



Report of the South East Leeds Area Manager

East Outer Area Committee

Date: 8th of September 2009

Subject: Outer East Area Committee Capital Budget 2009/10

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 2009/10 is £160,200. This is made up of the annual allocation and previous years underspend. 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 budget allocation of £160,200 in 2009/10.
- 2.2 This report recommends that Area Committee supports projects in the area from the capital budget.

3.0 Main Issues

3.1 Providing bicycles for PCSO's

3.1.1 This request for funding has been made by the Neighbourhood Policing Team Inspector for Temple Newsam and Cross Gates & Whinmoor.

3.1.2 At the last meeting of Area Committee it was agreed to award £2,480 to provide 4 bicycles for PCSO's in Temple Newsam ward. The request to fund 4 bicycles for PCSO's in Cross Gates & Whinmoor was deferred. This report now requests that Area Committee fund the cost of 4 bicycles for PCSO's in Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward.

3.1.3 The application is for the purchase of 4 bikes at a cost of £620 each from Halfords. The purchase of the bikes will enable the PCSO's and PC's to react and respond quickly and effectively to Policing issues across the area.

3.1.4 The benefits of providing these bicycles include:

- Enable the PC's to utilise a more visible and accessible form of transport to cars.
- Enable officers to access ginnels and other inaccessible areas that cars do not allow.
- Enable PCSO's to respond quickly.
- Residents have responded most positively to the mounted officers expressing that they are easier to stop and talk to and provide more reassurance due to their increased visibility.

3.1.5 The life expectancy of the bikes is 3 years which equates to a capital cost per annum of just over £800.00 for the four bikes for Cross Gates & Whinmoor Ward. To comply with Health and Safety regulations, and facilitate the longevity of the bikes, they will require servicing every six months. The cost of the service, if no parts are required, will be £35.00 per bike. Therefore the annual cost of maintaining the 8 bikes is £560.00. This cost will be met by WY Police.

3.1.6 The use of mountain bikes gives officers the ability to cover a much wider area and respond quickly to incidents whilst still maintaining accessibility to the public. The geographic layout of Cross Gates & Whinmoor ward lends itself perfectly to the use of the bikes in ensuring penetration to each and every walkway, trail, ginnel etc. They will assist detection of crime in 'off-road' areas and help provide the high visibility policing across all areas.

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

Thriving Places – Create safer environments by tackling crime and anti-social behaviour

3.2 Floodlights to Fieldhead Carr Sports pitches (Whinmoor)

- 3.2.1 Over the last 18 months Outer East Area Committee has invested £20,000 into the conversion and relaying of this sports pitch at Fieldhead Carr from a redgra surface to a grassed surface.
- 3.2.2 The pitch is vested with Aire Valley Homes but is now leased to Whinmoor Warriors Junior Rugby Club.
- 3.2.3 In September 2006 Area Committee approved £4,500 to install new floodlights to the pitches. These lights could not be installed at that time due to the pitch conversion. Since that estimate was provided Parks & Countryside have re-assessed the provision of floodlighting and recommend that a new type of floodlighting be installed that will also cover adjacent pitches.
- 3.2.4 The cost of the new floodlights is now estimated at £9,000 which would mean Area Committee being requested to add a further £4,500 from this years budget.
- 3.2.5 This project will only go ahead after consultation and agreement with residents living close to the pitches who may be affected by the floodlights.
- 3.2.6 This proposal supports the following local improvement priority of the Area Delivery Plan:

Culture – Providing new and improved sports and leisure facilities across Outer East

3.3 Improvements to Community Hall at Garforth Methodist Church

- 3.3.1 This project is to demolish the current hall that is adjacent to the church and rebuild it as a connected extension to the church with new wc facilities that will include disabled facilities and baby changing facilities.
- 3.3.2 The current facilities provide community activity including a Friday evening youth club, Garforth Musical Society, the Railway Society, a stage school, a dance school and a number of mums and toddler groups. The church anticipate that an improved hall will attract an additional 300 users per month. This figure is based on enquiries received from groups aware of the proposed improvements.
- 3.3.3 The total cost of the project is £250,000 with nearly £220,000 of the cost already having been acquired. The funds have been acquired from the following sources:
- Fundraising - £94,139
 - Methodist Church Facilities - £27,500
 - All Churches Trust - £1,000
 - Sir George Martin Trust - £2,000
 - Norwood & Nenton Settlement - £10,000
 - Garfield Weston Foundation - £10,000
 - Grantscape - £50,000

- Rank Trust - £23,973

3.3.4 The request is for Area Committee to contribute £10,000 towards this project.

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

Culture - Improve community facilities and increasing the use of community facilities.

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:

- PCSO bicycles in Cross Gates & Whinmoor - £2480
- Additional £4,500 for Fieldhead Carr floodlights
- Garforth Methodist Church - £10,000

Background papers

Executive Board Report 16 July 2008 – Area Committee Roles 2008/09

Outer East Area Committee Report 8 July 2008 – Area Delivery Plan 2008-11

Capital report to Area Committee – 7 July 2009

Capital report to Outer East Area Committee – September 2006