

WEST AREA COMMITTEE – 11 NOVEMBER 2009

Title of paper:	Neighbourhood Action Team Update and Funding Requests	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		√
Safer Nottingham		√
Neighbourhood Nottingham		√
Family Nottingham		√
Healthy Nottingham		√
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 (NAO) 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.		
Recommendation(s):		
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

1.1 See Appendix 1

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

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

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 None

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

4.1 Funding of £1000 to purchase 30,000 mixed daffodil bulbs to plant the green spaces across the Aspley ward can be met from the Public Realm budget. The uncommitted balance of the Public Realm budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £15,000.

4.2 Funding of £300 to support Aspley's Got Talent can be met from Councillor's Chapman, Unczur and James' budgets.

The uncommitted balance of Councillor Chapman's budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,850.

The uncommitted balance of Councillor Unczur's budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,850.

4.3 The uncommitted balance of Councillor James' budget, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,810.

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

5.1 None

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

6.1 None

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

7.1 None

NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM UPDATE

Aspley

- 1 Ward walks are established and going well in the Aspley ward. Working with Aspley and Bells Lane Partnership to establish the Junior Walkabouts for the Aspley Beat.
- 2 The Neighbourhood Action Teams (NATs) continue to work towards resolving priorities raised at Local Action Groups (LAGs)
- 3 Once funding approved will work with local residents, local schools and Catch 22's open space challenge programme to plant mixed daffodil bulbs on the 27 green spaces in the Aspley Ward.
- 4 Working with Broxtowe Partnership Trust seeking local resident's views regarding proposed traffic calming measures on Broxtowe Lane. Views to be shared at next update.
- 5 Dog Poo Evaluation Newsletter sent to the households on popular routes to schools. Responses to be shared at next update. In the meantime looking into permanent stencil options.
- 6 Due to success of the kickboards fitted on Bradfield Road, working with Broxtowe Education Skills and Training to fit kickboards to properties on streets which lead to local shops.
- 7 Working with Highways to come up with alternative parking options for Allendale Avenue snickett/twitchell, Welstead Avenue greens and the green on Aspley Lane (opposite the Barley pub).

Bilborough

- 1 Fi Cusick has began to work on priorities for Bilborough in her new role as Neighbourhood Action Officer.
- 2 A week of action between 26th October – 31st October has been delivered with the focus on young people, community safety and public realm.
- 3 Working with the Nottingham University Samworth Academy to develop a cricket programme in partnership with Unity Cricket Club and possibly West Indian Cavaliers.
- 4 The West Area Christmas Festival will be taking place on the Harvey Hadden Stadium site on Saturday 12th December. Many agencies have expressed an interest in being part of this festival to promote their services.

Leen Valley

- 1 The redevelopment of Robert Shaw field began during the summer, but has been severely delayed due to the weather. However, the field should be open for the half term holidays. It is possible for two football pitches to be marked out on the field and if the field is seen as successful, a cricket pitch could also be marked out next summer. Discussions are being held with Community Sports about the possibility of organising some events on the field during the school holidays. A formal opening will also take

