



Leicester
City Council

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FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS

Cabinet Briefing

26th November 2007

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

11th December 2007

Cabinet

7th January 2008

LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2007/8 - PHASE 2

Report of the Corporate Director, Regeneration and Culture

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To seek Cabinet approval to implement phase 2 of the 2007/8 Local Environmental Works (LEW) 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 phase 2 of the proposed 2007/8 Local Environmental Works programme in Appendix 1 estimated to cost £250,000. The report also details how it is proposed to allocate LEW funding in future years so as to give fair allocation across the City.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Cabinet is asked:
- i) To approve phase 2 of the 2007/8 Local Environmental Works programme estimated at £250,000.
 - ii) To approve the method of allocation of future LEW funding as being split 25 percent to each of the three Parliamentary Constituencies and Citywide.

4. Report

- 4.1 The Local Environmental Works programme 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. There is an assessment process for the provision of laybys based on the width of the road, the traffic flows and

whether the road is on a bus route. Other criteria taken into account for LEW schemes would be the number of requests received, improvement of the local environment, petitions, joint working, local members' views, value for money etc. It is proposed that the tidying up of untidy land now includes parks areas.

- 4.2 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 was reduced as the overall budget was 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.
- 4.3 It is proposed that Phase 2 of the 2007/8 LEW programme be allocated according to the three Parliamentary constituencies with approximately 25 percent of the programme being spent in each constituency and the remaining 25 percent being spent citywide generally. It is felt that this will give a fair allocation of the LEW works to all the wards around the City. In future years, it is further proposed that this split is continued with different wards within the constituencies being targeted each year. Future LEW programmes will be finalised after discussion with the Area/ward Committees for the relevant area.
- 4.4 Officers are proposing the phase 2 of the 2007/8 LEW programme, valued at £250,000, should be as detailed in Appendix 1 of this report.

5. Financial and Legal Implications

5.1 *Financial Implications*

There is an approved total 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	

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'.
- Report to Cabinet 23/7/07 entitled 'Local Environmental Works Programme 2007/8 –Phase 1'.

9. Consultations

- Legal Services
- Staff in Regeneration and Culture Dept
- Local residents
- Members: Councillor J Blackmore, Councillor Blower, Councillor Connelly, Councillor Corral, Councillor Dawood, Councillor Draycott, Councillor Hall, Councillor Kitterick, Councillor Marriott, Councillor Shah, Councillor Shelton.

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	Yes
Reason	Significant effect on one or more wards
Appeared in Forward Plan	Yes
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)

Appendix 1
Proposed LEW Phase 2 schemes

SITE	WARD	DESCRIPTION	ESTIMATED BUDGET (£)
Leicester West Constituency 1. Piccaver Rise, 2. Biddle/Blissett Road	New Parks New Parks	Laybys/Parking Areas Laybys/Verge Hardening	36,000 30,000
Leicester East Constituency. 1. The Spinney, 404 to 424 Coleman Road 2. Hedges on Troon Way 3. Cordery Road Overrunning 4. Lily Marriot Gardens 5. Hamilton Park 6. Columbine Road Verge	Evington Rushy Mead Evington Coleman Humberstone & Hamilton Humberstone & Hamilton	Untidy Land Untidy Land, possible damage to Houses Verge hardening Environmental Improvement Environmental Improvement & stopping unauthorised access Verge Hardening	6,000 4,100 9,500 35,900 10,000 500
Leicester South Constituency 1. Tamarton Road Parking Area 2. Ford Rise/Ebchester Road 3. Her Ladyship Covert 4. Saffron Lane Footway	Eyres Monsell Eyres Monsell Eyres Monsell Eyres Monsell	Laybys/Parking Areas Laybys/Parking Areas/Verge Hardening New Pathway and signs Replace Footway	36,000 20,000 8,000 2,000
Citywide 1. Onslow Street Play Area 2. Great Arler Street 3. 589 to 551 Saffron Lane (Shops adjacent to Pork Pie island) 4. Marwood Road Footpath 5. Babington Row	Spinney Hill Freemen Aylestone Abbey Freemen	Clear Up site Verge hardening Vehicles parking on and damaging footway plus pedestrian safety issues New footpath for elderly Verge hardening	12,000 15,000 10,000 3,000 12,000
		Total	£250,000