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## Report of the East Leeds Area Manager

### East Outer Area Committee

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> of September 2007

Subject: Outer East Area Committee Capital Budget 2007/8

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#### Electoral Wards Affected:

All Outer East Wards

Ward Members consulted  
(referred to in report)

#### Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

Council  
Function

Delegated Executive  
Function available  
for Call In

Delegated Executive  
Function not available for  
Call In Details set out in the  
report

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## Executive Summary

The Area Committee capital budget for 2007/8 has been confirmed at £113,270. This figure will be added to the uncommitted capital allocation of just over £24,000 from 2004/7 which has been rolled over.

This report requests support from this budget for several projects across the area.

### 1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 This report will outline project proposals for Members to consider supporting with a contribution from its capital budget.

1.2 It also updates Members on breakdown of spend by Ward.

### 2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Outer East Area Committee received £396,445 capital funding for 2004-2007.

2.2 Just over £24,000 of this was uncommitted at the end of financial year 2006/07 and has been rolled over into 2007/8 and added to the £113,270 capital budget for this year.

2.3 This reports requests Members to consider a number of new requests for funding.

### **3.0 Main Issues**

**3.1 Community House in Halton Moor.** This project is being led by Re'new, the organisation responsible for delivering Intensive Neighbourhood Management in Halton Moor and Osmondthorpe.

3.1.1 The proposal is to use 119 Kendal Lane as the community house; a LCC property managed by Leeds East/North East Homes. The property is sited in close proximity to one of the Leedwatch cameras operating on the estate.

3.1.2 The property will be let at a peppercorn rent and Leeds E/NE Homes have spent £2,500 upgrading the house for community use.

3.1.3 Leeds Community Safety has provided £8,000 towards the cost of increased security to the property and for a secure fence and gate to be erected around it.

3.1.4 Outer East Area Committee are being asked to provide £6,000 to equip the property with furniture, desks, carpeting, display boards, white goods, decorating and an internet line.

3.1.5 The proposal came about because of an increase in anti-social behaviour by a number of youths with much of it being targeted at new tenants to the area, many of whom are from Black and Ethnic Minority (BME) communities. A number of community groups and residents felt it would be a good idea to have a community facility in the heart of the estate where they had the opportunity to meet with PCSO's, Wardens, Youth Service Officers etc.

3.1.6 Some of the services delivered from this building will include:

- Police and PCSO surgeries
- Neighbourhood Warden surgeries
- Youth work
- Meeting space for community organisations
- Benefit advice
- Drop in services

3.1.7 This project supports 2 of the key thematic priorities of the Area Delivery Plan:

- Safer Communities – (to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour)
- Community engagement

### **3.2 Primrose Valley – Cross Street entrance and routeways**

3.2.1 This project is being led by Groundwork Leeds. The total cost of the scheme is £59,000 which is made up of the following contributions:

- Green Leeds/Biff Awards - £44,000
- LCC Project Support Fund - £7,500

Outer East Area Committee is being requested to make up the £7,500 shortfall.

3.2.2 The project includes the following work to Primrose Valley:

- Improvements to the path running from Cross Street to the nature pond
- Improvements to the path adjacent to the pond to improve access
- Reconstruction of the path from the Cross Street entrance with suitable material to avoid erosion
- Entrance feature at 3.75mtrs in height (to of arch)

3.2.3 The entrance feature is similar in height to the one sited at the Sutton Approach entrance. Ward Members had expressed concern about this feature being used by children to hang swings/tyres from. However, there have been no such problems with the Sutton Approach feature.

3.2.4 Although a small section of Primrose Valley falls within Killingbeck & Seacroft Ward the improvements detailed in this report are within the Temple Newsam Ward boundary.

3.2.5 This project supports 1 of the key thematic priorities of the Area Delivery Plan:

- Cleaner and greener spaces; community engagement.

### **3.3 Manston Park Improvements**

3.3.1 This project will see a number of new facilities being provided in Manston Park (Cross Gates & Whinmoor).

3.3.2 The project will undertake the following elements:-

Refurbishment of the Toddler Play Area.

The play area is particularly popular with families and young people.

The play area was improved some three years ago which saw the installation of several new items of equipment. This has brought additional demand from residents for the play area to be enlarged further to accommodate the high level of visitors.

3.3.3 The time table for work is :

- Tenders out January 2008
- Tenders back February 2008
- Contract let April 2008
- Start on site May 08
- Completion of Work July 2008

3.3.4 The total cost of the project is £51,917 and this will pay for the provision of toddler equipment for pre school children; provision of new signs and park furniture. The proposed funding breakdown is:

- Green Leeds - £26,917 (to be considered Oct 07)
- Outer East Area Committee - £12,500
- S106 (Killingbeck & Seacroft) - £12,500

3.3.5 This project supports 1 of the key thematic priorities of the Area Delivery Plan:

- Cleaner and greener spaces; community engagement.

#### **4.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance**

4.1 The details described in this report and the recommendation fits with existing Council policy and governance arrangements.

#### **5.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

5.1 There are no new legal implications arising from this report.

#### **6.0 Conclusions**

6.1 There are a number of projects detailed in this report that support the work of Outer East Area Committee and work towards delivering one or more themes of the Area Delivery Plan

#### **7.0 Recommendations**

7.1 Members are requested to support the following projects with funding from its capital budget:

- Halton Moor Community House - £6,000
- Primrose Valley – Cross Street Entrance - £7,500
- Manston Park improvements - £12,500

7.2 Members are requested to note **Appendix 1** which illustrates the breakdown of spend, to date, this financial year.