

WEST AREA COMMITTEE –13 JANUARY 2010

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 (NAT) updates, as detailed in Appendix 1, be noted.	
2	That the funding requests be approved and met from the budgets as detailed in Appendix 2.	

1 BACKGROUND

Detailed in Appendix 1.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

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

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

4.1 Aspley:

Funding of £300.00 to the Phoenix Adventure Playground to take 40 children and 13 adults to the Beauty and Beast Christmas Pantomime from Councillor Chapman, Unczur and James' budgets, as follows:

- £100 from Councillor Chapman's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,850.00;
- £100 from Councillor Unczur's budget, the uncommitted balance of Councillor Unczur's budget, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,850.00;
- £100 from Councillor James' budget, the uncommitted balance of Councillor James' budget, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,810.00.

Funding of £144.61 to the Aspley and Bells Lane Partnership for the Christmas 2009 Tea Dance from Councillor Chapman, Unczur and James' budgets, as follows:

- £48.61 from Councillor Chapman's budget, the uncommitted balance of Councillor Chapman's budget, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,850.00;
- £48.00 from Councillor Unczur's budget, the uncommitted balance of Councillor Unczur's budget, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,850.00;
- £48.00 from Councillor James' budget, the uncommitted balance of Councillor James' budget, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,810.00.

Additional funding of £200.00 to support Aspley's Got Talent (£300 previously approved at 11 November 2009 Committee meeting, bringing to a total of £500) can be met from Councillor Unczur and James' budgets, as follows:

- £100 from Councillor Unczur's budget, the uncommitted balance of Councillor Unczur's budget, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,850.00;
- £100 from Councillor James' budget, the uncommitted balance of Councillor James' budget, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,810.00.

Funding of £1,743.00 towards the printing costs for the Aspley Ward Local Action Group Newsletters can be met from Councillor Chapman, Unczur and James' budgets, as follows:

- £581.00 from Councillor Chapman's budget, the uncommitted balance of Councillor Chapman's budget, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,850.00;
- £581.00 from Councillor Unczur's budget, the uncommitted balance of

Councillor Unczur's budget, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,850.00.

- £581.00 from Councillor James' budget, the uncommitted balance of Councillor James' budget, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,810.00.

Funding of £1,800.00 towards the local resident project to create 60 Nottinghamshire Police and Nottinghamshire Fire Service children uniforms as part of a partnership project between local residents, schools, Police and the Fire Service to improve relationships between children and young people the emergency services can be met from the West Area Crime and Anti-social Behaviour budget, the uncommitted balance of which, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £14,200.00

Funding of £600 towards street racing on Melbourne Road, Flamsted Road, Broxtowe Lane and Bracebridge Drive can be met from the West Area Crime and Anti-social Behaviour budget, the uncommitted balance of which, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £14,200.00.

Funding of £1,000 towards the Life Project (Learning in a Fun Environment) is required to support their day care sessions at the Methodist Church in Aspley. The £1,000 requested can be met from the West Area Environmental, Social and Economic Well Being budget, the uncommitted balance of which, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £20,000.

4.2 Leen Valley:

Funding of £575.00 to purchase secure gating for an alleyway to the rear of the shops on Aspley Lane to prevent anti-social behaviour and fly tipping taking place can be met from the Public Realm budget for the Leen Valley ward, the uncommitted balance of which, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £9,000. .

Funding of £1100 to support The Vine Centre's after school club can be met from Councillor Long's budget, the uncommitted balance of which, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £4,150

