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**Report of the Principal Area Manger South**

**South Leeds (Outer) Area Committee**

**Date: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

**Subject: Churwell Park – Improvements**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:**

Morley North

**Specific Implications For:**

Ethnic minorities

Women

Disabled people

Council  
Function

Delegated Executive  
Function available  
for Call In

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

To provide the Outer South Area Committee information relating to the proposed improvements to the park.

**1. Purpose Of This Report**

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide Outer South Area Committee with background information in respect of a request for £5,000 by the Churwell Action Group from the Area Committee Well Being budget to fund a number of improvements to the park.

**2. Background Information**

- 2.1. Churwell Park is located in the heart of Churwell consisting of a bowling green, play areas, Multi Use Games Area's (MUGA's) and formal gardens.
- 2.2. Over the last few years the Action Group, in partnership with the Ward Members and Parks and Countryside have undertaken a series of improvement works which have helped enormously in improving the park and providing local residents with new facilities.
- 2.3. Unfortunately the raised mosaic, which was designed by local children to celebrate the parks centenary, has been damaged beyond repair through repeated attacks by vandals.

- 2.4. In addition a number of park benches have been damaged and this is also causing concern for both local residents and the Churwell Action group, who feel their appearance affects people's perception of the park.
- 2.5 This has led the action group to seek various ways of improving the park, including the provision of CCTV and the redesign of the mosaic features introducing a more robust feature which will hopefully extend its life. The group also wish to secure funding which will allow the shrub beds to be improved and new benches in and around the park.

### **3.0 Current Initiatives**

- 3.1 Through Parks Renaissance, Scattered Park benefited from funding which allowed the borders to be redesigned and re planted which has resulted in numerous compliments being paid in respect of the improvements to the gardens and the town centre as a whole.

### **4.0 Design**

- 4.1 Churwell Action Group have completed a redesign of the mosaic to convert the area into a wishing well, to celebrate the origins of Churwell.
- 4.2 To do this they have managed to secure stone donated from a local firm which will be laid around the base of the mosaic, to replace the damaged slate.
- 4.3 In addition the group have secured funding for the sculpture which will form the focal part of the new design. However to complete the project the group requires funding to purchase among other things, new seating and planting material.

### **5.0 Costs**

- 5.1 The capital cost of the system as detailed above is £5,000. There is no revenue costs associated with this scheme.

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

- 6.1 There are no direct implications for the above as a result of this report.

### **7.0 Legal and Resource Implications**

- 7.1 Legal implications as a result of this report will be reflected in any subsequent Funding Agreements and Contracts to Tender that arise from the project being funded by the Well being Budget.
- 7.2 Resource implications will be that the remaining balance of the Wellbeing Budget for capital will be reduced will be reduced as a result of any projects funded.

### **8.0 Recommendations**

- 8.1 The Area Committee is requested to note the contents of this report and agree £5,000 capital funding from the Morley North capital allocation..