

**WEST AREA COMMITTEE – 15<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>AREA CAPITAL FUND - 2017/18</b>	
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<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)</b>		
<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b>		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		<b>X</b>
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		<b>X</b>
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		<b>X</b>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		<b>X</b>
Support early intervention activities		<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		<b>X</b>
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
This report provides details of the latest spending proposals under the Area Capital Fund including highways and footpaths.		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	a) That the Area Capital funds available to Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley Wards as outlined in Appendix 1 be noted; b) That the new schemes identified within the report be approved.	

**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 As part of the budget process for 2016/17 Nottingham City Council approved a Citywide Local Transport Plan capital allocation of £1.25 million.
- 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 Fund (ACF) 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 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 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 and altered at a later stage due to changing circumstances such as economic conditions and changes in land values.
- 2.4 The Area Committee and 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. 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 which is regularly monitored.

## **6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)**

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

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

