

**BULWELL & BULWELL FOREST AREA COMMITTEE – 20<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2013**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Parks &amp; Open Spaces in Bulwell &amp; Bulwell Forest</b>	
<b>Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):</b>	John Kelly, Corporate Director, Communities	<b>Wards affected: Bulwell Bulwell Forest</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>	That the Committee notes the contents of the report and the improvements made to parks & open spaces in the Area.	
<b>2</b>	That the Committee approves the sites for future investment in the Area and considers the allocation of Section 106 funding in the area.	
<b>3</b>	That the Committee notes the GreenPlaces Fund and its ability to attract funding for the improvement of parks & open spaces.	

**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.

Bulwell

<b>Site</b>	<b>Completed</b>	<b>Future Plans</b>
Hempshill Lane	Play area refurbished 2009/10	£10,000 S106 funding allocated to site for future improvements - football clubs are currently sought for the future

		development of pavilion and this funding could be used as match funding for this work.
Willow Hill Close	Play area refurbished 2010.	
Bulwell Hall Park	New play area 2010/11. Entrance & signage improvements 2011/12. New NHS-funded outdoor gym installed Nov 2012.	
Bulwell Bogs	Memory Garden installed 2011/12 by Friends of Bulwell Bogs.	Ongoing improvements to retain Green Flag Award.
Moorbridge Pond & Springfield Corner	Designated as Local Nature Reserve in 2012.	Habitat improvements via Wildlife in the City Project.
Commercial Road	Play area refurbished 2012.	
Snape Wood & Ashton Park	Play area enhanced October 2012.	

### Bulwell Forest

Site	Completed	Future Plans
Hucknall Linear Walkway	Designated as a Local Nature Reserve in 2012.	Improvements including signage & rubbish bins 2012/13.
Bulwell Forest Recreation Ground	Old football pavilion demolished September 2012.	New play area, outdoor gym, multi-use games area and Parkour area – works on site in early 2013.
Southglade Park	New play area 2009/10. New NHS-funded multi-use games area (MUGA) and outdoor gym installed November 2012 on old courts at front of Leisure Centre.	
Highbury Vale / Latimer Close		New play area to be installed by housing developer.

### Future Allocations

**£81,705 of Section 106 funding is currently available and unallocated in Area 1 and should be spent by September 2013.**

It is proposed that £35,000 of this funding allocated for further works at Bulwell Forest recreation ground. This project is currently out to tender and until designs and prices are received, it is not known whether the £179,000 budget in place will be sufficient to deliver all elements of the play area, gym, MUGA and Parkour areas that are desired.

Proposed £42,105 to fund a toddlers play area within the grounds of the new right track premises. Budget to fund capital works for installation of play area and for 5 – 10 years for the facilities maintenance.

## 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.

### 2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

Funding is available at sites as per the information above.

### 3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

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

£81,705 of Section 106 funding is currently available and unallocated in Area 1.

<b>S106 Agreement</b>	<b>Proposals</b>	<b>£</b>
Bakewell Drive (05/00630/PFUL3) <b>£81,705 remaining</b>	Hucknall Walkway (as agreed at Area Committee 18-01-2012)	£4,600
	Bulwell Forest play area, gym, MUGA, Parkour development	£35,000
	New play area at Right Track (to include 10 years maintenance)	£42,105
		<b>£81,705</b>

### 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.