

AREA 7 COMMITTEE (WOLLATON & LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE
2ND JUNE 2014

Title of paper:	WARD PROJECTS PROGRESS UPDATE – WARD ALLOCATIONS	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		X
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City		X
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre		X
Help keep your energy bills down		X
Good access to public transport		X
Nottingham has a good mix of housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs		X
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		X
Support early intervention activities		X
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		X
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
This report outlines the current position of the projects that the Area 7 Committee has contributed to financially over the last financial year (please refer to Appendix 1 & 2 for projects details).		
Recommendation(s):		
1	It is recommended that the Area 7 Committee notes the progress of projects supported by the Area 7 Wollaton West and Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey Area Committee budget over the last financial 2013/2014.	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Ward members have an individual allocation of funds to support schemes in their Area. It is recommended that the Area 7 Committee notes the progress of projects supported by the Area Committee budget.

2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Development Officers are required to produce a bi-annual financial projects update for the Wollaton West and Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey Area Committee outlining the progress of projects that were funded by Area 7 Committee Ward Members Budget.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 None

5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 Risk assessments are undertaken where necessary.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)

No

Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

Due regard should be given to the equality implications identified in the EIA.

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

- 7.1 None.

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 8.1 None

**Appendix 1 – Update on projects supported by the Wollaton West Ward Councillors Budget last financial year
March 2013 – March 2014**

Project	Responsibility & Lead Officer	Allocated Funding	Progress	Target for Completion
Safer				
Access Tower/Fire Alarm WollatonPark Community Association	WollatonPark Community Association/Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer	£200	The Wollaton Park Community Association requested funding to install an AccessTower to enable access to the Fire Alarm system. The tower was installed and has made a big difference to the system accessibility.	Completed
Williams Olds Court Retirement Sheltered Housing Hard Standing Widening	Manager – William Olds Court – Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer	£1,700.72	The funding of £1700.72 was for the widening of the current hard standing for ambulance and minibus access. The widening of the hard standing has made a tremendous difference to the accessibility of the building for the elderly residents.	Completed
Torvill Drive Traffic Control Feasibility Study	Area Focus - Traffic & Safety Development Department Nottingham City Council	£600	<p>The funding of £600 is for the traffic and safety feasibility study for Torvill Drive.</p> <p>Torvill Drive is being used by commuters to avoid the congestion on Russell Drive and Wollaton Road. Parents and carers walking their children to school together with local citizens using Torvill Drive are concerned about the speed and volume of traffic using the road, especially as there are not any zebra crossings or other measures for safely crossing the road due to the traffic.</p> <p>The study would provide details of speed and the volume of vehicles using the section of the road.</p>	The feasibility study has had to be delayed due to road works. The proposed completion date is July 2014.
Neighbourhoods				
Wollaton Sport Association – Contribution to Kitchen Remodel	Wollaton Sports Association/Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer	£5,000	The funding of £5,000 was to support the remodelling of Wollaton Cricket Club kitchen facilities, which was urgently in need of updating so that local people and visitors could continue to	Completed.

			<p>enjoy the facilities provided by the cricket club. The previous kitchen facilities fell short in provision, some of the kitchen counters were broken and there were some original features in the kitchen which dated back to the initial build of the building of property (55 + years ago) which was in serious disrepair.</p> <p>The object of the Association is to provide facilities for (& promote participations of) the whole community in the sports of Bowling, Cricket, Football and Tennis. Based in Wollaton but serving all of the surrounding communities, e.g. Bilborough, Lenton, Radford, Beeston, Bramcote, with other members living beyond those areas.</p>	
Friends of Wollaton Nature Reserves funding		£590.28	<p>The funding of £590.28 is to support the Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserve members to undertake practical conservation work and awareness raising campaigns.</p> <p>Wollaton Local Nature Reserves is a group who work together to protect and enhance Martin's Pond and Harrison's Plantation Local Nature Reserves.</p> <p>The group's aim also is to educate local people and visitors in the values and practice of conservation.</p>	Completed
Neighbourhood Arboriculture		£140.13	<p>Wollaton Library serves the Wollaton West Ward citizens and visitors. The garden of the Library is very well used by families, school children and the general public. The local school children visit the garden every year and take part in planting exercises as part of their curriculum. The large tree adjacent to the Library was very overgrown and the branches were affecting the Library's garden. The overgrowth blocked out the sunlight and causing the plants in the garden to suffer due to insufficient light.</p> <p>The funding of £140.13 supported the pruning of the</p>	Completed.

