



Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Agenda

Scrutiny Committee Members: Councillors Bick, Blackhurst, Boyce, Dryden (Labour Spokesperson for Customer Services and Resources), Herbert (Labour Spokesperson for Strategy), Howell, Shah, Taylor (Chair) and Ward (Lib Dem Alternate: Cllr McGovern)

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The Leader: Cllr Ian Nimmo-Smith

Executive Councillor for Customer Services and Resources: Cllr Rod Cantrill

Agenda despatched and placed on public deposit: Tuesday 22 December 2009

Date: Monday 18 January 2009

Time: 4.45pm

Place: Committee Room 1, Guildhall, Cambridge

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AGENDA

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1 Public Questions (See information below)

Decisions for the Leader

2. Future Capital funding for Safer City Grant Scheme (Officer Contact : Paul Griffin 01223 457045)

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CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL
Record of Executive Decision

Future Capital funding for Safer City Grant Scheme

Decision of:	Councillor Nimmo-Smith, Leader of the Council		
Reference:	SR/100118/B1		
Date of decision:	18.01.2010	Recorded on:	18.01.2010
Decision Type:	Not a Key Decision		
Matter for Decision:	The Executive Councillor is recommended: 2.1 To support the re-phasing of £12,000 2009/10 Safer City capital funding for use in 2010/11 and prepare a bid for a further capital budget from 2011/12 onwards with a view to its inclusion in the Medium Term Strategy.		
Why the decision had to be made (and any alternative options):	The capital programme for Safer City grants concludes in March 2010. It is proposed that for the 2010/11 financial year, funding that is un-spent from 2009/10 is requested to be carried forward and that a new approval for capital funding from 2011/12 onwards is sought.		
The Executive Councillor's decision(s):	The Leader approved the re-phasing of £12,000 2009/10 Safer City capital funding for use in 2010/11 and prepare a bid for a further capital budget from 2011/12 onwards with a view to its inclusion in the Medium Term Strategy.		
Reasons for the decision:	As set out in the Officers Report		
Scrutiny consideration:	None		
Report:	Agenda B Item 1 of Strategy and Resources Scrutiny Committee – 18 January 2010		
Conflicts of interest:	No conflicts of interest were declared by the Executive Councillor.		
Comments:	None		



To: Leader, Cllr Ian Nimmo-Smith
Report by: Liz Bisset, Director of Community Services
Relevant scrutiny committee: Strategy and Resources Committee 18/01/2010
Wards affected: All wards

Future Capital funding for Safer City Grant Scheme Non Key Decision

1. Executive summary

- 1.1 The capital programme for Safer City grants concludes in March 2010. It is proposed that for the 2010/11 financial year, funding that is unspent from 2009/10 is requested to be carried forward and that a bid for further capital funding from 2011/12 onwards is prepared with a view to its inclusion in the Medium Term Strategy.
- 1.2 The report provides an overview of projects that have been funded from the Safer City capital grant scheme over the last three years.

2. Recommendations

The Executive Councillor is recommended:

- 2.1 To support the re-phasing of £12,000 2009/10 Safer City capital funding for use in 2010/11 and prepare a bid for a further capital budget from 2011/12 onwards with a view to its inclusion in the Medium Term Strategy.

3. Background

- 3.1 Safer City grants are small grants (up to £5,000) issued by Cambridge City Council to support community based projects that will contribute to a reduction in crime and disorder in Cambridge. Projects need to link in with the priorities detailed in the Cambridge Community Safety Plan. Grants should allow for new projects to be kick started or small one off community safety projects to be taken forward. Ideally projects should be requested by community groups to take forward locally identified projects.

