

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject: Park improvement projects

Total Value: £116,264.20 (Type: Capital)

Decision Being Taken:

1. Approve the allocation of £116,264.20 capital funding for park improvement projects as outlined in the report.
2. Delegate authority to the Director of Sport, Culture & Parks to place capital orders relating to the projects.
3. Amend the capital programme to reflect the expenditure detailed.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

Victoria Park & St Mary's Rest Garden, Area 6 - £39,846 of Section 106 funding from planning application 14/01696/PFUL3 was supported for spend at the site at the Area Committee meeting on 10th February 2015. Proposals are now being worked up to use this money on landscape, horticultural and play area improvements. A Waste Recycling Environmental (WREN) bid will be submitted in July 2015 to support the play area works.

Hoyle Park, West Area - £36,375 of Area Capital funding was allocated to this site at the Area Committee on 11th February 2015. There have been numerous requests over the years to enhance the park and at a recent local meeting, which was followed by a first Friends Of group for the park, there was support for the park to be improved. Works will involve landscape works to create an interesting landscape which is currently flat and monotonous, creation of a flat and level playing surface for the existing 5 a side pitch, site furniture, entrance features, path improvements, wildflower swathes and tree planting.

Highbury Vale Park, Brooklyn Road, Area 2 - £20,000 of Area Capital funding was allocated to this site at the Area Committee on 25th February 2015. The funding will be used to improve the play area including providing additional equipment suitable for toddlers.

Woodthorpe Grange Park, Sherwood, Area 5 - £12,043.20 of Section 106 funding from planning application 12/02939 and £8,000 of Area Capital and Councillor funding was endorsed for use at the site at the Area Committee on 19th February 2015. The funding will be used to transform the underused and run-down Dell Garden area into a more welcoming and attractive landscape feature that is also easier to maintain than the current water feature.

Briefing notes documents: Parks capital DD background doc.docx

Other Options Considered: To not approve this spend would mean that these parks do not receive the improvements that they require.

Background Papers:

Published Works: Area 6 Committee report - Victoria Park & St Mary's Garden - 10th February 2015
West Area Committee Delegated Authority Projects Report - 11th February 2015
Area 2 Committee Area Capital Fund report - 25th February 2015
Area 5 Committee capital report - 19th February 2015

Affected Wards: Basford, Bilborough, Sherwood, St Ann's

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None

Consultations: Date: 10/02/2015
Area Committees: Area 2: Bestwood and Basford, Area 3: Aspley, Bilborough and Leen Valley, Area 6: St Anns, Dales and Mapperley (from May 2012)
Area 2: 25th February 2015 - Area Capital allocation.
Area 3: 11th February 2015 - Area Capital allocation.
Area 5: 19th February 2015 - Area Capital and S106 approval.
Area 6: 10th February 2015 - approval to use S106.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications: The improvements at these parks will increase the usage of the sites and help to improve the perception of safety for users.

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:

30/04/2015

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

1. The proposed decision is within the terms of reference of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture in the Council's Constitution.
2. Under the Constitution, the relevant Area Committee(s) are to be consulted about the use of section 106 monies for services in the local area(s). In relation to the Victoria Park and St. Mary's Rest Garden and Woodthorpe Grange proposals, Area Committee East (Dales, St Ann's and Mapperley) and Berridge and Sherwood Area Committee have respectively been consulted, in compliance with the Constitution.
3. The section 106 contribution proposed to be utilised on the Victoria Park and St. Mary's Rest Garden improvements is sourced from the agreement dated 25 September 2014 linked with the residential development of three upper floors of the Marco Island building on Huntingdon Street (planning ref 14/01696/PFUL3). The agreement obliges the Council to apply the contribution of £39,846 towards the provision and/or enhancement of open space within the City of Nottingham and thus the requirement is met by this proposal.
4. The section 106 contribution proposed to be utilised on Woodthorpe Grange is sourced from the agreement dated 16 January 2013 linked with the residential development of 20-22 Victoria Road, Sherwood (planning ref 12/02939/PFUL3). The agreement obliges the Council to use the open space contribution towards the provision and/or enhancement of open space and thus the requirement is met by this proposal.

Advice provided by Judith Irwin (Senior Solicitor) on 13/04/2015.

Finance Advice:

See attached advice provided by Steve Ross (Finance Analyst) on 09/04/2015.

Advice documents: Financial Advice - Parks Improvements - Capital.xlsx

Procurement Advice:

Externally provided playground equipment and services will be procured via competitive quotations utilising an ESPO framework.

Advice provided by John Watson (Category Manager) on 16/04/2015.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture)

SIGNED and Dated: 23/04/2015

John Kelly (Corporate Director Community Services)

SIGNED and Dated: 16/04/2015