

**NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**  
**WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)**

**Date:** Monday 28 November 2011

**Time:** 5.00pm

**Place:** Dining Room at the Council House, Old Market square

Councillors are requested to attend the above meeting on the date and at the time and place stated to transact the following business.



**Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director for Resources**

**Constitutional Services Officer: Martin Parker Direct dial - 8764303**

**AGENDA**

**1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Councillors, colleagues or other participants in meetings, are requested to declare any personal or personal and prejudicial interest in any matter(s) on the agenda

**3 MINUTES**

Last meeting held on 22 September 2011 (for confirmation)

Attached

**4 ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Community Representatives to report

**5 HIGHFIELDS PARK RESTORATION**

Report of Director of Sport, Culture and Parks

Attached

**6 NEIGHBOURHOOD BLOOM**

Report of Director of Sport, Culture and Parks

Attached

**7 AREA CAPITAL FUND - AREA APPROVALS**

Report of Director of Local Communities

Attached

**8 DELEGATED AUTHORITY - WARD ALLOCATIONS**

Report of Director of Local Communities

Attached

**KATRINA CURNOW, AREA MANAGER (CENTRAL LOCALITY), WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE DINING ROOM AT THE COUNCIL HOUSE, 30 MINUTES BEFORE THE START OF THE MEETING TO MEET INFORMALLY WITH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES AS NECESSARY**

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE WHETHER OR NOT YOU SHOULD DECLARE AN INTEREST IN A PARTICULAR MATTER, PLEASE CONTACT THE CONSTITUTIONAL SERVICES OFFICER SHOWN ON THIS AGENDA, IF POSSIBLE BEFORE THE DAY OF THE MEETING, WHO WILL PROVIDE ADVICE IN THE FIRST INSTANCE**

Agenda, reports and minutes for all public meetings can be viewed online at:-  
<http://open.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/comm/default.asp>

**NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**3**

**WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)**

**MINUTES**

of meeting held on **22 SEPTEMBER 2011** at the Council House  
from 5.02 pm to 6.22 pm

- ✓ Councillor Morley (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Parton (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Culley
- ✓ Councillor Fox
- ✓ Councillor Longford

**Community Representatives**

- ✓ Mr D Allen ) North Wollaton Residents' Association
- Mrs L Dilks )
- ✓ Mrs P Peck - Wollaton Park Community Association
- Mr T Kerry - Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserve
- ✓ Mrs T Marshall - Wollaton Park Residents' Association
- ✓ Mrs P Meese - Lenton Abbey Family and Friends Funday/  
Lenton Abbey 15<sup>th</sup> Nottingham Scout Group
- vacancy - Wollaton Care Group
- vacancy - Wollaton Village and Park Conservation Society
- vacancy - Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Watch  
Association
- ✓ Mr B Smith - Lenton Abbey Residents' Association
- Dr A J Swannell - Wollaton Vale Residents' Association

✓ - indicates present at meeting

**Also Present**

- Mr J Straw - Arkwright Society

**Officers In Attendance**

- Mr A Mohammed - Area Manager )
- Mr r Inglis - Service Manager Museums and ) Communities
- Galleries )
- Mr P Tansey - Senior Planner, Policy and )
- Information Team )
- Ms H Wallace Project Officer Building Schools ) Development
- for the Future and Capital Assets )
- Mr R Adkin - Project Support Officer, Building )
- Schools for the Future )
- Mr M Neal - Head of Building Schools for the )
- Future and Capital Assets )
- Ms S Walker - New Projects Development - Inspired Spaces
- Manager
- Mr M J Parker - Constitutional Services Officer - Resources

**Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.**

**ACTION**

**16 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mrs Peck and Dr Swannell.

**17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

No declarations of interests were made under this agenda item.

Councillors Longford and Morley advised the Area Committee that, as members of the City Council's Development Control Committee, they would listen to discussion on potential development sites DS54 – DS56 identified in the consultation on the Land and Planning Policies Development Plan Document (agenda item 6, minute 21), but would indicate no personal opinion.

**18 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the minutes of the last meeting held on 24 August 2011, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair;**
- (2) that, further to minute 10(b) dated 24 August 2011, the intention of potential developers of a section of the Wollaton Allotments site (St Martin's Pond) to reconsider their proposals to revisit site access arrangements be noted and that observations by the Area Committee that its previously raised concerns regarding the development remained and the need for further investigation to be undertaken regarding the potential for contamination leakage from development works into Tottle Brook and to arrive at a definitive position regarding the background to the retention, or otherwise, of the Site of Natural Importance (SINC) status of part of the allotment site and the effects of any proposed development upon it and the adjoining nature reserve;**
- (3) that, further to minute 10(c) dated 24 August 2011, the programmed removal of invasive giant hogweed from Tottle Brook and assistance being given to Wollaton Vale Residents' Association in the development of a website, be noted.**

**19 ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY AREA COMMITTEE COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

**Katrina  
Curnow**

Mrs Marshall requested that the Neighbourhood Management Team progress the following outstanding matters from discussions at previous Area Committee meetings:

**ACTION**

- arrangements for a previously agreed visit by Community Representatives to view the workings of a local recycling plant;
- a financial contribution towards the production of a booklet for delivery to all households in the Middleton Boulevard Conservation Area, giving guidance to residents on their responsibilities and permitted works to properties.

Mrs Marshall also drew attention to a forthcoming meeting to discuss the future of library services in the locality at which support for the service in general, and for the mobile service, in particular, should be stressed.