			overgrown tree.	
WollatonPark Walled Gardens Feasibility Study		£11,661	<p>The de-commitments of £5.463 from the completed schemes of the Wollaton West Ward Allocation Budget: Bramcote Lane grass verges - £1,600, Crown Island Planting - £3,863, Total of £5,463 together with a further £6,198 funding is to contribute to the funding of Wollaton Park Walled Gardens Feasibility Study.</p> <p>The WalledGardens in the north-east corner of WollatonPark was built in 1783-88, surrounded and bisected by brick walls almost 4m high. The walls contain flues and firemouths. The Walled Gardens were clearly a relatively sophisticated heated nursery garden in it day. The garden is now overgrown and disused and is a poor state of disrepair. A survey would establish the current state of the walled garden and would provide details for the way forward.</p>	
Families				
Wollaton Library – Teenage Area Funding	Wollaton Library - Service Development Librarian/Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer	£1,898.00	<p>Wollaton Library has the 3rd highest loans to teenagers in the City. The teenage area at Wollaton Library was very small, not very well defined and was greatly in need of new a image to create a more attractive and appropriate environment for the present users and also further users</p> <p>The young people were involved in the planning and the design of the area which provided them with the opportunity of ownership of the area.</p> <p>The funding was for the purchase of equipment to furbish the area for young people to study and also hang out with friends and debate within a safe environment.</p>	Completed
Community				

Administration				
Community Engagement Costs – To support Local Area Groups (LAG's) and Community meetings	John Marsh, Central Locality Manager/Lylse-Anne Renwick, Neighbourhood Development Officer	£800	<p>The £800 allocation for hospitality for the financial year 2013 – 2014. The funding is required for the Wollaton West Community Engagement so that hospitality can be had for community meetings. The money is used to support the Wollaton West Ward to enable effective partnership working in the ward e.g. Lag Meeting/NAT meeting and other community consultation events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -room hire - refreshments 	On going

**Appendix 1 – Update On Projects Supported By The Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey Ward Councillors Budget
Financial Year April 2013 – March 2014**

Project	Responsible Agency & Lead Officer	Allocated Funding and Expenditure	Progress	Target for Completion
'Safer'				
Domestic Violence and Abuse Project – The need for this project was identified at the Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey NAT meetings	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey, Nottingham Equation	Previous year 2012/13 £70 -room hire Training -in kind	Compilation Of DV Referral Packs and distributed to community organisations, facilities and partners in WELA ward Domestic Violence Awareness Training Programme delivered by Equation on 22nd July 2013 to Statutory, Voluntary and Community partners from across the ward including community volunteers from Lenton Abbey. One participant said after the training “This training was excellent and has made me feel more confident to know how to appropriately support and refer a woman experiencing violence and abuse”	Completed June 2013 Completed 22 nd July 2013
'Neighbourhood' Neighbourhood Transformation/ Cleaner/ Environment				
Small WEEE collection Fun On Farndon Green event	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey, Waste Management Energy and Recycling – Pete Saunders, City Services- Tony Brown Housing Energy Adviser, Dog warden	£300 from Fun on Farndon Green budget (see entry below) Some costs met by City Services and Energy and Recycling Team See entry below	Following successful new pilot of a collection of small household Waste Electrical in Lenton Abbey during the WELA Week of Action in March 2013. There was a subsequent successful Community collection at the Fun on Farndon Green event on 23rd August 2013. More details in Families Section. Publicity produced and distributed in July 2013. At the Fun on Farndon Green event: Promotion of Energy Saving awareness through the 'Energy Bus' piloted for the first time in Nottingham. Energy Saving Advice through Switch and Save to help reduce the high level of Fuel Poverty in WELA ward. Community consultation on, advice stalls and promotion of sustainable transport and 20mph scheme. Extremely popular free Dog chipping and Dog Fouling Reporting Campaign at event.	Publicity produced and distributed Completed July 2013 Collection Completed 23rd August 2013 Completed 23 rd August 2013

