

BASFORD & BESTWOOD AREA COMMITTEE – 27th FEBRUARY 2013

Title of paper:	Parks & Open Spaces in Area 2	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	John Kelly, Corporate Director, Communities	Wards affected: Basford Bestwood
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority: (you must mark X in the relevant boxes below)		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		X
Neighbourhood Nottingham		X
Family Nottingham		X
Healthy Nottingham		X
Leading Nottingham		
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
The report summarises the major investments made to the Area's parks, open spaces & playgrounds so far and considers where future investments are to be made.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the Committee notes the contents of the report and the improvements made to parks & open spaces in the Area.	
2	That the Committee approves the sites for future investment in the Area and the allocation of S106 funding as per Section 4 of the report.	
3	That the Committee notes the GreenPlaces Fund and its ability to attract funding for the improvement of parks & open spaces.	

1. BACKGROUND

The City Council has made significant investment in parks, open spaces and children's play areas across the City in recent years. This report summarises the main projects and seeks confirmation of where future investment in the Area will and could take place.

Basford

Site	Completed	Future Plans
Whitemoor Park	New play area and outdoor gym 2009-11.	
Fearnleigh (Pennant) Park	New play area 2010/11.	
Highbury play area	Play area refurbished 2010/11.	

Vernon Park	Over £1.2m spent on park improvements including pavilion, play area, outdoor gym, paths and pond.	
Heathfield Park	Total park regeneration including play area, ball court, fitness equipment and community centre	
Park Lane (Wallis St) play area		Site currently being refurbished with new surfacing and equipment.
Nuthall Road (Stockhill Lane) recreation ground		Discussions underway with New College Nottingham and SALTAR group re future development of pavilion and park – suggested funding allocations in Section 4 below.

Bestwood

Site	Completed	Future Plans
Chediston Vale	New play area 2009/10.	
Sandy Banks	Designated as Local Nature Reserve in 2012.	\$106 funding is allocated to this site but it is proposed that £10,000 is re-allocated to Sunrise Hill LNR.
Sunrise Hill Local Nature Reserve		Site restoration including path creation, new site furniture & opening up viewpoints - £10,000 required.

Section 4 below highlights the currently unallocated funding available in Area 2.

The GreenPlaces Fund

The GreenPlaces Fund is a new initiative run by charity GreenSpace and being implemented in Nottingham as a pilot authority.

The Fund has a vision to develop a national mechanism for green space giving that can support parks and green spaces. It aims to attract donations, funding and commitment from both businesses and individuals that will:

- Entitle everyone in the UK to have easy, safe and close access to quality parks and green spaces where they live.
- Encourage collaboration between businesses, local authorities and communities to work in partnership to improve and sustain their local parks and green spaces.
- Inspire communities to recognise the value of green space and boost usage to improve their health and quality of life.

The Green Places Fund seeks to create a new town or citywide partnership between communities, local authorities, business and NGOs aimed at improving and sustaining parks and green space.

The fund will select projects to support in Nottingham, including park and open space improvements, community activities and biodiversity projects.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

Funding is required for parks, open spaces & allotment sites as per the table above.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

New S106 Funding

As of October 2012, £84,480.36 new Section 106 funding for open space is available in Area 2:

Section 106 Funding Source	£	Date Received	Ward
Unallocated S106 funding	£10,998.82	n/a	n/a
08/03453/PFUL3 Potters Public House, Beckhampton Rd	£32,947.54	Received 13-04-12	Bestwood
08/01878/PFUL3 Standard of England Public House, Park Ln	£40,534.00	Received 02-07-12	Basford
TOTAL UNALLOCATED	£84,480.36		

Proposals for the allocation of this funding are as follows:

- £5,499.41 - Removal of Lincoln Street and Japonica Drive play areas including landscaping and tree planting works.
- £30,534.00 – Development of new children’s play area at Stockhill Park (aka Nuthall Recreation Ground). This project is dependent on the removal of the above play areas to allow existing maintenance budgets to inspect and repair the new play area proposed.
- £10,000 – Contribution to repair and development of Stockhill Park pavilion, in partnership with New College Nottingham, Basford.

Re-allocation of S106 funding:

Site	Current S106 Allocation	Revised Allocation
Sandy Banks LNR	Approx. £20,000 remaining	£10,000.00
Sunrise Hill LNR	£0	£10,000.00
Bestwood Lodge drive	£12,651.05	£2,651.05
Churchfield Plantation	£0	£10,000.00

- To include improvement works to entrance to Sandy Banks on Elm Bridge.
- To include handrail to steps at Sunrise Hill LNR.

- Dependent on Sunrise Hill LNR receiving ongoing, sustainable maintenance.

5. **RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)**

None.

6. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)



No

Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

7. **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION**

None.

8. **PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

None.