



**Report of the East North East Area Manager**

**East (Inner) Area Committee**

**Date: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

**Subject: Wellbeing Capital Update and Scheme Proposal**

**Electoral Wards Affected:**

All inner 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**

**This report updates the Members on 2009-10 capital wellbeing expenditure. It also requests the Area Committee to approve a capital project from the Killigbeck and Seacroft pot for a parking scheme in Skelwith Walk (£19,600); from Gipton and Harehills pot for refurbishment of Comptons' bin yards (£45,000) and a contribution from all wards towards an area-wide recreational facility at Wyke Beck Valley (£3.500 per ward).**

**Purpose of This Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to present new proposals to be funded from the wellbeing capital budget.
2. It is also to provide an update of the capital wellbeing expenditure, which is attached in Appendix A.

**Skelwith Walk**

3. Two key priorities for the Area Delivery Plan 2009 / 20010 for East (Inner) Area Committee are Transport and Environment. The improved parking area at Skelwith Walk will impact on the quality of environment and help prevent future flooding in the area.

4. The upgrade will replace the defective car parking for 15 spaces. It will also help prevent further flooding in the area. The work will improve the road surface up to adoptable standard.
5. The ALMO will project manage the scheme and work with an approved contractor, Carthy Contracting. Further maintenance will also be done by the ALMO.
6. Skelwith Walk is an unadopted road and the parking areas have fallen into disrepair. The area suffers from flooding affecting the dwellings. The problems go back a number of years and both, the local residents and ward members have been trying to improve the situation. This has always floundered due to lack of finances. In 2008/9 wellbeing revenue underspend of £23,500 was set aside to contribute to this project (AC meeting – 19.3.2009). The total cost of the scheme is £43,100. The Area Committee are requested to approve the remaining £19,600 from the capital wellbeing pot of the Killingbeck and Seacroft allocation.
7. Both, local residents and ward members are in full support of the scheme.

### **Comptons Bin Yards**

8. The discussions about a second phase of bin yard refurbishment in Harehills have been conducted at ward member meetings for a while. The stumbling block has been to achieve additionality to a straight forward physical improvement. This has now been solved by the involvement in the project of Construction Leeds and Taurus, a company providing training and employment for young people, working alongside time served professional builders and other tradesmen. The same company carried out successful work in the Clarks and was able to secure a number of apprenticeships and a full time job for its trainees. The scheme, therefore, fits within the Environment and Enterprise and Economy themes of the ADP.
9. The scheme will result in an improvement of up to 15 bin yards in Compton Place, Terrace, View and Avenue. In summary, it will include removal of rubbish, demolition cleaning and reuse of existing brick walls, renewing of the floor areas, erection of new fencing and gates and general clean up of the whole area.
10. There are 81 properties in the chosen area, all of which will benefit from the improved environment as a result of this work.
11. Consultation with ALMO has taken place and their involvement in the scheme has been secured. Further consultation with the residents is ready to proceed following the Area Committee's decision.
12. An environmental education programme is being planned following the completion of the scheme.
13. Consultation work can start immediately following the Area Committee meeting and construction, within 2-3 weeks. The cost per bin yard is £3,000, on average.

### **Wyke Beck Valley – Access to Nature (A2N)**

14. A2N is a £25m Big Lottery grant programme managed by Natural England. The primary aim of A2N is to encourage people to understand, appreciate and enjoy the



21. Additional capital funding is needed for match funding to further enhance the area. Funding from Area Committee could be used for a range of improvement schemes, dependant on the money available; e.g. continue the tree planting and fix the hedgerow boundary on Killingbeck Fields, relay some of the crushed stone paths from Killingbeck Fields to Wyke Beck Valley Road, mend worn sections of the crushed stone path to the north of Fernville, planting a clearing at the entrance to the fields from Wyke Beck Valley Road and Foundry Lane. This work can be delivered regardless of the outcome of the Access to Nature bid.
22. All the capital schemes will be delivered through the partnership engaging with local residents and schools to help deliver the work through volunteering schemes. All parts of the projects can progress independently if funding from one source fails, the projects can also be rescaled to fit in line with the funding resources that are available.
23. It is estimated that approximately 700 volunteers will be engaged through the Leeds A2N project and approximately 3,500 beneficiaries will benefit from the 3 year programme. This includes working with pupils through the local schools, corporate volunteers through Leeds Ahead, volunteering through BTCV and environmental learning schemes for young people and adults through Groundwork Leeds.
24. It is important to stress that the scheme will greatly improve the whole of inner East Leeds. It will be a major recreational and environmental resource for all its residents. This is why the Area Committee are requested to contribute £10,500 (£3,500 per ward) of its capital funding towards this work.
25. The detailed plans will be presented to this Committee following the outcome of the stage 2 application to natural England.

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

26. There are no governance implications for the Council.

### **Legal and Resource Implications**

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

### **Recommendations**

28. The Area Committee is requested to approve £19,600 funding for the Skelwith Walk parking scheme from the Killingbeck and Seacroft capital wellbeing.
29. It is further requested to approve £10,500 (£3,500 per ward) towards capital works at Wyke Beck Valley.

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

Design and Cost Report prepared by the ALMO.  
Briefing note on the Access to Nature bid for Wyke Beck Valley.  
Quotation for the bin yard scheme by Taurus.