

WARDS AFFECTED: Basford and Bestwood

AREA TWO COMMITTEE
(BASFORD AND BESTWOOD WARDS)

28 JANUARY 2009

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND NEIGHBOURHOOD
REGENERATION**

AREA CAPITAL RESOURCES 2006-09

1 SUMMARY

The Area Capital Fund 2006-09 is a three-year Capital Programme to improve footways, street lighting, fencing and other area that will enhance the public realm.

2 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Area Committee:-

- (a) note the total spend of £2.493m to 13 January 2009, as detailed in appendix A at the locations in appendix B;
- (b) note that to date 93 footpaths and 79 works to Public Realm have been completed;
- (c) note the value of works committed for 2008-09, £551k, as detailed in Appendix A at the locations in Appendix C;
- (d) note that 23 footpath and 7 Public Realm works are expected to be completed by 31 March 2009;
- (e) note the exchange of £92k of Housing funds from Area 2 to Area 1. In return Area 1 will reimburse Area 2 with £92k of funds from their Non-Housing allocation;
- (f) note the available funds of £30k for Housing works only for the remainder of the programme ie. March 2009 as detailed in appendix A;
- (g) note the over-programming of Non Housing works to the value of £445k which will be deducted from the 2009-11 allocation;

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Executive Board on 18 July 2006 approved the allocation of £22m for area based capital investment in the public realm.
- 3.2 The programme is being delivered through collaborative working across several departments and service areas.

- 3.3 Works are commissioned through Highways Construction and Maintenance by using a combination of existing staff, agency staff and sub-contractors.
- 3.4 The allocation for Basford and Bestwood is £2.629m over three years. At least 70% of which must be spent on footpath reconstruction or resurfacing.
- 3.5 The remaining 30% may be used to enable priority schemes addressing community safety, fencing, lighting and other initiatives to improve the public realm.
- 3.6 Appendix D outlines information on the quality of the works and on the process involved regarding utilities companies.

4 PROPOSALS

The Project Manager to report back to the Area Committee on a quarterly basis on the progress being made and with any proposed alterations to the agreed programme.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The allocation for the Basford and Bestwood Area Committee is £2.629m for three years. The figure includes an element for fees to cover the management of the procurement and delivery of the programme. Progress on budget spend will be reported back to this committee during the course of the three year programme.
- 5.2 Highway Construction and Maintenance staff are undertaking programme management with support from Major Projects, an internal Gateway Review has been undertaken as required by Financial Regulations.

6 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

7 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

The programme will enable a series of improvement to take place that will improve the condition of footways for disabled and elderly residents.

8 RISK MANAGEMENT

A Risk Register has been produced that is regularly reviewed.

9 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The report supports the priorities of the Corporate Plan to transform local neighbourhoods, support local people and ensure that Nottingham is a safer City.

10 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS

It is expected that crime and disorder will be reduced by enhancing local neighbourhoods.

11 VALUE FOR MONEY

The removal of artificial boundaries within the public realm will enable far better, more simple integration of service procurement, with further opportunities to lever in third party funds, thus creating a much more efficient and effective provision of service.

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

None.

13 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

Executive Board Report on 18 July 2006.

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APPENDIX A – Statement of Accounts at 13 January 2009

Housing/Non-Housing

AREA CAPITAL FUND STATEMENT

DATE:13 January 2009

		Budget			Completed to date				Committed 07-08				Balance	
		Total	Housing	Non Housing	Non Housing		Housing		Non Housing		Housing		Housing	Non Housing
Area	Ward				Footpath	Environmental	Footpath	Public Realm	Footpath	Public Realm	Footpath	Public Realm		
1	Basford	2629	266	1049	782	194	2	169	147	130	0	60	35	-204
	Bestwood		358	956	727	284	155	170	181	5	38	0	-5	-241
	TOTALS		624	2005	1509	488	157	339	318	135	38	60	30	-445
					1997		496		453		98			
			2629	2493				551						

