



## Report of the East North East Area Manager

### East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009

### Subject: Wellbeing Capital Update and Scheme Proposal

#### Electoral Wards Affected:

Gipton and Harehills  
Burmantofts and Richmond Hill

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 updates the Members on 2009-10 capital wellbeing expenditure. It also requests the Area Committee to approve the following capital projects:

**Burmantofts and Richmond Hill - £2,500 for the development of a new recycling area in Cromwell Heights and Naseby Grange; £12,000k for the refurbishment of a public green space at Ivy Street; £15,000 for alleygating scheme at Back Cross Green Crescent.**

**Gipton and Harehills - £3,000 for the purchase of 8 memocams; £20,000 for a new play area at Oak Tree Drive; approx £46,000 for alleygates at Bk. Hovingham grove, Bk.**

**Dorset Rd., Bk. Hovingham Mount, Bk. Hovingham Terrace.**

### Purpose of This Report

1. The purpose of this report is to present proposals to be funded from the wellbeing capital budget for Burmantofts and Richmond Hill ward and Gipton and Harehills ward.
2. It is also to provide an update of the capital wellbeing expenditure, which is attached in Appendix A.

### Background Information

3. The proposals presented here have been discussed with relevant Ward Members, LCC departments and local residents and have been endorsed by all. They all support

the current Area Delivery Plan (ADP) under its “Thriving Neighbourhoods” theme to: improve community safety, encourage increase in the recycling rates (particularly low at present within inner East Leeds) and improve the quality of local parks and green spaces together with increasing facilities available to children.

### **Recycling – Naseby Grange and Cromwell Heights**

4. This community recycling site will serve 280 properties in Naseby Grange and the three blocks of Cromwell Heights. Due to the nature of high rise properties, kerbside recycling collections are not suitable. High rise and multiple occupancy blocks across Leeds are served by communal bins. The proposed site will have one central site containing six bins to serve the 4 blocks; green mixed recycling bins for paper, card, plastic bottles and cans; white bins for mixed glass bottles and jars.
5. A hard standing area will be constructed in a central location on Cromwell Street (see attached plan). The site will be surrounded by metal fencing to provide a secure and attractive area. The bins will be locked down with small apertures to post in the recyclables, which will reduce the threat of vandalism. Clear signage will welcome residents to use the recycling site. There will be warnings about flytipping and trade waste. All residents will receive an information pack and posters in the blocks will advertise the site to new residents.
6. The total cost of the facility will be £6,500; £4,000 of which will be paid for by the ALMO Area Panel funding, already confirmed at the September meeting of the Panel.
7. The work would start in the autumn 2009 and last for two weeks; incl. construction, supply of bins and education for residents. It will be project managed by City Services and subsequently maintained by them.

### **Ivy Street Green Space**

8. Ivy Street POS is a small local space used by local residents for informal recreational pursuits. It consists of open grassland, seating, and soft landscaping / planting. The area is popular with local residents who use the site on a daily basis.
9. The proposal for the site could include the following works:
  - Improvements to the soft landscaping works e.g. replacement of all present rose bushes
  - Replacement of the old low bow top fencing with new
  - Signage
  - Seating
10. However, it must be noted that these are merely suggestions and the final design will depend on the outcome of the forthcoming consultation event.
11. Programme of works could look as follows:
  - Consultation - September 2009
  - Design Brief - September 2009
  - Start on site - 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009
  - Completion - January 2010

## Back Cross Green Crescent

12. At the time of alleygating work at Cross Green Lane and in the course of public consultation for that project, concerns were raised about community safety issues in Cross Green Crescent. Local residents were keen to see improvements. Ward Members were also supportive.

Colleagues in West Yorkshire Police have compiled statistics in support of the scheme. In the six months period to March/April 2009 there have been a total of 166 priority crimes within a 500m radius of Back Cross Green Crescent. The main issues within the area were Burglary Dwellings, which accounted for 14% of the offences recorded. Damages accounted for 39% of the offences and there were 33 Assaults, over half over which were domestics (18).

Occurrence Type	Area Total	BRH Total	% of BRH Total
Arson	3	18	16.67%
Assault	33	245	13.47%
Burglary Dwelling	24	231	10.39%
Burglary Other	8	98	8.16%
Criminal Damage - Building Non Dwelling	1	28	3.57%
Criminal Damage - Dwelling	37	170	21.76%
Criminal Damage - Motor Vehicle	20	150	13.33%
Criminal Damage - Non Specific	6	25	24.00%
Interference With M/V	6	34	17.65%
Robbery	3	45	6.67%
Theft From Person	4	38	10.53%
Theft From Vehicle	9	184	4.89%
Theft Of Vehicle	4	21	19.05%
TWOC	8	54	14.81%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>1341</b>	<b>12.38%</b>

Vehicle Crime, in particular Theft was high, with the highlighted area experiencing 19.05% of the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward's offences during the six month period. **The area within a 500m radius has experienced a total of 12.38% of the priority crime within the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill Ward. This is disproportionately large amount for an area which only represents 8.96% of the Ward's physical area.** More detailed information can be obtained from the Area Management office but it is restricted.

