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## Report of the South East Leeds Area Manager

### East Outer Area Committee

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2009

Subject: Outer East Area Committee Capital Budget 2009/10

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#### 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

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## 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 Improvements to main hall at the Colton Institute**

- 3.1.1 The Colton Institute is used by local people for a variety of uses at reasonable and affordable charges. All the income received is invested back into the building.
- 3.1.2 The Committee, who are all volunteers, keep the building in good repair themselves and when work is required whenever possible try to employ local tradesmen eg for work such as heating, electrics and joinery.
- 3.1.3 The Committee has provided a new kitchen, redecorated the main hall and upgraded the lighting. This has resulted in an increase in the usage of the building with a number of regular community users. Colton Institute contributes towards the fitness and wellbeing of the community by providing two dancing classes both for the young and adults as well as providing much needed facilities for children and young people, Leeds City Council Youth Services, a nursery school, and a fitness club for tots. The building is also used by a wine appreciation society and a local photographer. There are also ad hoc bookings for local AGMs and children's parties and community bookings. This means the local facility is well used and appreciated by the local community.
- 3.1.4 The building is over 100 years old and starting to have problems with the floor in the main hall which is suffering from dry rot. To replace this with a new oak floor would be cost prohibitive at around £10,000 -£12,000. It can however be treated for dry rot, and underlay installed and the floor laminated for £2950.
- 3.1.5 The Colton Institute are requesting that Area Committee meet the cost of this work.
- 3.1.6 This proposal supports the following local improvement priority of the Area Delivery Plan:

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

#### **3.2 Security fencing to Kippax Welfare Sports & Social Club**

- 3.2.1 This cricket and sports club has been and continues to be a major provider for sport in the Kippax area for young and old.
- 3.2.2 Over recent years this facility has had problems with livestock, pets and illegal motor vehicles accessing the site. This causes problems with dog fouling on the site and damage to the grass.
- 3.2.3 This proposal is to erect fencing to the area of the site where access is being gained.

3.2.4 The cost of the project is £2,000. The sports club have acquired £500 from fund raising and requests £1,500 from Area Committee.

3.3.5 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

#### **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:

- Improvements to Colton Institute - £2950
- Security fencing to Kippax Welfare Sports & Social Club - £1500

#### **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