

AREA 2 COMMITTEE – 25th November 2009

Title of paper:	REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SPORT, LEISURE AND PARKS ALLOCATION OF SECTION 106 FUNDING ON PARKS AND OPEN SPACES IMPROVEMENTS	
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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):		
Proposals are set out for the allocation of over £379,000 of Section 106 funding in Area 2. Funding has been allocated based on the location of funding, the parks and open spaces improvement programme for the Area, discussions with Councillors and residents.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	Endorse the allocation of £379,205.32 of Section 106 funding on parks and open spaces improvements in Area 2.	
2	Approve the reallocation of £140,000 of Section 106 funding to the Area Capital programme funds for the Bestwood ward.	

1 **BACKGROUND**

1.1 Following discussions with Councillors and local residents, the following greenspace improvement projects are proposed in Area 2.

Please see Appendix A for a full explanation of the proposed S106 funding sources.

- **Sandy Banks Improvements**

Acid grassland restoration project to improve the nature conservation value of the site. Interpretation will also be added to the site to ensure users understand the importance of Sandy Banks. An entrance feature at the Elmbridge end of the site will also be funded to make the site more welcoming. £29,284.75

- **Mountfield Drive and Hazel Hill Refurbishments**

Following consultation with local residents, improvements will be made to both Mountfield Drive play area and Hazel Hill play area, which will include new play equipment, opening up spaces and site furniture. £75,000

- **Southglade Skatepark Footpath**

Installation of a new footpath at Southglade skate park. £10,000

- **Bestwood Lodge Drive Improvements**

Improvements to the site will include more welcoming fencing, planting, site furniture and signage which will make the site more welcoming and increase the usage. £15,000

- **Chediston Vale Fencing and Art Project**

Installation of new fencing and entrance at the bottom end of Chediston Vale Park as planned in recent development. Funding will also be used for an art project in the wooden fencing, involving local people. This project will help brighten up the park while giving local people ownership over the site. £5,578.50

- **Pennant/Fearnleigh Park Refurbishment**

Refurbishment of Pennant/Fearnleigh park, which would include play equipment, site furniture and planting, following public consultation. £70,386.82

- **Church St/Bailey St Rest Garden Bench Installation**

Removal of existing benches in the rest garden and installation of 3 benches. £2,248.75

- **Whitemoor Park Improvements – Phase 2**

Installation of football goals and fitness equipment (Phase 2) which will follow on from the installation of the new play area. £25,000

- **Park Lane and Britannia Avenue Improvements**

Funding will go towards improvements on these sites which are located close to one another. Improvements will include play equipment, site furniture and landscaping. £31,280.

- **Lincoln St Park Improvements**

Funding will go towards improvements at Lincoln Street park, which will include improvements to the play area, site furniture and the planting of wildflowers. £31,002.

- **Corncrake Small Play Area Improvements**

Funding will be used to make improvements to the smaller play area on Corncrake, following consultation with local residents. £5,000

- **Vernon Park Pond Project**

Funding will go towards the Vernon Park Pond Project which will make improvements to the pond area to ensure that wildlife; fishing activities and educational activities can co exist. £79,424.25

2 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 All the above projects have been decided on following discussions with the public, Friends group meetings, tenants and residents groups meetings, neighbourhood management team and councillors. Documents such as site management plans, Breathing Spaces and the play Pathfinder matrix have also been used to make these recommendations.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 To not use the money now would mean that some funding could be lost as the 5 year deadlines to spend it could be reached.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY)

- 4.1 The total estimated cost of the proposed schemes is £379,205 funded from S106 receipts as detailed in Appendix A. These proposals leave an unallocated balance of S106 receipts in Area 2 of £197,000.
- 4.2 It is proposed to use £140,000 of this unallocated balance to pay back £140,000 to the Bestwood Ward Area Capital fund. This is to make a contribution towards the £243,000 spent on various parks in Bestwood 2008/9.
- 4.3 Contractors for all works will be selected via competitive tendering processes to ensure Best Value is achieved.

