

Walthamstow West Community Council – Spend Options.

At the Walthamstow West Community Council meeting on 7 November 2005 residents participated in workshops and then voted to prioritise the top three themes to spend the Community Council annual budget of £10,000. The top three themes were: Youth, Anti Social Behaviour measures and equipment in parks. The Community Chair requested that the suggestions mentioned by residents and other initiatives related within these themes be investigated for feasibility with costs ready for final voting and decision at the next Community Council meeting on 16 January 2006.

Theme	Title & No:	Information & Response to Suggestion	Cost	To Voting
Park & Youth	Tennis Courts	Improve tennis courts in Aveling Park. Response Greenspace Team: Repairs are required to the tennis court surfaces due to tree root damage. The cost is in excess of the budget. A bid has recently been made to the London Marathon Trust to carry out this work.	£10, 000 – £20, 000	No
Park & Youth	1. Skate park repairs	Repairs to the skate park in Aveling Park. Response Greenspace Team: The skate park was an old tennis court and the centre had a topping of tarmac, the perimeter was left, and this needs a new 'skim'. This will increase the surface area available to the skaters.	£6000	Yes
Park & Youth	2. Football pitches	Mark out 2 x 5 a side football pitches in Aveling Park. Response Greenspace Team: Due to the heavy nature of the soil in this area it is recommended that the 2, 5 a side football pitches are marked out and maintained for 20 weeks during the summer period.	£700	Yes
Park & Youth	3. Basketball posts	There are two sets of tarmac with only one set of basketball posts in Aveling Park. It is suggested to purchase two smaller 'child friendly' posts for installation on the existing tarmac near the under 7's play	£3000 includes installation	Yes

		area for use for 10 - 13 year olds. Response Greenspace Team: A supplier has been found that can provide the small basketball posts.		
Park & Youth	4. 400 m running track	Bound one or both the football pitches with a 400 m track. Response Greenspace Team: Due to the heavy nature of the soil in this area it is recommended that a running track is marked out and maintained for 20 weeks during the summer period.	£2320	Yes
Park & Youth	5. Teen Seating	There are currently two horseshoe shaped seating areas with roofs in the under 7's area in Aveling Park that are in constant demand by mother and teenagers. Can more seating like be supplied and placed outside the under 7's area solely for use by teenagers as they have no other place in the park to congregate. Response Greenspace Team: The seating described is called 'Teen Seating'. The seating area can be horse shoe shaped or three sided, the structure is made of steel with a roof.	£5000 includes installation	Yes
Park & Youth	6. Play equipment	Replace 2 items of play equipment in Greenleaf Road under 7's playground. Make repairs to surface. Response Greenspace Team: The playground at Greenleaf Road is missing two pieces of play equipment. One spring animal has already been purchased by the Council and will be installed in the New Year. The Council can't replace the other at the present time due to budget shortages. The Council will patch the play area surface. Greenleaf playground has been put forward as a site for complete refurbishment but this will depend on funding.	£2000 for a dolphin / shark spring seesaw	Yes
Youth	7. Mobile Youth Club	Response Andrew Musgrave Worth Unlimited: Worth Unlimited is a national charity based at the Forest YMCA.	£5000 would pay	Yes

		<p>They have a mobile youth venue (camper van), which is regularly seen around Waltham Forest and offers a safe place for young people to hang out and to receive advice on a range of issues facing young people in the 21st Century. They have detached youth workers currently engaging young people in the Priory Court Estate area (William Morris ward) and would welcome funds from the Community Council to continue and build on this work by deploying the Mobile Youth Club to this area. (Their current funding streams are coming to an end).</p> <p>Quote taken from a young person referring to Worth Unlimited posted on a web message board: “ I've heard about some of the work that your volunteers have been doing, and I've seen some of it in Priory Court and Boundary Rd, and I am proud to say that there is a group trying to help the community. I have been so inspired that I have applied to attend university and study youth and community work and maybe try to make a difference like your charity.”</p>	for 28 sessions	
Youth	8. Continue schools environmental project	<p>Response Community Council Officer: In September 2004 the Community Council agreed £2000 to sponsor an environmental project at local schools. All the schools within the community council area were contacted and eight schools agreed to take part and each received £250.00. The schools mainly spent the money in improving the environment around their school area, by buying bulbs, plants, seeds, vegetables, pots, tools and pond liner. Two schools earmarked the money for a recycling project and litter awareness.</p>	£2000	Yes

		Schools could be contacted again if the Community Council wishes to see if they wish to take part in another environmental project.		
Anti Social Behaviour Measures	9. Street Crime Warden Patrols	Response: Sian Hasler Partnerships and Operations Manager, Community Safety. Street crime wardens are already working in some of the Community Council areas. However, extra warden cover for specific areas at specific times can be employed to patrol key areas with the purpose to engage with youth with a view of reducing anti social behaviour. Street Wardens engage / reassure young people but have no enforcement powers. Cost is approximately £15 per hour. For 2 street wardens patrolling 4 hours, 5 evenings a week for 4 weeks the cost would be £2500.	£2400	Yes
Anti Social Behaviour Measures	10. Operation “payback”	Response Elaine Smith Probation Service: This is an initiative in partnership with the probation service. Its aim is to enable offenders subject to Community Punishment/Unpaid Work Orders to make amends to local communities. Each project is elected to reduce crime and offenders are risk assessed as to their suitability to take part. A London Probation Placement Manager will risk assess all project sites and the offenders are supervised at all times by an employee of the Probation Service. The objectives of the project are as follows: Reduction in fear of crime, Increase community confidence in local service provision, Reduce the visibility of signal crimes, Reduction in re-offending by those taking party in the scheme, Address priority area identified by local communities. Examples of work being undertaken would be clearance of vegetation/bushes in high crime areas to increase visibility and feeling of safety, litter clearance, painting out graffiti. A wide variety	£5000 would pay for 40 days work.	Yes

		of work can be undertaken and as the scheme evolves the projects will become more diverse. Funding has been provided to purchase a vehicle and equipment. The Community Council would pay for the supervisor salary and therefore buy days and identify areas, which they wanted cleaned and tidied within the Community Council area. Leyton and Whipps Cross Community Council have recently allocated £5000 to this project and are now identifying areas to target.		
Anti Social Behaviour Measures	11. Police High Visibility Patrols	Response: Sian Hasler Partnerships and Operations Manager, Community Safety. The Police working overtime will try to hotspot the vulnerable areas in respect of youth crime, anti social behaviour and put extra patrols within the 4 wards that the Community Council covers. Once the amount of spend has been decided we can work out how best to put resources in place. Cost is £30 an hour. A costing of £4000 will pay for four police officers working overtime for 4 hours twice a week. Two officers working would extend this to eight weeks.	£4000	Yes
Anti Social Behaviour Measures	Anti Social Behaviour Measures in school	Response: Sian Hasler Partnerships and Operations Manager, Community Safety. In the New Year the Anti Social Behaviour Team will be spending two weeks visiting 22 Junior Schools speaking to year 6 children about anti social behaviour measures. We will evaluate this and make a recommendation for something similar possibly visiting secondary schools in future spend suggestions. I am therefore not recommending this at the present time.	-	No