



WARDS AFFECTED

Castle and Knighton
Abbey and Beaumont Leys
Eyres Monsell

Cabinet

29 October 2007

AREA COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

Report of the Corporate Director, Resources

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet endorsement of spending proposals by the following Area Committees:

Castle and Knighton
Abbey and Beaumont Leys
Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freeman

2. Report

- 2.1 Cabinet on 26 June 2006 agreed to a new earmarked reserve for Area Committee budgets, with the unspent balances from 2005/2006 being carried forward to that earmarked reserve. Area Committees also received a one-off sum of £10,000 each for sports activities in 2005/2006 which was also carried forward.
- 2.2 Unspent balances from the 2006/2007 allocation of £25,000 per Area Committee have also been transferred to the earmarked reserve. In addition on 21 February 2007 the Council agreed a further £25,000 budget for each Area Committee. Funds from the earmarked reserve and the current budget are available to Area Committees.
- 2.3 Spending proposals from each Area Committee are reported to Cabinet for approval.
- 2.4 Appendix A sets out a number of proposals from Area Committees. Appendix B sets out the commitments involved in those proposals, and funds available for future proposals to the Area Committee.

3. Recommendations

It is RECOMMENDED that Members -

- a) Agree the expenditure proposals in Appendix A.
- b) Note the funding report in Appendix B.

4. Financial implications

The expenditure proposals are within the budget available and in accordance with the principles agreed by Cabinet on 26 September 2005.

5. Legal implications

There are no legal implications.

6. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of the following Area Committees:

Castle and Knighton: 24 September 2007

Abbey and Beaumont Leys: 27 September 2007

7. Other implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph references within supporting information
Equal opportunities	No	
Policy	No	Within agreed criteria
Sustainable and environmental	No	
Crime and disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/people on low income	No	

8. Report Author/Officer to contact

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

AREA COMMITTEE PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE

Proposal	Notes/departmental consultation	Cost (£)
Castle and Knighton Area Committee		
Skateboard equipment for Victoria Park	Funding from Castle funding element of Area Committee budget	5,337
	Total spending	5,337
Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freeman Area Committee		
Community cohesion event	Eyres Monsell budget, approved by officers under delegated powers by reason of urgency and supported by the Leader, Deputy Leader and ward councillors	1,000
	Total spending	1,000
Abbey and Beaumont Leys Area Committee		
CCTV at Beaumont Lodge Neighbourhood Association	Subject to further assessment on the project and confirmation of costs	11,280
Neighbourhood intranet community campaign	Subject to further assessment on the project and confirmation of projected costs	10,000
Week of football events		2,000
	Total spending	23,280

APPENDIX B

The following is a summary of commitments which have already been made by Area Committees and funding which is available to spend.

Notes

1. Total general funding for each Area Committee for 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08 has been £25,000 per year, giving each Area a total of £75,000
2. Each Area has also been given a one-off fund of £10,000 to fund sports-related projects.
3. The committed spending relates to decisions being referred from Committees to Cabinet for formal approval
4. The uncommitted budget shows the total funds available to meet future commitments.

AREA COMMITTEE	Funds committed		Uncommitted budget	
	General	Sports	General	Sports
Belgrave, Latimer and Rushey Mead	0	0	66,330	10,000
Humberstone & Hamilton and Thurncourt	0	0	36,681	2,872
Charnwood, Coleman and Evington	0	0	75,000	10,000
Spinney Hills and Stoneygate	0	0	37,450	230
Castle and Knighton	5,337	0	30,873	10,000
Castle	5,337	0	27,703	5,000
Knighton		0	3,170	5,000
Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freeman	1,000	0	24,706	3766
Aylestone	0	0	8,721	3,333
Eyres Monsell	1,000	0	3,099	0
Freeman	0	0	11,886	433
Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields, Western Park and Westcotes	0	0	38,845	0
Fosse and New Parks	0	0	64,200	10,000
Abbey and Beaumont Leys	23,280	0	28,870	10,000