

<b>Rural North Neighbourhood Committee</b>	Agenda Item: 5
<b>19 September 2012</b>	Public Report

## **CAPITAL BUDGET ALLOCATION 2012/13**

<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>
<b>FROM: Julie Rivett, Neighbourhood Manager (North and West)</b>
<p>That this Neighbourhood Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Considers the proposals for allocation of the capital budget of £25,000 for 2011/12;</li> <li>2. Approves the proposals which will receive an allocation of the budget;</li> <li>3. Agrees to a reduction in the individual allocations should the approved proposals exceed the £25,000 budget, to be determined by the Neighbourhood Manager; and</li> <li>4. Agrees that the Neighbourhood Manager will be responsible for determining the final detail of the project in consultation with ward councillors and other relevant parties.</li> </ol>

### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for allocating the capital budget of £25,000 for 2012/13 for the Rural North Neighbourhood Committee.

### **2. LINKS TO THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY, COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN AND DELEGATIONS**

- 2.1 Neighbourhood Committees should contribute across the full range of Sustainable Community Strategy priorities, which are:
- Creating opportunities – tackling inequalities (Safer / Stronger)
  - Creating strong and supportive communities (Safer / Stronger)
  - Creating the country's environment capital (Greener / Cleaner)
  - Delivering substantial and sustainable growth (Safer / Stronger)
- 2.2 The proposed projects represent interventions that directly support priorities within the Community Action Plan a) improving parks and opens spaces b) improving local community facilities
- 2.3 This report is for the committee to consider under its delegated executive function 3.13.5, 'to determine the investment of identified and delegated funding to support local priorities contained within the Community Action Plan'.

### **3. CAPITAL BUDGET ALLOCATION 2012/13**

- 3.1 The following projects have been proposed by Members. Approval for each will be subject to the projects being costed within budget. Projects unable to be funded this year will automatically be re-prioritised within the Community Action Plan for future consideration:
- 3.2 **The combined estimated cost of the proposed capital projects is as follows:**

**Glington and Wittering Ward – Proposed by Cllr Diane Lamb and Cllr John Holdich**

**Castor – Traffic calming project – Approximately £2000**

The works comprise two, 1.5m wide build-outs to slow traffic entering and leaving the new estate at the top of Clay Lane in Castor.

**Glington – Contribution towards Traffic calming project – Approximately £2500**

The works comprise of the installation of traffic calming measures in Lincoln Road, Glington.

**Northborough Ward – Proposed by Cllr Peter Hiller**

**Deeping Gate – Village Heritage Information Sign – Approximately £1000**

Installation of an interpretive panel along the riverside which will show the heritage of the village, a map and details of the walks along the towpath. The sign will be designed by the village

**Maxey – Car Park Improvements at the Village Hall – Approximately £4000**

A grant to Maxey Village Hall as a contribution towards improvements to their car park. This will compliment the work previously arranged by them to install parking bays for disabled drivers

**Barnack Ward – Proposed by Cllr David Over**

**Bainton and Ashton – Purchase of Mower – Approximately £900**

A grant to the Parish Council as a contribution towards the purchase of a sit-on lawn mower for use in the ward

**Ufford – Purchase of Speed Awareness Sign – Approximately £900**

A grant to Ufford Parish Council as a contribution towards the purchase of a speed activated awareness sign. The existing two signs on the other approach roads to the village have made a substantial contribution to reducing the speed of traffic entering Ufford and this will assist with further traffic calming through the village.

**Barnack and Pilsgate - Purchase of Gates and improve access to Sports Pavillion – Approximately £900**

A grant to Barnack and Pilsgate Parish Council to improve the access to the new village sports pavilion. This would purchase some gates rather than the existing chain and finish of the new site.

**Newborough – Proposed by Cllr David Harrington**

**Newborough – Purchase of Equipment for Newborough Skate Park - £5000**

A grant to the Newborough Skate Park Committee to buy equipment for the skate park

**Eye and Thorney Ward – Proposed by Cllr David Sanders and Cllr Dale McKean**

**Thorney – Extension to cemetery sanctum – Approximately £2500**

A grant to Thorney Parish Council as a contribution towards extending the sanctum in Thorney cemetery. This is the area where cremated remains are laid to rest.

**Eye – Traffic Calming and verge protection - £2500**

Installation of traffic calming measures and verge protection outside the school in Eye. This will run alongside a road safety campaign to address a panel priority of preventing dangerous and inconsiderate parking outside the school

**4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The final spend recommendations have been discussed with all elected members and Parish Councils, together with relevant service areas that will take on the project management to implement once spends have been fully approved.

**5. REASONS**

- 5.1 The budget assigned to Neighbourhood Committees was assigned specifically to spend on projects which address priorities from the communities for each Neighbourhood Committee area. To enable the £25K to be spent within this financial year Members were asked to bring forward capital spend projects which helped to meet some of these emerging priorities. This active Member involvement ensures the money is spent on the most appropriate projects to benefit communities.

## **6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS**

- 6.1 Not to spend the money. This would lead to proposed local projects not receiving funding resulting in no benefit to the local area.

## **7. IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 The proposed projects represent interventions that directly support priorities within the Community Action Plan a) improving parks and opens spaces b) improving facilities for young people).

All proposed projects relate to capital expenditure but may have revenue implications for on-going maintenance. In all cases where this applies, agreement has been made with the respective service area to absorb these costs.

## **8. NEXT STEPS**

- 8.1 If the proposals set out are agreed, the Neighbourhood Manager will be responsible for ensuring the project is delivered and 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.

## **9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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

## **10. APPENDICES**

N/A

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