



Neighbourhood Environment Programme

Craigentenny & Duddingston Neighbourhood Partnership

8 September 2009

Purpose of report

- 1 To update the Partnership on environmental improvement projects selected by the Environment Forum and Area Board Sub Groups for the 2009/10 Neighbourhood Environment Programme.

Main report

2 Summary

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Environment Programme (NEP) enables local communities to identify and fund local projects that enhance their local environment.
- 2.2 This report will provide an update on projects selected by the Environment Forum and Area Board Sub Group. Both Sub Groups oversee funding streams which make up the Neighbourhood Environment Programme.

3 Neighbourhood Environment Programme Projects 2009/10

- 3.1 The 2009/10 Neighbourhood Environment Programme has two main funding streams:
 - Roads Capital - £100,000 (to improve local roads and pavements)
 - Neighbourhood Improvement Programme - £174,000 (from Housing Revenue Account to fund environmental improvements within housing areas).
- 3.2 The Roads capital funding is devolved to the Environment Sub Group to identify suitable roads and pavement projects to fund whilst the Area Board Sub Group oversees expenditure from the Neighbourhood Improvement Fund. Both Sub Groups work closely on project delivery and have demonstrated this by contributing funding to each group's projects to ensure that the widest possible range of improvements are delivered.

- 3.3 Members of the Sub Groups and local people were invited to nominate projects to be considered for funding from Neighbourhood Environment Programme. For this year's programme the Environment Forum agreed to select projects from its current list of nominated projects agreed in 2008.
- 3.4 At its meeting of 7 May 2009 the Environment Forum allocated its devolved budget to the following projects;
- Lochend Gardens (estimated cost -£84,000) – to design and implement improvements to the pavements, road and amenity areas. The Area Board Sub Group will allocate £30,000 to support the delivery of this project. A project team from the East Neighbourhood Office will oversee its delivery.
 - Meadowfield Drive (£32,000) – to upgrade pavements between Paisley Drive and Ulster Gardens.
- 3.5 The following Neighbourhood Improvement Projects were selected by the Area Board Sub Group using its devolved budget of £174,000
- Loganlea Avenue/ Place (£27,000) - to erect fencing to common areas, replacing existing poor fencing and contributing to overall visual improvement. These costs remain estimated but contractors are currently on site.
 - Northfield Avenue/ Broadway (£17,500) - to erect fencing to common areas, replacing existing poor fencing and contributing to overall visual improvement..
 - Lady Nairne Grove/ Loan (£36,000)- Area Board members have agreed to consult residents regarding a proposal to provide additional security to drying green by erecting palisade fencing . These costs are estimated.
 - Loaning Road Sheltered Housing (£30,600) - to upgrade main footpaths as a safety measure but also contributing to a visual improvement. These costs are estimated.
 - Sleigh Drive (£5,600) - to replace existing fencing to the rear of 2-16 Sleigh Drive. These costs are estimated
 - Lochend Gardens (£30,000) – As noted in 3.4 above, Area Board members have agreed to commit £30,000 to the delivery of a joint project with the Neighbourhood Environment Programme to provide improved pavements, road and amenity areas. Further consultation with residents is required.
 - Piershill Square West/ East (£3500) – to extend allotments. This work is now complete
 - Restalrig / Lochend House (£14,000) – new paths at blocks. This work is now complete.

Financial Implications

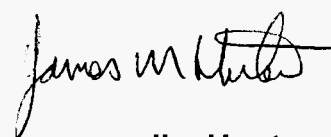
- 4 The project recommendations in this report will be funded from £100,000 investment made available from the Roads capital programme for local investment in roads and pavements and £175,000 from the NIP programme.

Environmental Impact

- 5 The projects selected for the 2009/10 Neighbourhood Improvement Programme supports the Single Outcome Agreement, in particular the Local Agreement to make our public spaces cleaner and more attractive with improved roads and pavements.

Recommendations

- 6 To approve the projects selected for 2009/10 Neighbourhood Improvement Programme.



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Appendices N/A

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Wards affected

Single Outcome Agreement National Outcome 11 – We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others,

National Outcome 12 - We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations

Background Papers None