

**WOLLATON EAST & WEST AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE**

**18<sup>th</sup> February 2013**

<b>Title of paper:</b>	<b>Wollaton Park Play Area</b>	
<b>Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):</b>	John Kelly, Corporate Director, Communities	<b>Wards affected:</b> Wollaton West Citywide
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<b>Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority: (you must mark X in the relevant boxes below)</b>		
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>		
<b>The report summarises the progress made on the development of a new play area at Wollaton Park.</b>		
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>That the Committee supports the proposals for the development of the new play area at Wollaton Park.</b>	

**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:

<b>Confirmed</b>	
Area 7 Area Capital	£35,000.00
City Council	£35,000.00
	<b>£70,000.00</b>
<b>Funding To Be Sought</b>	
WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd)	£75,000.00

landfill tax bid	
Veolia landfill tax bid	£50,000.00
	<b>£125,000.00</b>
<b>Possible total</b>	<b>£195,000.00</b>

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.

## **Tender Process**

A tender for the design and build of the new play area was issued in early January 2013 with proposals due back at the end of January.

The designs were evaluated on a technical scoring system which allowed officers to select the two highest scoring designs which met the brief issued. This scoring system evaluated:

- Safety of equipment, surfacing and company's insurance levels;
- Design of play area;
- Play value of design for wide range of abilities;
- Play elements;
- Age range provision;
- Total number of play activities provided;
- Group play opportunities;
- Site furniture (e.g. seating & fencing);
- Installation & guarantees;

Tenders were also assessed on additional funding or discounts they could offer.

## **Designs for Public Consultation**

From this technical scoring, the top two designs were selected and will be consulted on throughout February and March. The Parks Development Officer and Neighbourhood Development Officer will work together to ensure that the plans are visible on the park and at the hall, advertised to local groups and also placed online.

*[Please note that the designs will be displayed at the meeting due to procurement constraints of publicising them beforehand.]*

At the end of the consultation process, the scores from the public consultation will be combined with the technical scores to select the winning design.

## **Timescales**

The key stages are as follows:

- January 2013 – submission of £75,000 WREN bid – complete.
- January 2013 - technical evaluation – complete.
- February/March 2013 – public consultation.
- March 2013 – seek planning permission for chosen design (8-week process).

- May 2013 – WREN bid decision.
- May/June 2013 – discussion with winning company re any small changes to required to design and possible 2-phase process for play area construction, depending on outcome of funding bid(s).
- April 2013 – submission of Veolia £50,000 funding bid.
- July 2013 – Veolia funding bid decision.
- September 2013 – start of 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of play area if bid successful.

**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 A

Proposed location for new play area:

