



Report of the East North East Area Manager

East (Inner) Area Committee

Date: 3rd December 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 for a Scargill Close Alleygating scheme.

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. A key priority for the Area Delivery Plan 2008 / 2009 for East (Inner) Area Committee is Safer Communities (to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour). Within this is a key action to develop public reassurance measures, one of which is alleygating. The area under discussion here are the footpaths at the rear of properties in Scargill Close. This is a known excessive crime spot, suffering anti-social behaviour (ASB) and environmental issues.

4. The scheme will consist of 3 Victorian-style, pedestrian-size alleygates and matching railings to each end of the footpath in question. As the gates and railing will be over 1.8m in height, planning permission must be applied for in the first instance
5. The Alleygating Officer will conduct a pre-consultation with local residents and organisations following the Area Committee's approval of the scheme. The closing date for responses will be in December 2009 / January 2010.
6. The timetable for the scheme will be approximately 12-14 weeks from the point of submitting the planning application to production and erection of the gates and fencing.
7. It is estimated that the total cost of the scheme will be up to £3,710 which includes the cost of the gates and railings and their erection on site and in addition keys to the gates (1 free key to each resident plus spare keys as replacements for lost, extra or damaged keys as well as for distribution to council and / or emergency services). The funding will also be used to pay for a planning application fee.
8. Members must take into account that due to the lack of funding for alleygates through community safety budgets, Area Committee has to make an allowance for planned maintenance and repairs of the gates during the 5 years of the lifetime of the scheme. This, on the basis of a city wide experience, has been calculated at £800 in total but by the nature of the scheme, is impossible to predict accurately.
9. It is therefore suggested that such expenditure is picked up through the tasking budgets when and if required.
10. The breakdown of costs is as follows:
 - Gates and railings - up to £3,140
 - Keys per household and spares – up to £400
 - Planning Application fee – up to £170
 - 5 Years maintenance and repair – up to £800

Implications for Council Policy and Governance

11. There are no governance implications for the Council.

Legal and Resource Implications

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

Recommendations

13. The Area Committee is requested to approve £3,710 funding for the alleygating scheme at Scargill Close from Burmantofts and Richmond Hill capital wellbeing.
14. It is further requested to accept that the maintenance and repairs over the lifetime of the scheme are to be taken from the Burmantofts tasking budget

Documents used in writing of this report:

Design and Cost Report prepared by the Alleygating Officer.