

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

WREN - Funded Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces

Total Value:

£330,305 Capital

£27,500 revenue (Type: Capital and Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

1. Approve the issue of tenders for new play areas near Sutton Passey Crescent, Wollaton Park and Victoria Park, St Ann's.
2. Note the approval by WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) of applications for funding totalling £150,000 for projects at Woodfield Road park, Trickett's Yard play area and Peggy's Park play area.
3. Note proposed applications for WREN funding totalling £100,000 for projects at Sutton Passey play area and Victoria Park play area to be submitted in July 2015.
3. Accept the WREN funding and delegate authority to the Director of Sport, Culture & Parks to sign funding agreements with WREN and place orders relating to the projects.
4. Amend the capital programme to reflect the expenditure detailed.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

The play area at the Eastern end of Wollaton Park, near to Sutton Passey Crescent and the Lime Tree Avenue entrance into the site, is very tired and outdated and in need of a total refurbishment. Consultation with local young people on a potential scheme has begun and further consultation will take place on the designs available for the site once the tender process is underway. £16,805 of Area Capital funding was allocated to the scheme on 11th November 2013 and a bid for £50,000 of WREN funding will be submitted in early July 2015. A decision will be due in late November 2015.

Victoria Park and St Mary's Rest Garden has one of the City's longest held Green Flag awards and also contains a play area which is in need of refurbishment and expansion. Delegated Decision 1954 approved capital funding for improvements to the site's landscaping and a WREN bid for £50,000 will, if succesful, provide funding for the complementary works needed to the play area. The bid will be submitted in early July and a decision received in late November 2015.

A funding bid for Woodfield Road play area was submitted to WREN in October 2014 for £50,000 to improve the play area and has been matched by £4,500 contribtion to capital and £5,500 contribution to the WREN grant, from Aspley Ward Councillor budgets (Project 17181). The WREN funding was confirmed on 23rd April 2015 and works will now commence on further consultation and design and build of the new play area.

A funding bid for the play area at Trickett's Yard, at the Greenway Centre, Sneinton was submitted to WREN in October 2014 for £50,000 to improve the play area. £14,500 of match funding for capital and £5,500 to contribute to the WREN grant has being provided by Area 6 capital fund as agreed at the 9th September 2014 Area Committee meeting. The WREN funding was confirmed on 23rd April 2015 and works will now commence on further consultation and design and build of the new play area.

A funding bid for £50,000 from WREN for Peggy's Park in Sherwood was submitted in October 2014 to match £44,500 for capital works and £5,500 to contribute to the Wren grant. This funding provided by Nottingham City Homes as approved at the Area 5 Committee on 20th November 2014. The WREN funding was confirmed on 23rd April 2015 and works will now commence on further consultation and design and build of the new play area.

Briefing notes documents:

WREN projects DD April 2015 summary.docx

Other Options Considered:

If WREN bids are not submitted for these projects, funding will not be available for them to proceed.

Background Papers:

None

Published Works:

Area 6 Area Capital Fund report, 9th September 2014
Area 7 Area Capital Fund report, 11th November 2013
Area 5 Parks Report to Area Committee, 20th November 2014
DD1954 - Parks Capital Improvement Projects

Affected Wards:

Aspley, Dales, Sherwood, St Ann's, Wollaton West

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

None

Consultations:

Date: 11/11/2013

Area Committees: Area 3: Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley, Area 5: Berridge and Sherwood (from May 2012), Area 6: St Anns, Dales and Mapperley (from May 2012), Area 7: Wollaton & Lenton Abbey

Allocation of Area Capital and Ward Councillor funding to projects as outlined in background document.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

These projects will improve the play offer at these parks thereby increasing footfall and reducing antisocial behaviour.

Equality:

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

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

22/05/2015

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

1. The decisions are within the terms of reference of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture within the Council's Constitution.
2. Grants may be made by WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited) from its Community Fund for amenity projects within 10 miles of a FCC Environment landfill site in WREN's operating area. In the case of the projects covered by this decision, this site is Eastcroft. Funding applications may be between £2000 and £50,000 and the primary intent of the project must be for the protection of the environment, the provision, maintenance or improvement of a public park, or another public amenity.
3. In the case of all grant applications which are approved by WREN, the City Council will be required to enter into an agreement covering the purpose to which the monies are put, delivery of progress reports, maintenance of records of income derived and provision of documentation and expenditure details to WREN as the projects are implemented. There are also obligations relating to the projects being available to the general public for a minimum period.

Advice provided by Judith Irwin (Senior Solicitor) on 29/04/2015.

Finance Advice:

See attached financial advice.
Advice provided by Steve Ross (Finance Analyst) on 14/05/2015.
Advice documents: Financial Advice -WREN - Funded Improvements to Parks and Open Spaces - Capital.xlsx

Procurement Advice:

Provision of these playgrounds will be sourced via a competitive tendering exercise.
Main costs will be itemised to given maximum contract flexibility.
Advice provided by John Watson (Category Manager) on 23/04/2015.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture)
SIGNED and Dated: 15/05/2015
John Kelly (Corporate Director Community Services)
SIGNED and Dated: 14/05/2015