APPENDIX B – Works completed to 13 January 2009

Ward	Footway		Public Realm/Environmental		
	Non Housing	Housing	Non Housing	Housing	Description
Basford	Barlock Road			8-77 Ventnor Drive	Hardstandings
	Tewkesbury Drive			4, 12, 25, 27, 22 Petworth Drive	Hardstandings
	Greenwich Avenue			10, 32, 43, 50, 52, 57, 60, 87, 93 Harmston Rise	Hardstandings
	Bracknell Crescent			81&91 Saxondale Drive	Hardstandings
	Bucklow Close			17 Goverton Square	Hardstanding
	Newport Drive			10&17 Harewood Drive	Hardstandings
	Naseby Close			31 Naworth Close	Hardstanding
	Billesdon Drive			22, 28, 33 Radley Square	Hardstandings
	Kelfield Close			Rosegarth Walk	Fencing
	Lansdowne Road			Oakleigh Street flats	Gate
	Luton Close			Kersall Court	Fencing
	Aslockton Drive			27 Petworth Drive	Gate
	Selwyn Close			35-37 Stockhill Lane	Gate
	Gorse Court			749 Western Boulevard	Fencing
	Ryder Street			3-9 Tintern Drive	Fencing
	Roderick Street		Stockhill Allotments		Fencing
	Kingfisher Close				
	Marlow Avenue				
	Mount Pleasant				
	Bailey Street				
	Basford Road				
	Stoneycroft Road				
	Gayhurst Road	Gayhurst Road			
	Gayhurst Green				
	Whitemoor Road				
	Orville Road				

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Ward	Footway		Public Realm/Environmental		
	Non Housing	Housing	Non Housing	Housing	Description
Basford	Paton Road				
	Christina Avenue				
	Christina Crescent				
	Rempstone Drive				
	Ealing Avenue				
	Acton Avenue				
	Tollerton Green	Tollerton Green			
	Kersall Drive, East side only				
	Charlesworth Avenue				
	Vernon Park				
	Vernon Park additional works		Heathfield Park		Contribution, £143k
				62 Brooklyn Road	Fencing
				52 Kersall Drive	Fencing
				1-52 Rosegarth Walk	
				23 Naseby Close	Fencing
				112-114 Saxondale Drive	Gate
				106-116 Saxondale Drive	Fence
				254a/262 Basford Road	Paths
				57 Brooklyn Road	Fence CANCELLED
				184 Wilkinson Street	Remove hedge CANCELLED

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Ward	Footway		Public Realm/Environmental		
	Non Housing	Housing	Non Housing	Housing	Description
Bestwood	Raymede Drive			171/173 Raymede Drive	Fencing
	Raymede Close			101 Arnside Road	Hardstanding
	Cairns Close			Townsend Court	Fencing
	Mosswood Crescent			13 Teviot Road	Hardstanding
	Twycross Road			48 Leybourne Drive	Hardstanding
	Dawlish Drive			41 Padstow Road	Hardstanding
	Portland Court			45 Padstow Road	Hardstanding
	Ravens Court			6 Eardley Road	Hardstanding
	Blyton Walk			17-19 Cherry Orchard Mount	Fencing
	Belconnen Road	Belconnen Road		16-26 Bestwood Park Drive	CANCELLED
	Oakington Close			36 Teviot Drive	Fencing
	Arnside Close	Arnside Close		46 Andover Road	Roll bar
	Arnside Road	Arnside Road		Belconnen/Cairns	Pigeon control
	Torbay Crescent			Valley Farm Court	Gates
	Wyton Close			19 Padstow Road	Fencing
	Babbacombe Drive			143-143 Leybourne Drive	Fencing
		Barent Walk		Cadlan Court	Fencing
	Jacklin Gardens	Jacklin Gardens		Belconnen/Cairns	Internal lighting
	Lytham Gardens	Lytham Gardens		74 Trinstead Way	Kerb
	Hogan Gardens	Hogan Gardens		28 Carnwood Road	Fencing
	Townsend Gardens			46 Andover Road	Fencing
	Grierson Avenue			10-20 Amber Hill	Fencing
	Rees Gardens	Rees Gardens		1-7 Evedon Walk	Fencing
	Thompson Gardens	Thompson Gardens		1-11 Prendwick Gardens	Fencing
	Arnold Road, Part			40-45 Wendling Gardens	Fencing