- 3.2 In 2007/2008 just under £40,000 of capital money was spent on fourteen different community projects, including improved lighting, CCTV, equipment for voluntary youth clubs and target hardening in areas where residents were concerned about crime and disorder.
- 3.3 In 2008/2009 just over £30,000 of capital money was spent on eleven different community projects. Including gating, improvements to recreation equipment, CCTV and the home security improvement 'Bobby scheme'.
- 3.4 In the current year (2009/2010) to date there have been approximately £38,000 of capital resources either spent, allocated or pending for eleven different community projects (up to the end of November). This has included target hardening of an area subject to anti-social behaviour issues, CCTV, community safety information kiosk in Addenbrookes, improved lighting and fencing. A full list of projects funded between 2007 and 2009 and a brief overview of each project can be seen in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.5 For each of these three years £50,000 was allocated to the Safer City capital programme, the un-spent amount from each year was carried over, until 2008/2009 when no carry forward was approved. As the full allocation of funding is not typically spent, it is requested that from 2011/2012 financial year there should be a Safer City capital allocation of £40,000 to better reflect spend patterns. It is requested that the uncommitted allocation from 2009/2010 of £12,000 is rephased and used as the budget for the 2010/2011 financial year.
- 3.6 **Outcomes of Safer City Capital Scheme.**
The following three broad outcomes can be attributed to the scheme.
- **Reductions in fear and perceptions of crime** – Often hard to quantify but feedback from projects such as CCTV at Lifecraft and lighting improvements on Mortimer Road have pointed to individuals feeling safer as a result of a Safer City grant. Lifecraft stated that “a direct result of the installation of CCTV has been that the building is safer and all who access the building (18 staff, 30 volunteers and 300 members) feel safer and more comfortable”. Feedback from Hughes Hall off Mortimer Road has been that the area is better lit and the other work to improve fencing and cut back hedges has prevented individuals from loitering in the area making the area “better than it was”. There have been no further incidents of ASB reported to the council since the project.
 - **Small local reductions in crime / anti-social behaviour** – Often projects are taken forward on the basis of just a small number of

crimes or incidents in an area, but they may have had a damaging effect on the confidence of residents. However, examples include the funding of a gate for Cam Sight which completely prevented the use of the car park for drink and drug taking, it also helped ensure no further criminal damage or theft offences occurred on site (there were two incidents in 2008 and none reported since). A contribution to the Bobby scheme allowed 26 vulnerable households to receive additional home security measures. For these houses not only is their risk of burglary reduced significantly, but their confidence and feeling of security is very much improved. An 'alleygate' that was installed in Mortimer Road following consultation with residents has helped ensure that no further burglaries or crimes have taken place at these properties since (most recent burglary took place before the gate was installed in March 2009), and residents report feeling much safer since the gate has been installed.

- **Increased confidence in Cambridge City Council** – being able to take forward the requests of local residents, taking into account professional opinion, will help increase the confidence of the community in the ability of the council to deal with local concerns about crime and disorder (National Indicator 21). Safer City grants allow the community to take an active role in identifying and implementing solutions to local issues. For example recent work to improve lighting and carry out environmental work in Corrie and Brackyn work came at the specific request of local residents and councillors in response to an assault in the area.

An evaluation of each project is requested from the project lead. These evaluations frequently highlight thanks to the council for support and assistance. The Safer City Grant scheme plays a role in helping the council achieve its current medium term objective around 'maintaining a safe and enjoyable city for all, with thriving and viable neighbourhoods'

- 3.7 The aims of the Safer City grant scheme have been met year on year, as funding has been made available to allow community groups to run their own local neighbourhood community safety projects. Although, due to the average amount spent each year a lower allocation is required. With a lower amount available in 2010/11 there will be a need to consider carefully whether some projects that have previously been funded, such as CCTV and lighting, would be more appropriately funded from elsewhere. As safer city grants are one off projects there is no expectation from previously funded projects for on going funding.

4. Implications

- 4.1 **Financial Implications** – The financial implications of approving the continuation of funding for the Safer City Capital Programme for a further 3 years from 2011/12 would be £120,000. A number of other capital programmes also have been phased to end in 2010/11 so that they can be reviewed, Decisions on which to include in the Capital Plan will be taken together later in the year as part of the Medium Term Strategy. If the Safer City Capital scheme is not supported from 2011/12 this source of funding for local community safety projects will be no longer be available.
- 4.2 **Staffing Implications** – None
- 4.3 **Equal Opportunities Implications** – None
- 4.4 **Procurement Implications** – None
- 4.5 **Environmental Implications** – None
- 4.6 **Community Safety Implications** – This scheme helps the council fulfil its responsibilities under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act.

5. Background papers

These background papers were used in the preparation of this report:

- 5.1 Safer City approved bids received between 2007 and 2009.
- 5.2 Safer City guidelines – these can be viewed by visiting:
<http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/ccm/content/community-and-living/community-safety/safer-city-grants.en>

6. Appendices

- 6.1 **Appendix 1** – List of all Safer City Capital projects funded and a brief description of each project between 2007 and 2009.

