

AREA COMMITTEE 1 (Bulwell & Bulwell Forest) – 12th September 2012

Title of paper:	AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2011/13 Programme	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority: (you must mark X in the relevant boxes below)		
World Class Nottingham		X
Work in Nottingham		X
Safer Nottingham		X
Neighbourhood Nottingham		X
Family Nottingham		X
Healthy Nottingham		X
Leading Nottingham		X
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report provides Councillors with :- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways and footways 		
Recommendation(s):		
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Note the monies available to Bulwell Ward as outlined in Appendix 1 b) That the Area Capital programme of schemes for Bulwell as set out in Appendix 1 be approved. 	

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.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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.

- 1.4 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.

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.

To give opportunity for the Area Committee to make comment on suggested schemes and their progress

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

- 6.1 Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)

No

Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

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.

Bulwell Area Capital 2011 - 2013 LTP schemes

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Merchant Street	Footpath	Prioritised 24th July 2012	£94,732			Footpath resurfacing of Merchant Street and the slabbed footpath between Squires Avenue and Hazel Street
Brooks Close, Coventry Road	TRO	Approved May 2012	£5,500	TBC	No	Waiting and parking restrictions on Coventry Road and junction lining at Brooks Close
Bulwell Town Centre	Refurbishment	Approved November 2011	£20,000	--	Yes	Refurbishment to Town Centre paving
Bulwell Town Centre area	Surveys	Approved November 2011	£1,235	--	Yes	Surveys to be carried out to investigate the impact of the Joint Service Centre, Tesco and the Town Centre Bollards

Total LTP schemes*

£121,467

Bulwell Area Capital Public Realm schemes (from carry over & withdrawn schemes)

Location	Type	Councillor Prioritised / Area Committee Approved	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Totley Close	Contribution	Prioritised 24th July 2012	£8,565			Contribution to scheme to improve green space
Northern Cemetery	Tree works	Approved November 2011	£7,500	--	Yes	Overgrown trees at Northern Cemetery are causing issues for residents. Funding from withdrawn Bradford Street Allotments scheme.

Total Public Realm schemes**

£16,065

Bulwell Area Capital Withdrawn schemes

Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details
Northern Cemetery	Tree Works	Underspend	£115	Underspend (Public Realm)
Bradford Street Allotments	Fencing contribution	Funded from other source	£22,000	Received confirmation from the Allotment team that funding was from elsewhere. Was 2009 - 2011 scheme (Public Realm)

Total Decommited ***

£22,115

2011-2013 LTP

allocation

£148,166

Balance carried over from 2010-2011

£0

Total Available 2011 - 2013 ACF**£148,166**

*Less LTP schemes

- £121,467

**Less Public Realm schemes

- £16,065

***Decommited funds

+ £22,115

Remaining available balance**£32,749**

LTP element remaining

£26,699

Public Realm element remaining

£6,050