

ARBORETUM, DUNKIRK AND LENTON, RADFORD AND PARK AREA COMMITTEE
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Title of paper:	AREA CAPITAL FUND – 2014/15 PROGRAMME	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	N/A	
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		X
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		X
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 type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		X
Support early intervention activities		<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		X
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report details the latest allocation for the Local Transport Plan (LTP) element under the Area Capital Fund for highways and footways. It also highlights schemes which have recently been prioritised by Ward Councillors for approval by the Area Committee in accordance with the City Council's Constitution.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note the monies available to Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton and Radford and Park Wards, as outlined in Appendix 1.	
2	To approve new schemes prioritised by Ward Councillors since the last Area Committee meeting, as detailed in Appendix 1 (shown as non-shaded).	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 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 programme have included footpaths, fences, visual enhancements to the public realm, refurbishment of parks and improvements to public buildings.
- 1.2 Resources are allocated from the Nottingham City Council General Fund, the LTP and the Housing Revenue Account (HRA). 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 is 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. BACKGROUND (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.
- 2.2 As part of the budget process Nottingham City Council has approved an LTP capital allocation of £2.5 million citywide for 2013 - 2015.
- 2.3 This process provides an opportunity for the Area Committee to make comment on suggested schemes and their progress.
- 2.4 Area Capital Fund schemes, including the LTP element, have been identified through various methods including consultation, citizen feedback via Councillors Casework and partnership working. Discussions on potential schemes take place at monthly Neighbourhood Action Teams (NAT) meetings, regular briefings with Ward Councillors and monthly ward walks across neighbourhood police beats.

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 and is monitored regularly.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

6.1 Not needed

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 None