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LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2007/8 – PHASE ONE

Report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Culture

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet approval to implement part of the 2007/8 Local Environmental Works programme.

2. Summary

- 2.1 Cabinet recommended at their meeting on the 16th May 2005 that, before committing expenditure to the annual Local Environmental Works programmes, a further report be brought to Cabinet each year for approval. This report details part of the proposed 2007/8 Local Environmental Works programme in Appendix 1 estimated to cost £380,000. It includes the usual provision of laybys, verge hardening and other highway environmental works in the programme. A report will be submitted to Cabinet later in the year concerning the remainder of the programme.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Cabinet is asked to approve part of the 2007/8 Local Environmental Works programme estimated at £380,000.

4. Report

- 4.1 Prior to 2000, local environmental work had been carried out on a piecemeal basis, with identified projects being included on ever enlarging lists. The budget for carrying out this work was increased in 2000/01 and it provided an opportunity to take a fresh approach. As an alternative to the “scatter gun” approach that does not provide sufficient impact in an area, it was decided to bring the various budgets together and identify particular areas that would benefit from a more intensive approach (Priority Areas). This part of the budget would be targeted on a particular inter-war housing area so as to make significant improvements to the local environment, by, for example providing parking areas where narrow roads and increasing numbers of cars cause problems. The new programme was called the Local Environment Works (LEW) programme. The budget was sufficient to allow some environmental works to be carried out citywide.
- 4.2 There is no specific definition for Local Environmental Works but the budget for Local Environmental Works is designed to cover a wide range of

environmental works around the City, addressing a number of problems, needs and opportunities. These have included previously the provision of a broad range of works such as:-

Laybys, Tidying up Untidy land, Local Environmental Improvements, Bus shelters, Improved Signing, Verge Hardening, Parking Areas, Unauthorised encampments, Minor Lighting improvements, City Centre Environmental improvements, Access and Conservation Grants.

The majority of the LEW funding has normally been spent on the construction of laybys and verge hardening with comparatively small amounts spent on other areas as detailed above.

4.3 New Parks was the first Priority Area (2000/1/2), followed by Eyres Monsell and Mowmacre (2002/3/4), and then Saffron (2004/5). Subsequent Priority Areas have been Thurncourt (2005/6) and Humberstone and Hamilton (2006/7). Each Priority Area was originally allocated £250,000 for the works but this has reduced as the overall budget has reduced. In addition in 2005/6/7, match funding with the Braunstone Community Association enabled a significant programme of verge hardening to be carried out in the North Braunstone area.

4.4 Officers are proposing the first part of the 2007/8 LEW programme, valued at £380,000, should be as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report. A report detailing the remainder of the 2007/8 LEW programme will be reported to Cabinet later in the year following further consultations.

5. Financial and Legal Implications

5.1 *Financial Implications*

There is an approved budget in the Corporate Capital Programme 2007/8 of £630,000 for Local Environmental Works.

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5.2 *Legal Implications*

The City Council as Highway Authority has a legal duty to maintain highways and powers to improve highways. These scheduled works allow us to meet these responsibilities.

Contact: Contact: Jamie Guazzaroni, Solicitor, Legal Services, RAD, Ext 6350

6. Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References Within Supporting information
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	Yes	The proposal forms on improving the quality of life in both the outer areas and the City Centre.
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	

Elderly/People on Low Income	No	
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7. Risk Assessment Matrix

	Risk	Likelihood L/M/H	Severity Impact L/M/H	Control Actions (if necessary/or appropriate)
1	Weather Conditions	L	L	Plan works at appropriate times
2	Adverse results from consultation with Local Residents and Pressure Groups	M	M	Project planning
3	Conflict with other works eg Statutory Undertakers	L	L	Attend Coordination Meeting

L - Low
M - Medium
H - High

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8. Background Papers

- Report to Cabinet 16/5/05 entitled 'Corporate Capital Programme (2005/6 to 2007/8)'.
- Report to Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee 7/9/05 and Cabinet 26/9/05 entitled 'Corporate Capital Programme 2005/6 to 2007/8 – Local Environmental Works'.
- Report to Cabinet 13/3/06 entitled 'Corporate Capital programme 2006/7 to 2007/8'.

9. Consultations

- Legal Services
- Staff in Regeneration and Culture Dept

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Key Decision	Yes
Reason	Is significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising more than one ward.
Appeared in Forward Plan	Yes
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)

Appendix 1

1. Highway Management

SITE	WARD	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED BUDGET (£)
Flamborough Road, Keightley Road Ranworth Walk, Sharpland	Thurncourt New Parks Abbey Aylestone	Laybys/Parking Areas	160,000
Braunstone (match funding with Housing) Elston Fields, Kemp Road area, Keightley Road, Battersbee Walk, Bland Road, 381 – 407 Braunstone Lane.	Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields Freemen New Parks New Parks New Parks New Parks Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields	Verge Hardening	150,000
Various Residential Areas (including former City Challenge area)	Westcotes	Continue trial on Street Lighting (White lights) to determine possible energy savings	20,000
Lighting (Victoria Park) <i>[Match funded (£26,000) from Community Safety Capital Programme 2007/08]</i>	Castle	Improved Lighting	27,000
Various Residential areas eg Laburnum Road, Pendlebury Drive	City wide Humberstone and Hamilton Knighton	Overrunning of Corners	23,000
		Total	£380,000