**20 INDUSTRIAL HALL MUSEUM, WOLLATON HALL – UPDATE**

The Chair welcomed Mr Straw of the Arkwright Society to the meeting.

Further to minutes 4 and 10(d) dated 21 June and 24 August 2011 respectively, Mr Inglis and Mr Straw provided the following update on progress in maintaining the operation of the Industrial Museum at Wollaton Hall:

- support for the Arkwright Society had continued. The organisation had reviewed its operation and a refresh of its purpose had resulted in a recruitment drive for new members, increasing the volunteer base to 61. The need for further progression having been acknowledged, the Society still intended to change its governance and membership structure in preparation for assuming responsibility for the Industrial Museum, and the 61 volunteers had been organised into four themed working groups: Marketing, Management, Research and Museum Development;
- the original committal of individual ward member budgets, together with the Society's refreshed outlook would enabled an increased number of applications for financial assistance to be made. To date, approximately £91,000 of financial assistance had been obtained to assist the Society and the City Council in taking forward the further development of the Museum. The financing secured thus far would be used to refresh the existing facility experience as full refurbishment was dependent on a wider renovation of the Hall stable block which currently housed the Museum;
- a Project Director had been appointed to oversee development of the Museum and Mr Straw expressed his, and the Society's appreciation from the support received from colleagues thus far and explained that the Museum would be open four days per week plus one monthly steaming day from January 2012, with an official opening in March 2012. Attendance at the last steaming day had exceeded 600 paying visitors. Links had also been established with individuals with the necessary skills to maintain and operate the lace making machines;

**ACTION**

- in the longer term it was hoped that the Museum could forge links with current Nottingham industries in addition to reflecting more aspects of older, former, industries, such as the Nottingham lace industry, where costumes from collections currently stored at Newstead Abbey and examples from the Nottingham Trent University collection of glass negatives could be used to illustrate the product and place the local industry within a wider creative and aesthetic pattern and international context.

**RESOLVED that the position be noted and Mr Straw, on behalf of the Society, be thanked for the work undertaken thus far and which, the Committee hoped, would result in an improved visitor attraction.**

**21 LAND AND PLANNING POLICIES DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENT (Corporate Director of Development)**

The Chair welcomed Mr Tansey to the Meeting.

Mr Tansey explained that the current report prefaced an initial public consultation exercise between September and late November 2011 on proposals included within the Development Plan document for potential development of up to 100 sites across the City suggested by a variety of sources including the public, businesses and developers. Of the three local sites which lay within the Area Committee's boundary, all involved proposals to redevelop for all or part residential use, either the Radford Bridge Allotments off Torville Drive or at Woodyard Lane off Lambourne Drive.

The continuing concerns of the Committee and Community Representatives regarding the background to sites DS54 and DS55 - Radford Bridge Allotments off Torville Drive were recorded at minute 18(2), above and the need for clarification of the background to current issues in order for local community representatives to participate effectively in the consultation process was reiterated. Proposed residential development at Woodyard Lane off Lambourne Drive (DS56) was a new proposal arising from a suggestion on behalf of the landowner through the 'call for sites' process.

Referring to section 1.3 (a) of the report (economy), Mrs Marshall drew attention to the potential adverse effects of proposals to charge for vehicle parking on the viability of the City and neighbourhood shopping and which was also being affected by out of town shopping developments with free parking.

**RESOLVED**

- (1) that the report and deadline of 21 November 2011 for receipt of comments on the consultation phase, be noted;
- (2) that the Corporate Director of Development be requested to provide further background information to Community Representatives on development sites DS54 – 56.

**Paul Tansey**

**ACTION**

**22 SITE OF BLUECOAT SCHOOL, WOLLATON – BUILDING SCHOOLS FOR TH FUTURE BRIEFING**

The Chair welcomed Ms Walker, Ms Wallace, Mr Neal and Mr Adkin to the meeting. Mr Neal and Mr Adkin provided background on original proposals to re-build the Bluecote School under the previous government's Building Schools for the Future initiative. Following suspension of the scheme funding as part of the current government's spending review, it was now intended to implement an amended scheme of refurbishment of the existing school buildings on the site. This would include:

- partial demolition of main block (building 6), retention of dining area, internal remodelling and new external cladding;
- new build, 2 storey general teaching block on existing hard play area to the north of building 6, incorporating ICT suite(s) and 10 classrooms, and hard play area re-surfacing;
- new retaining wall between the new build and team game area;
- building entrance works for Disability Discrimination Act compliance;
- soft landscaping replanting;
- additional vehicular parking.

The proposed timetable for works was:

Consultation of Proposals:	mid October 2011
Submission of planning application:	November 2011
Construction begins:	end March 2012

Concerns of Community Representatives at the loss of the existing Community Room and effects on the coffee morning for older and younger people were noted and it was intended that there should be flexible use of space within the buildings, although this may be without permanent dividing structures. Retention of existing site entrances was noted and coach access and turning arrangements would continue at the end of the road. The Committee felt that traffic congestion could be improved if a dedicated waiting/pupil drop/collection area could be provided. Proposals to seek additional funding from Sports council England and the European Union to develop a sports activity area may be affected by any proposal to improve the vista from Wollaton Hall by removing the playing field provision.

**RESOLVED that the position be noted.**

**ACTION**

**23 FUTURE MEETING ARRANGEMENTS**

Further to minute 15 dated 24 August 2011, the Committee considered three options for a revised meeting cycle. Based on returns provided by Councillor and Community Representatives to a questionnaire on availability, the third option of meetings on Mondays at 5.00 pm later in the month affected the least number of people.

**RESOLVED that the Committee meet in the Council House, Old Market Square, at 5.00 pm on the following Mondays:**

**28 November 2011  
30 January 2012  
26 March 2012**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**Monday, 28 November 2011, beginning at 5.00 pm**



**WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE**  
**28 NOVEMBER 2011**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Highfields Park Restoration</b>	
<b>Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):</b>	John Kelly, Corporate Director, Communities Hugh White, Director, Sport, Culture & Parks	<b>Wards affected:</b> Wollaton East
<b>Report author(s) and contact details:</b>	<b>Eddie Curry, Head of Parks &amp; Open Spaces</b> <b>0115 876 9482</b> <b>James Dymond, Parks Development Manager</b> <b>0115 876 9483</b>	
<b>Other colleagues who have provided input:</b>	Steve Ross, Finance Analyst Vincent Bryce, Equality & Diversity	
<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b>		
World Class Nottingham		X
Work in Nottingham		X
Safer Nottingham		X
Neighbourhood Nottingham		X
Family Nottingham		X
Healthy Nottingham		X
Leading Nottingham		
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
<p>In order to restore Highfields Park a significant capital project is required (approx. £3.7m) and, given the call on the Council's capital resources, the external Heritage Lottery Fund's <i>Parks for People</i> grant fund is considered to be the most appropriate funding scheme to enable this work to take place in the next few years.</p> <p>This proposal has been agreed by the NCC Trusts and Charities Committee and a minute of the meeting is attached at Appendix 1.</p>		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
1	That the Area Committee note the contents of this report and supports the submission of a Stage One HLF bid for the restoration of Highfields Park.	
2	That the Area Committee support the creation of a Friends of Highfields Park group to support the restoration project and recommend any Area Committee members to the group if appropriate.	

## **1. BACKGROUND**

### **1.1 History**

Highfields Park was laid out in the early 1920s as a public park on the initiative of Sir Jesse Boot and to designs by Richard Percy Morley Horder. Its foundation stone was laid in 1922, it opened partly in 1923 and the public was given its full use in 1926. The ownership was transferred to the City Council in 1932. It is one of the first man-made, large-scale public parks of the 20th century. By virtue of its values Highfields Park was included in English Heritage's Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest Grade II Ref GD 2771.

### **1.2 Current Status**

Highfields Park is currently managed by the Highfields Leisure Trust. The Trust has charitable status and is governed by Nottingham City Council. Nottingham City Council Parks and Open Spaces team currently works in partnership with the Highfields User Group to manage and develop the Highfields park site. The group reports to the Trust and meets quarterly with representation from key stakeholders including the Civic Society, Highfields Sports Club, University of Nottingham, Lakeside Arts Centre, Croquet Club, Model Boat Club, Tennis Centre, local residents and the Police.

1.3 As a destination site, Highfields Park serves a wide audience and has a broad cross section of community involvement. The Lakeside Arts Centre is based at the Park and the University works closely with the City Council around the development of activities and education sessions and events which they organise.

### **1.4 Partners**

As the Park's significant neighbour, the University will be a key partner in the development and delivery of this project. Its campus acts as a natural extension to the Park and both students and visitors are regular users. The City also works closely with the University on day to day management and has supported projects with staff time and recently the Friends of University Park donated funds towards the cascade planting scheme.

1.5 Highfields Park currently has a User Group who meet quarterly to oversee the park's day-to-day maintenance and improvement projects. In the future it is proposed that this group will become the foundation of a new Steering Group for the restoration project and that a separate Friends of Highfields Park group is established – this would be more hands-on and involved in activities on the park as well as commenting on proposals for the site. Citizens interested in becoming part of such a group should make themselves known to the Parks Development Officer for the site.

### **1.6 The Restoration Project**

The project consists of a comprehensive programme of restoration works designed to fully restore the Park, build upon its heritage and create a community facility for the 21st century.

1.7 In 2009 and 2010 a series of surveys of the site (including trees, heritage features and the lake) were undertaken by specialist consultants and a Masterplan produced by FPCR. These documents, including outline cost estimates, have been used to produce the proposals below which will be worked up to greater detail at a Stage One bid.

1. Landscape Restoration
2. Regenerate the community facilities
3. Community Engagement
4. Training and Volunteering opportunities

1.8 Preliminary investigations show the following elements as major costs:

<b>Project</b>	<b>£</b>
Lake Rehabilitation and management	800,000
Refurbishment and repair of existing historic building features on the site.	300,000
Boundaries and gateways - including restoration of fencing, gating and wall work within the site.	200,000
Hard surfacing and resurfacing - estimated costs for the repair of existing footpaths to be kept and the construction of new footpaths and car parks.	550,000
Furniture/signage	100,000
Vegetation and arboriculture work.	300,000
New Features.	150,000
Water park alongside new playground.	250,000
Other elements including prelims & fees	600,000
Staff costs: Park Ranger x 10 years.	250,000
Contingency	162,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,662,500</b>

1.9 We expect the restoration project to last approximately 18 months - 2 years from funding becoming available to completion. Anticipated timetable:

- Stage 1 - Feb 2012
- Stage 2 - Feb 2013

## **2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

2.1 Highfields Park has been prioritised as one of the parks for improvement within the Council's manifesto pledges. Recent small-scale improvements at the park include works to the cascade and a new children's playground in August 2011 – however, further works are now needed to raise the quality of the rest of the site.

2.2 As one of the City's 'destination' parks and one on a high profile route into and out of the City, the restoration of the site and citizen buy-in to it will be vital to ensure any future HLF grant success.