13. In the past, all alleygating schemes in the East Leeds were jointly funded by Community Safety and Area Committee. However, in view of lack of Community Safety match funding, the total cost of the project ( £15k), must be paid for by the capital wellbeing. This includes 1 year of maintenance i.e. – 2 maintenance inspections, any repairs and keys for residents.
14. Community Safety are in the process of applying for additional finances to allow them to continue to maintain all alleygating schemes in the city.

## Memocams

16. A Memocam is a covert CCTV digital recording device. They automatically record events onto a mini SD card and the images obtained are digitally stamped & dated for integrity. The recorded images are easily analysed by simply removing the SD card from the unit & inserting it into a memory card reader connected to a lap top.
17. The installation of a memocam is considered the last option when all other avenues of investigation have failed or are not physically possible. The memocams are normally authorised for a period of 3 months but can be extended if the evidence supports it. The majority of the memocams are used for repeat / possible repeat victims or when information has been received that a premise may be subject of attack.
18. The division currently has 28 Memocams:

- 10 for the division.
- 6 for Killingbeck and Seacroft ward area.
- 12 for the saturation project which moves around the division.

19. There are great benefits in having the exclusive Killingbeck and Seacroft memocams.
- They can be rapidly deployed
  - They can be left for longer than 3 months
  - They can be concentrated on one small area; e.g. 4 have been deployed on Ramshead Drive at one time; more than one in a large building to cover all entry points, etc
20. Gipton and Harehills ward has a particularly high incidence of burglary. Figures below represent divisional statistics for **repeat burglaries**, with numbers in brackets representing Gipton and Harehills figures:
- Jan - 36 repeats in total - (5)
  - Feb - 27 (5)
  - March - 37 (3)
  - Apr - 36 (4)
  - May - 38 (5)
  - June - 31 (4)
  - July - 25 (5)
  - Aug - 17 (4) - up to & inc 25th Aug
21. Memocams are also used in cases of race crime, installed in homes of vulnerable victims and repeat victims. The need to invest in our dedicated equipment has been identified at tasking. The installation, maintenance, removal and all other associated costs will be covered by West Yorks. Police.

### **Oak Tree Drive Play Area**

22. The area behind Lidl has been identified through the SSCF survey, as a place local residents would like to see some play provision for children.
23. In August 2009 Area Management Team and Parks and Countryside put a bid to Playbuilder fund to develop such facility. Although the first stage of the bidding process was successful, ultimately, the scheme failed to secure funding. Ward Members, however, expressed the willingness to investigate further how the scheme could be achieved.
24. Parks and Countryside are undertaking a major investment in the nearby Harehills Park and there is lack resources, monies and staffing time, to pursue both the schemes. Furthermore, any new development must ensure that its upkeep and maintenance is assured.
25. Following negotiations with Parks and Countryside, we have been able to agree that a scheme at Oak Tree Drive could be developed using Area Committee's capital wellbeing and section 106 funding. The detailed consultation will start in February 2010 and work could start on site later on in Sprig / Summer 2010.

26. The INM Manager would be involved in the consultation. It is further suggested that Feel Good Factor, an organisation specialising in working with young children is involved in the process.

**Alleygates at Bk. Hovingham Grove, Bk. Dorset Rd., Bk. Hovingham Mount, Bk. Hovingham Terrace.**

27. This is a recent proposal put forward as a result of a bi-monthly ward member meeting on 3.9.09 and responding to a number of local complaints. The information from the police and wider consultation is yet to be obtained
28. The preliminary discussions with the Alleygating Coordinator have produced approximate costings of £46,000. They include all materials, keys and spares, gating order advertising costs, planning application costs and 5 years maintenance and possible repairs.
29. Considerations in paragraphs 13 and 14 above apply here too.

**Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

30. There are no governance implications for the Council.

**Legal and Resource Implications**

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

**Recommendations**

29. The Area Committee is requested to approve funding for:
- from Burmantofts and Richmond Hill capital wellbeing
    - £ 2,5k Recycling – Naseby Grange and Cromwell Heights
    - £12k Ivy Street POS
    - £15k alleygating – Bk. Cross Green Crescent
  - from Gipton and Harehills capital wellbeing
    - £3k memocams
    - £20k Oak Tree play area
    - £46k alleygating – Bk. Hovingham Grove and Mount, Bk. Dorset Rd. and Hovingham Terrace

**Documents used in writing of this report:**

- DCR report provided by Parks and Countryside
- DCR report provided by West Yorkshire Police
- Police intelligence report

