

**Lenton and Wollaton West, Meadows and Wollaton West Area Committee
23 September 2020**

Title of paper:	Area Capital Schemes approved under Delegation 82a since the last Area Committee meeting	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	Director of Legal and Governance	Wards affected: Lenton and Wollaton West
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Other colleagues who have provided input:		
Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		n/a
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Nottingham People		<input type="checkbox"/>
Living in Nottingham		<input type="checkbox"/>
Growing Nottingham		<input type="checkbox"/>
Respect for Nottingham		<input type="checkbox"/>
Serving Nottingham Better		<input type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report is to inform the Committee of decisions taken under urgency arrangements to approve Area Capital Schemes since the last meeting of the Committee.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	<p>To note the Area Capital scheme projects approved , in compliance with the City Council's Constitution, since the last meeting of the Area Committee as follows::</p> <p>3864 - Additional Litter Bins - £2,818 3865 - Kennington Rd Playground Improvements - £11,000 3885 - Footway Improvements - £57,047</p>	

1 Reasons for recommendations

- 1.1 Due to the restrictions placed upon working arrangements as a result of the current Covid-19 pandemic, it was not possible to hold a meeting of this Area Committee in March or July. The agenda for a meeting in March was published but the meeting had to be cancelled following Central Government announcement of restrictions to help prevent the spread of Covid-19, which included implementing Social Distancing and protecting vulnerable citizens.
- 1.2 The Council's Constitution allows for urgent funding requests from Area Capital Fund to be taken prior to the next meeting of an Area Committee as long as the decision has

regard to the outcome of consultation with the relevant ward councillors and the reason for urgency. Such decisions are then reported to the next meeting of the Area Committee. The Committee is asked to note that three such decisions have been taken since the Committee last met.

2 Background (including outcomes of consultation)

- 2.1 The City Council's Constitution enables some decisions within the remit of Area Committees to be taken by alternative routes if it is not possible to hold an Area Committee meeting or if decisions cannot feasibly wait until the next meeting. Delegation 82a allows officers to take urgent expenditure decisions relating to the Area Capital Fund, having regard to the outcome of consultation with relevant ward councillors and the reason for urgency. Such decisions should be reported to the next meeting of the relevant Area Committee.
- 2.2 The Committee is asked to note three Area Capital Fund decisions, that would ordinarily have been taken by this Committee, have been taken in accordance with Delegation 82a, as set out in the Council's Constitution. As, at the time, it was not known when the next meeting of the Committee would be, to ensure transparency, the decisions were published on the Council's website and full details can be viewed there.

3 Other options considered in making recommendations

- 3.1 The option to wait until the next Area Committee meeting was discounted as, at that time, it was not clear when it would be possible to hold the next meeting.

4 Finance colleague comments (including implications and value for money/VAT)

- 4.1 This element has been undertaken by Community Protection Colleagues prior to the initial proposal of schemes and the submission of a report to Area Committee in March 2020 which was then cancelled. Where relevant, details of financial implications can be found in the respective decision form, as published on the Council's website.

5 Legal and Procurement colleague comments (including risk management issues, and legal, Crime and Disorder Act and procurement implications)

- 5.1 This element has been undertaken by Community Protection Colleagues prior to the initial proposal of schemes. Where relevant, details of legal and procurement implications can be found in the respective decision form, as published on the Council's website.

6 Strategic Assets & Property colleague comments (for decision relating to all property assets and associated infrastructure) (Area Committee reports only)

- 6.1 n/a

7 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA)

- 7.1 An EIA is not required for this report as assessments are undertaken by Community Protection Colleagues prior to the initial proposal of schemes. Where relevant, details of equalities implications can be found in the respective decision form, as published on the Council's website.

8 List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information

8.1 None

9 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

9.1 Delegated decision reference numbers 3864, 3865 and 3885 can be viewed in full on the [City Council's Website](#).

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