7. Inspection of papers

To inspect the background papers or if you have a query on the report please contact:

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Appendix 1 – Overview of Safer City Capital projects 2007-2009

Year	Project Title	Brief description	Amount allocated
2007-2008	Columbus Scheme DVD	Production of a DVD to raise awareness of crime for foreign students.	£2,000.00
	Wulfstan Way CCTV	Local CCTV system to combat ASB	£4,922.20
	Columbus Scheme Guide	Information guides to foreign language students	£1,380.00
	Ravensworth Gardens CCTV	Local CCTV system to combat ASB	£5,000.00
	Youth Service Motorbike Project	Contribution to equipment for youth project with young offenders	£6,000.00
	Cherry Hinton High Street CCTV	High street CCTV camera linking back to CCTV control room	£3,533.00
	Cambridge Cycle Parking Guide	Project to improve cycle security in conjunction with Cambridge Cycling Campaign	£3,500.00
	Safety At Lifecraft Door Lock	Improved door and lock security at local charity	£625.00
	Homerton Children's Centre Lighting	Improved lighting in the area around the Children's Centre	£5,000.00
	Reducing Cycle Crime In Cambridge	Covert equipment for police cycle crime project	£4,790.00
	Hulatt Road Lighting Improvements	Additional lighting column for the Hullatt Road area due to fear of crime issues	£1,100.55
	Anstey Way Improved Security	Improved fencing and gate in area where elderly residents live.	£695.00
	Boxing For Life	Contribution to boxing equipment for local youth project	£568.00
	Urban Music	Contribution to audio equipment for local youth project	£429.00
			£39,542.75
2008-2009	Mediation Drop-In Sessions	Equipment to allow for a drop in mediation service in the north of the city	£497.42
	Cam Sight Security Project	Erect a gate to prevent ASB in the charity car park	£870.44
	Cambridge Safe & Legal Cycling Campaign	Equipment to support the safe cycling campaign	£2,978.72
	Cambridge Street Pastors	Equipment cost to help the Street Pastors begin Friday evening patrols	£3,247.00
	Hulatt Road Security Doors	Security improvements to reduce the fear of crime amongst elderly residents	£2,076.25
	Cockerell Road Sheds Security Improvements	Security improvements to sheds in Cockerell Road, subjected to frequent vandalism	£4,726.41
	Litchfield Road Recreational Improvements	To install a goal post system, encouraging ball play within the boundaries of the park	£2,000.00
	Covent Garden Gate	Gate for residents and businesses to prevent ASB in Covent Garden area	£5,000.00
	Safety At Lifecraft CCTV	CCTV cameras on the external walls to monitor those approaching the front entrance	£3,758.20
	Safe Children - Safe Staff	Equipment for young peoples safety for local charity	£707.00
Bobby For Cambridge	Door locks and similar equipment to improve home security	£4,216.91	
			£30,078.35
2009-2010	Manor Place CCTV	CCTV cameras at each entrance to Manor Place in order to combat ASB	£5,028.95
	Mawson Road Security Gate	Alleygate to secure the rear of properties in Mawson Road	£1,662.90
	Mortimer Road Street Lighting	Upgrade of lighting in an area where student perception of crime is high.	£1,700.82

Ravensthorpe Gardens Children's Playground	Fencing to prevent access to play area and associated ASB after dark	£7,935.00
Police Information Kiosk Project	Contribution to a police and partnership information kiosk in Addenbrookes A&E	£1,743.33
Fernwood Sheltred Housing Fencing	Fencing to prevent ASB in Fernwood Housing	£3,459.98
Bracklyn And Corrie Roads Lighting And Fencing	New lighting column and improved fencing in area to improve perceptions of safety and reduce ASB	£3,834.15
Wilson Close CCTV and environmental improvements	Environmental improvements to tackle various crime and disorder issues in local area	£4,909.30
Fair Street Car park environmental improvements	To erect a brick wall and wooden lockable gate across a communal back passage and bike shed that has been the site of persistent ASB.	£2,541
Night Fever Football	Equipment for Friday evening free weekly football sessions and 1-2-1 coaching for young people	£160
Security for Attendees <i>(not yet approved)</i>	Security to the mosque and cultural centre by installing iron gates and security lights, in order to combat ASB.	£4,995
		£37,970.43*

*Figures for 2009-2010 are correct up to the end of November.