

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	7.
Date:	1st February 2010	Status	Open
Category	Part of the Budget and Policy Framework		
Subject:	Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield Core Funding, Report on Activities During 2009/10		
Report by:	Head of Regeneration		
Other Officers Involved	Director of Neighbourhoods		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor A.F. Tomlinson, Portfolio Holder for 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 year, and proposed activity for 2010/2011, 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 2009/10 budget. There are no additional financial implications.

Legal: The grant is subject to Groundwork Creswell complying with the conditions outlined in the Council's Service Level Agreement with them.

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 2009/10 totalling £18,000 is released to Groundwork Creswell Ashfield & Mansfield.

REASON FOR DECISION

To release the payment to Groundwork Creswell, Ashfield & Mansfield in accordance with the service level agreement.

ATTACHMENTS: None
FILE REFERENCE: Service Level Agreement
SOURCE DOCUMENT: Various reports and project files from Groundwork