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Release of Capital Programme Monies – Alleygating

PURPOSE

1. To request that the Executive approves the release of the £207,000 in the Capital Programme for Alleygating 2008 – 2009.
2. To inform Executive that half of the sum of £207,000 is from the year 2006-2007 and had already been released however, because of lengthy consultations, the money had to be re-profiled into the financial year 2007-2008. Twenty-three schemes have been completed so far this year, a further sixteen have now been fabricated and are ready for installation and a further eight schemes are envisaged to exhaust the spend before the end of March 2009.

RECOMMENDATION

3. That the Executive releases the £207,000 set aside in the Capital Programme for Alleygating and authorises the Head of Streetscene to tender the proposed work in accordance with Standing Orders and accept the most economically advantageous tender.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

4. To improve the safety, amenity and reduce crime and the fear of crime in a number of neighbourhoods within the Borough.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

5. This is the second year of a two-year programme to erect a series of alleygates.
6. A report was submitted to the Policy Board on 28th May 2008 with regard to the working practices, benefits or otherwise and the practicalities of undertaking an alleygating programme.

7. A further review will be submitted to Policy Board on completion of this two-year programme at the end of March 2009.
8. On completion of these schemes there are no other monies set aside in the capital budget for additional schemes.
9. There are no monies set aside in the revenue budgets for maintenance of alleygates.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

10. Provision has been made in the Capital Programme 2008 – 2009 for the proposed works up to the value of £207,000 including staff salaries.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

11. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

12. Capital Programme Officer Group
13. Report to Policy Board 28th May 2008

BACKGROUND PAPERS

14. None

FURTHER INFORMATION

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