

<b>PETERBOROUGH WEST NEIGHBOURHOOD COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item. 5</b>
<b>DATE: 15 October 2012</b>	<b>PUBLIC REPORT</b>

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

<b>R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S</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 2012/13;</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.</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 Peterborough West 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.

**The combined estimated cost of the proposed capital projects is as follows:**

**Bretton North Ward Contribution towards providing additional parking in Heltwate – proposed by Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald – approximately £10,000**

The Heltwate area has recently seen the building of new houses to replace some of the flats that were in a poor condition. Whilst this has greatly improved the look of the area it has revealed a major shortage in parking. Additionally, the houses are opposite a school which means that parking is already an issue in the area.

Discussions and negotiations are currently underway with the appropriate officers and Councillors. They propose that the Neighbourhood Committee provide a contribution towards the cost of this work in order to ensure that work is completed with the maximum number of parking spaces created in the area.

**Bretton North Ward Additional Water features for Bretton Water Park – Proposed by Cllr Wayne Fitzgerald - approximately £7000**

Bretton Water Park has seen a large increase in the amount of visitors to the park over the past years and has become increasingly popular as a free attraction to local families. At the height of the season it can attract over 250 children at any one time

It is acknowledged that the Bretton North ward is one of the most affected by child poverty in the city with 35% of children within the ward living in poverty. There is less likely to be any disposable income for leisure activities. Additional facilities at Bretton Park would contribute to the free facilities within the area and also gives the opportunity for families to come together.

**Bretton North Ward Contribution towards equipment to reinstate a park at Mewburn – proposed by Cllr Ann Sylvester – approximately £2000**

A local group of mums in the Oldbrook and Mewburn area of North Bretton have formed a constituted group in order to reinstate the park in the area. This group will be consulting with residents in the area on suitable equipment and the layout of the park. The group would like to provide some play equipment for disabled children. Officers from the Neighbourhoods and Enterprise teams have been working with residents to develop this idea and ensure the area is managed appropriately

Bretton Way separates Mewburn and Oldbrook from the rest of North Bretton therefore making it difficult for young children to access a play area.

As with Bretton Water Park, It is acknowledged that the Bretton North ward is one of the most affected by child poverty in the city with 35% of children within the ward living in poverty. There is less likely to be any disposable income for leisure activities. Additional facilities at Bretton Park would contribute to the free facilities within the area and also gives the opportunity for families to come together.

**Bretton South Ward Contribution towards upgrading the Ringwood Pavilion and Car Park – proposed by Cllr Michael Fletcher – approximately £6000**

The car park at Ringwood currently serves as a parking area for the play park, those using the pavilion for football and the local bowling green.

Parking at the site is becoming increasingly difficult and increased parking spaces are required closer to the pavilion.

There is also an issue with gravel from the car park being transferred on to the bowls green and the new renovation works would prevent this.

#### **4. CONSULTATION**

- 4.1 The final spend recommendations have been discussed with all elected members, the local community first panel and the young peoples forum together with relevant service areas that will take on the project management to implement once spends have been fully approved. There will also be further consultation events to choose the specific equipment (within the scope of the budget)

#### **5. REASONS**

- 5.1 The budget assigned to Neighborhood Committees was assigned specifically to spend on projects which address priorities from the communities for each Neighborhood 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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