Dales, Mapperley and St Ann's Committee – 3 March 2020

Title of paper:	Parks & Open Spaces Investment Plan Updates	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	-	

Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:	
Nottingham People	☐
Living in Nottingham	☒
Growing Nottingham	☐
Respect for Nottingham	☐
Serving Nottingham Better	☐

Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):
The Parks and Open Spaces Service has updated the Ward investment plans for the whole City – these summarise the investment needed into parks and open spaces to bring them up to Green Flag standard in the future and help justify and direct future funding needs.

Recommendation(s):

1	To endorse the updated investment plan to guide the future development of the City's parks and open spaces.
2	To endorse the allocation of Section 106 funding as set out in Section 4 below.

1 Reasons for Recommendations

1.1 Investment plans for all of the City's parks and open spaces were produced in 2011 and then updated in 2015 and 2018 to outline the investment required into the City to bring sites up to a good quality standard. These plans have now been updated for 2020.

2 Background (Including Outcomes Of Consultation)

2.1 The investment plans include all types of open space, ranging from formal parks and gardens to nature reserves, allotments and other landscaped areas, including tree planting.

2.2 A wide range of proposed improvements are listed in each plan to ensure that all types of space are improved.

2.3 Consultation on the draft plans took place with local Councillors and Neighbourhood Development Officers from December 2019 to February 2020 to ensure that the plans are reflective of local needs.

2.4 Once endorsed, the investment plans will be used to determine where future Section 106 funding from housing developments is allocated and help the Greenspace Development team prioritise resources to secure external grant funding.

2.5 The plans will help to demonstrate that the City has an ongoing need for investment into the City's parks and open spaces, both for existing users and to accommodate new residents in the future.

3 Other Options Considered In Making Recommendations

3.1 If the investment plans are not approved and used to determine the use of future Section 106 funding, there is a risk that developers will challenge the City's need for such funding and possible external grants funds may be missed as a result.

4 Finance Colleague Comments (Including Implications And Value For Money/Vat)

4.1 The Council has received the following Section 106 contributions for Open Spaces and are proposing to allocate them as follows:

Planning Application Reference	**Planning Site**	**S106 Purpose**	**£**	**Ward**
05/00786/PFUL3	Land To East 541 Woodborough Road Nottingham	Provision or improvement of Open Space **Proposed use: tree works and planting on parks & open spaces**	£12,657.00	Mapperley
14/01925/PFUL3	31 Curzon St & 24-34 St Mark's St	"To use the Open Space Contribution towards the provision and/or enhancement of open space within the City of Nottingham." **Proposed uses: Robin Hood Chase outdoor gym £15,000 King Edward park improvements £40,000 Allotment improvements £20,000 Tree works and planting on parks & open spaces £12,077.87**	£87,077.87	St Ann's
17/00141/PFUL3	12-14 St Mark's Street	"To use the Open space Contribution towards the provision of infrastructure and equipment improvements at **Victoria Park and St Mary's Rest Garden**"	£11,348.27	St Ann's
15-01593-PFUL3	Archer House, 14-22 Castle Gate	"To use the Open Space Contribution towards the	£37,252.43	n/a

		improvement of facilities at **Victoria Park** Nottingham including the development of outdoor gym equipment at that location."		

4.2 Following the approval of this report, the Section 106 receipts will be earmarked as detailed in the above table.

4.3 Further approval will be required to amend the Capital Programme and formally commit the receipts.

Tom Straw – Senior Accountant (Capital Programmes), 12th February 2020

5 Legal And Procurement Colleague Comments (Including Risk Management Issues, And Legal, Crime And Disorder Act And Procurement Implications)

5.1 n/a

6 Strategic Assets & Property Colleague Comments (For Decision Relating To All Property Assets And Associated Infrastructure) (Area Committee Reports Only)

6.1 n/a

7 Equality Impact Assessment

7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No ☒

An EIA is not required because there is no proposal for new or changing policies/services/functions or financial decisions that would have a major impact on services.

8 List Of Background Papers Other Than Published Works Or Those Disclosing Confidential Or Exempt Information

8.1 Appendix A. Dales Ward parks & open spaces investment plan.
Appendix B. Mapperley Ward parks & open spaces investment plan.
Appendix C. St Ann's Ward parks & open spaces investment plan.

9 Published Documents Referred To In Compiling This Report

9.1 None.