2.3 The restoration will contribute to the World Class, Family, Healthy, Working and Safer themes of the SCS.

2.4 The proposed project will restore Highfields Park for the benefit of Nottingham's citizens as well as visitors from further afield.

### **3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To not apply for a Lottery bid would mean that insufficient funding would be available to restore the park's historic fabric with the risk that the condition of these features would continue to decline further.
- 3.2 Other funding sources may be sought for the park's restoration but no other funds are of the necessary scale and type for the works required.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

- £
- 4.1 The total estimated cost of the scheme is estimated to be 3,662,500
- Proposed Funding/Bid:
- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| Maximum HLF parks for People Fund (90% of total cost) | 3,296,250 |
| Minimum Match Funding (10% of total cost)             | 366,250   |
- 4.2 The terms of the bid states that a least 50% of the matching funding will have to be a cash contribution of £183,125
- 4.3 The match funding required for this project is £366,000. The Capital Programme has a current shortfall of £10m and the City Council has not identified any specific funding for this project, however, alternative funding streams are currently being explored.
- 4.4 Prior to the project being entered into the Capital Programme, the project will be subject to the Corporate Project Assessment & Prioritisation Process, which is currently being finalised. It is proposed that only projects that can demonstrate a contribution to the delivery of the City Councils statutory requirements and/ or strategic objectives/ organisational priorities will be proposed for inclusion in the capital programme.
- 4.5 This report does not seek approval to commit to or to incur capital expenditure. It should be noted that at this stage the funding is not confirmed and approval to commit capital funds will be sought through the presentation of further reports in the event that the bidding application is successful.
- 4.6 Any cost incurred in submitting the bid will have to be met from existing resources and any additional revenue costs will need to be found within existing resources.

*Comments from Steve Ross, Finance Analyst, 21-10-11.*

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

- 5.1 The predominant project risks will be surrounding the availability of match funding (10%) and the fact that both Stage 1 and Stage 2 bids are now competitive i.e. funds are no longer ring-fenced for the project if the Stage 1 bid is successful. This presents risks relating to costs 'sunk' into the bid process up to that decision point.

- 5.2 It should also be noted that, where a grant award is given, specific conditions apply which usually bind the Council for a set number of years. Typically this entails maintaining the standards of the Park and supporting any revenue programme agreed.
- 5.3 It is proposed that this project should be taken to the Project Health Board that Major Programmes are currently establishing for appraisal so that an appraisal can be made and reported accordingly to the Corporate Delivery Board.

## **6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs)**

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

- No. An Equality Impact Assessment would be carried out as part of the development of the proposal in the event of a successful HLF bid to consider relevant issues such as disability access.

This proposal would advance equality of opportunity by helping ensure the highest quality park provision to meet the needs of young people. An equality impact assessment is not required at this stage as the approval for a bid for funds for refurbishment does not amount to a new or changing policy service or function, but should be carried out if the funding bid is successful to ensure relevant equality considerations (such as disability access) are incorporated into refurbishment work.

*Comments from Vincent Bryce, Equality & Diversity, 07-10-2011.*

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

- 7.1 None

## **8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

- 8.1 Highfields Masterplan, FPCR, 2010.
- 8.2 Highfields Park Restoration: Lottery Bid Expression of Interest – NCC Corporate Leadership Team report, September 2011.
- 8.3 Highfields Park Restoration: NCC Trusts and Charities Committee – 6<sup>th</sup> September 2011.





**EXTRACT** from

the minutes of the **TRUSTS AND CHARITIES COMMITTEE**

held on 6 **SEPTEMBER 2011**

**RESTORATION AND REGENERATION OF HIGHFIELDS PARK**

**6 HIGHFIELDS PARK: LOTTERY BID EXPRESSION OF INTEREST AND DELEGATED AUTHORITIES FOR HIGHFIELDS PARK AND HARVEY HADDEN STADIUM**

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Sport, Culture and Parks, copies of which had been circulated, seeking the Committee's support for the submission of an Expression of Interest for Heritage Lottery Funding (HLF) to restore Highfields Park,. The report also sought approval of a number of delegations to the Director for Sport, Culture and Parks, both to follow up the expression of interest and to make arrangements to proceed to Stage One of the bid, and to allow day to day management and maintenance of both Highfields Park and to Harvey Hadden Stadium.

The report was introduced by Mr E Curry, Head of Parks and Open Spaces, explained that the periphery, lake and infrastructure of Highfields Park had been in slow decline over the last 20-30 years, and significant capital input in the region of £3.4 million was required to restore and regenerate the Park and its facilities. The HLF Parks for People grant fund had been identified as the appropriate funding scheme and an Expression of Interest was being prepared to kickstart the bid process.

Mr Curry confirmed that there were no risk liabilities for the City Council at this stage of the process, and, should the process proceed to Stage One, resource and other implications would be considered in detail. Mr Curry also explained that, with the establishment of the Committee, delegation to the Director of Sport, Culture and Parks was required to ensure that day to day operational and management decisions were taken effectively without constant recourse and referral to the Committee.

