

WEST AREA COMMITTEE- 16 SEPTEMBER 2009

Title of paper:	AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES	
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Relevant Council Plan theme(s):		
Choose Nottingham		x
Respect for Nottingham		x
Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods		x
Supporting Nottingham People		x
Serving Nottingham Better		x
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
<p>This report provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> § members with information on the area based governance structures and corporate guidance on the prioritisation of the Area Capital Programme; § details of Area Capital Funds available for each ward in the area; § details of environmental works approved and in the process of being completed for each ward; § information about works needing the approval of the Area Committee; § information about the spend priorities for section106 open space sums and the amounts available per area. 		
Recommendation(s):		
1	Agree the process for environmental improvements whereby Area Committees decide the programme of works for their area taking into consideration the recommendations made by area panels.	
2	Ensure Area Committees, in the main, spend Area Capital Programme Funds to reduce traffic congestion and transform the physical layout of neighbourhoods in line with the 'Amenity' land policy currently under development.	
3	To account for the open space budget as part of the overall area capital programme spend. Accept the condition that the open space budget can only be spent on the provision or improvement of new open space facilities within the Area Committee areas.	
4	To note that the Director of Housing and Regeneration and the Acting Director of Local Communities will jointly advise the appropriate portfolio holders on the priorities for the	

	Local Transport Plan budget devolved to areas.
5	Approve the environmental works identified in appendix 3.

1 BACKGROUND

1.1 Environmental improvements

The environmental improvement programme has been set up for a number of years to improve the environment of estates and to create a sense of place for residents and therefore impacting positively on people's quality of life.

The types of improvements that have been and could be carried out include footpaths, fences or visual enhancement to the environment.

Funds are provided by Nottingham City Council from the General Fund and delegated down to Area Committees to agree a programme and authorise works. Nottingham City Homes (NCH) expenditure on council estates is derived from the Housing Revenue Account and they currently use area panels - made up of council tenants - to agree improvements on council estates.

In order to achieve a comprehensive approach to environmental improvements in the neighbourhood, it is proposed that a greater degree of flexibility is established in the prioritising and delivery of improvements so that there is synergy in local solutions for local issues across the tenures. This can be achieved whereby area panels recommend their priorities to Area Committees for consideration and approval and to ensure that there is co-ordination in the effective use of this important fund.

Appendix 1 explains how decisions can be made in spending area capital programme resources.

Appendix 2 shows priorities that have been identified for Neighbourhoods in the West Area. These priorities are based on consultation with Members, Tenants and Residents Associations, community groups and officers working in the area.

The environmental improvement programme makes a considerable contribution to the Councils commitment to 'Participatory Budgeting' and the following local area agreement targets:

NI4 % of people who feel they can influence decisions in their locality

NI5 Overall/general satisfaction with local area

Appendix 3 outlines the detail of the area capital programme budget for the West Area. It is intended that Members will receive information in this format as it will enable them to see:

- § The amount of uncommitted balance available
- § Schemes to which resources have been committed
- § Schemes or projects requiring commitment from this committee
- § Status of committed schemes

1.2 Finalising improvement schemes

Identifying individual environmental schemes will be carried out over the next few months and will involve considerable consultation with residents through Area Committees and area panels, as well as other stakeholders to ensure that the most appropriate scheme is implemented for each area. This process will enable a City wide programme to be developed within budget parameters that meets the demands of residents.

It should be noted that for council tenants some schemes could include shared facility enhancements such as door entry systems, communal drying areas, communal CCTV. The amounts available within each area across all funding streams, Area Capital, NCH Environmental and LTP can be seen at Appendix 3 and Appendix 4.

Checks and balances should be in place to ensure the works supported are complimentary to the Strategic Regeneration Framework for the area, where it exists.

Appendix 2 includes the types of public realm priorities for each area based on previous consultation carried out by NCH, Neighbourhood Management and other Partners.

1.3 Additional option – traffic calming and car crime reduction

Traffic congestion, the theft of and from vehicles is a concern across some of the neighbourhoods. Due to the rise in car ownership, the lay out of some cul-de-sac's and green areas are no longer appropriate in meeting the needs of modern communities. Several Area Committees have already begun to allocate funding to create innovative parking schemes and hard standings to reduce traffic congestion and vehicle crime. It is proposed that Area Committees should be guided to support such scheme from Area Capital Programme.

