

WARDS AFFECTED

Spinney Hills and Stoneygate
Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields, Westcotes and Western Park
Humberstone & Hamilton and Thurncourt.

Cabinet 30th October 2006

AREA COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE

Report of the Corporate Director of Resources

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Cabinet endorsement of spending proposals by the Spinney Hills and Stoneygate, Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields, Westcotes and Western Park and Humberstone & Hamilton and Thurncourt Area Committees.

2. Report

Cabinet at its meeting 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. This amounted to £25,000 for 2005/06 and a further £25,000 for 2006/07. Area Committees also received a one-off sum of £10,000 each for sports activities in 2005-6 which has also been carried forward.

Proposals from each Area Committee are reported to Cabinet for approval.

Appendix A sets out a number of proposals from Area Committees. Appendix B sets out total spending proposal costs to date and funds available for further projects.

3. Recommendations

It is RECOMMENDED that Members -

- a) Agree the expenditure proposals in Appendix A; and
- b) Approve budget commitments spent ahead of this Cabinet but agreed by councillors and officers as a matter of urgency due to time constraints.

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 Spinney Hills and Stoneygate Area Committee on 7 August and 18 September 2006

Minutes of Humberstone & Hamilton and Thurncourt Area Committee on 31 July and 11 September 2006

Minutes of Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields, Westcotes and Western Park Area Committee on 27 July and 21 September 2006.

Minutes of Cabinet meeting held on 26 June 2006 and 26 September 2005.

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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DECISION STATUS

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

APPENDIX A AREA COMMITTEE PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE

Proposal	Notes/departmental consultation	Cost (£)			
Humberstone & Hamilton and Thurncourt Area Committee					
£100 for children's hallowe'en party	Agreed by area committee councillors following the area committee meeting	100			
£200 for Seabrooke Group outing	Contribution to bus outing costs	£200			
Fencing at Thurnby Lodge Community Centre	Revision to reflect costs of project. Figure reflects total expected costs	£8,740			
Fencing at Netherhall Neighbourhood Centre	Revision to reflect costs of project. Figure reflects total expected costs	£5,175			
_	Total	£14,215			
Spinney Hills and Stoneygate Area Committee					
Cobra Koi Martial Arts club: attendance at World Championships	Money from sports fund subject to discussion on whether funds would be available as an alternative from the Council's small grants committee.	£1,000 from sports fund			
Cobra Koi Martial Arts club: attendance at World Championships	Further funding from committee sports funding following consultation on fund availability from small grants committee	£1,500 from sports fund			
Highfields Association of Residents and Tenants environment action day	Due to urgency spending was authorised ahead of Cabinet approval	£350			

	Total	£2,850
	owley Fields, Westcotes and k Area Committee	
Planters	Subject to investigation of costs and availability	£1,500
	Total	£1,500

APPENDIX B

Summary of spending commitments by each area committee based on approval of the above project spending.

Area committee	General funding budget: 2006/7	General funding committed	General funding remaining	Sports funding budget: 2006/7	Sports Funding committed	Sports funding remaining
Humberstone & Hamilton and Thurncourt	£50,000	£37,568	£12,432	£10,000	£0	£10,000
Spinney Hills and Stoneygate	£50,000	£14,450.00	£35,550.00	£10,000	£3, 500	£6,500
Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freemen	£50,000	£20,248.67	£29,751.33	£10,000	£4,000	£6,000
Aylastana Ward	£16,666.66	£5,092.34	£11,574.34	£3,333.33	£0	£3,333.33
Aylestone Ward Eyres Monsell Ward	£16,666.66	£9,808	£6,858.34	£3,333.33	£1,500	£1,833.33

Freemen Ward	£16,666.66	£5,348.33	£11,318.34	£3,333.33	£2,500	£833.33
Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields, Westcotes and Western Park	£50,000	£12,400	£37,600	£10,000	£10,000	£0

Note that the Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freemen area committee members have agreed to divide the available funding equally between the wards. Ward spending and area committee totals are therefore provided.