The Committee expressed its support in principle for pursuing capital funding as proposed, and in the discussion that followed, a number of issues were raised and points made:

- it was explained that, prior to the establishment of this Committee, decisions such as those currently being considered were taken by the relevant Portfolio Holder;

- the Highfields Users Group, which was made up of stakeholders including the Civic society, University of Nottingham, Highfields Sports Club, Lakeside Arts Centre, the Tennis Centre, miscellaneous specialist interest groups and local residents, was used as a sounding board for operational and strategic decisions taken to maintain and develop the Park. Mr Curry agreed that it would be useful to have a representative of this Committee attend meetings of the User Group;
- the Park had an active Friends Group, comprised of residents both from within and outside the City boundary;
- it was acknowledged that the development of the Nottingham Express Transit Line 2 could have a significant impact on the Park, as it was proposed to have tram stops near to the paddling pool and to the Tennis Centre;
- it was explained that, while significant improvement works had been undertaken in the Park in recent years, including valuable input from the Probation Service, the historic fabric of the Park needed a major overhaul;
- in response to a councillor's question on sources of match funding to take the process forward, Mr Curry explained that there were a number of disparate funding streams that could be explored, including seeking contributions from key stakeholders such as the university and the Probation Service;
- the Committee supported delegating day to day management and maintenance for both Highfields and Harvey Hadden Stadium;
- arising from a substantive discussion on the status and potential use of the Highfields Trust Dowry, it was confirmed that the Dowry fell under the auspices of this Committee, but that its use was subject to very specific caveats. There was consensus that it would not be prudent to make decisions on its use until Legal and Parks and Open Spaces colleagues had considered in detail both the current legal status of the Dowry and restrictions on its uses. Based on the outcome of that work, Parks and Open Spaces colleagues could then take forward detailed proposals for expenditure from the Dowry, or its yield, for the Committee's consideration.

## **RESOLVED**

- (1) that the Committee supported the submission of a Heritage Lottery Fund Expression of Interest for the restoration of Highfields Park, it being noted that, should a Stage One application be made, further consideration by this Committee would be required;**
- (2) that delegated authority be granted to the Director for Sport, Culture and Parks:**
  - (a) to continue the preparation of both the Expression of Interest and the Stage One lottery bid, and**
  - (b) for the day to day management and maintenance, including accountability for all revenue and capital income and expenditure in line with thresholds determined in the City Council's Constitution, in respect of both Highfields Park and Harvey Hadden Stadium;**



- (3) that the Head of Parks and Spaces and the Legal Services Manager consider in detail both the current legal status of the Highfields Trust Dowry and restrictions on its uses, and, based on the outcome of that work, the Head of Parks and Open Spaces submit detailed proposals for expenditure from the Dowry, or its yield, for the Committee's consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Jones", with a horizontal line underneath.

Deputy Chief Executive/Corporate Director of Resources



## WOLLATON &amp; LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE - 28 NOVEMBER 2011

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Bloom</b>	
<b>Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):</b>	Hugh White Director of Sport, Culture and Parks	<b>Wards affected:</b> <b>ALL</b>
<b>Report author(s) and contact details:</b>	<p>Eddie Curry Head of Parks and Open Spaces 0115 8764982 <a href="mailto:eddie.curry@nottinghamcity.gov.uk">eddie.curry@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Julie Walker/Caroline Elmhirst Nottingham in Bloom Partnership Manager 0115 8764985 <a href="mailto:julie.walker@nottinghamcity.gov.uk">julie.walker@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</a> <a href="mailto:caroline.elmhirst@nottinghamcity.gov.uk">caroline.elmhirst@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</a></p>	
<b>Other colleagues who have provided input:</b>	<p>John Pell Horticultural Services Manager 0115 9152725 <a href="mailto:john.pell@nottinghamcity.gov.uk">john.pell@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Steve Ross Financial Analyst 0115 8763738 <a href="mailto:steve.ross@nottinghamcity.gov.uk">steve.ross@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Vincent Bryce Equality and Diversity Consultant 0115 8764954 <a href="mailto:vincent.bryce@nottinghamcity.gov.uk">vincent.bryce@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</a></p>	
<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b>		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		
Neighbourhood Nottingham		<b>x</b>
Family Nottingham		
Healthy Nottingham		
Leading Nottingham		
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
<p>The Spectacolour budget will fund core floral displays for the area. Area Committee is asked to note the budget for 2012-13 and to agree on the displays required.</p> <p>The Committee is also asked to acknowledge the achievements of local groups who participated in the Britain in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' awards and supported other Parks initiatives.</p>		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		

1	That the Committee notes the level of displays to be provided from the Spectacolour budget and agrees on the displays required.
2	That the Committee acknowledges the achievements of local groups and encourages future involvement.

## 1. BACKGROUND

1.1 Nottingham in Bloom is a corporate initiative linking local communities, businesses and individuals through sustainable partnerships, working together to produce horticultural excellence and enhance the local landscape, the environment and character of Nottingham.

1.2 Proposals for 2011 fall into two categories – Neighbourhood Bloom displays and local participation in Bloom and Parks initiatives.

### **Neighbourhood Bloom displays**

1.3 The available budget for floral displays in the neighbourhoods is £5, 710 per Area for 2012-13.

1.4 Prices have increased due to rising plant costs over the past few years and a review of maintenance requirements in light of operational difficulties in some areas last summer, which was the driest for 30 years.

1.5 The £5,710 budgeted will provide 36 barrier baskets planted for the 2012 summer season, and ten floor planters with displays all year round. This compares with 40 barrier baskets and ten planters last year. A list of suggested sites in Area 7 for displays in 2012-13 within this budget appears in Appendix 1.

1.6 Should the Committee wish to continue with displays at the same levels as last year, individual unit prices are outlined in Appendix 1.

### **Participation in Bloom and Parks initiatives**

1.4 Forty seven Nottingham groups participated in the Royal Horticultural Society Britain in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' awards 2011, including four groups from Area 7. The awards recognise and reward gardening achievement, environmental responsibility and, most of all, community participation. Assessment results of the groups in Area 7 are outlined in Appendix 2.