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

- 5.1 All the proposals will meet the current requirements for Equal Opportunities, with external inspections carried out post-installation as required.
- 5.2 Failure to comply with the terms of the S106 agreements could result in requests for repayment from developers. This would reduce that level of capital funds available to finance City Council priorities.

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

- 6.1 Section 106 Receipts Schedule – 13th October 2009 – Graham Wells, Financial Planning Assistant

6.2 Area 2 Basford and Bestwood Area Committee 28th May 2008

7 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

7.1 None

No	Application	Site Address	Signed Contract Amount (Potential Sums Due)	Provided "on-site" / Dead / Unlikely to be collected etc	Total likely to be collected (Col D less Col E)	Sums Received	Spent	Available	Purpose	Date Rec'd	WARD	SPEND PROPOSALS		
												SITE	PROPOSAL	£
1	02/01183/PFUL3	High Pavement College Gainsford Crescent Bestwood Estate Nottingham NG5 5HT	£ 832,887.75	0.00	832,887.75	£ 832,887.75	£ 503,603.00	£ 329,284.75	Open space imps / enhancement in the locality (£400,000 EARMARKED for Vernon Park Imps)	29/03/05 £277,629.25 03/08/05 £277629.25 25/06/08 £277629.25	Bestwood	Sandy Banks	Interpretation, feature entrance and acid grassland restoration project	29,284.75
												Mountfield Drive and Hazel hill	Redevelopment of sites following consultation	75,000.00
												Southglade	Footpath at skate park	10,000.00
												Bestwood Lodge Drive	Improvements to site	15,000.00
												Chediston Vale	Fencing and art project	3,000.00
2	03/00624/PFUL3	Commodore International Nuthall Road Broxtowe Nottingham NG8 5DR	37,248.75	0.00	37,248.75	37,248.75		37,248.75			Basford	Pennant Park	Development of site including play equipment, signage and site furniture	35,000.00
												River Leen and Church St/Bailey St Rest Garden	Bench installation	2,248.75
3	04/00267/PFUL3	Valley Road Service Station, Valley Road	57,930.00	0.00	57,930.00	57,930.00	1,650.00	56,280.00	Provision or improvement of Open Space	01/02/2006	Basford	Whitemoor	Phase 2 of development including football goals and fitness equipment	25,000.00
												Park Lane and Britannia Avenue	Redevelopment of sites following consultation	31,280.00
4	04/02191/PFUL3	Park Lane	36,002.25	0.00	36,002.25	36,002.25		36,002.25	Provision or improvement of Open Space		Basford	Lincoln St	Development of site including improvements to play equipment and wildflower meadow	31,002.25

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5	99/00297/PFUL3	Land North East Of Electricity Sub Station Cinderhill Road Bulwell Nottm	35,397.75	0.00	35,397.75	35,397.75	35,397.75	0.00	Not clear						
6	05/01521/PFUL3	Park Lane	79,424.25	0.00	79,424.25	79,424.25		79,424.25	Provision or improvement of Open Space		Basford	Vernon Park	Pond restoration project	79,424.25	
7	04/02695/PFUL3	Site of former High Pavement College, Gainsford Cres	2,578.50	0.00	2,578.50	2,578.50		2,578.50	Provision or improvement of Open Space		Bestwood	Chediston Vale	Fencing and art project	2,578.50	
8	07/00926/PFUL3	Land adj The Old Pear Tree Public House, Bulwell Lane	35,386.82	0.00	35,386.82	35,386.82		35,386.82	Provision or enhancement of Open Space	14/06/2009	Bedford	Pennant Park	Development of site including play equipment, signage and site furniture	35,386.82	
9	08/03453/PFUL3	Potters Public House, Beckhampton Road	29,265.17	0.00	29,265.17			0.00	Providing or enhancing off site public open space. Index linked						
			1,146,121.24	0.00	1,146,121.24	1,116,856.07	540,650.75	576,205.32						379,205.32	
													Unallocated	197,000.00	