

WEST AREA COMMITTEE –10 MARCH 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 funding requests be approved and met from 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 £500.00 to support The Hope Centre in setting up a youth club working in partnership with the Broxtowe Beat Policing Neighbourhood Team, to be met by:

- £150.00 from Councillor Chapman's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,090.80;
- £175.00 from Councillor Unczur's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2740.80;
- £175.00 from Councillor James' budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2,730.80.

Funding of £900 for the St George's Day Street Party on Melbourne Road to be combined with the Street Races event on Melbourne Road, to be met by:

- £300.00 from Councillor Chapman's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,090.80;
- £300.00 from Councillor Unczur's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2740.80;
- £300.00 from Councillor James' budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2,730.80.

Funding of £2,400.00 to support the Street Races four heats, to be met by:

- £800.00 from Councillor Chapman's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,090.80;
- £800.00 from Councillor Unczur's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2740.80;
- £800.00 from Councillor James' budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2,730.80.

Funding of £200.00 to re-grass the seating area at Stepney Court as part of the Community Challenge which occurred in July 2009, to be met by:

- £68.00 from Councillor Chapman's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,090.80;
- £68.00 from Councillor Unczur's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3020.80;
- £66.00 from Councillor James' budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2,730.80.

Funding of £225.00 for 30 fireman and police helmets to complete the Children's Police and Fire Service uniforms, to be met by:

- £75.00 from Councillor Chapman's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,090.80;
- £75.00 from Councillor Unczur's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2740.80;
- £75.00 from Councillor James' budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2,7300.80.

Funding of £400 to support local resident's Balls to Poverty support for young people, to be met by:

- £133.34 from Councillor Chapman's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,090.80;
- £133.33 from Councillor Unczur's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2740.80;
- £133.33 from Councillor James' budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2,730.80.

Funding of £3,000.00 for the installation of 2 community notice boards. One board to be located in the Broxtowe Lane (Drury Island) shopping area and one board in the Broxtowe Lane (Stockhill junction) shopping area. Community notice boards are a practical means by which local citizens can be informed of matters of interest that may impact on them or their neighbourhood. Newsletters or similar are an expensive way of informing citizens of small items of news or to advertise events. The £3,000 requested can be met from the Aspley Public Realm budget, the uncommitted balance of which currently stands at £14,000.00.

4.2 **Bilborough:**

Funding of £300.00 for the Seagrave School Coffee Mornings as a contribution towards the running costs can be met from Councillor Cresswell's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the affect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £2,190.00.

Funding of £3,000.00 for the installation of 2 community notice boards. One board to be located in the Bracebridge Drive shopping area and one board in the Flamsteed Road shopping area. Community notice boards are a practical means by which local citizens can be informed of matters of interest that may impact on them or their neighbourhood. Newsletters or similar are an expensive way of informing citizens of small items of news or to advertise events. The £3,000 requested can be met from the Bilborough Public Realm budget, the uncommitted balance of which currently stands at £15,000.00.

Funding of £1,500.00 for the installation of a dropped kerb at Flamsteed Road shops can be met from the Area Capital Fund for the Bilborough ward, the uncommitted balance of which, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £832,650.00.

4.3 **Leen Valley:**

Funding of £200.00 to purchase hanging baskets for the New Whitemoor Estate, as the residents association are keen to enter Nottingham in Bloom this year and would like a number of hanging baskets around the estate, can be met from Councillor Long's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,050.00.

Funding of £1,000.00 to support the improvements to New Windmill Allotments 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 £8,425.00.

Funding of £500.00 to purchase a new street sign for the New Whitemoor Estate, can be met from Councillor Long's budget the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,050.00.

Funding of £400.00 to support local resident's Balls to Poverty support for young people, to be met by:

- £200.00 from Councillor Long's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £3,050.00;
- £200.00 from Councillor Foster's budget, the uncommitted balance, not including the effect of other requests for allocation elsewhere on this agenda, currently stands at £4,150.00.

4.4 **All wards:**

Funding of £3,302.00 is requested by the Police to purchase a Flir i7 portable thermal imaging camera to support operation 'Barnstorm'. The camera will show heat sources in open ground at 100 metres and can also see hydroponics through roof tiles in the right conditions. The funding 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 £11,800.00.

