

Leicester
City Council

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Cabinet

23 July 2007

Community Safety Capital Programme 2007/08

Report of the Director of Adults & Housing

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To outline the Crime & Disorder proposals for the £400,000 from the Capital Programme 2007/08.

2. Summary

- 2.1 The above Crime & Disorder Initiative is in response to the recent MORI poll and includes installing alley gates in burglary hot spots across the City and the extension of the Safer Routes proposals to tackle street robbery by improving lighting and CCTV in targeted areas of the City.

- 2.2 There are three proposals, in consultation with our partners in the Safer Leicester Partnership, to spend the £400,000 capital programme linking into the 2005/08 Crime & Disorder Strategy.

- £50,000 for the installation of Alley Gates in Burglary Hotspot areas.
- £100,000 for the improvement of street lighting to complement the Police Safer Routes proposals.
- £250,000 to install additional CCTV cameras in the city centre and residential areas of the city.

2.3 Alley Gates

Data will be analyzed to determine burglary and anti-social behavior hotspots. The gates will be made by offenders supervised by the Leicestershire and Rutland Probation Service and fitted to properties by the councils Housing Department.

2.4 Lighting

Street lighting will be improved in areas that compliment the Safer Routes project and street crime hotspots identified in the supporting information through data analysis.

2.5 CCTV

It is proposed to install 9 additional CCTV cameras, at a cost of £90,000, to complete the Great Central Way installation and to install further CCTV cameras to the city centre network and residential areas throughout the city. The locations will be identified through analysis of crime and anti-social behavior data.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That members endorse and approve the above breakdown of the spending plan proposed for the Crime & Disorder £400,000 Capital Programme.

4 Headline Financial and legal Implications

- 4.1 The report seeks approval to spend against the approved Capital Programme of £400,000 – Rod Pearson
- 4.2 No legal implications – Peter Nicholls

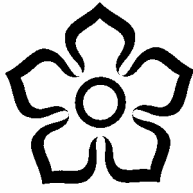
5 Background Papers

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Council 29th March 2007

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Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	N/A
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Report

1. Crime Data Analysis

- 1.1 The analysis provided by the Police, showed that the Hinckley Road Local Policing Unit (LPU) was suffering from more Burglaries than the other LPUs. The reason for this is the large number of student's accommodation and a large amount of Terraced Housing.
- 2.1 The surveys showed that there are three main issues that need to be addressed, in order to bring the Burglary levels down:-
 - There area large number of properties with no alley gates and each of these gates gave access to several properties. The unrestricted access to the rear of properties provides the criminals with the opportunity to attack rear doors and windows unhindered.
 - Overgrown trees and hedges were not only offering the perpetrators of Burglary and Robbery with the opportunity but they were also reducing the level of lighting at the street level.
 - A number of locations were the level of lighting was inadequate.

2. Alley Gates

- 2.1 The Police have identified 43 locations were Alley Gates are required

Harrow Road, Beaconsfield Road, Wilberforce Road, Eastleigh Road
Barclay Street, Cambridge Street, Fosse Road South, Glenfield Road
Aylestone Road, Aylestone Drive, Paton Street, Grasmere Street,
Bolton Road, Vaughan Street, Battenburg Road, Evington Road,

Linden Street, Bonsall Street, Hamilton Street, Tichborne Street, Brookhouse Street, Melrose Street, Sutherland Street, Cork Street, Stonebridge Street, Garfield Street, Ventnor Street, Mount Road, Medina Road, Lord Byron Street, Queens Road, Clarendon Park Road, Montrose Road South, Francis Street, Bentinghouse Road, Sturdee Close, Duncan Road, Trigo Close, and Welford Road between Brookland Rd and Ashford Road.

These locations may need more than one alley gate.

3. Street Lighting

3.1 The locations identified requiring an upgrade of lighting are: -

Location	Costs (£)
Mossgate	3,500
Glengarry Way	28,000
Glengarry Close	2,750
River Street	2,750
Upper Temple Walk	5,500
Victoria Park (Part funding)	26,000
Peppercorn Close	2,000
Norris Close	7,500
Scalpay Close	1,850
Milton Crescent	3,050
Fee's	10,100
Total	100,000

3.2 The total cost for improved lighting on Victoria Park is £53,000 with an estimated shortfall of £27,000, which will be met from the Local Environmental budget in Regeneration & Culture department. Currently there are discussions between Urban Design, Parks Department and the Victoria Park User Group on the type of lighting to be installed.

4. CCTV Locations

4.1 It is proposed to install 9 additional CCTV cameras, at a cost of £90,000, to complete the Great Central Way installation and to install further CCTV cameras to the city centre network and residential areas throughout the city. The locations will be identified through analysis of crime and anti-social behavior data.

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