place which will be organised by the local Tenants and Residents Association

- 2 Consultation with children and young people has just been completed on the on the new play area on King George V Park. Park Services have submitted a tender document to numerous play companies and short listing will take place mid November 2009. Work on the play area should begin at the start of 2010. A community bulb planting session has also been organised for the half term holidays.
- 3 The Local Action Groups (LAGs) continue to meet across the ward and set priorities for action these include:
 - Ainsley Beat - working with the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator to set up a neighbourhood watch for the Cricketers Estate, a meeting will take place with interested residents to formally set this up which will then be supported by the local Safer Neighbourhoods Team. The NAO and members of the Safer Neighbourhoods Team also attended three events at the Windmill Allotments where community safety information and advice was distributed to allotment holders.
 - Beechdale Beat - a newsletter was recently delivered to all residents in the Beechdale beat, which resulted in an increase in residents attending a recent LAG meeting. A questionnaire on community safety was also included in the newsletter, and a considerable number of questionnaires have been returned, once the results have been analysed a report will be produced. Work is also being organised with the Community Payback team to tidy the Spinney area near Cherry Wood Drive. A meeting also took place with residents from Rodwell Close to look at their concerns with regards to the housing stock. A meeting has also been organised with shopkeepers from Beechdale Road and Traffic Management to discuss their concerns with regards to parking and traffic movement on Beechdale Road.
 - Hyson Green Beat - a number of issues raised at the meeting all relate to land that has not yet been adopted by Nottingham City Council, therefore the NAO is trying to work with the housing company to resolve these issues. Work is also being developed with the Environment Agency to do a clean up day in the River Leen. New Whitemoor Residents Association were successful in obtaining funding from the Home Office to distribute community safety equipment to homes on the estate. Both the NAO and Police Beat Manager will assist the group to do this.
- 4 Following on from their success in East Midlands in Bloom, a number of residents from Albert Avenue are organising a meeting with neighbouring streets to look at forming an action group which will work on this activity and other issues in the area.
- 5 Two street meetings have also taken place in the Leen Valley ward, working in partnership with the Police, certain streets are leafleted, and local people have the opportunity to come along voice their concerns and ideas they have about their neighbourhood. This work is ongoing.

Health Action Officer (HAO) Update

- 1 The 'Street Doctor' initiative will be happening again as part of the Bilborough Week of Action on 28 October 2009. It is hoped that Dr Khaliq from Bilborough Medical Centre will be able to join us to carry out community health checks on the Info Bus which will be parked at the Pelican Pub, Bracebridge Drive from 10am to 3pm. A myriad of other partner agencies will also be in attendance including the Illegal Money Lending Team, YMCA, Fire and Rescue to name but a few. This initiative is running in

collaboration with NHS Nottingham City Practice Based Commissioning Team with whom a joint application for funding has been made to cover the backfill costs of medical staff posts coming out into community settings.

- 2 A Jobs and Training Road Show was held on 15 October 2009 at the West Area offices. A lot of agencies brought information on apprenticeships, training and volunteering. Unfortunately, despite being well publicised and with the offer of bus fare refund, the event was not well attended. We will perhaps look at having a dedicated jobs and training marquee at one of the popular local events, such as Parklife. Of the few residents who did come along, several were helped with further education and training opportunities.
- 3 October 2009 saw Mental Health Week and the HAO supported coffee mornings at both Aspley and Bilborough Libraries, providing information and agency input into both events.
- 4 November 2009 sees the White Ribbon Campaign for Domestic Violence. As part of the campaign, the HAO has been actively involved in an initiative with the Nottinghamshire Domestic Violence Forum (NDVF). During November 2009 all City pharmacies will be using specially printed prescription bags with information on them about domestic violence awareness and support. The HAO will distribute the bags and other information to local pharmacies and brief them about how they can offer support to those people being abused. A full evaluation will be carried out by the NDVF.
- 5 The HAO continues to support:
 - On the Ball scheme for men aged 18+ who lack self-confidence and need support with stress;
 - SupportNet scheme for elderly and disabled residents who wish to have their care and support provided in the community by the community;
 - Change Makers for Heart Health and for Cancer – local volunteers spreading the word;
 - Smoke Free Homes due to re-launch with additional new funding;
 - Aspley and Bilborough Priority Action Team for Teenage Pregnancy

FUNDING REQUESTS

Projects	Ward	Background	Funding requested	Allocating Budget
Aspley ward Bulb Planting Scheme	Aspley	30,000 mixed daffodil bulbs to plant the 27 green spaces across the Aspley ward. With the support of Streetscene, local schools, local residents and Catch 22's open space project it will help to plant the green spaces and be rewarding with bulbs for their schools, gardens and project. The residents from the Aspley Intergeneration Tea Dance have also been invited to join in.	£1000	Public Realm
Aspley's Got Talent	Aspley	Funding of £300 to support Aspley's Got Talent, 19 December 2009, 6pm – 7.30 pm at St Margaret's Church. Local organisation NRG are organising a talent competition for the Aspley Beat.	£300	£100 from Councillor Chapman's budget £100 from Councillor Unczur's budget, £100 from Councillor James' budget.