Funding of £2,646.00 is also requested by the Police to compliment the current overtime hours for 2 officers to work 2 hours overtime (and 2 hours of their normal duty) and a dog officer to work 3 hours overtime, which equates to an additional 18 hours to target 'hot spot' areas. The 7 hours overtime for 18 days at £21.00 per hour totals £2,646.00. The request 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 £11,800.00

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 Results from the preliminary Broxtowe Lane Traffic Management questionnaire have been shared with councillors direct. The Accident Investigation Unit has sent out a further questionnaire and the results will be fed back to councillors direct.
- 2 Two further Dog Poo campaigns were programmed for April and September 2010 and included permanent dog stencils which are to be put down on routes to shops.
- 3 The Junior walkabouts in partnership with the Aspley & Bells Lane Partnership and the Ambleside School Eco Works children and young people continue to be a huge success with commitment from services Nottingham City Homes, City Services and Neighbourhood Policing Teams.
- 4 Work was continuing with the Aspley & Bells Lane Partnership on the Community Education Garden in partnership with local residents, Eco-Works and the Food Initiative Group (FIG) and a site has been located on the derelict garage site on Seaton Crescent. Eco-Works will be holding gardening training workshops in April 2010.
- 5 Work was being carried out with Neighbourhood Public Realm Team, Nottingham City Homes and City Services on void properties, alleyway clearance and hedges.
- 6 Working in partnership with the four Police Beat Managers for Strelley, Aspley, Broxtowe and Bells Lane, three heats for Street Races have been finalised with the first heat on Melbourne Road on St George's Day, Friday 23 April 2010, combined with a street party with a Robin Hood and Maid Marion theme. Two further heats were programmed as part of the National Families Week Sports Theme Parklife event and the location for the fourth heat is yet to be confirmed. The finals were going to take place in the Old Market Square in August 2010. Further updates to follow.
- 7 The Hope Centre is planning to set up a Youth Club, twice a week, working in partnership with the Police Neighbourhood Team and local volunteers. It is planned to have the club up and running for the six week school holidays.
- 8 Through the Broxtowe Education Skills and Training (BEST) two Jobs Fund Posts are working with the Aspley Neighbourhood Action Officer (NAO) over a 12 month period (until December 2010).
- 9 The Sunday Funday Club ran by Pat Power at the Sixways Community Centre continues to be a great success, with 12 volunteers and over 50 children and young people in attendance.
- 10 Work was continuing with the Aspley & Bells Lane Partnership to set up a Transitional Youth Project which will work with children and young people between the ages of 11 and 19, commencing Monday 15 February 2010. We are particularly impressed with the enthusiastic commitment from the Aspley Neighbourhood Policing Team and other partners on board include Youth Services, Sports Development, Play Services, and Teenage Pregnancy Taskforce.

- 11 The 'Street Doctor' community health check initiative continues to progress and the Bilborough NAO is working closely with NHS Nottingham City, in particular, the NORCOMM GP cluster Practice Based Commissioning (PBC) Team. A joint funding application was made to the NHS Nottinghamshire Innovation Fund for £9,000.00 to run community health checks at events and in local community venues throughout the West Area. This was awarded in November 2009 and a business plan is being formulated to drive this work forward in West Area. A Steering Group has been formed for this purpose, its membership includes: NHS Nottingham City NORCOMM PBC, Dr Khalique, Bilborough NAO and the local Community Heart Nurse.

Bilborough

- 1 The 4 Bilborough police beat Local Action Group (LAG) meeting dates for 2010 have been finalised and promoted and the 2010 Neighbourhood Action Team meeting dates have also been finalised. The next dates are:
- Bilborough LAG – 11 March, 10.00 am at Bilborough Community Centre;
 - Denewood LAG – 29 March, 6.30 pm at Indoor Bowling Club, Beechdale Road;
 - Balloon Woods LAG – 13 April, 10.00 am at The Vale Community Centre;
 - Strelley LAG – 6 May, 6.30 pm at Seagrave Court.
- 2 Other Neighbourhood Team community engagement will take place at:
- Seagrave School Parent Coffee Mornings – every Thursday at 9.00 am (term-time);
 - Bilborough Beat Coffee Mornings – at 10.00 am on 1 April and 6 May, at Bilborough Library;
 - Seagrave School – 15 April at 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm at the school gates.
- 3 The LAGs for 2010 are meeting across the ward and are all attended by officers from the Police, Nottingham City Council (NCC) and Nottingham City Homes (NCH) and some of the priorities which have been set include:
- Balloon Woods Beat priorities are poor lighting and footpaths in disrepair, as a result a site visit will take place very soon to look at areas of work to be undertaken as part of the Area Capital Fund (ACF) scheme and locations of poor lighting will be submitted as priority actions under Public Finance Initiatives (PFI). Other areas of work are mainly environmental, such as, blocked drains and overgrown gardens.
 - Bilborough Beat priorities are speeding, lighting and parking. Speeding on Wigman Road, Bilborough Road, Glaisdale Drive and Birchover Road will be monitored by a Community Speed Watch initiative. Lighting is very poor around the properties on Bramerton Road and Staverton Road and locations of poor lighting will be submitted as priority actions under PFI.
 - Denewood Beat priorities are speeding, parking and littering. Speeding down Denewood Crescent will be actioned by the Beat Team. Parking outside the Denewood Centre/Chingford Road by Nottingham City Homes vans was an issue and the Beat Team are to make a formal request through NCH to stop vans parking indiscriminately at the identified location. Littering around St Michael's Road and St Martin's Road was to be dealt with by City Services and waste bins left on street were to be dealt with by the Public Realm Team who would make residents aware of regulations pertaining to bins being left on the street.
 - Strelley Beat priorities are anti-social behaviour and littering. Anti-social behaviour in various locations was being dealt with by formal warnings and extra patrols. School visits and zero tolerance around Flamsteed shops will

