



## Report of the East North East Area Manager

### East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2009

### Subject: Wellbeing Capital Update and Scheme Proposal

#### Electoral Wards Affected:

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 a capital project from the Burmantofts and Richmond Hill pot - £2,000 - to bring into cultivation a derelict area bordered by the houses on Skelton Lane and Victoria Primary School.**

### Purpose of This Report

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

### Background Information

3. The proposal presented here has support of relevant Ward Members, Parks and Countryside and the local allotment association. It supports the current Area Delivery Plan (ADP) under its "Health and Wellbeing" theme to encourage and develop use of allotments and healthy eating; and "Thriving Neighbourhoods" theme to improve the quality of local parks and green spaces.

## **Osmondthorpe Allotment Association - Site Development.**

4. Following Parks & Countryside's proposed work on Osmondthorpe Lane Allotment Site, which will include removal of large overgrown trees on the site, the Osmondthorpe Allotment Association would like to bring the current derelict area bordered by the houses on Skelton Lane and Victoria Primary School into cultivation. Tenants are ready to take on the cleared land to ensure it does not revert to dereliction. There are 10 prospective tenants waiting for plots in this area now.

The work the Association needs to implement includes:

- Clearance of undergrowth, brambles, remaining small trees with little wildlife/cultivation value
  - Creation of paths and plot boundaries for between 10 and 12 half plots, 150 sqm each
  - Clearance of an access track for light vehicles and pedestrians to allow access to the newly laid out paths, including purchase and laying of crushed recycled material e.g. waste tarmac shavings.
  - Provision of water supply to the hill plots, extending the current piped supply to 6 taps with stands and fittings as required
5. The plots will be maintained by the new tenants. Once completed, the track will be maintained as part of the Association's ongoing maintenance schedule. The Allotments' Committee organise working parties throughout the year where all tenants are encouraged to participate and contribute to the running of the site. Tenants are responsible for maintaining specific paths between plots.
  6. Under the Allotment Rules, trees are not allowed on allotment sites unless they have cultivation value or can be justified by attracting wildlife etc. These rules will be strictly adhered to.
  7. Current estimate of £2,000 has been based on the costs of work undertaken recently on behalf of the Association by Parks & Countryside. Any shortfall in completing the work will be met from the Association's Reserve fund. (this amounted to £1,570 as at 26/7/09). The Association's Water Fund will cover the cost of supplying water to the plots. This is a new fund set up to hold the water rates collected from tenants to cover specifically water supply related work and charges.

### **Implications for Council Policy and Governance**

8. There are no governance implications for the Council.

### **Legal and Resource Implications**

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

## **Recommendations**

10. The Area Committee is requested to approve £2,000 funding for the site development at the Osmondthorpe Allotments from Burmantofts and Richmond Hill capital wellbeing.

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

- Information provided by the Allotments' Association
- Association's financial statement