A policy is being devised at the request of the Chief Executive Jane Todd on how the Council should deal with requests for alleviation and the need to maintain and retain amenity land across the City.

1.4 Section 106 fund and priorities for open space

Construction companies undertaking new developments are generally required to provide a financial contribution in lieu of providing new open space on site or enhancing existing green spaces. Any contributions received have to be maintained in the Area Committee boundary within which they are generated by developments. This is to ensure that they are used locally to the development giving rise to the payment. However, contributions from more than one development in the same Area Committee boundary can be pooled to fund larger projects.

The Section 106 contributions are managed by Parks and Open Spaces in consultation with the Area Committees to provide improvements to public open space. The amount of money available in each area 'pot' varies according to the amount of new construction within that area, and is inevitably greater in areas where more development has taken place. The primary focus for the Section 106 open space budget is on providing new or improved sports and recreation facilities, but contributions can be used for other open space improvements within the locality of the development (defined for practical purposes as the same Area Committee boundary as the development site). Future reports on Area Capital Programme to committees will include expenditure information about the Section 106 funds. Area Committees can ensure that approvals of Section 106 expenditure are agreed at their meetings.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 Consultation has taken place with residents, local members and Neighbourhood Management through a series of public events, members surgeries, ward walks and recommendations from other officers and organisations. There is agreement that the area capital programme has had a major impact in improving the public realm and in enabling local communities to determine priorities. The desire amongst the communities consulted has been to see further opportunities made available for decisions to be made at a local level; Appendix 1 provides details of the route to identifying priorities and agreeing expenditure.
- 2.2 Achieve value for money by the effective use of funds and enable immediate responses to local priorities.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

To continue with the current arrangement despite this causing dissatisfaction in the community and not achieving value for money.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

The co-ordination of priorities, budgets and works will provide value for money and lead to performance improvements in the City Council and Nottingham City Homes services.

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

Procedures are already in place for Area Committees and any decision making will take account of Crime and Disorder Act and Equality and Diversity implications.

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

None

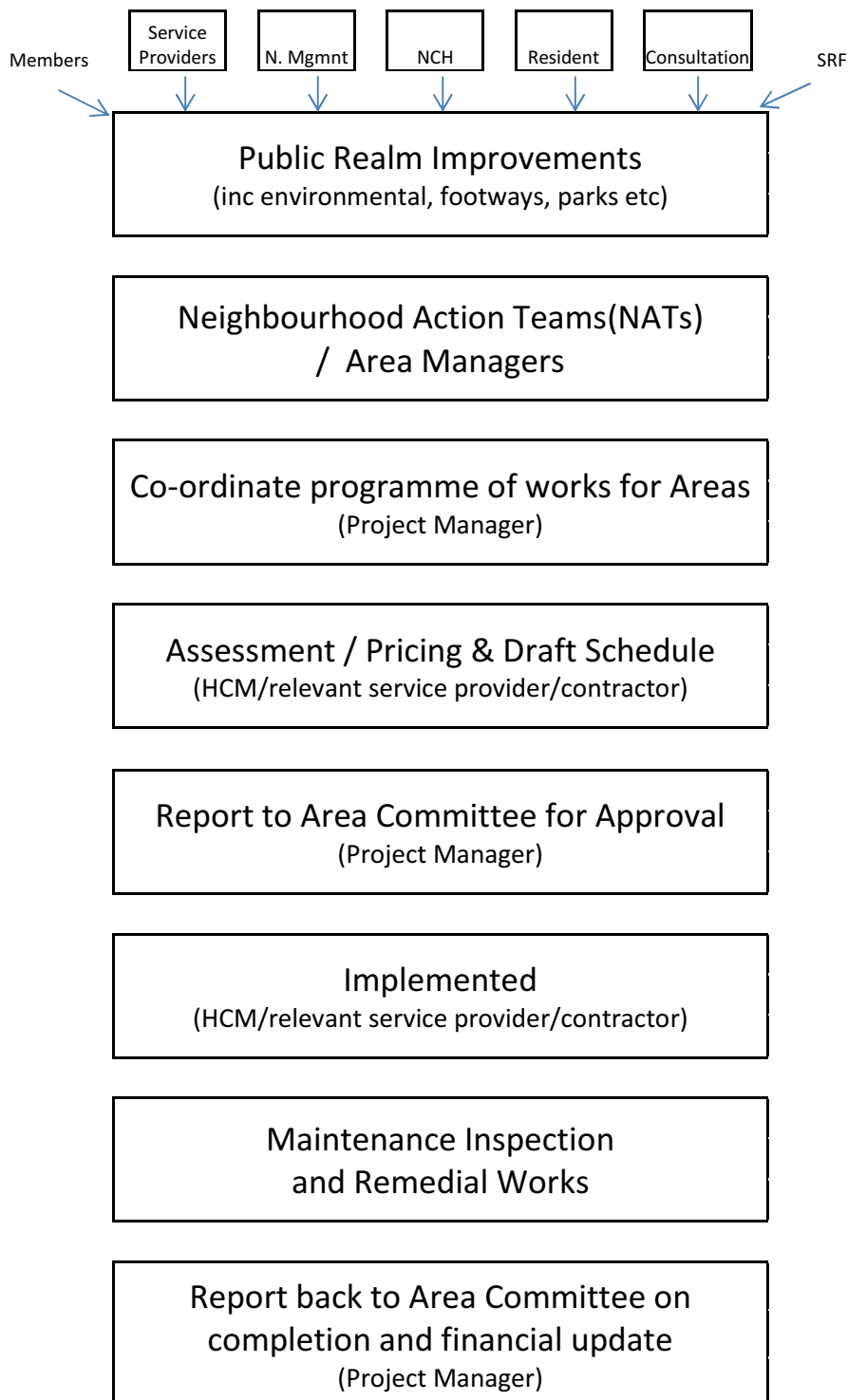
7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

