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**Report of the East Leeds Area Manager**

**Outer East Area Committee**

**Date: 12 December 2006**

**Subject: Outer East Capital Budget 2004-2007**

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**Electoral Wards Affected:  
All Outer East Wards**

**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 has capital budget of £396,445 with funding split equally between the 4 Outer East Wards.

This report requests support from this budget for one project in Methley.

## **1.0 Purpose Of This Report**

- 1.1 This report will outline project proposals for Members to consider supporting with a contribution from its capital budget.

## **2.0 Background Information**

- 2.1 The Outer East Area Committee received £396,445 capital funding for 2004-2007.
- 2.2 There are 29 outstanding commitments totaling £318,185. This will rise to £321,185 if the project being considered today is approved.

## **3.0 Play Area for children within the grounds of Methley Community Centre**

- 3.1 The above community centre is a well used facility in the village of Methley. One group that regularly uses the centre is a young children's play group called the Methley Mites.
- 3.2 The centre has restricted space internally but plentiful space within its grounds. The project would like to have a children's play area laid within the grounds that provides a soft and safe environment in which children can play.
- 3.3 The cost of laying such a material is £3,000. This cost includes labour and has been provided by the Playground and Engineering Manager from Parks and Countryside.
- 3.4 The work will take no more than two days and can commence once funding has been approved.
- 3.5 This centre is vested within Learning and Leisure Department who have stated that they will not accept future maintenance responsibility for the play area. However, this centre is one of a number of centres that will be transferred to Neighbourhoods and Housing in the near future. This centre will come under the auspices of Area Management who will hold a maintenance budget and accept this responsibility. The materials used and the play area itself is classed as 'low maintenance'.
- 3.6 The project supports the following key theme of 2006/7's Outer East Area Delivery Plan:
  - Young People – (to increase the range of out of school and free time opportunities for young people)

## **4.0 Recommendation**

- 4.1 Members are recommended to support this proposal with an award of £3,000 from the Outer East Capital Budget.
- 4.1 Members are requested to note the breakdown of capital spend by Ward detailed on **Appendix 1** and raise any questions.