tackle littering issues. Interest over the reforming of Strelley Tenants & Residents Association (TRA) was expressed at the December 2009 LAG.

- 4 Strelley TRA is being re-launched by Nottingham City Homes, with interest from at least a dozen residents. An initial meeting was held on 4 February 2010 to discuss the TRA further. The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the TRA will take place on 8 April 2010 at 7.00 pm at Seagrave Court, where all trustee posts will be voted upon.
- 5 A Strelley Sports and Social Club Steering Group is being formed to look at the feasibility of being able to use the Strelley Social Club and other locations as a venue for community activities. Its first meeting will take place on 17 March 2010 at 10.00 am at the Moorgreen Resource Centre, 57 Newstead Way, Moorgreen Estate. The Bilborough NAO is leading on this.
- 6 Moorgreen Consortium continues to meet on a regular basis to look at issues directly affecting the Moorgreen Estate, Strelley. Regular estate Inspections are being held, the last one being on 23 February. The Bilborough NAO attends both of these with issues arising being passed back through the Neighbourhood Action Team (NAT).
- 7 The 'Street Doctor' community health check initiative continues to progress and the Bilborough NAO is working closely with NHS Nottingham City, in particular, the NORCOMM GP cluster Practice Based Commissioning (PBC) Team. A joint funding application was made to the NHS Nottinghamshire Innovation Fund for £9,000.00 to run community health checks at events and in local community venues throughout the West Area. This was awarded in November 2009 and a business plan is being formulated to drive this work forward in West Area. A Steering Group has been formed for this purpose, its membership includes NHS Nottingham City NORCOMM PBC, Dr Khalique, Bilborough NAO and the local Community Heart Nurse.

Leen Valley

- 1 The Local Action Group meetings for 2010 have been set and are being promoted by both the NAO and the Police Beat Teams. The groups continue to set priorities for action these include:
 - Ainsley Beat – a public meeting was organised with residents on Newlyn Drive to discuss setting up a neighbourhood watch and further consultation is now taking place in the area to try and get more people involved. There are also issues around anti-social behaviour on playing fields on Grassington Road and this is currently being investigated by the Police.
 - Beechdale Beat – speeding continues to be an issue on Aspley Lane and as such, further speeding operations are planned in the forthcoming months. Dog fouling and litter were also identified as issues of concern by residents. Plain clothes operations by the Community Protection Officers are planned for the area especially around the Spinney area on Eskdale Drive. This piece of land is also attracting pupils from Bluecoat School on Aspley Lane during school hours and is being tackled through partnership working with Bluecoat School.
 - Hyson Green Beat – work is continuing with Persimmon Homes to get Meadow Brown Estate formally adopted by Nottingham City Council. A number of outstanding issues are in the process of being resolved. On the New Whitemoor estate the residents association are in the process of planning a community safety event to distribute crime prevention information and equipment to local residents.

- 2 Meetings are continuing with the shopkeepers from Beechdale Road and Traffic Management to look at making improvements to the shops forecourt areas, this will also include better car parking facilities. Traffic Management plan to carry out a full consultation with all shopkeepers and property owners in April 2010.
- 3 Regular street meetings are continuing to take 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 and voice their concerns and ideas they have about their neighbourhood. These are then fed into the regular NAT meetings. Neighbourhood surgeries are also regularly taking place in the Beechdale beat and Hyson Green beat on a monthly basis.
- 4 A meeting is being planned with the residents of Rodwell Close and Nottingham City Homes to look at the improvements required on the bungalows to bring the houses up to Decent Homes Standard.
- 5 Work is taking place with New Windmill Allotments Association to make improvements to their site, this includes applying for funding to make a secure car parking area, to create a community garden and also installing a compost toilet which will be available for use by allotment holders, specific groups that use the site (e.g. pupils from Oakfield School, people on training courses) and general visitors to the site.
- 6 The 'Street Doctor' community health check initiative continues to progress and the Bilborough NAO is working closely with NHS Nottingham City, in particular, the NORCOMM GP cluster Practice Based Commissioning (PBC) Team. A joint funding application was made to the NHS Nottinghamshire Innovation Fund for £9,000.00 to run community health checks at events and in local community venues throughout the West Area. This was awarded in November 2009 and a business plan is being formulated to drive this work forward in West Area. A Steering Group has been formed for this purpose, its membership includes: NHS Nottingham City NORCOMM PBC, Dr Khalique, Bilborough NAO and the local Community Heart Nurse.

