

WEST AREA COMMITTEE 14 September 2010

Title of paper:	AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES 2011/13	
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Relevant Council Plan theme(s):		
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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):		
The report outlines monies available in relation to the Area Capital Programme for 2011-2013 for the Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley Wards.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the monies available to the Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley Wards.in Appendix 1 b) Note the criteria for the Area Capital Fund monies which is based on LTP (Local Transport Plan) Appendix 2 c) Note the criteria agreed by Area Chairs for making decisions and prioritising Area Capital Programme spend as outlined in appendix 3. d) Note the Housing Revenue Account funding as outlines in Appendix 4 and note the criteria for its expenditure. e)Note the s106 funding available for each area and the criteria applied to its expenditure in Appendix 5 	

1 BACKGROUND

1.1 The Area Capital Programme was established to improve the environment of the neighbourhoods and to create a sense of place for residents in order to improve the quality of life of local people.

Since it was established in 2006 to meet the then corporate priority of "Transforming Neighbourhoods" the Area Capital Fund has included a total programme expenditure portfolio of £40 million. The improvements that have been carried out to date using this programmed have included footpath, fences, visual enhancements to public realm, refurbishment of parks and improvements to public buildings.

Resources are allocated from the Nottingham City Council general fund, the Local Transport Plan (LTP) and from the Housing revenue Account. To achieve a joint approach to environmental improvements in neighbourhoods, a greater degree of flexibility has been established to prioritise and deliver improvements so that there is a synergy in local solutions for local issues across neighbourhoods.

The main contributors to the Area Capital Programme, LTP, public sector housing and the general fund recognise the importance of a co-ordinated approach in delivering transformation of neighbourhoods. The Area Committees have played a vital role in approving priorities that have arisen via a range of consultation and engagement mechanisms. The process for decisions made on the expenditure is highlighted in Appendix 3.

Evaluation of the programme has demonstrated that environmental improvements make a considerable contribution to the Council's commitment to the involvement of local people shaping their neighbourhoods.

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The Nottingham LTP 2011-2026 maintains a commitment to deliver local transport improvements across Nottingham's Neighbourhoods and prioritises small scale transport improvements of importance to local communities

As part of the budget process Nottingham City Council approved in March 2011 an LTP capital allocation of £2.5 million citywide between 2011-2013.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

- 4.1 Bringing together the various strands which form part of the Area Capital Programme enables the City Council to respond efficiently in delivering on public realm improvements as identified by local people.

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

- 5.1 A risk register has been produced which is regularly monitored.

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

- 6.1 Highways Framework Agreement.

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 7.1 Executive board report Area Capital Resource Allocations for 2011-2013 on 19th July 2011.

APPENDIX 1

Allocation of Area Capital monies for West Area

West Area	Ward	Allocation per ward	Total Area
	Aspley	167,745	394,588
	Bilborough	145,862	
	Leen Valley	80,980	

