CITY OF PLYMOUTH

Subject:	Local Environment Fund
Committee:	Budshead, Honicknowle & Southway Area Committee
Date:	30 September 2009
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LOCAL ENVIRONMENT FUND

Members will be aware that a Local Environment Fund (LEF) was set up in the financial year 2006/7 to allow each Area Committee some funding to be spent in their communities.

The LEF funding (£100,000 for the 2008/09 financial year) has been allocated on the basis of an equal amount per councillor (approximately £1,754 each) and is to be spent on local projects that meet broad policy criteria for improvements to the local environment. The fund is intended for one-off expenditure of a revenue or capital nature and should avoid on-going commitments against revenue spending in subsequent years.

Area Committee Totals 2009-10

Budshead, Honicknowle & Southway:	£15,786
Compton & Peverell:	£10,524
Devonport, Stoke, St. Peter & Waterfront:	£15,786
Drake, Efford, Lipson, Sutton & Mount Gould:	£14,032
Eggbuckland & Moor View:	£10,524
Ham & St. Budeaux:	£10,524
Plympton:	£12,278
Plymstock:	£10,524
Unallocated:	£ 22
TOTAL:	£100,000

Area Committee approval must be sought for any projects or, if expenditure is required between meetings, the Principal Highways and Fleet Manager may authorise expenditure in consultation with the chair and appropriate ward councillor(s). Only designated Council Officers can initiate any expenditure and any allocation of funds between Area Committee meetings must be 'signed off' by the Area Committee Chair using the appropriate forms (available electronically on the Members' Room).

The funds must be either spent or allocated by the end of the financial year, Members are therefore urged to take up spend on there projects during the next quarter, the reason for this, is that the authorization process delays the progress of works also the financial regulations and processes also delay the process. The project manager Garry Stainer would recommend that members allocate budgets by end of November to ensure that the projects are complete by end of march 2010.

Attached is the financial information for each Area Committee. The funds must be either spent or allocated by the end of the current financial year.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members confirm any projects they wish to be supported by the Local Environment Fund.

Budshead, Honicknowle & Southway

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Budshead, Honicknowle and Southway					
LEF1					
	month of				
Description of Project	commitment	Amount			
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2008/2009 carry-forward			12,500		
2009/2010 allocation			15,786		
		£	28,286		
Expenditure					
Committed in 0809 but					
works ear-marked for 0910:					
Contribution at 50% LEF to					
the resurfacing of the					
Whitleigh Green Car-Park					
(contact of colin frass)	Jan 09	£	9,751		
Additional rocks for southway					
drive (contact of parks)	april 09	£	250		
Sub-Total - amount spent		£	10,001		
Commitments, including carry-for Provisionally Approved Projects	ward projects	and			
Sub-Total Commitments			-		
		£			
Balance Remaining:		£	18,285		

0910 allocation by councillor	
A. Budshead - Cllr. J Drean	1,754
A. Budshead - Cllr G Monahan	1,754
A. Budshead - Cllr J Thompson	1,754
A. Honickn Cllr Mark Lowry	1,754
A. Honickn Cllr Pauline Purnell	1,754
A. Honickn Cllr Peter Smith	1,754
A. Southway - Cllr Peter Berrow	1,754
A. Southway - Cllr Thomas Browne	1,754
A. Southway - Cllr Brian Roberts (C)	250
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Budget no longer required:

Roll-forward from 0809 - saving of £2,749 as whitleigh green tarmac project actual less than