Planting on Farndon Green, Wollaton Park Estate, Wollaton East	Wollaton Park Residents Association, Nottingham In Bloom, Cllr Webster	Sponsorship	WPRA members and WP estate citizens wanted to build on the previous community cohesion work to engage with their neighbours and continue to promote a sense of pride and belonging in Wollaton Park estate. WPRA members worked with Cllr Webster to secure sponsorship for a fantastic colourful display. With citizens helping to plant bedding plants in 4 planters and 8 barrier planters and hanging baskets on Farndon Green completed in June 2013. Farndon Green was entered into Nottingham in Bloom.	Completed in June 2013
Bulb Planting project in Wollaton Park estate	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey, WPRA, Friends of Farndon Green, Friends of Hawton Spinney, Bluecoat Academy	£83.50 (shared with planting project below) from previous years' budgets	Building on the resident enthusiasm generated from the bulb planting the previous winter and over the summer. Wollaton Park estate residents completed bulb planting on Farndon Green and were joined by pupils from Bluecoat Academy to start new planting schemes on Orston Green in November 2013. Some pupils enthusiastically said "They had never planted anything before and wanted to do some at home" and "Enjoyed doing gardening with his Dad"	Completed in November 2013
Bulb Planting project in Lenton Abbey	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey, Sheila Roper Afterschool Club, Scouts, Hope Nottingham Family session	£83.50 (shared with planting project above) from previous years' budgets	Building on previous years planting children from both the Afterschool Club Scouts, Hope Nottingham Family session joined with young people from the youth club and residents and parents to plant daffodils, tulips and hyacinths in the Blossoms outside the Woodside Road shops to promote a sense of pride, ownership and as an intergenerational activity. Excited Afterschool Club children, phone calls, texts and face book references announced the bulbs blooming this Spring	Completed in November 2013
Hawton Spinney Maintenance and Development Plan (part of WELA Transformation Plan)	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey, Cllr Longford & Webster, Biodiversity Officers, City Services – Tony Brown, Parks and Open Spaces, Nature England, Wildlife Trust,	£229.50 from previous years' budgets Aftercare - Awaiting quotes Awaiting quotes	Following 2 very successful community consultation meetings at Wollaton Park Community Centre in July and September 2013 with over 40 residents surrounding the Hawton Spinney. Residents helped shape a new Hawton Spinney Maintenance and Development Plan drawn up by NCC Biodiversity Officers with advice from all partners. A tree and plants have been carefully chosen to enhance the Biodiversity of the Spinney and support the current 'Bee Friendly Nottingham' NCC Campaign. New signage and information boards are currently in development which will provide a long lasting resource to	Phase 1 - planting Completed 3 rd April and 1 st May 2014 Phase 2 – signage Planned for Summer 2014