APPENDIX 2

Criteria for suitable local transport schemes

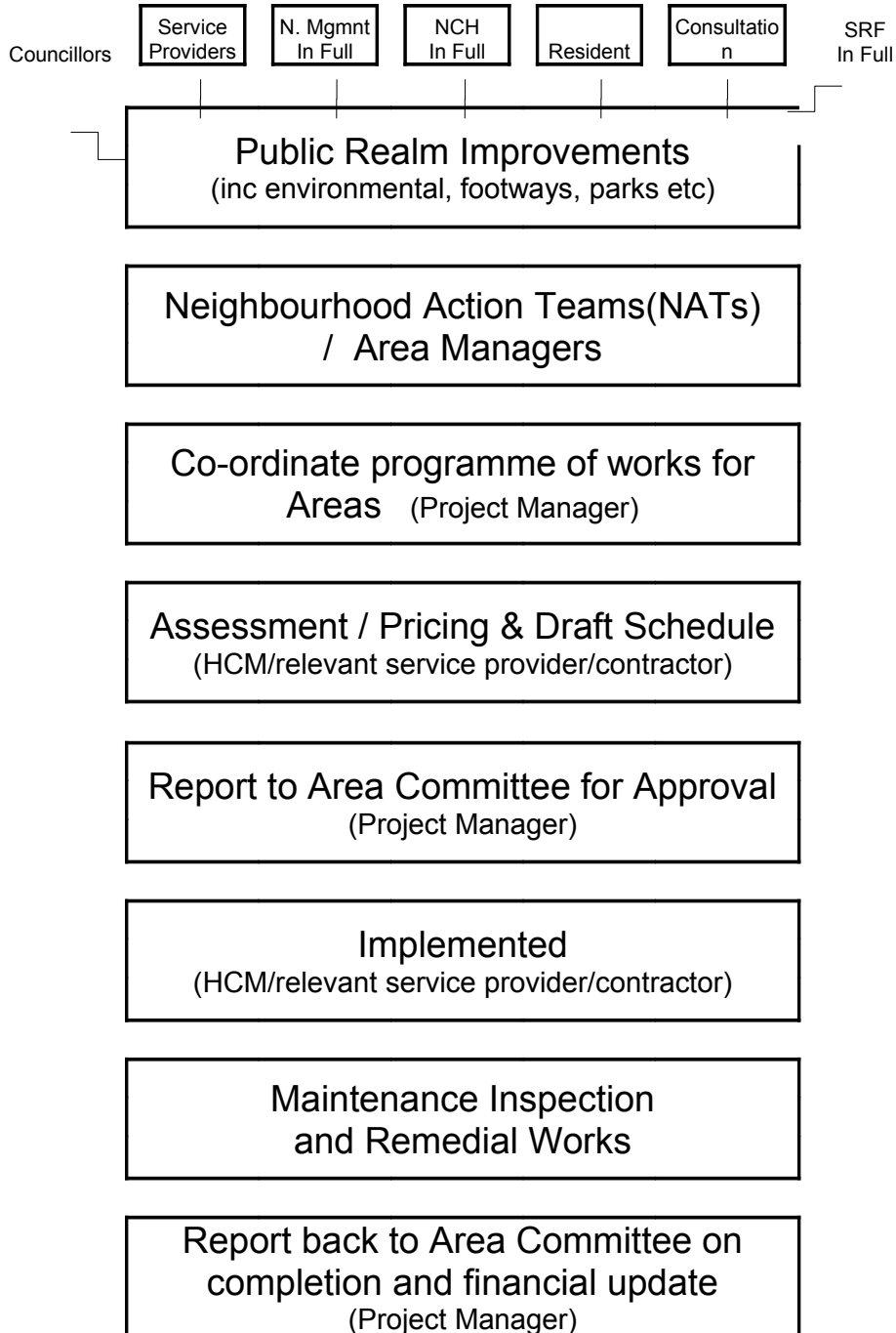
Area of work	Examples
Pedestrian improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Footway and other improvements• Rights of Way improvements• Dropped pedestrian crossings• Pedestrian refuges• Pedestrian crossings (zebra and signalised)• Gating orders
Cycle improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cycle Restrictors• Cycle stands• Cycle schemes (signing/lining)
Local parking and traffic management	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provision of additional parking areas• Residents' Parking Schemes• Waiting Bays• Junction protection• Local direction signing and/or lining• Traffic Regulation Orders
Road safety improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Traffic Calming• Small-scale safety improvements• School safety measures
Other accessibility and environmental improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bus stop improvements• Street furniture/removal• Bollards• Trees and landscape areas on or adjacent to the Highway

Appendix 3

Capital Programme Decision Making

Flow Diagram

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Area Capital Programme Housing Revenue Allocation table 1.4

Ward	No of NCH properties	Allocation of £900k to ward £
Arboretum Ward (2003)	618	19,680
Aspley Ward (2003)	3,151	100,350
Basford Ward (2003)	1,399	44,550
Berridge Ward (2003)	223	7,100
Bestwood Ward (2003)	3,133	99,780
Bilborough Ward(2003)	2,868	91,340
Bridge Ward (2003)	1,566	49,870
Bulwell Forest Ward (2003)	674	21,480
Bulwell Ward (2003)	2,622	83,500
Clifton North Ward (2003)	965	30,730
Clifton South Ward (2003)	1,754	55,860
Dales Ward (2003)	1,213	38,640
Dunkirk & Lenton Ward (2003)	715	22,770
Leen Valley Ward (2003)	619	19,710
Mapperley Ward (2003)	452	14,400
Radford & Park Ward (2003)	1,200	38,220
Sherwood Ward (2003)	1,002	31,920
St Anns Ward (2003)	3,380	107,640
Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey Ward (2003)	535	17,050
Wollaton West Ward (2003)	170	5,410
TOTAL	28,260	900,000

There are three categories of work to Tenants & Leaseholders HRA areas that can be supported by the use of Housing Revenue funds. They are:

Improve security, examples include door entry, lighting, fencing, garage site works;

Improve the environment. examples include dealing with Graffiti Reducing anti social behaviour, parking issues, drying area resurfacing; and

Improve Spaces. examples include installation of community facilities/areas, seating, garden areas, allotments (Housing Land only)

Section 106 Affordable Housing and Open Spaces

Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 empowers Local Authorities to enter into legal agreements with developers relating to the development and use of land. Agreements may only be sought where there is a planning need and this relates to the specific development. Such agreements are most commonly used to secure a planning objective that cannot be achieved by other means.

In order to use s106 agreements, there must be an associated Planning Policy within the existing Local Plan (November 2005). Currently the following community benefits are sought through planning obligation:

- Open Space/Public realm;
- Affordable Housing; and
- Transport.

The scope of s106 contributions has been under review by the Planning Strategy Team. This is aimed at identifying how best to deliver Members' aspirations in widening the use of s106 agreements and contributions in the context of emerging new Government Guidance on a fundamental change to the s106 process.

There has been some recent work carried out to explore the range of programmes that can be supported using Section 106 money. These include the development of employment and training opportunities. During previous years of the Area Capital Programme, much of the Section 106 Open Spaces element has been used to fund Parks improvements. The information regarding Section 106 (Affordable Housing) expenditure has not been available for the consideration of the Area Capital programme steering group. However, the table below is a starting point from which access to further information can be explored.

At present the Constitution states that the Executive Board 'takes all other decisions that are not reserved to a specific committee or individuals within the Scheme of Delegation' while the role of the Area Committees is identified as consultees on the use of Public Open Space contributions. Approval powers are delegated to Portfolio Holders to facilitate the use of s106 contributions more promptly.

As the scope of Open Space/Public realm contributions is wider than the remit of one Portfolio Holder, the responsibility for approving these types of contributions are divided between the Portfolio Holder for Area working, Cleansing and Community Safety; the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Culture and Tourism and the Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transport.

Authority to approve the spending of s106 contributions only applies to schemes where the capital expenditure threshold is less than the Key Decision threshold of £1,000,000.

Table 1.5 shows the current balances for section 106 comprising affordable housing and open spaces. Whilst the uncommitted balances are indicated in this table, further investigations are required to determine the full amounts available as part of the Area Capital Programme. Parks services have developed a Neighbourhood Ward Area Investment Plan aimed at making improvements to playgrounds, parks and allotments aligning s106 funding and external funds to its delivery. This is seen as a good use of s106 resources to lever in funding from a variety of sources to continue the improvements being made to the public realm across the City.

Table 1.5 - SECTION 106 CONTRIBUTIONS - SUMMARY

	Signed Agreements £m	Sums not receivable / at risk £m	Estimated Receipts £m	Received to date £m	Approved Commitments £m	Earmarked awaiting approval £m	Uncommitted £m	Time expired receipts £m
Affordable Housing	6.883	1.132	5.751	4.098	3.716	-	0.382	-
Open Space								
- Area 1	0.744	-	0.744	0.676	0.534	-	0.142	-
- Area 2	1.269	-	1.269	1.117	1.095	-	0.022	-
- Area 3	0.503	-	0.503	0.128	0.086	-	0.042	-
- Area 4	1.133	0.032	1.101	0.645	0.677	-	0.032	0.086
- Area 5	0.339	-	0.339	0.235	0.234	-	0.001	-
- Area 6	0.304	-	0.304	0.092	0.092	-	-	-
- Area 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
- Area 8	0.621	-	0.621	0.113	0.113	-	-	-
- Area 9	0.459	-	0.459	0.349	0.299	-	0.050	-
- City Centre	1.986	0.238	1.748	1.174	2.264	-	1.090	-
- Specific Schemes	2.397	1.000	1.397	1.174	1.148	-	0.026	-
- Unallocated schemes	0.148	-	0.148	0.015	0.014	-	0.001	-
Total	9.903	1.270	8.633	5.718	6.556	-	0.838	0.086
Other Public Realm	0.825	0.130	0.695	0.414	0.380	0.034	-	-
Transport								
- General	3.909	-	3.909	1.468	1.468	-	-	-
- Specific schemes	1.885	-	1.885	0.902	0.902	-	-	-
	5.794	-	5.794	2.370	2.370	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	23.405	2.532	20.873	12.600	13.022	0.034	0.456	0.086