



Leicester  
City Council

## **WARDS AFFECTED**

Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freemens  
Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields, Western Park and Westcotes  
Spinney Hills and Stoneygate

**Cabinet**

**11<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

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## **AREA COMMITTEE EXPENDITURE**

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### **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 Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freeman and Braunstone Park & Rowley Fields, Western Park and Westcotes and Spinney Hills and Stoneygate 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 Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields, Westcotes and Western Park Area Committee on 21 September 2006 and 23 November 2006.

Minutes of Aylestone, Eyres Monsell & Freeman Area Committee: 14 June 2006 and 12 October 2006.

Minutes of Spinney Hills and Stoneygate Area Committee: 20 November 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

<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)

## AREA COMMITTEE PROPOSALS FOR EXPENDITURE

Proposal	Notes/departmental consultation	Cost (£)
<b>Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freeman Area Committee</b>		
Southfields Community Association	Community newsletter	250
Community Christmas event at Eyres Monsell	Bid tabled at meeting and agreed by councillors following consultation: Eyres Monsell budget	1,500
Empress Skating Club to get 10 sets of skates	Increased access to skates will improve revenue at council sports centre: Freeman sports budget	400
Green defensive hedging project at allotments	Cost-effective crime reduction and positive habitat formation: Aylestone budget	960
Support for St Christopher Friendship Group	Helps reduce social isolation among older people; across all three wards	1,350
Composting toilet at community gardening project	Freemen budget	834
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5,299</b>

<b>Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields, Westcotes and Western Park Area Committee</b>		
Mobile traffic speed camera	Subject to investigation of costs and availability	£1,400
Contribution towards cost of installation of toilet cubicle at Braunstone Gate	Subject to investigation of costs and availability of funding from other partners, and of continued funding for maintenance and repair. This figure was agreed in consultation with members of the committee.	£8,000
Rowley Fields Allotment Society	Disabled access project	£2,560
Brite Centre open day	Publicity campaign for range of services	£500
Outreach project giving financial and other advice	Publicity campaign for range of services	£635
<b>Total</b>		<b>£13,095</b>
<b>Spinney Hills and Stoneygate Area Committee</b>		
	Funding for community and substance abuse project aimed at youngsters	£3,000
Contribution towards football tournaments and kit for community based youngsters' soccer team	Sports fund allocation	£1,147
Funding for two editions of community based newsletter	Newsletter is widely distributed within Somali communities. Aim is to make publication long-term self-sufficient.	£1,200
Community multi-event celebration supper		£300
Virement of spending from 166 Evington Road to HART	Committee has agreed £2,750 of £6,000 allocated towards spending on premises at 166 Evington Road be directed towards community activity at another Evington Road office. Highfields Association of Residents and Tenants (HART) is to be used as conduit for payment of rent and other bills. None of the £6k allocation was used at 166 Evington Road.	
<b>Total</b>		<b>£5,647</b>

**APPENDIX B**

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

<b>Area committee</b>	<b>General funding budget: 2006/7</b>	<b>General funding committed</b>	<b>General funding remaining</b>	<b>Sports funding budget: 2006/7</b>	<b>Sports Funding committed</b>	<b>Sports funding remaining</b>
<b>Humberstone &amp; Hamilton and Thurncourt</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£37,722.59</b>	<b>£12,277.41</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£0</b>	<b>£10,000</b>
<b>Spinney Hills and Stoneygate</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£18,950</b>	<b>£31,050</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£4,647</b>	<b>£5,353</b>
<b>Aylestone, Eyres Monsell and Freeman</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£24,392.99</b>	<b>£25,607.01</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£4,400</b>	<b>£5,600</b>
Aylestone Ward	£16,666.66	£4,022	£12,644.66	£3,333.33	£0	£3,333.33
Eyres Monsell Ward	£16,666.66	£11,498.50	£5,168.16	£3,333.33	£1,500	£1,833.33
Freemen Ward	£16,666.66	£8,872.49	£7,794.17	£3,333.33	£2,900	£433.33
<b>Braunstone Park and Rowley Fields, Westcotes and Western Park</b>	<b>£50,000</b>	<b>£23,495</b>	<b>£26,505</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£10,000</b>	<b>£0</b>