

ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL



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Agenda

Cabinet

Date: **Monday, 7th October, 2019**

Time: **10.00 am**

Venue: **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Urban Road,
Kirkby-in-Ashfield**

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CABINET

Membership

Chairman:

Councillor Jason Zadrozny

Councillors:

Kier Barsby
Samantha Deakin
David Martin
Helen-Ann Smith
John Wilmott

Melanie Darrington
Tom Hollis
Matthew Relf
Daniel Williamson

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SUMMONS

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the Cabinet to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.



R. Mitchell
Chief Executive

AGENDA

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1. To receive apologies for absence, if any.
2. **Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and Non Disclosable Pecuniary/Other Interests.**
3. To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 16th September, 2019. 5 - 8
4. **Scrutiny Review: War Memorials.** 9 - 14
5. **Leisure Transformation Programme.** 15 - 20
Key Decision
Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Health and Leisure: Councillor Tom Hollis
6. **Sutton Lawn Access Route Closure.** 21 - 28
Non-Key Decision
Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Streets, Parks and Town Centres: Councillor Helen-Ann Smith
7. **Parks and Green Spaces Projects Update.** 29 - 36
Non-Key Decision
Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Streets, Parks and Town Centres: Councillor Helen-Ann Smith

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CABINET

**Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,
on Monday, 16th September, 2019 at 1.00 pm**

Present: Councillor Jason Zadrozny in the Chair;

Councillors Kier Barsby, Melanie Darrington,
Samantha Deakin, Tom Hollis, David Martin,
Matthew Relf, Helen-Ann Smith,
Daniel Williamson and John Wilmott.

Officers Present: Craig Bonar, Lynn Cain, Carol Cooper-Smith,
Ruth Dennis, Joanne Froggatt, Katherine Green,
Theresa Hodgkinson, Peter Hudson,
Robert Mitchell and Paul Parkinson.

In Attendance: Councillors Dale Grounds and Andy Meakin.

CA.18 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and Non Disclosable Pecuniary/Other Interests

No declarations of interest were made.

CA.19 Minutes

RESOLVED

that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 15th July, 2019 be received and approved as a correct record.

CA.20 New Corporate Plan

Cabinet were presented with the proposed new Corporate Plan for approval prior to being submitted to Council for endorsement on 26th September, 2019.

Members considered the alternative option of extending and refreshing the current Corporate Plan. This proposal was declined as good practice suggests effective corporate strategic planning requires a full review of corporate priorities every three to four years, aligned with changes of administration.

RESOLVED that

- a) the new Corporate Plan, as presented, be approved and recommended to Council for endorsement;
- b) the Chief Executive be authorised, in consultation with the Leader, to undertake the following:-

- to review and revise the Corporate Scorecard as aligned to the Corporate Plan;
- to make minor amendments to the document and finalise design work prior to publication;
- to produce a summary version of the plan to aid wider dissemination of the plan with residents and wider stakeholders.

Reason:

The Council's ambitions for the next four years are clearly identified in a set of revised and updated Corporate Priorities which are presented in the new Corporate Plan. These have been developed by Cabinet.

CA.21 2019/20 July Financial Monitoring Update Report

Cabinet considered the forecast outturn compared to budget for the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Capital Programme for 2019/20. The report also requested General Fund budget revisions, support for additional funded schemes to be added to the Capital Programme and revisions to some schemes in 2019/20.

Members considered the alternative option of declining to approve the proposed changes as presented.

RESOLVED that

- a) the forecast 2019/20 Outturn for the General Fund, the HRA and Capital Programme, be received and noted;
- b) the following be agreed and recommended to Council for approval:
 - amendments to the Capital Programme as set out in Sections 6.1 and 6.2 of the report noting that there are no additional borrowing implications;
 - the revenue budget revisions for 2019/20 as set out in Section 3 of the report.

Reason:

To report to those charged with Governance the financial position to July 2019 and comply with the Council's Financial Regulations.

CA.22 Section 100A Local Government Act 1972; Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED

that in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting during the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 2 & 3 of Part 1 of

Schedule 12A of the Act and in respect of which the Proper Officer considers the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

CA.23 Proposed Building Control Service Transfer

Cabinet were asked to consider authorising the transfer of the Council's Building Control Service.

