

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	6
Date:	16 <sup>th</sup> March 2009	Status	Open
Category	Part of the Budget and Policy Framework		
Subject:	Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield Core Funding, Report on Activities During 2008/09		
Report by:	Head of Regeneration		
Other Officers Involved	Principal Environmental Health Officer (Residential)		
Director	Strategy		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Regeneration		

## **RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS**

### **REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities**

Develop vibrant town centres. Develop flourishing rural communities. Encourage inward investment and a local entrepreneurial culture to maximize sustainable employment opportunities.

### **SOCIAL INCLUSION – Promoting fairness, equality and lifelong learning**

Promote the development of skills and learning within communities.

### **ENVIRONMENT – Promoting and enhancing a clean and sustainable environment**

Protect, enhance and improve the natural and built environment in a sustainable way.

### **CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICES – Providing excellent customer focused services**

Strengthen community consultation and involvement.

### **TARGETS**

Contained within the Service Level Agreement, and to be illustrated as part of the presentation to Executive

### **VALUE FOR MONEY**

The Council's core funding continues to help to lever in additional investment, across a range of regeneration activities and training programmes

## **THE REPORT**

The Council continues to provide annual core funding to Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield and Mansfield and the portfolio holder for Regeneration sits on the Groundwork Board. A full report will be given by the Chief Executive of the Trust at Executive outlining achievements for the previous two years, and proposed activity for 2009/2010, which will also more detail more specific outputs and outcomes.

## **ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

The targets set for the previous years have been met. Groundwork continues to work in key areas across the full span of the Council's Regeneration strategy and add timely interventions to employment training particularly in relation to housing and environmental schemes. They are also a key partner on the Local Enterprise Growth Initiative and directly employ several staff. Finally they play a significant role in developing funding bids in partnership with the Council and others across the Local Strategic Partnership.

## **IMPLICATONS**

Financial: Core funding of £18,000 has been allocated to Groundwork as part of the 2008/09 budget. There are no additional financial implications.

Legal: None

Human Resources: Additional benefits in terms of human resources are gained by the Council by Groundwork acting as managing hosts to several projects and in acting as a 'consultancy' that the Council can call on in developing funding bids.

## **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

**That subject to a satisfactory report, the payment for 2008/09 totalling £18,000 is released to Groundwork Creswell Ashfield & Mansfield.**

## **REASON FOR DECISION**

To release the payment to Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield

ATTACHMENTS: None

FILE REFERENCE: Service Level Agreement

SOURCE DOCUMENT: Various reports and project files from Groundwork