work on, these presently include:
  - in the Beechdale Beat street cleansing and parking issues on Robinswood Road and Beechdale Road and the Spinney off Eskdale Drive were identified as priorities. The NAO is currently arranging a street meeting with traders, residents and Highways to try and resolve some of the issues raised;
  - in the Ainsley Beat dog fouling, burglaries in the Marchwood Close and litter were all identified as priorities. In terms of dog fouling, the Community Protection Officers have agreed to carry out an operation within the area to try and catch offenders;
  - in Hyson Green a public meeting has been arranged for the beginning of May 2009 to find out what issues are of concern to residents.
- 2 The NAO continues to work on the redevelopment of the Robert Shaw playing field. With funding secured from the West Area Committee, work can begin on restoration of the playing fields and the entrance way, including the installation of new gates and regular maintenance of the field.
- 3 As part of the Big Spring Clean Initiative two litter picks will take place in the Leen Valley Ward. The first one will be with pupils from Robert Shaw School and local residents on 21 April 2009. The perimeter of the school fencing will be cleaned and tidied and also the areas immediately near the school. The second litter pick will take place on the 25 April 2009 along Aspley Lane near the shops.
- 4 The NAO continues to work with the Friends of King George V Park. The group, in partnership with Neighbourhood Management and Parks Services, are planning some consultation events around improving the children's play area. The work will include working with the specialist schools within the area to ensure that the playground is fully inclusive of all disabilities. The consultation event will include a fun day on the park to celebrate the opening of a new MUGA (multi-use games area) for young people, this event will take place in June 2009.

### **Area wide**

As part of Nottingham in Bloom, a NAO has been working across the three wards to encourage community groups to get involved in the Britain in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards. A wide range of community groups and groups of neighbours have got involved with the awards and are busy planning a number of community events and hanging baskets workshops. The groups hope to create a sense of pride in their areas and improve community spirits and cohesion.

**FUNDING REQUESTS**

<b>Projects</b>	<b>Ward</b>	<b>Background</b>	<b>Funding requested</b>	<b>Allocating Budget</b>
Arnold Women's Football Trip	Bilborough	A number of young women from the Bilborough Ward are part of the Arnold Women's football team. The team has been very successful and are currently in the process of organising a tour abroad to Europe to participate in a major international tournament. The funding required is a contribution towards costs to support the Bilborough young women to travel as members of the team.	£200	An equal amount from Councillor Cresswell and Councillor Watson's budget.
Seagrave Education Mining Trip	Aspley and Bilborough	Mining forms an important part of the history of both Aspley and Bilborough. The school is organising an educational visit to a mining museum. The funding will help towards the costs for travel and refreshments. Many of the children who will benefit are from very poor families and would not be able to afford such opportunities without the assistance from the Area Committee.	£500	£250 from Councillor Chapman's budget and the remaining £250 contribution will be split equally between Councillor Watson and Councillor Cresswell's budgets.
Bilborough Library 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations	Bilborough	The Bilborough Library has been an important part of the area for almost 50 years. During this time it has been a very popular resource enabling many local people to have access to library services. Resources are required to celebrate its 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary and to mark the occasion with increased resources as well as local art work.	£5000	£2600 from Councillor Wood's budget, £1200 from Councillor Cresswell's budget and £1200 from Councillor Watson's budget