	Hawton Spinney residents		the local community.	
Orston Spinney and Orston Green (part of WELA Transformation Plan)	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey, Cllr Longford & Webster, Biodiversity Officer- Emily Aaron, City Services – Tony Brown, Parks and Open Spaces, Orston Drive area residents, Bluecoat Academy	£320 from previous years' budgets Aftercare - Awaiting quotes	Following advice from NCC Biodiversity Officers planting schemes have been developed for Orston Spinney to transform Orston Spinney and disguise the Electric sub-station 'eyesore'. Trees and shrubs providing berries and nuts and native woodland flowers have been carefully chosen to enhance the Biodiversity of the Spinney and Orston Green and support the current 'Bee Friendly Nottingham' NCC Campaign. The first resident on the Wollaton Park estate has been 'discovered' through new resident and citizen engagement and keen gardeners have become involved and enjoyed planting with different groups of pupils from Bluecoat Academy.	Phase 1 - planting Completed 3rd April and 1st May 2014
Brook Road Allotment Site, Lenton Abbey	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey, Allotment Officers, Community Protection, Community Payback	Quotes pending - awaiting formal decision process	Following ASB issues raised by residents through Cllr Longford, NDO led a site meeting and developed and drove a Site Management Action Plan with partners and the community group managing the site. Security was improved with support from CPO Burns, the Allotment Service and the group. A review of site use and management led to an Allotment Service decision to revert the site into 5 separate plots due to increased allotment demand. New tenants secured and agreements in place.	Site clearance started in April 2014 Project completion summer 2014
Wensor Ave Old Allotment Site, Lenton Abbey	NCH, Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey, Cllr Longford	Quotes pending - awaiting decision by NCH	Proposals for site development as an Employment Pathway are currently being considered by NCH.	Start Summer 2014 Project development and delivery will be ongoing
'Families' Community Schemes				
Publicity and Children/ Young Peoples' Activities at Lenton Abbey Fun Day	Lenton Abbey Friends and Fun Day Association (LAFFDA), Neighbourhood Development	£1,000	Publicity produced and delivered to every household in Lenton Abbey at end of June 2013. At Lenton Abbey Fun Day on 6th July 2013 additional young people and children's activities including a graffiti art workshop were delivered meeting more diverse needs and which attracted more young people and children that could be catered for	Completed 6th July 2013

	Officer - Pauline Dorey, Parks Development Officer Fliss Hogg		during the event. This has generated much demand for similar activities in Lenton Abbey on an ongoing basis.	
Start-up costs for Afterschool Club AtSheila Roper Community Centre	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey,Sheila Roper Community Association, Family and Community Team- Van Henry & Sue Mallender	£575 from previous years' budget	Volunteers recruited and Safeguarding and Playworks training completed. Sports and arts and crafts equipment purchased. Planning of sessions and programme. Publicity produced and delivered to Beeston Fields school and surrounding community organisations/ facilities in Lenton Abbey. Afterschool Club has been running successfully since July 2013 providing weekly Afterschool Club and a Playscheme during the school holidays. They have been developing from strength to strength organising occasional trips to other parts of the City and worked in partnership with Sustrans and University of Nottingham student volunteers.	Delivery of Afterschool and School Holiday Playschemese ssions are ongoing since July 2013 Completed
Fun On Farndon Green event	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey, Waste Management Energy and Recycling – Pete Saunders, various partners	£900 Some additional costs met by Energy and Recycling Team	Publicity produced and distributed in July 2013 for this event. £849 expenditure on activities and event support costs. A very successful and well attended event with very positive feedback from both residents and partners delivering stalls and activities on the day. At the Fun on Farndon Green event:on 23rd August 2013 there were new stalls from residents, fun activities for children and young people delivered by Family and Community Team, University of Nottingham, a range of partners. Residents “wanted to see more events like this”, “felt good, friendly, relaxed community atmosphere”, “well attended with good mix of activities and stalls”	Publicity- Completed July 2013 Event delivered Completed 23 rd August 2013
Christmas Lights Switch On and future Cultural Celebration events	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey,Sheila Roper Community, Association,City Services – Tony Brown, statutory and VCS partners, Sustrans	£4,000 agreed for Dec 2013 and future years events	Expenditure included Replacement of festive Christmas lights, Fireworks display, activity costs, equipment hire on 5th December on the Blossoms, Woodside Road, Lenton Abbey. Despite the extreme winds earlier that day the rain held off and there was great support from the communities and partners involved (especially City Services, Sheila Roper Community Centre and Afterschool Club, church and faith groups), Food bank collections across the WELA ward, Energy Saving advice stall, activities and music by the University of Nottingham, carols, Community Safety	Event delivered Completed 5 th December 2013

			stall, Notts Fire and Rescue Service, Neighbourhood Police Beat Team, and community consultations on local transport and youth needs.. Residents feedback included "Fantastic firework display", "I am new to the area, this event is lovely and welcoming. There is great community spirit".	
Sutton Pasesys Play Area Refurbishment in Wollaton Park	Parks and Open Spaces, Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey, Cllrs Longford and Webster	Contribution of £16,895.00 towards Total Project Budget	De-commitments of £16,805.00 from the Continuing Schemes element of the Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward Allocation Budget as follows: Crown Island planting - £4,000 Farndon Green CCTV - £12,000 Game On Programme For 2012 Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey - £805 and re-allocation of returned funds of £16,805.00 towards costs associated with a new scheme heading of 'Sutton Pasesys Crescent Play Area' In the Continuing Schemes element of the Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey ward The timing of this project will depend upon funding streams availability and Parks and Open Spaces capacity to develop the project	Development and Consultation over 2014 Funding Applications 2015
Publicity and Children/ Young Peoples' Activities During School Holidays	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey and Lylse Anne Renwick, VCS partners, Family and Community Team- Van Henry & Sue Mallender	£ 259 contribution to meet additional costs. Main funding from Area Committee Youth Area Based grants	Funding for additional workers costs , equipment and activity expenditure. Variety of different events and activities over the Summer holidays in 2013 in Wollaton Park estate and Lenton Abbey including a Family BBQ event on Sutton Pasesys Play Area to start community consultation and engagement regarding residents and citizens views on the Play Area of both children and young people as well as adults/ parents and carers. Graffiti art, sports and arts and craft sessions.	1 st August 2013 Completed 14 th August 2013 Completed
Community Engagement Costs – to support Local Area Groups (LAG's), Community Consultation and Community meetings	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey, partners	£139 from previous years' budget	Support costs and publicity to support Local Area Groups (LAG's), Community Consultation, stalls, events and community meetings throughout the year.	All completed
'Health'				
Sutton Pasesys Play Area Refurbishment in Wollaton Park	As above	As above	As above	As above

Wollaton Park Residents Association Room Rent For Temporary Venue Move	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey, Wollaton Park Over 50's Coffee Morning Group, Wollaton Park Residents Association	£400 from previous years' budget	Successful move of venue for Wollaton Park Over 50's Coffee Morning Group in April 2013. Venue hire covering period of April 2013 - March 2014. New publicity advertising the groups' new venue was designed and delivered with Fun Day on Farndon Green and Small WEEE collection publicity to every household on Wollaton Park estate in July 2013. Bluecoat Academy have no spare capacity on their Wollaton Park site since the building works have been completed so the group may have to stay at the community centre.	Venue hire - April 2013 - March 2014 Delivery completed July 2013
Start-up costs for Afterschool Club At Sheila Roper Community Centre	As above	As above	As above	As above
Gentle Exercise sessions at WP Over 50's Coffee Morning Group	Neighbourhood Development Officer - Pauline Dorey, Wollaton Park Over 50's Coffee Morning Group, advice from Health Promotion	Secured external funding	Following WELA Week of Action Gentle Exercise taster session in March 2013 residents expressed interest in further sessions as they could feel the health and wellbeing benefits. Through capacity building support by NDO external funding was successfully secured for a year's programme. Through regular checks and monitoring from the heart nurse older residents have seen a real improvement in health and fitness with blood pressure levels being improved.	Sessions delivered May 2013 – March 2014 Programme completed
'Working'				
Wensor Ave Old Allotment Site, Lenton Abbey	As above	As above	As above	As above