1.5 In addition, the community in Area 7 played a valuable role in Nottingham's entry into the East Midlands in Bloom competition and contributed to Nottingham winning a Gold Medal Award. Judges talked to the Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserves at Martin's Pond and met Wollaton WI, who were involved in creating the summer displays at Wollaton Park flower gardens.

1.6 Two parks in West Area – Lenton Abbey Park and Martin's Pond - achieved Green Flag awards, which recognise the best parks and green spaces in England and Wales. In addition, Wollaton Park Community Centre garden achieved its third Green Flag Community Award (formerly Green Pennant).

1.7 It is planned to run a similar community engagement campaign in 2012-13 and the Committee is asked to encourage involvement.

**2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

2.1 To inform local people about floral displays in neighbourhoods

2.2 To encourage community involvement in Bloom and Parks initiatives

**3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 None

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

4.1 This expenditure can be met from existing resources.

4.2 There is no entry fee for entering the RHS Britain in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' awards.

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

5.1 None

**6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (EIAs)**

6.1 An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out. The Equality Team comments that the Spectacolour budget supports work by local groups which brings communities together and helps promote good relations between groups. No adverse impact is identified in the EIA, based on the proposed incremental reduction which will allow the activities the budget supports to continue.

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

7.1 Report to Area 7 Committee 11 January 2011

**8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

8.1 None



## APPENDIX 1

### Suggested sites for Spectacolour displays 2012-13

<u>Location</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Total no.</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Middleton				
Boulevard	barrier	18 (previously 20)		
Woodside Road	barrier	5		
Wollaton Road	barrier	13 (previously 15)	36	£3,164.76
Woodside Road	planter	2		
Bramcote Lane	planters	5		
Farndon Green	planters	3	10	£2,542.7
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£5,707.46</b>

### Prices for individual units in 2012-13

<b>Planter Type</b>	<b>Maintenance</b>	<b>Planting</b>	<b>Total</b>
Metre Square Planters (Summer)	£52.77	£85	<b>£137.77</b>
Metre Square Planters (Winter)	£31.50	£85	<b>£116.50</b>
Barrier Baskets	£39.16	£48.75	<b>£87.91</b>

**Cost of removal per 1m sq planter: £67.10**





## APPENDIX 2

### Summary assessment report for the RHS Britain in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Awards

#### Friends of Hawton Spinney – Level 2, Improving

**Community Participation:** The Friends group came together in the middle of last summer after spending six years campaigning for change. Support from Nottingham City Council has been in evidence since then and has funded a noticeboard for the group to use. A big work day saw the planting of native bluebells and daffodils by the Friends group helped by students from Trent University, pupils from Bluecoat School and Nottingham City Council. The sub station was also screened with holly on this day. Future plans for the Spinney include the addition of bat boxes and possibly a wildflower meadow.

**Environmental Responsibility:** Bird boxes funded by Nottingham City Council and constructed by the Friends group were installed this year. Some, however, are not facing in the correct direction and this may need to be addressed when nesting season is over. Deadwood exists in sporadic places. Ideally it should be collated or added to in order to create an area for insects to thrive. The possible presence of badgers means maintenance is sensitive and consequently two full meadow cuts per year are carried out to minimise disturbance. An area has been left as long grasses, which is perfect for wildlife too. The acquisition of two bins is on the cards as littering is an ongoing problem that is regularly tackled by the Friends group.

**Gardening Achievement:** Sycamore trees are plentiful and sucker removal is a keen pastime of the friends group. The mature trees do cause some concern to residents but it is possible they date back to a time when the surrounding land was greener and wilder. For this reason they should be cherished.

**Overall Description:** The future of the site is intriguing now with such a determined Friends group in existence. It is a delight to see such an active, positive group who clearly adore and care about the future of the Spinney. It is hoped that the completed badger survey and the impending tree survey will allow the Spinney to develop in such a way that is harmonious for people and wildlife to co-exist.

#### LAFFDA – Level 3, Developing

**Community Participation:** LAFFDA have continued to cultivate the now established allotments and have benefited from 100 saplings donated from the National Trust as well as input from Community Payback to help define the current allotment areas and install benches on the site. There are six committee members, each of whom have one of the six allotments currently established by the group. The site has definite scope for the creation of additional allotments and although the Arrow has been used once to advertise the allotments, it would be good to see more active promotion of the site in order to open up the opportunity for allotment gardening to a wider number of local residents.

**Environmental Responsibility:** In clearing and establishing the site, areas have been left undisturbed for continued wildlife interest. This year has seen the introduction of composting to the site and there is a bird table and bird boxes. Water butts are dotted around the site to provide water, and a central irrigation feature is still a project being considered and awaiting the required funding and workforce resources. The site is deliberately hidden from view using natural boundaries and gate cover, which deters anti-social behaviour and the related negative issues.

**Gardening Achievement:** Each allotment is well maintained and nurtured. A variety of vegetables, herbs, fruit and flowers are being successfully grown, bulbs have been planted for Spring interest and colour, and natural secure boundaries are retained. It is a most attractive allotment site.

**Overall Description:** The allotments are well maintained and carefully planned and nurtured, resulting in a very attractive as well as productive site. Hidden in a dense residential area, it would be great to see wider community involvement and utilisation of this Grow Your Own haven.