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	Non Housing	Housing	Non Housing	Housing	Description
Bestwood	Terton Road	Terton Road	Sunrise Hill		Path/Handrail
	Ecton Close	Ecton Close	Maythorne Walk		Handrail
	Glins Road		Bestwood Park Drive, Road Safety Scheme		Contribution, £30k
	Meregill Close	Meregill Close		46-56 Mountfield Drive	Fencing
	Helmsdale Gardens			46-56 Mountfield Drive	Gates
	Thor Gardens			1-11 Lechlade road	Fencing
	Carlswalk Gardens	Carlswalk Gardens		40-50 Lechlade Road	Fencing
	Mendip Court			2-12 Chisholm Way	Fencing
		Snead Court		32-42 Chisholm Way	Fencing
	Eversley Walk			36-46 Eastglade Road	Fencing
	Belleville Drive	Belleville Drive		58-68 Milverton Road	Fencing
	Prendwick Gardens			22-32 Castellan Rise	Fencing
	Raithby Close			1-11 Chisholm Way	Fencing
		Madryn Walk		18-20 Shoreswood	Fencing
	Beckhampton/ Hartcoft Rd shops, path/fence	34 Bestwood Park Drive , Drying Area		22-32 Gladehill Road	Fencing
				80-85 Wendling Gardens	Fencing
				127-143 Belconnen Road	Lighting
				145-161 Belconnen Road	
				175-191 Belconnen Road	
				193-209 Belconnen Road	
				49-65 Belconnen Road	
				1-17 Cairns Close	
				19-35 Cairns Close	
				1-7 Oakington Close	Gate
				5-15 Adderley Close	Gates
				Carnforth Court	Lighting

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Ward	Footway		Public Realm/Environmental		
	Non Housing	Housing	Non Housing	Housing	Description
Bestwood				212-218 Beckhampton Road	Intercom
				Masson Court	Lighting
				1-11 Harkstead Road	Fence
				15-16 Weetman Gardens	Fence
				238-246 Beckhampton Road	Intercom
				Leen Valley flats	Bins/Kerbs
				Beckhampton Road Garages	Anti vandal paint, £500 CANCELLED
			Southglade Park		Contribution, £80k
			Chediston Vale Park		Contribution, £100k
			Mosswood Crescent Park		Contribution, £50k
			Churchfield Plantation		Contribution, £6k
			Hazel Hill Park		Contribution, £7k

APPENDIX C- Committed Works

<u>Ward</u>	<u>Footways</u>			<u>Public Realm/Environmental</u>		
	<u>Non Housing</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Non Housing</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Description</u>
Basford	Radley Square				8,10,12,14,16,26 Tring Vale	Hardstandings, £19,500
	Goverton Square				Basford Ward (Paul Stanley)	Hardstandings, £32,500
	Laxton Avenue				59 Brooklyn Road	Hardstanding, £3,250
	Vernon Avenue				6 Laxton Avenue	Hardstanding, £3,250
	Norburn Crescent				Wallis Street complex	Lighting, £1,000
	Francis Grove			Whitemoor Park		Contribution, £40k
	Athorpe Grove			Heathfield Park		Further contribution, £90k(total £233k)
	Rydal Grove					
	Waterford Street					

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<u>Ward</u>	<u>Footways</u>			<u>Public Realm/Environmental</u>		
	<u>Non Housing</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Non Housing</u>	<u>Housing</u>	<u>Description</u>
Bestwood	Morrell Bank	Morrell Bank				
	Ellsworth Rise	Ellsworth Rise				
	Peary Close	Peary Close				
	Barent Close	Barent Close				
	Leahy Gardens	Leahy Gardens				
	Astrid Gardens	Astrid Gardens				
	Nansen Gardens	Nansen Gardens				

APPENDIX D

Quality of Work

City Council's Highways employs a team of supervisors who check on day to day quality of workmanship and address the problems they identify as they arise.

Some problems only come to light months after the work has been carried out which is why a second inspection is carried out some months later (normally 3/4 months after completion of the works).

There is a perception about the quality arising from the use of slurry seal as a surface treatment.

Slurry seal is an acceptable engineering treatment and is very economical. Re-tarmacing the same footway rather than using slurry seal would in general terms quadruple the cost resulting in only a quarter of the area covered for the same money.

Process with Utilities Companies

Re. concerns raised regarding Utilities companies digging up recently resurfaced footways:

The process followed is that:

- a) Annual footway programme is agreed with Area Committees;
- b) Highways then send the agreed lists to Network Management;
- c) Network Management then inform Highways where there are potential conflicts;
- d) Highways then re-programme works to reduce conflicts.

Under the Traffic Management Act 2004 and previous legislation Utility companies have the right to excavate the highway to repair/maintain their equipment.

Specifically under the 2004 legislation the Local Authority (Network Management) can insist that full width reinstatements are undertaken if their works fall within the 1st 12 months of the new footway being completed. Outside of this period the Utility Company is only required to resurface the footway with the same materials.

It is the duty of the Highway Authority to police the reinstatement works carried out by Utility companies and enforce that their works are carried out in a safe manner and that the reinstatements meet the required standards.

In view of the intensity of the footway programme, and the recent problems, Highways have employed an extra resource to liaise and coordinate our works with those of the Utilities companies.