

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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| Reference Number: | 2301 |
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| Department: | Communities |
| Contact: | Eddie Curry (Job Title: Head of Parks and Open Spaces, Email: eddie.curry@nottinghamcity.gov.uk, Phone: 01158764982) |
| Subject: | Victoria Park Play Area |
| Total Value: | £50,000 (Type: Capital) |
| Decision Being Taken: | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To note the award of £50,000 funding from WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Limited) for the refurbishment of the play area at Victoria Park, St Ann's.2. To delegate authority to the Director of Sport & Culture to sign the funding agreement with WREN and place orders relating to the project.3. To amend the capital programme to reflect the expenditure detailed.4. To approve the spend associated with this decision. |
| Reasons for the Decision(s) | <p>Victoria Park is an important green space near the City Centre and has held a Green Flag award for many years. The site's play area is becoming tired and outdated, however, and is in need of major refurbishment.</p> <p>Following the allocation of £39,846.01 of Section 106 funding to Victoria Park and St Mary's Rest Garden (Delegated Decision 1954), a bid for £50,000 of funding to improve the park's play area was made to WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) in July 2015.</p> <p>In November 2015, this funding bid was confirmed as successful and approval is needed to accept this funding and proceed with improvements to the play area. Approximately £15,000 of the Section 106 funding will also be used on this project and the remaining funds used on site landscaping works. A tender was issued for the play area and one submission received from Hags SMP. This includes a major play area refurbishment with 7 new pieces of play equipment including a roundabout, rope swing, toddler play trail, climbing frame and toddler play unit. The attached visual shows the proposed scheme.</p> |
| Briefing notes documents: | Victoria Park playground Hags SMP.pdf |

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| Other Options Considered: | If the WREN funding is not utilised in the manner described in this report, the Council will become liable to repay it to WREN and the play area refurbishment will not be able to proceed. |
| Background Papers: | None |
| Published Works: | Delegated Decision 1954 - Parks Improvement Projects, April 2015. |
| Affected Wards: | St Ann's |
| Colleague / Councillor Interests: | None |
| Consultations: | Date: 10/02/2015 |
| | Area Committees: Area 6: St Anns, Dales and Mapperley (from May 2012) |
| | Support for improvements to Victoria Park and St Mary's Rest Garden. |
| | Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision. |
| Crime and Disorder Implications: | The proposals aim to improve the site, encourage more children and families to the play area and reduce 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: | 21/01/2016 |
| Advice Sought: | Legal, Finance, Procurement |

Legal Advice:

- 1. The decisions are within the terms of reference of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture in the Council's Constitution.**
- 2. Grants may be made by WREN 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 project covered by this report, this site is Eastcroft. 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 restricting 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. The agreement will also typically contain obligations relating to the projects being available to the public for a minimum period, and in the event that the project is not ultimately implemented, the return of the funding to WREN.**

Advice provided by Judith Irwin (Senior Solicitor) on 11/01/2016.

Finance Advice:

1. This decision to use £50,000 WREN funding will increase the Victoria Park and Play Area scheme to £89,846.

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

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| Scheme : | £ | |
| Total cost Capital Cost | | |
| Victoria Park and Play Area | 89,846 | |
| Funding | | |
| S.106 Funding | 39,846 | |
| WREN Grant | 50,000 | |
| Total Funding | 89,846 | Funding |

3.The recommendations in this report:

- Do not impact on the achievement of Medium Term Financial Plan,
- Approval has already been gained from S 106 funding of £ 39,846 (Delegated Decision 1954)
- The cost of the 11% contribution(£5,500) required on all WREN funding will be funded from existing revenue budgets within the Parks
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- 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 29/12/2015.

Victoria Park & St Mary's Rest Garden is currently included in the capital programme after approval via Delegated Decision 1954; this report seeks to increase the Victoria Park Play Area scheme by £50,000. This increase is to be funded by additional WREN grant funding, therefore there will be no change to the overall net position of the capital programme. The capital programme will be amended accordingly.

Tim Gallimore - Senior Finance Assistant 22/12/15

Procurement Advice:

A compliant tendering process has been undertaken by the procurement team for this project and a successful supplier has been selected.

Advice provided by John Watson (Category Manager) on 18/12/2015.

Signatures

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| David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture) |
| SIGNED and Dated: 13/01/2016 |
| Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations) |
| SIGNED and Dated: 12/01/2016 |