

WEST AREA COMMITTEE - 14 SEPTEMBER 2016

Title of paper:	AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2016/17	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		
Community Services		x
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		x
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		x
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		x
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report provides Councillors with details of latest spend proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways and footpaths.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To note the Area Capital funds available to Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley Wards as outlined in Appendix 1.	
2	To approve new schemes identified within the report.	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 The Nottingham Local Transport Plan (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 The Area Capital Fund allocation was approved at the Executive Board on 23 February 2016 which confirmed the following sums:-
 - Local Transport Plan element: £1,250,000.
 - General Fund element (Public Realm): £750,000

- 1.3 To give opportunity for the Area Committee to make comment on suggested schemes and their progress

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The Area Capital Programme was established to improve the environment around local neighbourhoods and to create a sense of place for residents in order to improve their quality of life. Since established in 2006 this 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 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 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 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.

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT 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 COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

- 6.1 None

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 An EIA is not required as this is not a new or changing policy, service or function.

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, 24 February 2015, as part of Item 15, Medium Term Financial Plan 2015/16-2017/18, under Annex 3, Capital Programme.