

MAPPERLEY, ST ANN'S AND DALES AREA COMMITTEE
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Title of paper:	VICTORIA PARK & ST MARY'S REST GARDEN	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)		
Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:		
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"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
The report details proposals to Victoria Park & St Mary's Rest Garden via the use of Section 106 funding on landscaping and the play area.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	Note and support the proposals for the park improvement projects at Victoria Park and St Mary's Rest Garden.	
2	Approve the allocation of £39,846.01 from Section 106 funding (Marco Island 14/01696/PFUL3) for improvements to Victoria Park and St Mary's Rest Garden.	

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1.1 Approval is required to allocate the Section 106 funding to Victoria Park and St Mary's Rest Garden in order that proposed improvement works can take place.

2. BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

2.1 Victoria Park and St Mary's Rest Garden is a Green Flag award winning site, that has consistently met the standard since 2004. However, a number of areas have been identified as being dated and in need of improvement to ensure that the overall quality of the site does not fall below the Green Flag threshold.

- 2.2 The Parks and Open Spaces Service has retained consultation information from when the local area had a Tenants and Residents Association along with ongoing visitor survey feedback which has identified a number of areas that need improving. These being shrub beds and other planted areas and the play area on site.
- 2.3 The play area is over 10 years old and is very dated, meaning that ongoing costs are likely to increase in the future and visitor satisfaction may be at risk.
- 2.4 Shrub beds have been an ongoing cause for concern due to instances for anti-social behaviour and drug misuse issues. Some works have already been taken place on site to remove or renovate beds which has seen a reduction in issues, but further works are required to improve the remaining beds round the site. Any works carried out will take into consideration local residents concerns.
- 2.5 The improvement of these facilities will improve the overall quality of the site ensuring the continued achievement of Green Flag for the site and improvements in visitor satisfaction.
- 2.6 It is anticipated that once Section 106 funding has been secured for the site then an external funding bid (potentially WREN landfill tax) will be submitted for the site to enable a full playground improvement scheme to take place as the Section 106 funding alone will not be sufficient for this.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To not take the opportunity to improve this park now would mean that maintenance expenses on the sites begin to increase, the site may potentially fail the Green Flag Award in the near future, visitor satisfaction will continue to decrease and high quality facilities for the community are not on offer in this part of St Ann's Ward.

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

- 4.1 The funding for the projects is as follows:

Victoria Park and St Marys Rest Garden.	
Section 106 from Marco Island, planning application 14/01696/PFUL3	£39,846.01

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

- 5.1 The proposals to improve this site will help increase site usage, by creating more and better facilities, along with redesigning other aspects of the site to help reduce crime and disorder.

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 Victoria Park Green Flag Management Plan 2013-2018

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

None