

Lenton & Wollaton East, Meadows, Wollaton West Area Committee – 17th March 2021

Title of paper:	AREA CAPITAL FUND – 2020/21 Programme	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Nottingham People		X
Living in Nottingham		X
Growing Nottingham		X
Respect for Nottingham		X
Serving Nottingham Better		X
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users): This report provides Councillors with :- Latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways, traffic and safety, public realm		
Recommendation(s):		
1	Note the monies available to Lenton & Wollaton East, Meadows and Wollaton West Wards as outlined in Appendix 1	
2	That the Area Committee approve the programme of schemes for Meadows Ward as outlined in Appendix 1	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Nottingham LTP strategy 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
- 1.2 As part of the budget process Nottingham City Council approved at the Executive Board meeting on 18 February 2020 an LTP capital allocation of £1.25 million citywide between 2019 -20 was approved. At the same meeting a citywide allocation of General Fund

Element (public realm) of £750,000 was agreed. At the subsequent Executive Board meeting on 21 July 2020, as part of the budget update, a top-slice of 20% was made to the General Fund Element (public realm) reducing it to £600,000

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The Area Capital Programme was established in 2006 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. 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
- 2.2 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
- 2.3 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
- 2.4 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

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 None

4 FINANCE COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND 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
- 4.2 This report has been sent to the Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer for consultation and approval in line with the amendment to delegations for making decisions for new capital expenditure, which came into force on 11 November 2020. Approval was granted on 15 February by the Director of Community Protection and on 24 February by the Section 151 Officer and the Chief Executive.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 A risk register has been produced which is regularly monitored

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

6.1 None

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No

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An EIA is not required because:

These decisions do not relate to changing policy or function.

Yes

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Attached as Appendix x, and due regard will be given to any implications identified in it.

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

8.1 Highways Framework Agreement

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

9.1 Executive Board Report, 19 February 2019, Medium Term Financial Plan, Annex 3, Capital Programme