#### **Team Aspinall Court – Level 4, Thriving**

**Community Participation:** The garden areas, hanging baskets and planted pots at Aspinall Court have continued to develop over the last year. Led predominantly by six residents, many residents help with the maintenance of the gardens and plants are well chosen for their locations. Consideration is given to the needs of each resident; for example raised beds have been introduced to enable residents with osteoporosis to help with the weeding and dead-heading of the plants. A savings scheme has been set up, which all residents have contributed towards, to fund the abundant purchase of new plants. The result of this hard work is a stunning area of colour, an interesting mix of plants, pots, hanging baskets and solar powered lights. Although the residents are reluctant to seek external help due to a bad experience when the gardens were vandalised, perhaps consideration could be given to asking a local school to help with some of the maintenance or planting; for example a spring bulb planting session could be educational for the children as well as offering additional colour and interest to the garden.

**Environmental Responsibility:** The use of solar lights around the complex is attractive as well as being much more environmentally friendly than electrically powered lighting. Work has begun to clear the overgrowth at the rear of the complex and it is suggested allowing the natural hedge to be nurtured to encourage bird and wildlife. It was also suggested that consideration could be given to using this area for the growth of wildflowers to encourage wildlife. It was lovely to see the bird table which residents report is used regularly by the local birdlife!

**Gardening Achievement:** Aspinall Court has continued to improve the green space with many new plantings this year including the introduction of a new border. Pretty annual and perennial plantings add wonderful colour to the area. The beds, pots and hanging baskets are all beautifully stocked and maintained, creating a stunning area which is enjoyed by all of the residents. The further planned work at the rear of the complex will enhance the area still further. Although the Court is already a beautiful, well managed and maintained area, if the residents wish to develop the project further, the roadside frontage of the court could be developed as another stage of the project; the Court offers enormous potential for continued enjoyment or further development.

**Overall Description:** Aspinall Court has continued to improve the green space with many new plantings this year including the introduction of a new border. Pretty annual and perennial plantings add wonderful colour to the area. The beds, pots and hanging baskets are all beautifully stocked and maintained, creating a stunning area which is enjoyed by all the residents. The community have created a beautiful, peaceful and immaculate garden area, which is enjoyed by all. The addition of a seating area is testament to the desire for residents to enjoy the area and it was an honour to be allowed to observe this delightful haven.

## Wollaton Park Community Centre – Level 5, Outstanding

**Community Participation:** The Wollaton Park Community Centre has continued to thrive with continued support from patients of the adjacent doctor's surgery and local residents who support the three committee members in maintaining this immaculate green space. Groups from Capital One and Siemens have given time to help maintain the site and the local Co-Op has donated £3,100. A fortnightly litter pick takes place with varying numbers participating and children are actively encouraged to enjoy the garden and help keep it tidy. A garden party was held this year, the proceeds of which were given to Teenage Cancer Care, and events like this can only help encourage further involvement and commitment from local residents and users of the Community Centre. The garden has benefited from the donation of many more plants, including those filling a beautiful fuchsia bed, as well as the proceeds from the doctor's ongoing second-hand book sale.

**Environmental Responsibility:** The front boundary of the gardens has this year been cleared to open up the site and afford better views to local residents and passers by. A bird box making event was arranged for children of the local school and an insect hotel has been created to attract insects and wildlife. A recycled bird table has been installed and children are encouraged to spend time in the garden to learn about the wildlife that exists there. Composting is evidenced and applauded. Keeping the site well maintained and adopting a welcoming attitude has deterred anti-social behaviour and teenagers have been spotted enjoying the gardens! Although the garden is designed to need as little watering as possible, using bark chip ground cover which offers texture as well as water retention, the only missing environmental element is recycling rain water, which due to the nature of the centre and the disabilities of some of the users, is proving difficult to achieve, but if further thought could be given to attaining this, it would be a very positive addition.

**Gardening Achievement:** The plants are planted with consideration to their individual requirements. An additional bed has been created and planted with plants grown from seeds and cuttings and the continued pride taken in maintaining the garden to such a high level is evident and commended. A willow tunnel, which would need planting between October and March, could make a positive contribution to the visual appeal of the garden as well as offering a point of interest for children.

**Overall Description:** The garden is clearly enjoyed by local residents and users of the Community Centre and Doctor's Surgery and is an asset to the local community. The hard work and dedication to maintaining and developing this site is evident and has resulted in a peaceful haven within a bustling neighbourhood and epitomises community spirit.



**WOLLATON WEST, WOLLATON EAST AND LENTON ABBEY  
AREA COMMITTEE**

**7**

**28 NOVEMBER 2011**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Area Capital Fund –Area Approvals</b>	
<b>Director Corporate Director(s):</b>	Lianne Taylor Director of Local Communities Tel: 01159158675 Lianne.taylor@nottinghamcity.gov.uk	<b>Wards affected:</b> Wollaton West, Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey
<b>Contact Officer(s) and contact details:</b>	<b>Katrina Curnow, Area Manager, Central locality</b> <b>Tel 8838467</b> <b><u>Katrina.curnow@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</u></b>	
<b>Other officers who have provided input:</b>	Lylse Renwick, Neighbourhood Action Officer – Wollaton West, Dawn Simpson, Neighbourhood Action Officer, Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey	
<b>Relevant Council Plan theme(s):</b>		
Choose Nottingham		x
Respect for Nottingham		x
Transforming Nottingham's Neighbourhoods		x
Supporting Nottingham People		x
Serving Nottingham Better		x
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):</b>		
This report provides Members with latest spending proposals under the Area Capital Fund (general provision), including highways and footways		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	That the following programme of schemes are approved:  1. Area Capital Fund Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey set out in Appendix 1. 2. Area Capital fund Wollaton West set out in Appendix 2.	
<b>2</b>	Note the criteria for the Area Capital Fund monies in Appendix 3.	