None

Capital Programme Decision Making

Flow Diagram

Flow Diagram



Appendix 2

Wards	Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley
Environmental Priorities	Fencing, Improved Lighting, Parking Schemes, Hard Standings, Gates, Alleyways, Parks, Footpaths and Highways

West Area - Aspley, Bilborough & Leen Valley - 2009/2011

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Ward	Proj.No	Project Description	Type	Consultation Route	Date of Approval	Pending	Committed	Completed	Date
Bilborough	1	Brindley Road	Footpath	Local Residents			£50,000.00		
	2	Freemount Drive	Footpath	Local Residents			£44,000.00		
	3	Contribution Birchover Park	Parks	Parks			£35,000.00		
	4	Lancaster Way Park Fencing	Fencing	Resident Consultation		£24,180.00			
	5	Meldreth Road						£23,400.00	
	6	Flamstead Road - improvements to island etc	landscaping	Flamstead Bloom Steering Group		£9,600.00			
Sub Total						£33,780.00	£129,000.00	£23,400.00	
Total								£152,400.00	
Allocaiton								£875,000.00	
Balance								£722,600.00	

NCH Env Project Status					LTP Project Status				
Proj.No	Pending	Committed	Completed	Date	Pending	Committed	Completed	Date	
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									
Sub Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Total			£0.00				£0.00		
Allocaiton			£110,000.00				£100,000.00		
Balance			£110,000.00				£100,000.00		

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	6	Flamstead Road - improvements to island etc	landscaping	Flamstead Bloom Steering Group		£9,600.00			
Sub Total						£32,600.00	£129,000.00	£23,400.00	
Total								£185,000.00	
Allocation								£875,000.00	
Balance								£690,000.00	

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Sub Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00		
Total			£0.00				£0.00		
Allocation			£110,000.00				£100,000.00		
Balance			£110,000.00				£100,000.00		

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Sub Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total			£0.00			£0.00
Allocation			£96,000.00			£100,000.00
Balance			£96,000.00			£100,000.00