RESOLVED that

- a) the delivery of the Building Control Service be transferred to Erewash Borough Council;
- b) under Section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972, Sections 19 and 9EA of the Local Government Act 2000 and Regulation 5(2)(a) of the Local Authorities (Arrangements for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012 that the appropriate delegated authority be granted to Erewash Borough Council to deliver building control services on behalf of Ashfield District Council and in accordance with the terms of a Delegation Agreement which is to be agreed by both Authorities;
- c) delegated authority be granted to the Director of Place and Communities, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance, to finalise the terms of the draft Delegation Agreement following consultation with staff and negotiation of terms with Erewash Borough Council.

Reasons:

- 1) Approval of the recommendations will enable the Council to increase resilience of the service for Ashfield whilst providing efficiencies with limited implementation costs.
- 2) Inclusion of annual budgetary savings without any adverse impact to the front line. The approval will allow Building Control service to continue to be delivered by local professional surveyors. Giving greater resilience, the service is likely to be enhanced to that recently received due to capacity issues.
- 3) The service will remain in the local building control authority network and Erewash has the same ISO 9000 accreditation.

The meeting closed at 1.32 pm

Chairman.

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Report To:	CABINET	Date:	07 OCTOBER 2019
Heading:	SCRUTINY REVIEW: WAR MEMORIALS		
Portfolio Holder:			
Ward/s:	ALL		
Key Decision:	NO		
Subject to Call-In:	NO		

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to present Cabinet with final recommendations resulting from the Scrutiny Review: War Memorials that took place from June to September 2019. The final recommendations presented in this report follow on from the interim recommendations submitted to Cabinet in July 2019.

Recommendation(s)

Cabinet is recommended to approve:

- a. The development of a brief protocol focusing on the four priority war memorials previously identified. This should set out the Council's key principles with regards to maintenance, engagement, and partnership working.
- b. The enhancement of existing webpages on the Council's website to provide further information on maintenance work, events, and community guidance regarding war memorials.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

War Memorials was added as a topic for review to the Scrutiny Workplan 2019/20 in June 2019.

Alternative Options Considered

The Scrutiny Review: War Memorials could have concluded with the interim recommendations presented to Cabinet in July 2019. However, Scrutiny Panel B Members felt the review should continue to consider long term planning for maintenance and information sharing, and are therefore presenting a further set of recommendations for the consideration of Cabinet.

Detailed Information

Scrutiny Panel B – 27 June 2019

The review of war memorials commenced at the 27 June 2019 meeting of Scrutiny Panel B. The first meeting of the Panel was attended by the Council's former Service Director – Place and Communities, Assistant Director – Planning and Regulatory Services, Conservation Officer, Environment and Cemeteries Manager, and Cemetery and Allotment Team Leader.

At this meeting, Panel Members discussed the following:

- The origins and meaning of war memorials
- Memorials identified by the Council as high priority for cleaning and restoration
- Guidance on maintaining war memorials from the War Memorials Trust
- Ensuring plans extend beyond 2019

Discussion at the first formal meeting focused on the cleaning and restoration work required on four priority war memorials located in Kirkby, Sutton, Hucknall, and Huthwaite. These four memorials were identified as priority due to the scale of maintenance and restorative work required.

Scrutiny Panel B Members came to a consensus that it was essential that the four identified war memorials were cleaned and restored in due time for remembrance events in November 2019. Due to the time sensitive nature of the Panel's considerations, it was decided that a set of interim recommendations would be presented to Cabinet at the earliest possible opportunity.

Interim Recommendations Approved

A set of interim recommendations relating to the Scrutiny Review: War Memorials were presented to Cabinet in July for consideration. These recommendations were as follows:

- a. To ensure the four priority war memorials identified in this report are professionally cleaned and restored in readiness for remembrance events in November 2019.
- b. To continue with the submission of a grant application to the War Memorials Trust, to secure funding for the professional cleaning and restoration work required.
- c. In conjunction with recommendation B, to immediately identify sufficient Council funding for the professional cleaning and restoration work required, should the grant application to the War Memorials Trust prove unsuccessful.
- d. To develop a communications plan ensuring the public is fully informed of the proposed cleaning and restoration works, and any other events or plans relating to the District's war memorials.

