

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Re-Allocation of Capital Funding for Mapperley Ward Parks

Total Value:

£15,000 (Type: Capital)

Decision Being Taken:

1. Approve expenditure of £15,000 on Coppice Parks and Astley Drive Play Area2. Approve the re-allocation of capital funding as detailed in the report to fund the above schemes.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

Several parks and open spaces in the Mapperley Ward have capital funding allocated to them, some of which is no longer required now that development projects have been completed. This Section 106 funding was originally allocated under PHD781 and DD0816.At Sycamore Park, £5,180 is remaining following the construction of the multi-use games area on site, woodland works and other small scale improvements.At Mickleborough Railway Cutting, £9,820 is remaining following the re-distribution of the other £11,000 to works at Boynton Drive and Astley Drive play areas.It is proposed to re-allocate £10,000 to Coppice Park to enable improvements to help the site achieve a Green Flag Award.It is proposed to re-allocate the other £5,000 to Astley Drive park to enable additional equipment to be added to the children's play area.

Other Options Considered:

If this funding is not re-allocated, it may remain unspent as it is not currently required at Sycamore Park or Mickleborough Railway Cutting. In addition, section 106 agreements typically include a provision requiring the Council to repay monies to the developer if they remain unspent for a number of years, so this option would involve a risk that the Council may lose the benefit of the monies permanently.

Background Papers:

Section 106 agreements as follows: (1) with George Wimpey South Yorkshire Limited relating to 74-104 The Wells Road and dated 11.5.2004 (2) with PW and AW Farmer and Farmers of Nottingham Limited relating to Renshaw and Newsome, Edwards Lane and dated 20.9.2007; and (3) with Rioran Homes Limited relating to Global House, Crossman Street and dated 21 January 2008.

Published Works:

- PHD781 - "Spend of section 106 and Area Capital Funding on Parks and Open Spaces Improvements in Area 5" - that part relating to capital funding to Sycamore Park & Mickleborough Railway Cutting.
- DD0816 - "Allocation of s106 and Area Capital Funding to Parks and Open Spaces in Areas 5 and 6" - that part relating to capital funding to Astley Drive playground.

Affected Wards:

Mapperley

Colleague / Councillor Interests:

None

Consultations:

Date: 15/09/2015

Area Committees: Area 6: St Anns, Dales and Mapperley (from May 2012)
Support for the proposals.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

The proposed improvements aim to improve the quality of these parks and increase their usage.

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:

Officer

Executive Decision?

Yes

Scheme of Delegation Reference Number or Other Source of Delegation:

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Subject to Call In:

Yes

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

The £15,000 which is the subject of this report derives from section 106 agreements linked with developments. All of these particular agreements require the Council to use the financial contributions towards the provision or enhancement of open space within the City of Nottingham. The proposals in this report are therefore compliant with that covenant.

Under the terms of the Council's Constitution, Area Committee is to be consulted on proposals for open space provisions in the local area, and Area Committee East considered the re-allocation of the surplus £15,000 to the Coppice Park and Astley Drive Play Area improvements at its meeting on 15 September 2015 and supported the proposal.

Under delegation 1 of the Council's Constitution, Corporate Directors have the power to administer all functions within their remit including funding and finance and it is considered that this reallocation of surplus monies no longer needed for previously approved and completed schemes is within the scope of this delegation. Advice provided by Judith Irwin (Senior Solicitor) on 30/10/2015.

Finance Advice:

1. The capital programme will need to reflect the following schemes:

Capital Cost	£ -
Copple Park - site improvements to help reach Green Flag standard	10,000
Astley Drive play area improvements	5,000
Total Cost	15,000
Funding	
re-allocation of S106 capital funding :-	
Sycamore Park MUGA	5,180
Mickleborough Railway Cutting	9,820
Total Funding	15,000

2. The recommendations in this report do not impact on the achievement of Medium Term Financial Plan.

3. Any annual maintenance costs will be met from existing revenue budgets within Parks & Open space.

4. Appropriate procurement process will be undertaken if required. Advice provided by Steve Ross (Finance Analyst) on 26/10/2015.

Procurement Advice:

Procurement for these projects is a competitive process via a compliant ESPO framework. Advice provided by John Watson (Category Manager) on 13/10/2015.

Signatures:

Andy Vaughan (Corporate Director for Commercial & Operations)



16/11/15

Signature:

Date: