

AREA 2 COMMITTEE 25th FEBRUARY 2015

Title of paper:	AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2013/15 Programme – Q3 October-December 2014	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City		<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down		<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities		<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>This report provides Councillors with: Latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways and footways</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
1	<p>a) Note the Area Capital monies available to Bestwood and Basford as outlined in Appendix 1.</p> <p>b) That Area Committee approves the committed Area Capital schemes in Appendix 1.</p> <p>c) Note the NCH environmental monies available to Bestwood and Basford as outlined in Appendix 2.</p> <p>d) That Area Committee approves the committed NCH environmental schemes in</p>	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 As part of the budget process Nottingham City Council approved in March 2013 an LTP capital allocation of £2.5 million citywide between 2013-2015.
- 1.3 To give opportunity for the Area Committee to make comment on suggested schemes and their progress.

2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 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 programme, have included: footpaths, fences, visual enhancements to public realm, refurbishment of parks and improvements to public buildings.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The programme of works is a rolling programme. There have been instances where schemes are started, with strong community involvement and interest, only to be altered at a later stage due to changing circumstances such as economic conditions and changes in land values.
- 2.4 The Area Committee, particularly community representatives, are invited to comment specifically on those schemes identified in the proposals column and also to consider whether certain schemes can be linked to other programmes of work in order to generate best value and create a greater impact on the local area.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 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 AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)

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

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Has the equality impact been assessed?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)	<input type="checkbox"/>
No – not needed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Due regard should be given to the equality implications identified in the EIA.	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

7.1 Highways Framework Agreement.

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

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

Appendix 1

Basford Area Capital 2013 - 2015 Programme

Basford LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Lauriston Drive	handrail	Prioritised 28 January 2015	£4,000			Provision of a hand rail on footpath leading to tram bridge to assist elderly and disabled users
Toton Close	area improvement	Prioritised 28 January 2015	£15,000			LTP contribution to joint NCH scheme of environmental improvements on Toton Close (total scheme £90k)
Heathfield Road	Survey	Approved September 2014	£600			Questionnaire parking survey for Heathfield Road
Basford TRO	TRO	Approved May 2014	£3,000			Further contribution to Basford Ward junction protection TRO to cover additional locations
Acton Avenue	Disabled bay	Approved February 2014	£1,500			Installation of disabled parking bay on Acton Avenue
Saxondale Drive	Footpaths	Approved February 2014	£80,640	19/05/14	Yes	Full reconstruction of footpaths on Saxondale Drive (Kersall Dv to Brooklyn Rd) RH side
Bagnall Road	Feasibility	Approved February 2014	£2,000			Feasibility study for improvements to the shop forecourt area on Bagnall Road
Vernon Road	Zig-zags	Approved February 2014	£1,925			Review of zig-zag markings at puffin crossing on Vernon Road near Bulwell Lane
Vernon Road/ Nottingham Road	Feasibility	Approved February 2014	£2,000			Traffic and safety feasibility study around crossings
Basford Road	Zebrites	Approved February 2014	£5,000			Funding for Zebrites on Basford Road crossing near Hayling Drive
Bagnall Road	Zebrites	Approved February 2014	£5,000			Funding for Zebrites on Bagnall Road crossing near Neston Drive
Church Street Bridge	Reflectors	Approved February 2014	£1,000			Fitting of reflectors to temporary wooden barriers on the bridge to improve visibility at night
Cinderhill Road/ Odesa Drive	Zebrites	Approved November 2013	£3,750			Funding for Zebrites on Basford section of crossing falling across two wards
Vernon Avenue	Speed Surveys	Approved November 2013	£500			Speed surveys
Basford	TRO	Approved September 2013	£6,000			Junction protection at multiple locations in the ward. Locations to be confirmed.

Total LTP schemes*

£131,915

Basford Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Toton Close	area improvement	Prioritised 28 January 2015	£20,000			PR contribution to joint NCH scheme of environmental improvements on Toton Close (total scheme £90k)
Brooklyn Road bridge	fencing	Prioritised 28 January 2015	£6,000			Replacement of missing railings to improve security and reduce ASB

Brooklyn Park	play area	Prioritised 28 January 2015	£20,000			Improvements to childrens play area on Brooklyn Park
Percy Street	twitchell	Prioritised 28 January 2015	£8,000			Environmental improvements and new hedges alongside twitchell
Basford Library	area improvement	Prioritised 28 January 2015	£10,000			Programme of landscaping works to Basford Library entrance and gardens at highway frontage
Stockhill Park	contribution	Approved November 2014	£6,000			Contribution to the refurbishment of Stockhill Pavilion, to bring it back into use as a park asset
River Leen Cycle/Footpath	fencing	Approved May 2014	£10,000			Contribution to fund new fencing as part of River Leen Cycle and Pedestrian path improvements
Selwyn Court - Phase 1	Improvement	Approved November 2013	£24,000			Groundworks plan to include landscaping, parking spaces, fencing, space for communal use

Total Public Realm schemes**

£104,000

Basford Decommittments

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
Previously decommitted			£1,544	

Total Decommittment***

£1,544

2013-2015 LTP allocation

£132,000

LTP carried forward from 2011-2013

0

2013 - 2014 Public Realm allocation

£39,600

Public Realm carried forward

£24,435

2014 - 2015 Public Realm allocation

£39,600

Total Available 2013 - 2015 ACF

£235,635

*Less LTP schemes

- £131,915

**Less Public Realm schemes

- £104,000

***Decommittment funds

+ £1,544

Remaining available balance

£1,264

LTP element remaining

£310

Public Realm element remaining

£954

Bestwood Area Capital 2013 - 2015 Programme

Bestwood LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Bestwood Park Drive West	footpath	Approved November 2014	£69,127			Footpath resurfacing of Bestwood Park Drive West from Beckhampton Road to opposite Deer Park Drive (LTP contribution)
Beckhampton Road parking	contribution	Approved September 2014	£30,000		decommitted	Joint funded scheme with NCH to develop housing amenity land into parking provision
Bestwood Ward street name plates	SNP	Approved September 2014	£1,635			Replace street name plates at Birkdale Way, Penllech Close, Gainsford Cres, Terton Rd
Arnold Road/Hucknall Road Area	signage	Approved September 2014	£1,000			Direction signs to Leen Valley Community Centre
Bestwood place signs	signage	Approved May 2014	£10,000			Supply and installation of three place signs at various locations across the ward.
Beckhampton Road	contribution	Approved September 2013	£100,000			Contribution to Road Safety improvement scheme on Beckhampton Road
Beckhampton Road	feasibility study	Approved May 2013	£1,500			Feasibility study of traffic calming and TRO around schools on Beckhampton Road.

Total LTP schemes* £213,262

Bestwood Public Realm schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Bestwood Park Drive West	footpath	Approved November 2014	£17,758			Footpath resurfacing of Bestwood Park Drive West from Beckhampton Road to opposite Deer Park Drive (PR contribution)
Raymede Drive	area improvement	Approved November 2014	£24,325			Further contribution to public realm improvement scheme in partnership with NCH
Raymede Drive	area improvement	Approved November 2013	£47,400			Contribution to public realm improvement scheme in partnership with NCH

Total Public Realm schemes** £89,483

Bestwood Decommitments

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
Raymede Drive	area improvement	Underspend	£27,665	
Previously decommitted			£30,300	

Total Decommitted*** £57,965

2013-2015 LTP allocation £158,000

LTP carried forward from 2011-2013	£24,962
2013 - 2014 Public Realm allocation	£47,400
Public Realm carried forward	£0
2014 - 2015 Public Realm allocation	£47,400
Total Available 2013 - 2015 ACF	£277,762
<i>*Less LTP schemes</i>	- £213,262
<i>**Less Public Realm schemes</i>	- £89,483
<i>***Decommitted funds</i>	+ £57,965
Remaining available balance	£32,982
LTP element remaining	£0
Public Realm element remaining	£32,982

Appendix 2

Nottingham City Homes Environmental Schemes