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

None

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 The NAO has been working with the Accident Investigation Unit and Broxtowe Partnership Trust to consult with local residents on proposed traffic calming measures on Broxtowe Lane, between Drury Island and Bells Lane Island. 10% questionnaires had been returned as of beginning of December 2009 and the results will be shared with councillors directly. The Broxtowe Lane Project Group will be set up in January 2010.
- 2 First draft drawings of the Welstead Avenue car parking scheme have been sent to the residents living on the Welstead Avenue green for their comments. The results will be shared with councillors directly.
- 3 Aspley Ward Local Action Groups (LAG) newsletters were distributed at the end of November 2009 highlighting the 2010 LAG dates. Included within the newsletters was a short questionnaire asking for crime and anti-social behaviour priorities. The results of this questionnaire will be shared with all partners.
- 4 1 December 2009 – Christmas Intergenerational Tea Dance, organised by the Aspley and Bells Lane Partnership, was a success with 150 residents in attendance. They were thoroughly entertained by the Ambleside Primary and Nursery School Choir.
- 5 4 December 2009 - Aspley Christmas lights switch on organised by the Aspley and Bells Lane Partnership was a very successful event with over 500 local residents (families and young people) in attendance.
- 6 Christmas Parties took place across the Aspley Ward as follows:
 - Aspley Beat - 11 December 2009, Mega Night at Minver Sports Centre
 - Bells Lane Beat - 19 December 2009, Bells Lane Community Centre
 - Broxtowe Beat - 18 December 2009, Families, Sixways Community Centre
 - ???? - 19 December 2009, Phoenix Adventure Playground
 - ???? - 20 December 2009, Sunday Funday, Sixways Community Centre

Bilborough

- 1 The new NAO is currently meeting with Neighbourhood Policing Teams, Nottingham City Homes Patch Managers, other provider agencies and Tenants' and Residents' Associations as part of their induction to the Bilborough ward.
- 2 The 4 Bilborough police beat LAG meeting dates for 2010 are being finalised in readiness for promotion in the New Year. The 2010 Neighbourhood Action Team meeting dates are also being finalised.
- 3 The tenders for the new play area on Birchover Park (adjacent to Birchover

Community Centre) have been returned and two potential designs have been shortlisted for children and young people to make the final choice. Residents whose properties bound onto the proposed play park area have been informed of the proposal and the designs can currently be seen in Birchover Community Centre. James Tilford, Parks Services is leading on this.

- 4 As part of the Strelley Week of Action in October 2009, the 'Street Doctor' initiative (outreach medical checks) took place on Bracebridge Drive. One local GP was involved and numerous other service providers. Several local residents were able to access consultation in a location and at a time more convenient to them. The same initiative will also be carried out at the West Area Christmas Festival on 12 December 2009. This initiative will still carry on throughout the West Area with NHS Nottingham City playing a bigger part in providing funding to cover backfill or agency costs.
- 5 A very successful 'Tea and Cake' afternoon event took place on Sunday 6 December 2009 at Bilborough Community Centre. This was organised by the SupportNet Team and was attended by over 80 local elderly and/or disabled residents. The event was facilitated by the SupportNet Team, Bilborough NAO, NUSA (Nottingham University Samworth Academy), Glenbrook School and 22 local scouts.

Leen Valley

- 1 The playing field at Robert Shaw Primary School opened for the half term holidays. The field is being used by local young people to play football and other sports outside school times, during school times the school has use of it. The opening of the field has had a very positive response by local residents. Arrangements are currently being made for a sign and a bin to be placed on the field.
- 2 The tenders for the new play area on King George V Park have been returned and three potential designs have been shortlisted for children and young people to make the final choice. As part of the play area, fifty mosaic tiles have been made by children from St Teresa's School and Brocklewood Junior School. The tiles will be sited on the new play area. In the half term holidays, over 5,000 crocus bulbs were planted in the park by the Friends of King George V Park.
- 3 The LAGs continue to meet across the ward and set priorities for action these include:
 - Ainsley Beat – a neighbourhood watch has been set for the Cricketers Estate, and a meeting is taking place for residents living on Newlyn Drive – whom have also expressed an interest in setting up a neighbourhood watch. Consultation is also taking place on Southwold Drive, to find out what concerns residents may have;
 - Beechdale Beat – speeding on Aspley Lane was identified as a priority, an operation will be organised by the Safer Neighbourhoods Team. As speeding is continually raised as an issue within this beat area, community speed watch is in the process of being set up. Volunteers from the beat area are invited to go out with Police Officers and get involved in recording the speed of vehicles. Dog fouling was also identified as an issue and the Community Protection Officers will be organising an early morning operation to try and catch offenders. Meetings are also continuing with the shopkeepers from Beechdale Road and Traffic Management to look at making improvements to the parking around the shops. In a bid to tackle an issue with anti-social behaviour and a number of fly tipping incidents, improvements have been made to land at the rear of some shops on Aspley Lane. An enforcement notice was issued to the

land owner to tidy the land and replace fencing and garage doors. In addition, to stop these issues reoccurring, gates have been installed at the entrance of the alleyway. The cost of this will be met by the Leen Valley public realm budget and shop owners will also contribute towards costs;

- Hyson Green Beat – improvements to Plantation Side green space have just been completed, this was an issue identified by residents at recent meetings. As such, a new bin has been located on the site and fencing has been replaced. Work continues in trying to get the Meadow Brown Estate adopted by Nottingham City Council. New Whitemoor Residents Association who were recently successful in received funding from the Home Office are in the process of ordering community safety items which will then be distributed free of charge to residents.

