

**AREA COMMITTEE 8 – 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2012**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Parks &amp; Open Spaces in Area 8</b>	
<b>Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):</b>	John Kelly, Corporate Director, Communities	<b>Wards affected:</b> <b>Bridge</b> <b>Clifton North</b> <b>Clifton South</b>
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<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority:</b> (you must mark X in the relevant boxes below)		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Neighbourhood Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Family Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Healthy Nottingham		<b>X</b>
Leading Nottingham		
<b>Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):</b>		
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.		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>That the Committee notes the contents of the report and the improvements made to parks &amp; open spaces in the Area.</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>That the Committee approves the sites for future investment in the Area.</b>	

**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.

Bridge

<b>Site</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Future Plans</b>
Mundella park	Green Flag Community Award site	
Queen's Walk recreation ground	Pavilion extension 2009/10 Green Flag site	
Victoria Embankment & Memorial Gardens	3 phases of play area improvements complete. Outdoor gym installed. Improvement works to area around bandstand & Memorial	Works to undercroft underway including removal of metal fencing behind War Memorial. Funds required to restore Queen Victoria statue.

	Gardens completed as part of flood defence works.	Consultation underway on Masterplan including pitches, paddling pool and improvements to Memorial Gardens and bandstand.
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### Clifton North

Site	Completed	Future Plans
Locksley (Groveside)	New play area 2009/10	
Colesbourne	New play area 2009/10	
Sunninghill	New play area 2009/10	
Ruddington Lane park	New play area & outdoor gym 2011/12	Phase 2 of play area development to remove the rest of the bark surfacing. Other site improvements as required.
Clifton Central park	Growth-Point funded improvements Outdoor gym installed	Investigations into natural play opportunities on the site.
Clifton Playing Fields	Pavilion improvements New skate park & pump track	Funding required for improvements to sports barn.
Silverdale Play Area	2 phases of play area and outdoor fitness equipment 2011/12	
Iremonger's Pond	Green Flag Community Award site	Future environmental improvements.
Allotments: - Coronation - Farnborough Rd - Klondyke - Merevale - Langstrath Rd		Funding required for security fencing & gates.

### Clifton South

Site	Completed	Future Plans
Breckswood	New play area 2010	
Scafell Way	New play area 2010/11	
Stirling Grove	Play area improvements 2009/10	Refurbishment of play area
Holme Pit SSSI	Lottery-funded de-silting project 2008/09	
Clifton Woods, Clifton Grove etc	Sites now managed by Notts Wildlife Trust	Funding bids submitted for habitat works.
Glapton Woods, Brecks Plantation & Fairham Brook.		To be designated as Local Nature Reserves in 2013.
Nobel Road (Angell Green)	New play area – 2 phases – 2011 & 2012	Phase 3 – Teen Shelter installation following consultation.
Barton Green	Play area now in. Fitness equipment due to be installed in November.	New play area October / November 2012.
Tintagel Green		Play area improvements proposed 2012/13.

## **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 GreenPlaces 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.

<http://www.greenplacesfund.org.uk/>

### **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)**

No new Section 106 funding is available in the Area at present.

### **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.