

**BERRIDGE AND SHERWOOD AREA COMMITTEE**  
**20 NOVEMBER 2014**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>SHERWOOD WARD PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</b>	
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<b>Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)</b>		
<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b>		
Cutting unemployment by a quarter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Cut crime and anti-social behaviour		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ensure more school leavers get a job, training or further education than any other City		<input type="checkbox"/>
Your neighbourhood as clean as the City Centre		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Help keep your energy bills down		<input type="checkbox"/>
Good access to public transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham has a good mix of housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham is a good place to do business, invest and create jobs		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nottingham offers a wide range of leisure activities, parks and sporting events		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Support early intervention activities		<input type="checkbox"/>
Deliver effective, value for money services to our citizens		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
The report details proposals to improve Peggy's Park, Valley Road Park and Pirate Park in Sherwood via a range of capital funding.		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	Note and support the proposals for the park improvement projects in Sherwood.	
<b>2</b>	Approve the contribution of £50,000 funding from Nottingham City Homes towards Peggy's Park.	

**1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 1.1 Through consultation with local people, three parks in Sherwood have been selected for significant improvements as the existing infrastructure on them is becoming tired and outdated:
- Pirate Park play area, Mansfield Road
  - Valley Road Park play area
  - Peggy's Park play area, Edwards Lane

**2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

**Pirate Park Play Area**

- 2.1 A popular children's play area on the site of the former Carrington Lido, Pirate Park contains many items of wooden play equipment that area reaching the end of their lifespan and will require replacement in the near future.
- 2.2 Working with Groundwork Greater Nottingham, a bid has been submitted for £50,000 of external WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) funding to improve the site, particularly the bank slide and wooden play equipment. A further £10,000 of Area Capital has been committed to the scheme and the Parks Service has agreed to pay the £5,500 third party funding.
- 2.3 A decision on the external funding is expected in December 2014 and if successful, works would then start on site in spring 2015.

### **Valley Road Park**

- 2.6 In recent years, Valley Road Park has seen many improvements including a skatepark, outdoor gym, multi-use games area and Petanque courts.
- 2.7 It is now proposed to install a new children's play area on the site, near to the skate park. This will replace the very tired and out-dated play area further along Valley Road.
- 2.8 £49,999 has been secured for the project by Groundwork Greater Nottingham, who also hold £18,000 of funding from the previous Valley Road projects. It is proposed to start works on site as soon as the ring-road works at the Hucknall Road roundabout are complete.

### **Peggy's Park**

- 2.9 Peggy's Park is a former railway off Edwards Lane that saw a major improvement project in 2004 which included the current play area found on site. Now 10 years old, the next phase of refurbishment is due.
- 2.10 The Local community, via the Community Centre, have been asking for improvements to the site since 2013. This followed a change of the committee management and how the centre was being run. The management committee, whilst keen to see increased usage of the community centre, also see that having a modern park with a wide range of facilities for all ages, will benefit the Centre, along with the wider community.
- 2.11 The result of consultation that took place over summer, along with discussions with locals, clearly backs up this demand for better facilities, especially in light of the increased demand on the local facilities, once the neighbouring housing development at the former Haywood School site is complete.
- 2.12 Nottingham City Homes have been able to secure funding to put towards the project and this will provide an initial phase of works on the site that can then be followed up once the housing development is complete.
- 2.13 A bid for external funding from WREN funding was submitted on 29<sup>th</sup> October and if successful, will primarily be used to fund works to improve the play equipment on site. This will include items such as:
  - Removal of existing equipment and surfacing

- Installing new playground equipment to cater for a wider age and ability range at more suitable locations with the park
- Improving seating for the new play area locations with benches and picnic tables

2.14 A decision on the WREN bid will be made in April 2015.

2.15 Should funding be successful for the initial phase of works, further consultation over the specific design and types of equipment present will then take place involving Community Centre users and other local children.

### **3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 To not take the opportunity to improve these parks now would mean that maintenance expenses on the sites begin to increase and high quality facilities for the community are not on offer in the Sherwood Ward.

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

4.1 The funding for the three projects is as follows:

<b>Pirate Park</b>	
WREN (tbc)	£50,000
Area Capital	£10,000
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£60,000</b>
<b>Valley Road Park</b>	
Existing funding (Groundwork)	£18,000
WREN (confirmed) (DD1592)	£49,999
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>£67,999</b>
<b>Peggy's Park</b>	
Nottingham City Homes – for play area project (tbc)	£25,000
Nottingham City Homes – other site works (tbc)	£25,000
WREN (tbc)	£50,000
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>£100,000</b>

4.2 A Delegated Decision (reference number 1592) has already been published to approve the Valley Road project.

4.3 Delegated Decisions for the other two projects will be published once the external funding outcomes are known.

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

5.1 The proposals to improve these sites will help increase site usage, by creating more and better facilities. This will help reduce crime and disorder on the sites.

### **6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

6.1 An EIA is not required as this report does not include proposals for new or changing policies, services or functions

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

7.1 None

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

8.1 Portfolio Holder Decision 781 – capital funding for Valley Road Park.

8.2 Portfolio Holder Decision 815– capital funding for Valley Road Park.

8.3 Delegated Decision 1592 – WREN funding for Valley Road Park.