

WEST AREA COMMITTEE – 11 NOVEMBER 2009

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| Title of paper: | New play areas on Birchover recreation ground and King George V playing fields - progress | |
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| Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority: | | |
| World Class Nottingham | | X |
| Work in Nottingham | | |
| Safer Nottingham | | X |
| Neighbourhood Nottingham | | X |
| Family Nottingham | | X |
| Healthy Nottingham | | X |
| Serving Nottingham Better | | X |
| Summary of issues (including benefits to customers/service users): | | |
| Update on progress of new play areas at Birchover recreation ground and King George V playing fields | | |
| Recommendation(s): | | |
| 1 | The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report. | |

1 BACKGROUND

Birchover Recreation Ground proposed play area and provision of outdoor gym and fitness equipment. Progress to date includes:

- April 2009 - post completion checks of year 1 play areas;
- May 2009 - evaluation of completed year 1 play areas. Good practice exercise – ‘lessons learnt’/ issues highlighted to be addressed ahead of start of year 2 schemes;
- June to August 2009 - consultation with local children, schools and residents. Consultation held at local events and with schools. Portland school consultation was not available until after summer break.
- September 2009 - collation of consultation results and production of project brief and specifications.

Next steps:

- invitation to tender to play companies - Thursday 15 October 2009;
- deadline for submission of designs from play companies - Friday 13 November 2009;
- Final consultation with school children and local residents over submitted designs 13 November – 30 November 2009;
- order placed with play company 1 December 2009;
- 1 December 2009 - planning approval sought (6 - 8 weeks). Pre-planning application talks with Planning over the final design to confirm whether planning permission will be required. Initial talks with Planning indicates full planning approval will be required;
- confirmation of planning permission – approximately week beginning 5 February 2010;
- construction 5 February – 31 March 2010;
- play area completed and open prior 31 March 2010.

King George V playing fields proposed play area. Progress to date includes:

- April 2009 - post completion checks of year 1 play areas;
- May 2009 - evaluation of completed year 1 play areas. Good practice exercise – 'lessons learnt'/ issues highlighted addressed ahead of start of year 2 schemes;
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2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

Keeping Councillors informed of developments within their constituencies.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

None

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

4.1 Birchover Recreation Ground play area and gym/fitness equipment – project cost £100,000. Spend already approved via Area Committee and Portfolio Holder's reports.

4.2 King George V playing fields play area – project cost £145,250. Spend already approved via Area Committee and Portfolio Holder's reports.

5 RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS AND EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS)

None

6 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

None

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

Executive Board report – Play Pathfinder - 20 May 2008

West Area committee report confirming Pathfinder site choices: 12th November 2008

West Area committee report confirming playground funding from Area Capital: 16th September 2009

Portfolio Holder report October 2009: Parks and Open Spaces Capital Programme 2009/10

Nottingham Play Strategy (2007-2012)

'Breathing Space' – A Strategic Framework for the Management of Nottingham's Open and Green Spaces 2007-2017