Appendix 4

AREA 3 ASPLEY
SCHEME DETAILS

2009 - 2010

Comments

ADDRESS	No.	SCHEME PRIORITY	DETAILS OF PROPOSAL	ISSUES	BUDGET COST	APPROVED Y/N
Allendale Avenue	279	Improve Security	Supply and fit metal/timber gate provide keys to 279, 277, 275	prevent fly tipping and ASB	£1,000.00	Yes
Allendale Avenue	No 4-10	Improve Security	install metal gate	ASB in alleyway	£1,000.00	Yes
Amesbury Circus	131,133 & 135	Improve Security	Supply & fit Palisade fencing and gates	Security improvements	£3,540.00	Yes
Amesbury Circus	117	Improve Security	Security gate	ASB	£1,000.00	Yes
Beckley Road	85	Improve Security	Security gate	ASB	£1,000.00	Yes
Broxtowe lane	265	Improve Security	Fit gate to alleyway	Prevent ASB access only for residents	£1,000.00	Yes
Deepdene Way	23-27	Improve Spaces	Fit security gate to the front of the path	Fly tipping	£1,000.00	Yes
Deepdene Way	20-22	Improve Spaces	Fit security gate to the front of the path	Fly tipping	£1,001.00	Yes
Fenwick Road	30-38	Improve Security	Fit slam lock gate to alleyway	ASB	£1,000.00	Yes
Fenwick Road	77-79	Improve Security	Security gate	ASB	£1,001.00	Yes
Frinton Road	Alleyway 101-103	Improve Security	Fit gate to alleyway	Drug dealing carried out in alleyway	£800.00	Yes

Fulwood Crescent	28-34	Improve Security	Erect 1.8m high security fencing at rear of property	prevent it being used as a cut through	£4,500.00	Yes
Harwill Crescent	15-17 and 23-25	Improve Security	erect security fencing at the rear of properties and install a lockable gate	Used as a cut through	£2,000.00	Yes
Harwill Crescent	All Alleyways	Improve Spaces	Fit security gates	Fly tipping	£17,000.00	Yes
Roker Close	12	Improve Security	Erect 1.8m high security fencing at rear of property	prevent it being used as a cut through	£1,200.00	Yes
Seaton Crescent	48-54	Improve Security	Erect 1.8m high security fencing at rear of property	prevent it being used as a cut through	£3,500.00	Yes
Sherbourne Road	51-55	Improve Security	Erect 1.8m high security fencing at rear of property	prevent it being used as a cut through	£1,500.00	Yes
Welstead Avenue	108 & 110	Improve Security	Supply & fit 2.No palisade gates to end of alleyway	Security improvements	£1,140.00	Yes
Welstead Avenue	76-78	Improve Security	Erect security fencing across back path to block people climbing through and minimise ASB	ASB in back alley	£3,500.00	Yes
Welstead Avenue	1	Improve Security	Fit security gate to the front of the path	drug taking and ASB	£1,000.00	Yes
Wendover Drive	24	Improve Security	Erect security fencing to rear of property	Used as a cut through	£1,200.00	Yes
Whitwell Close	6-6A	Improve Spaces	Fit fence and gate to distinguish between two properties	Include flat numbers on gates also	£2,400.00	Yes
Withern Road	81-87	Improve Security	6ft boundary fence to alleyway and gate between 81-87	ASB	£7,500.00	Yes
Woodfield Road	101	Improve Security	Erect security fencing	ASB	£800.00	Yes

£60,582.00

**AREA 3 BILBOROUGH
SCHEME DETAILS**

2009 - 2010

ADDRESS	No.	SCHEME PRIORITY	DETAILS OF PROPOSAL	ISSUES	BUDGET COST	APPROVED Y/N
Cuxton/Helston/Greaves		Improve Spaces	Supply and fit metal bollards to pathways to all walkways	Motorbike riding in pedestrian areas	£2,500.00	Yes
Garages off Flamsteed Road	Between 45-47	Improve Security	Supply and fit 8ft security gate	Prevent ASB access only for residents	£1,200.00	Yes
Graylands Road	All	Improve Spaces	Turn grass areas into parking to front of properties	Limited parking	£12,000.00	Yes
Helston Drive	57-63	Improve Security	Supply and fit door entry systems with intercom	Security improvements	£7,000.00	Yes
Helston Drive	71-77	Improve Security	Fob access entry system	improve security	£7,000.00	Yes
Highwood Avenue	11,13,15	Improve Security	Fit gate to alleyway	ASB	£1,000.00	Yes
Marldon Close Flats		Improve Security	Supply and fit fencing and gates to both stair wells in complex with key access (e.g. Canwick Close)	ASB in stairwells	£7,000.00	Yes
Monkton Drive	All	Improve Spaces	Turn grass areas into parking to front of properties	Limited parking	£8,000.00	Yes

