

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Funding for Parks, Open Spaces and Trees in Area 8

Total Value:

£165,000 (Type: Capital and Revenue)

Decision Being Taken:

1. Approve the spend associated with creation of children's new play areas at The Green, Meadows and Clifton Central Park, Clifton as described in this report and set out in the Capital Funding document at Appendix 1. 2. Approve the issue of tenders for works in relation to Item 1 above.
3. Note the proposed applications to be submitted in 2016 for WREN (Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd) funding for the above projects.
4. In the event that the WREN funding applications are successful, delegate authority to the Director of Sport, Culture & Parks to sign funding agreements with WREN and place orders relating to the projects.
5. Allocate NET (Nottingham Express Transit) funding of £50,000 total for the new play area at The Green and for additional work on the Victoria Embankment cricket pavilion project as set out in this report.
6. Allocate NET funding of £35,000 for the creation and maintenance of a new play area at Clifton Central Park as set out in this report.
7. Amend the capital programme to reflect the expenditure detailed.

Reasons for the Decision(s)

1. Following citizen requests and initial consultation, a new play area is proposed for an area known as The Green in the Meadows. This small open space, near to Hawthorne View, is Housing land and currently has no facilities on it. It is proposed to bid for £30,000 WREN funding for a toddlers' play area on the site with £20,000 funding from NET Meadows Community Initiatives to fund maintenance of the site for 10 years.
2. The project to refurbish the Victoria Embankment cricket pavilion was approved under Delegated Decision 1863 but further funding is now needed to complete the project. Specifically, costs have risen on the roof and disabled access and £30,000 of NET funding has been requested for this purpose.
3. Following local requests and discussions with Councillors, a new play area is proposed for Clifton Central Park which already contains an outdoor gym. A bid for £50,000 of WREN funding is proposed to be submitted in mid-2016 with a decision expected in Autumn 2016. £35,000 of NET Community Initiatives funding has also been requested towards the capital build, WREN third party payment and future maintenance.

Briefing notes documents: Area 8 capital Dec 2015.docx

Other Options Considered: If additional funding is not secured for the cricket pavilion, the project will remain unfinished.
No other significant capital funding opportunities exist for the two new play areas in The Meadows and Clifton.

Background Papers: None

Published Works: Delegated Decision 1863 - Victoria Embankment capital funding

Affected Wards: Bridge, Clifton North

Colleague / Councillor Interests: None

Consultations: Date: 12/11/2015
Ward Councillors: Pat Ferguson, Josh Cook, Andrew Rule
£35,000 Area Capital contribution confirmed by Clifton North Neighbourhood Development Officer in liaison with Councillors.
Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

All of the proposals in this report aim to improve parks and open spaces, make them more attractive, safer and more frequently used.

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:

16/02/2016

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 projects covered by this report, that site is Eastcroft. The primary intent of the project must be 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 WRNE as the projects are implemented. The agreement will also typically contain obligations relating to the projects being accessible 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.

4. The NET team have advised that the NET funding (which it is proposed will support part or all of each project) is derived from internal sources without reliance on external parties and without obligations or conditions imposed by external parties. On that basis no further legal implications appear to arise additional to those set out at 1-3 above.

Advice provided by Judith Irwin (Senior Solicitor) on 28/01/2016.

Finance Advice:

Please see attached comments.

Advice provided by Steve Ross (Finance Analyst) on 11/01/2016.

Advice documents: Financial Advice - Funding for Parks & Open Spaces and Trees in Area 8..xlsx

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 14/12/2015.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture)

SIGNED and Dated: 08/02/2016

Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)

SIGNED and Dated: 03/02/2016