## **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.

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.

- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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)**

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 – 19 July 2011.

Area 7: Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Footpaths						
Location	Type	Prioritised / Agreed	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Charles Avenue Lawley Avenue side only	Reconstruct	Prioritised 09/10/11	£30,000			
Total footpath priorities						
£30,000						
Area 7: Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Traffic Management						
Location	Type	Prioritised / Agreed	Estimate	Estimated start date	Completed	Details
Dorket Drive area	Pedestrian dropped crossings	Prioritised 08/08/11	£6,000			5 pairs of pedestrian crossings in the Dorket Drive area
Total Traffic Management priorities						
£6,000						
Wollaton West Area Capital Decommittments						
Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details		
Total Decommittment						
£0						
Prioritised Footpath schemes						
£30,000						
Prioritised Traffic Management						
£6,000						
Total LTP approvals						
£36,000						
Total 2011-2013 LTP allocation						
£67,544						
Balance carried over from 2010-2011						
£0						
Decommittment funds						
£0						
Less Total LTP approvals						
£36,000						
Remaining LTP balance						
£31,544						



Wollaton West Area Capital LTP Footpath schemes						
Wollaton West Area Capital LTP Traffic Management schemes						
Location	Type	Prioritised / Agreed	Estimated start date	Completed	Details	
Wollaton Road Shops forecourt / Ringwood Crescent	Parking restrictions	Prioritised 17/10/2011	£7,000		Parking prohibition and 1pm - 2pm parking restrictions	
<b>Total Traffic Management priorities</b>						
			£7,000			
Wollaton West Area Capital Decommittments						
Location	Type	Reason	Amount	Details		
<b>Total Decommittment</b>						
			£0			
<b>Prioritised Footpath schemes</b>						
			£0			
<b>Prioritised Traffic Management</b>						
			£7,000			
<b>Total LTP approvals</b>						
			£7,000			
<b>Total 2011-2013 LTP allocation</b>						
			£67,544			
<b>Balance carried over from 2010-2011</b>						
			-£750			
<b>Decommittment funds</b>						
			£0			
<b>Less Total LTP approvals</b>						
			£7,000			
<b>Remaining LTP balance</b>						
			£59,794			



**Criteria for suitable local transport schemes**

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



**WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE**  
**28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2011**

Title of paper:	<b>DELEGATED AUTHORITY – WARD ALLOCATIONS</b>	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	<b>Lianne Taylor Director of Local Communities</b>	Wards affected: <b>Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Wollaton West,</b>
Contact Officer(s) and contact details:	<b>Katrina Curnow, Area Manager Central Locality Tel 8838467 <a href="mailto:Katrina.curnow@nottinghamcity.gov.uk">Katrina.curnow@nottinghamcity.gov.uk</a></b>	
Other officers who have provided input:	Dawn Simpson, Neighbourhood Action Officer Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Lylse Renwick, Neighbourhood Action Officer Wollaton West	
<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b>		
World Class Nottingham		
Working Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		
Neighbourhood Nottingham		X
Family Nottingham		
Healthy Nottingham		
Serving Nottingham Better		
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users):</b>		
This report asks the committee to note decisions made under delegated authority.		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
1	It is recommended that the actions taken under delegated authority detailed in the appendix be noted.	

**1 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 This report asks the committee to note decisions made under delegated authority in regard to councillors ward allocations.
- 1.1 This action follows the arrangements established by the Executive Board in respect of individual member allocation budget spending.

**2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

- 2.1 Decisions in relation to councillors ward allocations are made under delegated authority by the Director of Neighbourhoods and Communities. These decisions must then be reported to Area Committee for information.

**3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 Information report.

**4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)**

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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

5.1 The funds allocated to this Committee are used to address the diverse needs of the various sections of the community and reduce inequalities within the community.

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

6.1 Ward Allocation approval forms (pre publication on the website as detailed in 7.2 below)

**7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

7.1 None

7.2 Ward Member Decisions as listed below can be found in full, on in alternative formats, at <http://open.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/comm/viewwm.asp> or from the Nottingham City Council Committee Administration Team, Resources, Nottingham City Council, Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG. Telephone: 0115 8764305.

Ward	Councillor	Amount	Project name	Description
Wollaton West	Councillors Morley, Parton, Culley	£750	Wollaton West Community Engagement	Small items of expenditure to cover sundry cost such as room hire, tea, coffee.
	Councillors Morley, Parton, Culley	£5,000	Cost Associated with preparing to take on Management of Industrial Museum	To pay legal fees and other cost associated with being fit to manage the Industrial Museum.
	Councillors Morley, Parton, Culley	£20,000	Industrial Museum	To meet the cost of making the industrial museum ready for proposal management transfer to Nottingham Arkwright Society.
	Councillors Morley, Parton, Culley	Wollaton Library Reading Group	£200	To support a reading group.
	Councillors Morley, Parton, Culley	Wollaton West Christmas Lights	£8,830 + further £11,500	Funding for the Wollaton West Christmas Lights Celebration for this year and a further two years.
Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey	Councillors Longford and Fox from the Community safety and wellbeing general fund	£6,090.60	Highfields Park Play area, University of Nottingham	Contribution towards the work to upgrade the children's play area
	Councillors Longford and Fox	A total of £1000 ( £ 500 from each councillors allocation)	Community Engagement and influence	To support community engagement