- 4 Regular street meetings are now taking place in the Leen Valley ward, working in partnership with the Police and the Community Protection Officers, one street per month is leafleted giving local people the opportunity to come along voice their concerns and ideas they have about their neighbourhood. These are then fed into the regular NAT meetings.
- 5 Work is just beginning on trying to establish a Friends of Robinswood, if successful this group will look at trying to get the ancient woodland re-opened for public use. A meeting will be organised in January 2010.
- 6 The Vine Community Centre run a successful after school project for children and young people, this attracts a large number of children from the Leen Valley ward. The project is currently applying for external funding to continue its work and have asked for a contribution of £1100. The Vine Centre understands that this is a one off payment from the West Area Committee.

APPENDIX 2

FUNDING REQUESTS

Projects	Ward	Background	Funding requested	Allocating Budget
Christmas Pantomime	Aspley	Contribution to Phoenix Adventure Playground to take 40 children and 13 adults to the Beauty and Beast Christmas Pantomime.	£300	£100.00 Councillor Chapman's Budget £100.00 Councillor Unczur's Budget £100.00 Councillor James' Budget
Inter-generational Tea Dance	Aspley	Aspley and Bells Lane Partnership Christmas 2009 Intergenerational Tea Dance.	£144.61	£48.21 Councillor Chapman's Budget £48.20 Councillor Unczur's Budget £48.20 Councillor James' Budget
Aspley's Got Talent	Aspley	Local talent show organised by NRG with over 20 acts performing and four local judges.	£200	£100.00 Councillor Unczur's Budget £100 Councillor James' Budget
Local Action Group Newsletters	Aspley	Aspley Ward Local Action Group (LAG) Newsletters which promote 2010 LAG dates as well as Councillors as Chairs of these meetings. Also opportunity for local residents to complete questionnaire which seeks their views on whether they feel safe and/or problems and worries on their estates.	£1,743.00	£581.00 Councillor Chapman's Budget £581.00 Councillor Unczur's Budget £581.00 Councillor James' Budget

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Children's Police and Fire Service uniforms	Aspley	Project lead by local residents to create 60 Notts Police and Notts Fire Service children uniforms as part of a partnership project between local residents, schools, Police and the Fire Service. This project will attempt to improve relationships between children and young people and the emergency services.	£1,800.00	Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Budget
Street racing	Aspley Bilborough and Leen Valley	A street racing project to engage with local young people organising 100, 200 and 400 metre races across the West Area. This initiative arose from a very successful event held as part of the Bilborough week of action on Flamsteed Road.	£600	Crime and Anti-social Behaviour Budget
The Life Project (Learning in a Fun Environment)	Aspley Bilborough and Leen Valley	A project aimed at providing support for adults with learning disabilities and or disabilities across the west area. The organisation provides services to adults with learning difficulties and or disabilities across the west area. The organisations main focus is independent living and life skills provision. Also incorporated into their activities is 3 social enterprises these include a café, allotments project and an ebay business. All these activities are largely student led and managed with a learning outcome for participants	£1,000	Environmental Economic and Social Well Being budget
The Vine Community Centre	Leen Valley	Funding is required by The Vine Community Centre to continue its afterschool club. The project is currently applying for funding from external providers. The club attracts a large number of children from the Ainsley	£1100	Councillor Long's Budget

		Estate. Activities include help with homework, improving literacy and games.		
Security improvements to Aspley Lane	Leen Valley	Land to the rear of some shops on Aspley Lane has suffered with anti-social behaviour and fly tipping. Residents have requested that the area be improved. As such, the land owner has made improvements and gates have been installed to limit access to the land.	£575	Public Realm Budget