

# Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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| Reference Number:           | 3885   |
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| Subject:                    | Lenton and Wollaton East Ward - footway improvements   |
| Total Value:                | £57,047 (Type: Capital)  |
| Decision Being Taken:       | To allocate £57,047 to enable footway improvements to be carried out on some streets in Lenton and Wollaton East Ward.   |
| Reasons for the Decision(s) | Some footways have been identified as needing improvements by the Highways Inspector, ward Councillors or local residents. The decision to allocate funds from the Local Transport Plan and Public Realm elements of the Ward specific Area Capital Fund would have been made at the March Area Committee meeting, but the meeting had to be cancelled due to social distancing. It is unclear currently when these quarterly committee meetings will be able to resume and it is hoped that work can be programmed in to enable these footways to be improved once Highways works can restart. Funding is available with £35,765 allocated from the Local Transport Plan element of Area Capital funding and £21,282 allocated from the Public Realm element of Area Capital Funding. |
| Other Options Considered:   | Not to carry out these works. This option was discounted as funding is available and the work required.  |
| Background Papers:          | None   |
| Published Works:            | Lenton and Wollaton East, Meadows and Wollaton West Area Committee published agenda and report item 12: Area Capital Fund Report and Appendix 1 for the meeting scheduled for March 18th 2020 which did not take place.  |
| Affected Wards:             | Lenton and Wollaton East   |

**Colleague / Councillor Interests:**

None

**Consultations:**

**Date: 18/03/2020**

**Ward Councillors: David Trimble, Sally Longford, Pavlos Kotsonis**

**The Ward Councillors fully support this work.**

**Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.**

**Crime and Disorder Implications:**

None

**Equality:**

**EIA not required. Reasons: An EIA is not required as this decision does not relate to changing policy or function.**

**Decision Type:**

Portfolio Holder

**Subject to Call In:**

Yes

**Call In Expiry date:**

09/06/2020

**Advice Sought:**

Legal, Finance

**Legal Advice:**

**1.While the subject matter of the decision falls within the detailed terms of reference of Area Committee in the Council's Constitution, owing to the health pandemic meetings of Area Committee cannot take place so an authorisation from Area Committee will not be available in the foreseeable future.**

**2.As the value of the decision exceeds £50,000, delegation 82(a) which empowers officers to allocate funding from Area Capital on an urgent basis is not available to use in this case.**

**3.However, the terms of reference of the Portfolio Holder for Communities include "area working" and specifically "area committee highways work" and therefore the decision is within the scope of the decision-maker's responsibilities under the Council's Constitution.**

**Advice provided by Judith Irwin (Senior Solicitor) on 12/05/2020.**

**Finance Advice:**

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**2. There is £35,765 c/f LTP funds from 2019/20, and £35,100 c/f Public Realm funds from 2019/20. These allocations cover the expected £57,047 spend.**

**3. As these amounts are being committed out of the usual process for Area Capital spend, we will ensure the spend is recorded in the normal way, to ensure no duplication of spend.**

**Advice provided by Claire Gavagan (Strategic Business Partner Commercial & Operations) on 14/05/2020.**

**Signatures**

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| <b>Rebecca Langton (Portfolio Holder for Communities)</b>          |
| <b>SIGNED and Dated: 02/06/2020</b>                                |
| <b>Andy Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)</b> |
| <b>SIGNED and Dated: 19/05/2020</b>                                |