APPENDIX 2

FUNDING REQUESTS

Project	Ward	Background	Funding requested	Allocating Budget
Hope Centre Youth Project	Broxtowe	The Hope Centre is proposing to set up a Youth Club, twice a week, working in partnership with the Police Neighbourhood Team and local volunteers. It is planned to have the club up and running for the six week school holidays. This funding will help support the purchase of paint and material and a tuck shop.	£500	£150.00 Councillor Chapman's Budget £175.00 Councillor Unczur's Budget £175.00 Councillor James' Budget
Children's Police and Fire Service hats	Aspley	30 fireman and police helmets to complete the Children's Police and Fire Service uniforms	£225	£68.00 Councillor Chapman's £68.00 Councillor Unczur's £66.00 Councillor James' budget
Street Party – St Georges Day 23 rd April 2010	Aspley	Street Party with a Robin Hood and Maid Marion Theme to place at the same time as the first heats of the Street Races on Melbourne Road.	£900	£300 Councillor Chapman's Budget £300 Councillor Unczur's Budget £300 Councillor James' Budget
Street Races	Aspley Broxtowe	Street Races to be held across the area combined with community events. Proposing four heats with the finals in the Old Market Square August 2010 (date to be confirmed)	£2400	£800 Councillor Chapman's Budget £800 Councillor Unczur's Budget £800 Councillor James' Budget

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Stepney Court	Broxtowe	Re-grass seating area as part of the community space challenge back in July 2009.	£200	£75 Councillor Chapman's Budget £75 Councillor Unczur's Budget £50 Councillor James' Budget
Balls to Poverty support for young people	Aspley	Funding to support local resident to purchase footballs for Balls to Poverty support for young people project. Local resident has already raised £600 to travel to Africa.	£400	£133.34 Councillor Chapman's £133.33 Councillor Unczur's £133.33 Councillor James' budget
External Display Boards	Broxtowe Bells Lane	Residents have asked for community notice boards to be located near shops. These are good way to let local people know what is happening in the area and can be used by our partners as well.	£3000	Aspley Public Ream budget
Seagrave School Coffee Mornings	Bilborough	A Coffee Morning project which provides support for parents and acts as an opportunity for community engagement.	£300	Councillor Cresswell's budget
Community Notice Boards	Bilborough	Installation of 2 community notice boards to keep local citizens informed of matters of interest that may impact on them or their neighbourhood. Locations of boards: Bracebridge Drive shops and Flamsteed Road shops.	£3000	Public Realm budget
Dropped Kerb	Bilborough	Installation of a dropped kerb at Flamsteed Road shops.	£1500	Area Capital Fund

Project	Ward	Background	Funding requested	Allocating Budget
Hanging Baskets Project	Leen Valley	To install hanging baskets on the New Whitemoor Estate, enabling the group to enter Nottingham in Bloom Neighbourhood Awards later this year.	£200	Councillor Long's Budget
Improvements to the New Windmill Allotments	Leen Valley	A contribution towards the improvements to the allotments, projects include a compost toilet, new fencing and a community garden.	£1000	Leen Valley Public Realm Budget
New street signs Project	Leen Valley	To install a new street sign on the entrance of Heslington Avenue on the New Whitemoor Estate	£500	Councillor Long's Budget
Balls to Poverty support for young people	Leen Valley	Funding to support local resident to purchase footballs for Balls to Poverty support for young people project. Local resident has already raised £600 to travel to Africa.	£400	£200 Councillor Long's £200 Councillor Foster's
To purchase a portable thermal imaging camera	ALL	To support the Police operation 'Barnstorm' initiative by enabling them to detect cannabis factories in the west area	£3,302	Crime and ASB Budget
To enhance the Police capacity in targeting 'hot spot' areas for crime and ASB	ALL	In addition to the extra policing hours approved by the Local Area Commander, an additional 126 hours will be provided with this contribution	£2,646	Crime and ASB Budget