

BASFORD AND BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE - 25 NOVEMBER 2009

Title of paper:	AREA CAPITAL PROGRAMME	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
World Class Nottingham		x
Work in Nottingham		x
Safer Nottingham		x
Neighbourhood Nottingham		x
Family Nottingham		x
Healthy Nottingham		x
Serving Nottingham Better		x
Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):		
<p>This report provides:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Information about the area-based funding governance structure. Corporate guidance on the prioritisation of Area Capital Funding. Details of area capital funds available for each ward. Information about proposed schemes needing the approval of Area Committee</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
1	Note the report.	
2	Select works from the proposed schemes identified in appendix 2 under the heading 'proposal' to be undertaken.	

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The environmental improvement (Area Capital) programme is designed to improve the environment of residential areas and create a sense of place for residents that impacts

positively on their quality of life.

- 1.2 The funding is provided by the City Council to Area Committees to enable an agreed programme of works to be drawn up. Nottingham City Homes (NCH) expenditure on council estates is derived from the Housing Revenue Account and Area Housing Panels agree the funding of improvements on NCH estates which are then recommended to the Area Committee for approval.
- 1.3 Appendix 1 outlines the decision-making process for allocating area capital programme resources, while Appendix 2 shows the priorities committed to date in the Area by ward, and the current Programme budget remaining available to the Area Committee. The amounts available within each ward across all funding streams - Area Capital, NCH Environmental improvements, Local Transport Plan improvements and Section 106 funding will be shown. It is intended that Members will receive future information in this format.
- 1.4 The process of identifying potential environmental schemes will continue to be carried out over the next few months and will involve consultation with residents through the Area Committee and Area Housing Panel. In relation to the Programme, a policy is being devised for the Chief Executive on how the Council will deal with requests for alleviation of traffic congestion and impact from vehicle parking and the need to maintain and retain amenity land across the City. Area Committees are recommended to fund such works from Area Capital funding.
- 1.5 Construction companies undertaking new developments are required to provide a financial contribution in lieu of providing new open space on site or enhancing existing green spaces (referred to as section 106 money). Contributions received must be used within the Area Committee boundary within which they are generated. Contributions from more than one development in the same Area Committee boundary can be pooled to fund larger projects. Such monies are managed by the Parks and Open Spaces service in consultation with the Area Committees to provide improvements to public open space. The primary focus for this funding is on new or improved sports and recreation facilities, but contributions can be used for other open space improvements within the locality of the development (defined for practical purposes as the same Area Committee boundary as the development site).

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 To give focus and transparency to Area Capital funding and ensure the Area Committee is aware of the opportunities for supporting suitable works in the community.
- 2.2 To achieve value for money by the effective use of funds and enable immediate responses to local priorities.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To continue with the current arrangements.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

- 4.1 The coordination of priorities, budgets and works will provide value for money and lead to performance improvements in the City Council and Nottingham City Homes services.

The current commitments against the resources allocated are shown in Appendix 2. It should be noted that the schemes shown pending approval exceed the resources available and approvals can only be made to the level of resource available to fund that type of work.

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

- 5.1 Procedures to manage risks are already in place for area committees and any decision making will take account of Crime & Disorder Act and Equality & Diversity implications.

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

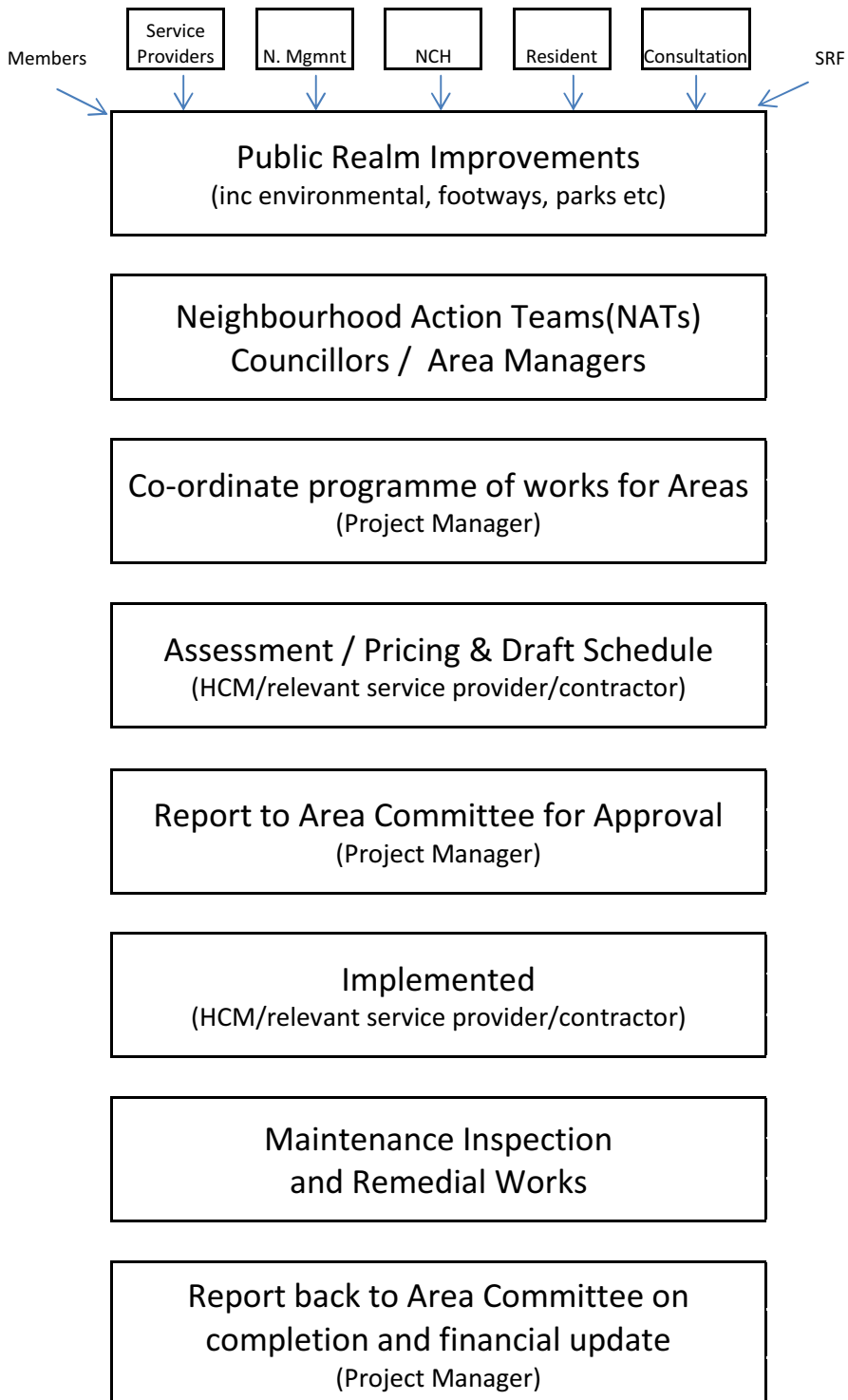
- 6.1 Basford and Bestwood Area Committee Report, 21 July 2009 "Area Capital Resources".

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 7.1 None.

AREA CAPITAL PROGRAMME Decision-making Process

Flow Diagram



APPENDIX 2

WARD: Basford	Proj. No	Project Description	Type	Consultation Route	Date of Approval	Proposal £	Committed £	Completed £	Date Completed
	1	Noburn Crescent	footpath		28/01/09			14,600	29/04/09
	2	Whitemoor Park - contribution	Parks		28/01/09			40,000	
	3	Neston Drive - gating order	Gating		28/01/09			2,900	
	4	Greenwich Avenue - gating order	Gating	Cancelled					
	5	Vernon Park - contribution	Parks		30/07/08			70,000	
	6	Whitemoor Park - contribution	Parks		30/09/09			20,000	
	7	Basford Allotments - contribution	Allotment		30/09/09			30,000	
	8	Neston Drive, Lighting	lighting		28/01/09		8,000		
	9	Hucknall Road (under const.)	footpath		29/07/09		176,600		
	10	Heathfield Park - contribution	footpath		29/07/09			5,000	
	11	Heathfield Park (gym equipment)	Parks		29/07/09			4,400	
	12	Vernon Rd, Vernon Av to Southwalk St	footpath		28/01/09			28,300	26/05/09
	13	Whitemoor Allotments	Allotment			35,000			
	14	Lincoln Street Scout Hut - resurfacing/mulch around trees			29/07/09		11,000		
	15	Tring Vale	TRO	agreed by members 04/08/09	01/10/09		5,000		
	16	Heathfield Allotments	footpath	agreed by members Oct 09	01/10/09		10,000		
	17	Nottingham Road - reconstruct	footpath			28,600			
	18	Church Street - reconstruct	footpath			42,800			
	19	Southwark Street Triangle	footpath	04/08/09				3,000	25/09/09
Sub Total						106,400	210,600	218,200	
Total								428,800	
ACF Allocation								414,500	
LTP Allocation								100,000	
Balance								85,700	

WARD: Bestwood	Proj. No	Project Description	Type	Consultation Route	Date of Approval	Proposal £	Committed £	Completed £	Date Completed
	1	Peary Close area	footpath		28/01/09			75,600	04/06/09
	2	Peary Close area Housing footpaths, £15K (reconstruct)	for information only						04/06/09
	3	Hucknall Road, Gala to City Hospital (reconstruct)	footpath		29/07/09		120,000		
	4	Southglade Adventure Playground	play					50,000	
	5	Arnold Road				250,000			
	6	Bestwood Park Drive				288,000			
	7	Queen's Bower Road HOUSING, £14,400	for information only						
	8	Queen's Bower Road HIGHWAY				280,000			
	9	Arnold Rd (opposite Corals/Co-op)	parking		29/07/09		14,000		
	10	Arnold Road, sliproad	traffic calming		29/07/09		15,000		
	11	Arnold Road, sliproad	footpath			36,000			
	12	Stevenholme Crescent	footpath			120,000			
	13	Stevenholme Crescent	carriageway			50,000			
	14	Twycross Road	carriageway			8,00			
	15	Cherry Orchard Mount	carriageway			60,000			
Sub Total						1,092,000	149,000	125,600	
Total								274,600	
ACF Allocation								498,000	
LTP Allocation								100,000	
Balance								323,400	