

FLETTON, STANGROUND & WOODSTON NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM. 6
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CAPITAL BUDGET 2011 / 2012 ALLOCATION

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
FROM: Lisa Emmanuel, Neighbourhood Manager South
That this Neighbourhood Committee: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Considers the proposals for allocation of the capital budget of £25,000 for 2011/12; 2. Approves which proposals will receive an allocation of the budget; and 3. Agrees to amend the individual allocations should the sum of the agreed projects be over or under the £25,000 budget, to be determined by the Neighbourhood Manager in consultation with the Ward Councillors.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for allocating the capital budget of £25,000 for 2010/11 for the Fletton, Stanground & Woodston Neighbourhood Committee.

2. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

- 2.1 Neighbourhood Committees should contribute across the full range of Sustainable Community Strategy priorities, which are:
- Creating opportunities – tackling inequalities
 - Creating strong and supportive communities
 - Creating the country's environment capital
 - Delivering substantial and sustainable growth

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Terms of Reference apply to all Neighbourhood Committees and Part 3, Section 4.1 (ix) stipulates the responsibility for any delegated funding identified by the Council and to invest that money in ways that support the priorities identified through the community planning process.

Following a series of information gathering and consultative activities, a series of options have been discussed with councillors to determine the allocation of budget for the Neighbourhood Committee in 2011/12. All proposals have come via requests from members of the public through a variety of means including requests/complaints to Members, Officers and or partner agencies. The following table sets out the detail of the final proposed list of allocations which members of the Committee are now asked to consider.

The cost of each project is estimated

Creating the UK's Environment Capital Creating Opportunities, Tackling Inequalities		£ (Estimated)
Improvements to local parks and open spaces	Contribution towards lighting at Stanground Skate Park. This forms part of the ongoing project to improve facilities for young people in the area and is the final stage which will ensure safe use of the facilities during controlled hours.	5,000.00
	Introduction of infrastructure to improve access/encourage wildlife at Stanground	1,500.00
		Section 106 contribution 34,438.00

	Lode. This will form part of an ongoing project to connect Stanground to the Carbon Challenge Project and Fletton Quays through a series of footpath and cycle paths which will encourage community involvement and provide opportunities for the community to enjoy the natural environment.	
Delivering Substantial and Truly Sustainable Growth		
Infrastructure Improvements	Traffic calming measures on Coneygree Road at the junction with Elwood Avenue. To reduce speed of cars along Coneygree Road and aim to reduce/prevent further traffic related incidents in the area.	15,000.00
	Introduction of measures to prevent parking on verges. This will involve planting of trees on the grass verges to compliment existing species.	3,500.00
Total		£25,000.00

4. IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The identified areas of spend are predominantly targeted within the Stanground Central Ward area as parks and open spaces within the Fletton & Woodston and Stanground East Wards are currently benefiting from improvement plans via Section 106 agreements. Allocating the full budget to the two highest community priorities (improving parks and opens spaces and improving facilities for young people) will ensure more visible rewards result from this decision.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Consultation activities, involving workshops and surveys, have taken place in the area to identify the communities' priorities to inform the Community Action Plan. The final spend recommendations have been discussed with all elected members together with the relevant service areas that will take on the actions to implement once spends have been fully approved.

6. NEXT STEPS

- 6.1 If the proposals set out are agreed, the Neighbourhood Manager will be responsible for ensuring spend is allocated in a timely manner and in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations. A regular monitoring report will be provided for Members to be able to scrutinise progress and measure the impact of the investment.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 7.1 N/A

8. APPENDICES

N/A