



Report of the East North East Area Manager

East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 5th February 2009

Subject: Wellbeing Capital Update and Scheme Proposals

Electoral Wards Affected:

Burmantofts and Richmond Hill
Gipton and Harehills

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

This report requests the Area Committee to approve the following capital project schemes:

- two schemes from the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill capital wellbeing; £10,000 to contribute towards the cost of reinstallation of CCTV cameras on the Torres; £12,000 for development of a public open space in Richmond Hill;
- from Killingbeck and Seacroft capital wellbeing, the sum of £27,000 for new parking spaces in Mankwood Rise.

Purpose of This Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present three proposals to be funded from the Wellbeing capital budget.
2. It is also to provide an update of the capital wellbeing budget, which is attached in Appendix A.

Background Information

3. All proposals are key priorities within the Area Delivery Plan for 2008 / 2009 for East (Inner) Leeds. They have a backing of both, local residents and Ward Members.
4. The CCTV cameras form a vital part in deterring criminal and nuisance behaviour. They fit within the strategic theme of Thriving Communities to tackle anti-social behaviour, crime and fear of crime. They play an important role as a public reassurance measure.
5. Green open spaces encourage participation in sport, recreation and culture. This work fits into the strategic theme of Culture. Additionally, it contributes towards Health and Wellbeing theme. The theme of Stronger Communities is served by the fact that local residents are involved in the scheme development.
6. Finally, the enhancement of parking facilities is a part of the Transport strategic theme.

Scheme Design and Cost – CCTV Cameras

7. The CCTV cameras on the Torres were damaged in two separate arson attacks in August 2008. Since then, there has been substantial, anecdotal evidence that crime in the area has risen. Local residents, too, feel more vulnerable as a consequence. West Yorkshire Police support the installation of the cameras.
8. The total cost of installation of new cameras is estimated at £20,000. Negotiations with ENEH resulted in an even split, with £10,000 being required from the Area Committee's capital wellbeing budget. The revenue costs associated with the running and maintenance of the cameras will be covered by the ALMO's contract with Leeds Watch.
9. ALMO will project manage the installation.
10. The intention is to complete the scheme by the end of the financial year and so an early decision by the Area Committee is required. The money will come from the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill capital wellbeing pot.

Scheme Design and Cost – Richmond Hill Green Open Space

11. The open space in Lincoln Green is the site of an old playground from which the equipment has long been removed. Local residents and ward councillors have had discussions with Parks and Countryside to bring it back to community use. Site visits were conducted. The scheme supports broader EASEL regeneration plans for the area.

12. The funding required is estimated at around £12,000 depending on the outcomes of further consultation with local residents. The scheme would include a combination of following elements:
- Removal of old surface and resurfacing
 - General tidy up
 - Shrubs and trees
 - Seating
 - Goals/basketball hoops
 - Earth mounds
13. The work would be undertaken by Parks and Countryside, starting in April/May 2009 and finishing in May/June 2009.

Monkswood Raise Parking Scheme

14. This parking scheme has been identified by the local residents, who responded to a questionnaire exercise carried out by the ENEH. The ward members, too, consider it a priority. It will create 10 parking spaces including a space for mobility parking, which will comply with the DDA regulations.
15. The Design and Cost report has already been compiled by the ALMO, who will project manage the scheme. The total cost of the project has been estimated at £27,000 with additional design costs. To date, ALMO have not been able to establish how much the design fees would be.
16. It is suggested that the Killingbeck and Seacroft capital wellbeing pot is used to fund the scheme as it is currently estimated (£27k), with the design fees being picked from the councillors' ward based allocations, costed at £2,774.

Adjustments to the Wellbeing Capital Data

17. Members are advised to note that some adjustments have been made to the information about the Inner East capital Wellbeing. Unclaimed schemes, dating back to 2005 have been credited back to our budget. The schemes and sums in question are:
- Gipton and Harehills Ward – Lunans community safety scheme initially costed at £40,000. Final cost £27,600. Credited back - **£12,400**
 - Killingbeck and Seacroft Ward – South Parkway Parking Scheme initially costed at £9,000. Credited back – the full amount of **£9,000**.
 - Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward – Street nameplates initially costed at £4,100. Credited back – the full amount of **£4,100**.
18. Appendix A reflects the new information.

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

19. There are no governance implications for the Council.

Legal and Resource Implications

20. There are no legal or resource implications other than those associated with the use of capital wellbeing.

Recommendations

21. The Area Committee is requested to approve:
- the contribution of £10k towards the installation of the Torre CCTV cameras;
 - funding of £12k for the redevelopment of the Richmond Hill open public space;
 - £27k towards the Monkswood Rise parking.

Documents used in writing of this report:

- DCR report provided by ENEH