

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:	WREN-Funded Play Area Improvements
Total Value:	£230,000 (Type: Capital)
Decision Being Taken:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To approve the submission of funding bids to Waste Recycling Environmental Ltd (WREN) totaling £200,000 for play area improvements at Stirling Grove park, Shipstone Street park, Bilborough Park and City Heights park in autumn/winter 2017.2. To delegate authority to the Director of Sport and Culture to sign funding agreements with WREN in relation to 1 and, if the applications are successful, to accept the funding and sign funding agreements.3. To authorise the use of £20,000 Area Capital funding towards the play area improvements at Shipstone Street park.4. To authorise the use of £10,000 Area Capital funding towards the play area improvements at Stirling Grove park.5. Delegate authority to the Director of Sport & Culture to issue and award tenders and sign orders for the above spend; and6. Amend the capital programme to reflect the expenditure detailed.
Reasons for the Decision(s)	<p>Re recommendation 1, four bids to WREN are planned for August and November 2017 in order to fund play area works as part of the Council Plan target to refurbish at least 15 play areas between 2015/16 and 2018/19.</p> <p>Re recommendation 3, £20,000 of Area Capital funding was allocated to the Shipstone Street play area project by local Councillors at the Area Committee on 28 June 2017.</p> <p>Re recommendation 4, £10,000 of Area Capital funding was allocated to the Stirling Grove play area project by local Councillors at the Area 8 Committee on 14 June 2017.</p>
Briefing notes documents:	WREN & AreaCap parks DD August 2017.docx

Other Options Considered:	If external funding bids to WREN are not made, there will be significantly less capital funding available to refurbish city play areas and meet the Council plan target.
Background Papers:	None
Published Works:	Area Capital Fund report to Berridge and Sherwood Area Committee, 28 June 2017. Area Capital fund report to Area 8 Committee, 14 June 2017.
Affected Wards:	Berridge, Bilborough, Clifton South, Mapperley
Colleague / Councillor Interests:	None
Consultations:	Date: 28/06/2017 Area Committees: Area 5: Berridge and Sherwood (from May 2012), Area 8: Clifton North, South and Bridge (from May 2012) 14 June 2017: £10,000 of Area Capital funding allocated to Stirling Grove park. 28 June 2017: £20,000 of Area Capital funding allocated to Shipstone Street park.
	Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.
Crime and Disorder Implications:	All of the projects in this report aim to improve parks and open spaces, increase their usage and reduce crime and antisocial behaviour on them.
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:	05/09/2017
Advice Sought:	Legal, Finance, Procurement

Legal Advice:

1. This decision seeks approval to apply for funding from Waste Recycling Environmental Limited's Community Fund and to spend it if successful. Projects must be within 10 miles of an FCC Environment landfill site and in the case of the projects covered this site is Eastcroft. Funding applications may be made for between £2,000 and £50,000 and the primary intent of the application must be for the protection of the environment, maintenance or improvement of a public park or another public amenity.

2. If the applications are successful the Council will be required to enter into an agreement covering the purpose to which the monies are to be put, delivery of progress reports, maintenance of records of income derived and provision of documentation and expenditure to WREN as the projects are implemented. The projects must be delivered within 12 months of the funding decision and comply with funding conditions.

3. It is considered that the decision is within the remit of the Portfolio Holder. Advice provided by Ann Barrett (Team Leader) on 31/07/2017.

Finance Advice:

This decision seeks approval to incur expenditure as follows:

£200,000 of WREN grant to be spread across the 4 parks (Bilborough Park, City Heights Park, Shipstone Street Park and Stirling Grove Park).

£30,000 of Area Capital resources as approved at Area Committee meetings to be spent across 2 parks (Shipstone Park and Stirling Grove Park)

For a breakdown of the costs and funding per project please refer the appendices.

The Head of Parks, Open Spaces & Investment Funding will put in place monitoring arrangements to ensure the expenditure will be contained within the approved funding.

Advice provided by Tom Straw (Senior Accountant - Capital Programmes) on 28/07/2017.

Procurement Advice:

There are no procurement issues with this decision. The Procurement Team will continue to work with the client area to ensure that the works are procured in accordance with Council rules and national legislation. Advice provided by Jonathan Whitmarsh (Lead Procurement Officer) on 18/07/2017.

Signatures

David Trimble (Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Culture)
SIGNED and Dated: 25/08/2017
Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)
SIGNED and Dated: 25/08/2017