

Leicester  
City Council

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All Wards

**Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee**  
**Cabinet**

**7th September 2005**  
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**CORPORATE CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2005/6 TO 2007/8**  
**LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS**

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**Report of the Service Director, Highways and Transportation**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To seek comments of the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee on the proposed Local Environmental Works programmes 2005/6 to 2007/8 and to seek Cabinet approval to implement the programme.

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 Cabinet recommended at their meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2005 that, before committing expenditure to the Local Environmental Works programme, a further report be brought to the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee for consideration and then to Cabinet for approval. The report would detail options for a 3 year Local Environmental Works programme for 2005/6 to 2007/8.

**3. Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider this report on the Local Environmental Works programmes 2005/6 to 2007/8 and make comments to report to Cabinet.
- 3.2 Cabinet is asked to approve the Corporate Capital Programmes 2005/6 to 2007/8 for Local Environmental Works programmes detailed in paragraphs 1.6, 1.7 and 1.8 of the report with Thurncourt ward as the targeted ward for 2005/6 and Humberstone and Hamilton ward as the targeted ward for 2006/7.

**4. Financial & Legal Implications**

**4.1 *Financial Implications***

There is an approved budget in the 3 year Corporate Capital programme 2005/6 to 2007/8 of £330,000 per annum for Local Environmental Works. Paresh Radia, Finance, Regeneration and Culture, Ext 6507.

**4.2 *Legal Implications***

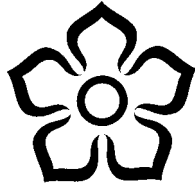
There are no direct legal implications of this report. Anthony Cross, Assistant Head of Legal Services, Ext 6362.

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**DECISION STATUS**

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



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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

**1. Report**

- 1.1 The budget for Local Environmental Works (LEW) is designed to cover a wide range of environmental works around the City, addressing a number of problems, needs and opportunities. These have in previous years included provision of a broad range of works such as:
- Lay bys,
  - Untidy land,
  - Environmental Improvements,
  - Bus shelters,
  - Improved Signing,
  - Verge Hardening
  - Minor Lighting Improvements
- 1.2 The LEW programme was started in 2000 with part of the budget 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. This approach has now been completed successfully in the New Parks, Eyres Monsell, Mowmacre and the former Saffron housing estates. In addition, match funding with the Braunstone Community Association in 2004/5 and 2005/6 will target the Braunstone housing estates.
- 1.3 This targeted approach has been supported and endorsed by local Members and residents and officers intend to continue this approach in the period 2005/6 to 2007/8. Officers intend to target the Thurncourt ward, in particular, in 2005/6 as it suffers from narrow residential streets with grass verges that were not constructed to deal with the number of vehicles using them. Parking on street is a particular problem for the residents as well as access for emergency vehicles. In addition, Thurncourt is now the ward with the most outstanding requests on departmental request lists for laybys and verge hardening. We have already completed two schemes in Thurncourt (Ocean Close (2004/5) and Kirkwall Crescent (2005/6)) but as can be seen from Appendix 1 there are still many to complete. The proposed funding for 2005/6 for Thurncourt will be

£125,000 and the schemes will be chosen from the list of streets in Appendix 1 after discussion with local ward Members, the Area Committee, residents and other local stakeholders.

- 1.4 There are similar problems in the Humberstone and Hamilton ward and, if Members agree this programme, officers will concentrate on this ward in 2006/7. It is not sensible to prepare a proposed scheme list for this ward in 2006/7 at this stage as requests for this type of work are continually being received and it is important to target the worst areas. We do not propose to submit a ward to be targeted for 2007/8 as there is insufficient information at present to ensure that the right choice of ward would be made. The detailed 2006/7 and 2007/8 LEW programmes will be submitted to the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee for their comments at the appropriate time.
- 1.5 Officers intend, if Members agree this programme, that the remainder of the funding continues to be allocated citywide. This will fund the most requested work by residents ie laybys and verge hardening. It will also continue to complement the regeneration within the City Centre. The proposed LEW programme for 2005/6 is detailed in para 1.6 below. The proposed funding split for 2006/7 and 2007/8 are given in paragraphs 1.7 and 1.8 below respectively.

1.6 The proposed 2005/6 LEW programme is:

	£
General Environmental Improvements in the Thurncourt area including lay bys, verge hardening etc.(See Appendix 1)	125,000
Lay bys Citywide (Armada Road, Bonney Road and Keightley Road)	70,000
Verge Hardening City Wide (Elston Fields, Repington Row, Cort Crescent, Spencefield Road (by school)	50,000
City Centre Environmental improvements to complement regeneration projects (Horsefair Street, Halford Street).	50,000
Verge Hardening (Match funding with Braunstone Community Association for works in Braunstone)	35,000
Total	330,000

1.7 The proposed 2006/7 LEW programme is:

	£
General Environmental Improvements in the Humberstone and Hamilton ward including lay bys, verge hardening etc.	130,000
Lay bys Citywide	100,000
Verge Hardening City Wide	80,000
City Centre Environmental improvements to complement regeneration projects	50,000
Total	330,000

1.8 The proposed 2007/8 LEW programme is:

	£
General Environmental Improvements in the Western Park ward including lay bys, verge hardening etc.	130,000
Lay bys Citywide	100,000
Verge Hardening City Wide	80,000
City Centre Environmental improvements to complement regeneration projects	50,000
Total	330,000

1.9 Further reports will be submitted to the Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee for their comments at the appropriate times. All future programmes will be developed from priority lists held in the department and these will be discussed with ward Members, Area Committees, residents and other stakeholders as appropriate.

## 2. Financial and Legal Implications

### Financial Implications

2.1 There is an approved budget in the 3 year Corporate Capital programme 2005/6 to 2007/8 of £330,000 per annum for Local Environmental Works. Paresh Radia, Finance, Reg and Culture, Ext 6507.

### Legal Implications

2.2 There are no direct legal implications of this report. (Anthony Cross, Assistant Head of Legal Services, Ext 6362)

## 3. Other Implications

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

## 4. Background Papers

- Report on Corporate Capital Programme (2005/6 to 2007/8) to Cabinet 16/5/05.

## 5. Consultations

- Legal Services
- Staff in Regeneration and Culture Dept

- Thurncourt Residents Association
- Thurncourt Housing Officers

## 6. Risk Assessment Matrix

	<b>Risk</b>	<b>Likelihood L/M/H</b>	<b>Severity Impact L/M/H</b>	<b>Control Actions (if necessary/or appropriate)</b>
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  
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**APPENDIX 1. LIST OF POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL WORKS IN THURNCOURT WARD (in alphabetical order).**

Amyson Road

Bowhill Grove

Dudley Court

Dudley Avenue (83 – 97)

Flamborough Road (2-6)

Gervas Road (opp 37)

Kinross Avenue

Kinsdale Road

Ocean Close (various)

Ocean Road (various)

Perkyn Road (opp 69)

Somers Road (22-40)

Stornaway Road (opp 96 –108)

Whiston Close (3 – 7)