

WEST AREA COMMITTEE – 14 FEBRUARY 2018

Title of paper:	Parks and Open Spaces Investment Plans	
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Date of consultation with Portfolio Holder(s) (if relevant)	20 November 2017	
Relevant Council Plan Key Theme:		
Strategic Regeneration and Development		<input type="checkbox"/>
Schools		<input type="checkbox"/>
Planning and Housing		<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Services		<input type="checkbox"/>
Energy, Sustainability and Customer		<input type="checkbox"/>
Jobs, Growth and Transport		<input type="checkbox"/>
Adults, Health and Community Sector		<input type="checkbox"/>
Children, Early Intervention and Early Years		<input type="checkbox"/>
Leisure and Culture		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Resources and Neighbourhood Regeneration		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
The Parks and Open Spaces Service has produced plans for all eight Area Committee areas to summarise the investment needed into sites to bring them up to Green Flag standard in the future.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the Area Committee endorses the investment plan and the use of Section 106, area capital and external funding to deliver the proposed improvements.	
2	That the Area Committee endorses the use of £15,248.29 Section 106 funding from the development at Ascot Road, Nottingham (reference 15/01928/PFUL3) for improvements at the Mill and Windmill allotments.	

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Investment plans for all of the City's parks and open spaces were produced in 2011 and updated in 2015 to outline the investment required into the City to bring sites up to a good quality standard. These plans have now been updated for 2018.
- 1.2 £15,248.29 of Section 106 funding was received from the development at Ascot Road, Nottingham (reference 15/01928/PFUL3) in June 2017 and is specifically available for "improvements to security and infrastructure" at the Mill and Windmill allotments.

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 The investment plans include all types of open space, ranging from formal parks and gardens to nature reserves, allotments and Neighbourhood Tree Improvements.
- 2.2 A wide range of propose improvements are listed in each plan to ensure that all types of space are improved.
- 2.3 Consultation with local Councillors on the draft plans took place throughout November and December 2017 to ensure that the plans are reflective of local needs.
- 2.4 Once signed off, the investment plans will be used to determine where future Section 106 funding from housing developments is allocated and help the parks development team prioritise resources to secure external grant funding. The plans will help to demonstrate that the City has an ongoing need for investment into the City's parks and open spaces, both for existing users and to accommodate new residents in the future.

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 If the investment plans are not approved and used to determine the use of future Section 106 funding, there is a risk that developers will challenge the City's need for such funding and possible external grants funds may be missed as a result.

4 FINANCE COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING IMPLICATIONS AND VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 Nottingham City Council has a section 106 receipt available from planning reference 15/01928/PFUL3 for the works proposed above. The relevant section 106 will now be earmarked for improvements at Mill and Windmill allotments awaiting the Delegated Decision stage of approval.

Tom Straw – Senior Accountant (Capital Programmes), 2nd February 2018

5 LEGAL AND PROCUREMENT COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (INCLUDING RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES, AND LEGAL, CRIME AND DISORDER ACT AND PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 n/a

6 STRATEGIC ASSETS & PROPERTY COLLEAGUE COMMENTS (FOR DECISION RELATING TO ALL PROPERTY ASSETS AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE) (AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS ONLY)

- 6.1 The recommendations raise no significant land or property issues. All the sites are within the ownership and control of Nottingham City Council, and it is not proposed that any letting or disposal will take place on them that would impact on the need to carry out the improvement works.
- 6.2 Nevertheless full consideration should be given to each site and each set of improvement works before commencing to ensure that they are aligned with the latest version of the Service Asset Management Plan.

- 6.3 Should any unforeseen property matters arise out of the recommended works, the Property section will work with the Parks team to investigate and resolve them on a case-by-case basis as required.

Advice provided by John West, Estates Surveyor, 10/01/2018

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 Has the equality impact of the proposals in this report been assessed?

No



An EIA is not required because there is no proposal for new or changing policies/services/functions or financial decisions that would have a major impact on services.

8 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

- 8.1 None.

9 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 9.1 Section 106 agreement between Pentland Brands Lakeside Plc, Westleigh Partnerships Ltd and Nottingham City Council and re development at Ascot Works, Ascot Road, Nottingham, dated 29 March 2016.

Appendix A: Parks & Open Spaces Investment Plan