

WOLLATON EAST & WEST AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE
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Title of paper:	Wollaton Park Play Area	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority: (you must mark X in the relevant boxes below)		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		X
Neighbourhood Nottingham		X
Family Nottingham		X
Healthy Nottingham		X
Leading Nottingham		
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
The report summarises the proposals for the development of a new play area at Wollaton Park.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the Committee supports the proposals for the development of a new play area at Wollaton Park.	
2	That the Committee supports the proposed funding bids for a new play area at Wollaton Park.	

1. BACKGROUND

Wollaton Park is a destination park, attracting not only Nottingham City residents, but also people from across the county, region and further afield. For a number of years the City Council has received complaints regarding the poor play facilities on the site.

Funding

Initial funding to kick-start the development of a new play area for the site has now been sourced as follows:

Confirmed	
Area 7 Area Capital	£35,000.00
City Council	£35,000.00
	£70,000.00

Funding To Be Sought	
WREN landfill tax bid	£75,000.00
Veolia landfill tax bid	£50,000.00
	£125,000.00
Possible total	
	£195,000.00

In addition to this, the tender process for the play area will seek to find a contractor who can also bring some additional value to the scheme.

Design & Location

Due to the destination and heritage setting of Wollaton Park, a large scale play area is required to suit the site and meet the needs of the many visitors that frequent it each year. It is important to also recognise that the site acts as a resource for local people and thus the play area must also suit local play needs. The new play area needs to cater for a large number of people at any one time and must include elements for all ages and abilities.

It is proposed that the new play area is located close to the existing play area site as per the map and photo in the Appendix. This site is proposed due to its location near to the main site entrance and car park for easy access and as the open nature of this area will provide a large, light and attractive space for play. The proposed site is also out of sight lines to and from the main hall and therefore should not compromise the site's heritage value as other previously considered locations may have done.

The feasibility of opening up the existing toilets in the nearby wall will be investigated as it is recognised that there will be demand for these once the new play area is open. We will also investigate options for the provision of refreshments near the car park and play area.

The old play area will be removed and reinstated to grass as part of the works, with some of the equipment re-used.

Timescales

The tender for the design of the play area will be issued in late early December and will be due back in January 2013.

Designs and proposals will be assessed against technical criteria and the highest scoring design will be taken to public consultation. Displays will take place online and on site for the community to vote for their favourite play area design.

Funding bids will be made to two landfill tax funding schemes in early 2013 with a view to securing the additional funding by early summer 2013.

Works would then start on site in summer / autumn 2013.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

The existing Wollaton Park play area is small, outdated and not fit for such a destination site.

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

None.

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

See table above.

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.

Appendix

Proposed location for new play area:

