

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	Forest Recreation Ground - Gregory Boulevard Play Area
Total Value:	£62,000 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	1. Approve the issue of a tender for the refurbishment of the Gregory Boulevard play area at the Forest Recreation Ground.2. Note the proposed application for Veolia Environmental Trust funding for the above project in February 2016.3. Accept the Veolia funding if successful and delegate authority to the Director of Sport, Culture & Parks to sign funding agreements with Veolia and place orders relating to the project.4. Amend the capital programme to reflect the expenditure detailed.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	The main play area at the Forest Recreation Ground alongside the pavilion and cafe was refurbished in 2010, but the site near the sports zone, adjacent to Gregory Boulevard, has not seen any improvements for some time. The cable way, one of the main pieces of equipment, failed in autumn 2015 and £12,000 of Area Capital funding has been secured to replace it. In order to maximise use of this funding, a Veolia Environmental Trust landfill tax bid for £50,000 is proposed in early 2016 to refurbish the whole play area. This will include reducing the size of the area, improving the safety surface, refurbishing existing and buying new play equipment. Consultation will be carried out in December 2015 and January 2016 to see what types of equipment local people would like and what age range it should be for. If the funding bid is successful, works could take place on site in Autumn 2016.
Other Options Considered:	If the play area is not refurbished, items of play equipment will continue to fail and have to be removed due to their age.
Background Papers:	None

Published Works:	None
Affected Wards:	Arboretum
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Consultations:	<p>Date: 04/11/2015</p> <p>Ward Councillors: Merlita Bryan, Azad Choudhry</p> <p>£12,000 contribution to play area agreed by Arboretum Councillors.</p> <p>Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.</p>
Crime and Disorder Implications:	This project will refurbish the play area, increase its usage and improve the site quality, thereby reducing anti-social 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:	22/12/2015
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement
Legal Advice:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Regard will need to be had to the terms and conditions of funding should the application to Veolia Environmental Trust in February 2016 be successful. 2. Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, Radford and Park Area Committee at its meeting on 18 November 2015 approved the expenditure of £6000 on replacement of cableway park equipment at the Forest. 3. The decision is within the key responsibilities of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture and within his financial threshold. Advice provided by Judith Irwin (Senior Solicitor) on 11/12/2015.

Finance Advice:

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

Scheme :		
Capital Cost	£	
Forest Recreation Ground - Gregory Boulevard Play Area		62,000
Funding		
Arboretum Ward - Area Capital (App'd November 2015)		6,000
Berridge Ward - Area Capital (App'd November 2015)		6,000
Veolia Environmental Trust - to be confirmed (to be submitted February 2016)		50,000
Total Funding		62,000

2.The recommendations in this report:

- Do not impact on the achievement of Medium Term Financial Plan,
- Approval has already been gained from Arboretum, Dunkirk and Lenton, Radford and Park Area Committee.
- that the Veolia Environmental Trust funding is awaiting approval.
- Assume where applicable the appropriate procurement process will be undertaken.
- Any annual maintenance costs will be met from existing revenue budgets within Parks & Open spaces.

Advice provided by Steve Ross (Finance Analyst) on 30/11/2015.

Procurement Advice:

The works will be procured via a fully compliant ESPO framework.
 Where possible additional projects will be grouped with this one to maximise leverage.
 Advice provided by John Watson (Category Manager) on 27/11/2015.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture)
SIGNED and Dated: 15/12/2015
Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)
SIGNED and Dated: 15/12/2015