



Report of the South East Leeds Area Manager

East Outer Area Committee

Date: 8th of July 2008

Subject: Outer East Area Committee Capital Budget 2008/9

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

Executive Summary

The Area Committee capital budget allocation for 2008/9 is £121,400. The budget has been split evenly across the 4 Outer East Wards.

This report requests that Area Committee supports several new projects.

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

- 1.1 This report outlines project proposals requiring funding from the 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 has a capital fund of £121,400 for 2008/9.
- 2.2 This report recommends that Area Committee support further project work in the area from the capital budget.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Christmas Lights in Methley

- 3.1.1 Methley is one of the larger villages located within the Outer East boundary but, unlike Kippax and several other large villages, has never had festive lights.

3.1.2 Ward Members have been lobbied by various community organisations in Methley about this issue. Many residents feel that festive lighting will play an important role in getting more people involved in community activity. This project will provide festive lighting on Methley Main Street.

3.1.3 The costs of providing festive lights are as follows:

- Installation of electrical equipment in lighting column plus external socket x 12 lighting columns (£380 per lighting column) = £4,560.
- Hire of motifs from Leeds Lights x12 (£148 per motif) = £1,776
Total cost £6,336

3.1.4 The installation costs are a one off cost. The costs to hire the motifs are annual.

3.1.5 This proposal supports the following local improvement priority of the Area Delivery Plan:

- An increased sense of belonging and pride in local neighbourhoods that help to build cohesive communities

3.2 Great Preston Cricket Ground

3.2.1 Great Preston Cricket Ground requires its own electricity supply having previously been served by the adjacent Social Club. The Social Club closed down some time ago having experienced financial difficulty.

3.2.2 The cost of providing an independent supply and meter is £6,382.60. The club does not have the financial resources to meet this cost.

3.2.3 The club plays an important part in the life of the village and is considered a hub of the community. There is a senior club team and several junior teams with the vast majority of members living locally.

3.2.4 Outer East Area Committee is requested to contribute £6,000 towards the cost of this project.

3.2.5 This proposal supports the following local improvement priority of the Area Delivery Plan:

- Enable more people to become involved in sport and culture by providing better quality and wider ranging activities and facilities.

3.3 Miners Welfare Hall Garforth

3.3.1 The Miners Welfare Hall is a Leeds City Council Community Centre leased to Garforth Community Association and was built in the 1920's.

- 3.3.2 It has undergone several phases of improvements over the last few years including provision of DDA compliant access; new kitchens, new window frames, guttering and rendering.
- 3.3.3 Garforth Community Association is now interested in refurbishing the toilets to the centre. The cost of the work is estimated at just under £22,000.
- 3.3.4 An application has been made to Grantscape Community Fund for £16,000 (Caird Barden landfill tax). A decision on that grant will be made in September 2008. A condition of that grant is that the bidder finds 10% match funding from a third party contributor. Garforth Community Association is contributing £4,000 towards the cost of the scheme.
- 3.3.5 Outer East Area Committee are requested to be that third party contributor by awarding £2,000, which is slightly higher than the 10% required, to this project.
- 3.3.6 Garforth Miners Welfare Hall is locally acknowledged as an excellent community facility and more widely acknowledged as one of the best used community facilities providing a variety of activities for young and old people.
- 3.3.7 This proposal supports the following local improvement priority of the Area Delivery Plan:
- An increased number of local people engaged in activities to meet community needs and improve the quality of life for local residents.

3.4 Security Fencing to Summerhill Road Allotments in Methley

- 3.4.1 The above allotment site in Methley is fully let and has a considerable waiting list. The site is considered to be one of the best sites owned by Leeds City Council.
- 3.4.2 The site is secure on 3 sides by a mixture of hawthorne bushes, privets etc. However, on its 4th side the site is open and easily accessible and has recently been subject to a number of break ins to sheds situated in individual plots.
- 3.4.3 The proposal outlined here will secure this boundary with approximately 100mtrs of weld mesh type fence, with a minimum height of 1.5m, green in colour and inclusive of a 3mtr wide gate of similar design.
- 3.4.4 The cost of the fence and gate is £8,400. Section 106 will provide £5,700 of the cost with Area Committee requested to meet the balance of £2,700.
- 3.4.5 The fence will be maintained by LCC Parks.
- 3.4.6 This proposal supports the following local improvement priority of the Area Delivery Plan:
- An increased number of local people engaged in activities to meet community needs and improve the quality of life for local residents.

3.5 Athlone Rise Ginnel Barriers

- 3.5.1 Athlone Rise is situated in East Garforth where there are a high number of ginnels which are public rights of way. This particular ginnel runs between a relatively quiet street and a busy road and is of great concern to local residents because of children who cycle at speed through the ginnel into the busy connecting road.
- 3.5.2 Several residents have lobbied to have barriers installed to reduce the speed of bicycles passing through the ginnel.
- 3.5.3 LCC Highways have undertaken a survey (Stephen Blanchard – Highways Technician) and provided a cost of £1,016 to install a barrier at each end of the ginnel. The work can be undertaken immediately once Area Committee confirms funding approval.
- 3.5.4 This proposal supports the following local improvement priority of the Area Delivery Plan:
- Improve road safety for all our users, especially motor cyclists and pedal cyclists

3.6 CCTV in Micklefield

- 3.6.1 This proposal is to install 1 CCTV camera linked to LeedsWatch in Micklefield adjacent to Micklefield Railway Station and Garden Village.
- 3.6.2 The camera will provide cover for the station and its car park as well as Garden Village itself (which consists of approx 100 properties). Micklefield Railway Station has high crime figures in relation to car crime, vandalism and ASB. Garden Village is an estate that experiences high levels of crime and ASB.
- 3.6.3 At the Area Committee meeting held in February 2008 Members agreed that funding for CCTV would only be considered if there were contributions from partner agencies and the monitoring and maintenance costs were met by one or more of those partner agencies.
- 3.6.4 The capital cost of this scheme is £30,000 and annual monitoring and maintenance costs are £6,300 per annum. These costs are higher than average due to the BT infrastructure in the area.
- 3.6.5 The proposal is for Area Committee to support this project with a £5,000 contribution. This is subject to partners finding the remainder of the cost. The proposed contributions are as follows:
- Outer East Area Committee - £5,000
 - Aire Valley Homes - £5,000
 - Safer Leeds - £5,000
 - British Transport Police - £5,000

- Micklefield Parish Council - £10,000

3.6.6 The annual monitoring and maintenance costs will be met by Network Rail.

3.6.7 This proposal supports the following local improvement priorities of the Area Delivery Plan:

- Reduce crime and fear of crime
- Reduce anti social behaviour

3.7 White Laithe Garth Alleygating

3.7.1 This particular ginnel runs parallel with White Laithe Garth in Whinmoor and had been a problem location for some time with youth congregation and nuisance.

3.7.2 The properties in this area are predominantly Aire Valley Homes but a significant number have been bought.

3.7.3 It has been investigated by the Alleygating Co-ordinator in Community Safety and has been recommended for gating. This is however subject to Highways Board approval and Planning approval.

3.7.4 The total cost of the work (inclusive of VAT) is £4688 and this is made up of the following:

- 8 metres railings on top of the wall with cranked posts.
- 2 pedestrian alley gates complete with posts.
- 2 metres of tall railings with posts.
- 1 x Pair of tall gates and posts for the driveway of number 22 White Laithe Garth.

3.7.5 The proposal is that the cost will be split evenly with Community Safety and Outer East Area Committee. Each resident will be provided with a key but if lost the resident can purchase a replacement at £10.

3.7.6 Leeds Community Safety will be responsible for its maintenance.

3.7.7 This proposal supports the following local improvement priority of the Area Delivery Plan:

- Reduce crime and fear of crime
- Reduce anti social behaviour

3.8 CCTV system to St Mary's Church, Garforth

3.8.1 The above Church is located along Church Lane, Garforth, and has been subject to high levels of anti social behaviour, vandalism and crime.

- 3.8.2 Much work has been done by the Neighbourhood Policing Team to reduce the problem but it has proved difficult to identify those responsible.
- 3.8.3 The Church would like to install its own CCTV system to both deter and identify those causing problems. The cost of an effective CCTV system is £2,200. The Church are requesting a 50% contribution towards the cost of this equipment.
- 3.8.4 This proposal supports the following local improvement priority of the Area Delivery Plan:
- Reduce crime and fear of crime
 - Reduce anti social behaviour

3.9 Swarcliffe Good Neighbours (SGN) van for decorating and gardening service

- 3.9.1 This is a voluntary organisation formed in 1994 that works to help older people and their carers living in the following areas: Swarcliffe, Stanks, Whinmoor, South Seacroft, North Seacroft.
- 3.9.2 The aims of the organisation are: 'to provide services which promote the health and well being of older people and their carers to live independently within the local community'.
- 3.9.3 SGN would like to purchase a Long Wheel Based Ford Transit Van to improve their gardening and decorating service. In 2007/8 542 gardens were maintained and 27 rooms decorated for clients. A vehicle will assist in the improvement and delivery of these services.
- 3.9.4 The cost of the vehicle is £12,000. Of this figure SGN have raised almost £10,000 from the following sources:
- Aire Valley Homes Outer South East Area Panel - £8,100
 - Swarcliffe Good Neighbours fundraising - £1,900
- 3.9.5 SGN are requesting a contribution of £1,000 from Outer East and £1,000 from Inner East Area Committees.
- 3.9.6 SGN will be responsible for servicing, taxing and insuring the vehicle.
- 3.9.7 This proposal supports the following local improvement priorities of the Area Delivery Plan:
- An increased number of local people engaged in activities to meet community needs and improve the quality of life for local residents.
 - Increase the number of vulnerable people helped to live at home

4.0 Implications For Council Policy and Governance

4.1 The details described in this report and its recommendations fit 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 The report requests funding to support several projects across Outer East Wards.

6.2 The report provides details of expenditure to date with a breakdown of funding by Ward on **Appendix 1**.

7.0 Recommendations

7.1 Members are requested to approve funding for the following projects:

- Methley Festive Lights - £6,336
- Great Preston Cricket Club electrics - £6,000
- Garforth Miners Welfare Hall improvements - £2,000
- Summerhill Road Allotments - £2,700
- Athlone Rise Ginnel - £1,016
- CCTV in Micklefield - £5,000
- White Laithe Alleygating - £2,344
- CCTV St Mary's Church - £1,100
- Swarcliffe Good Neighbours - £1,000