Cabinet approved all four of the recommendations submitted for consideration.

Informal Working Group – 15 August 2019

An informal working group was held on the 15 August 2019 to discuss the scrutiny review of war memorials with Scrutiny Panel B Members and a representative from a local community group in attendance.

Communication Plan

Discussion at the informal working group started around the communications plan approved at Cabinet in July 2019 as part of the interim recommendations. Panel Members discussed the importance of having clear communication between the Council, the public, and other interested groups regarding war memorials.

Memorials across Ashfield

At the informal working group, further discussion focused on the need for other areas in Ashfield to have their war memorials appropriately monitored and maintained, particularly in the Rurals. At the working group, Members expressed a desire for maintenance plans to extend past the four priority war memorials due to be cleaned and restored in 2019.

Scrutiny Panel B – 19 September 2019

During this meeting, Scrutiny Panel B Members were assisted in their discussion by the Council's Director – Place and Communities and Cemeteries and Allotments Team Leader. Members set out to approve final recommendations to be presented to Cabinet in October and conclude the scrutiny review of war memorials.

Members received an update from Officers in attendance on the progress of the interim recommendations approved at Cabinet in July. Members were informed that the grant application to the War Memorials Trust had been submitted as planned on the 31 July, and that the Council was awaiting a response to the application. Members were further informed that contractors had been procured to carry out works on the four identified priority war memorials in early October.

In consideration of final recommendations, Members deliberated the following:

- The merits and the feasibility of an overarching management plan for war memorials
- The obligations of the Council regarding war memorials
- The need for these obligations to be established clearly
- Acknowledgement that future funding opportunities from the War Memorials Trust may be diminishing
- Focusing the Council's resources
- Working with community groups
- War memorial content on the Council's website

After discussion, Members approved the below recommendations for Cabinet's consideration.

Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to approve:

Protocol Development

The development of a brief protocol focusing on the four priority war memorials previously identified for maintenance work. This protocol should set out the Council's key principles with regards to:

- *Maintenance*
- *Engagement*
- *Partnership working*

Following discussion, Members of Scrutiny Panel B decided the protocol should initially focus on the four priority war memorials identified earlier in this review. These memorials were identified as high priority for restoration works due to the extent of work needed.

The four identified priority war memorials:

- Titchfield Park War Memorial, Hucknall
- Kingsway War Memorial, Kirkby in Ashfield
- Sutton Cemetery War Memorial, Sutton in Ashfield
- Huthwaite Cemetery War Memorial, Huthwaite

This recommendation is for a brief protocol to be developed to outline Ashfield District Council's key principles with regards to the maintenance of the four named war memorials, engagement, and how the Council will work with partners such as the War Memorials Trust and the Royal British Legion.

Scrutiny Panel B Members have indicated that the protocol could include:

- Signposting information (who to contact in the Council to report a war memorial issue, who to contact regarding events, etc.)
- Planned maintenance of the four identified war memorials
- Guidance on how to avoid causing damage to war memorials
- Event information

The protocol could then be expanded in the future in line with any work to other war memorials in the District.

Scrutiny Panel B Members feel that the development of a protocol is essential to provide adequate guidance and advice to Members, Officers, and communities. The protocol can be a reference point for the four identified priority war memorials going forward.

War Memorial Webpages

The enhancement of existing webpages on the Council's website to provide further information on maintenance work, events, and community guidance regarding war memorials.

Scrutiny Panel B Members discussed how the Council could use existing resources to improve information sharing relating to war memorials. This recommendation is for the development of a prominent website space on the Council's website. This could provide a one-stop-shop for war memorials, featuring:

- Memorial profiling
- Planned maintenance
- Event information
- Signposting
- Links to War Memorials Trust guidance

Scrutiny Panel B Members feel this will ensure that the Council maintains a continued presence and approach to information sharing with regards to war memorials.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

The Scrutiny Review: War Memorials reflects the following Corporate Plan Priorities:

- Place and Economic Growth
- Communities and Growth

This includes recognising, promoting, and enhancing our cultural and historical heritage, engaging communities and a cleaner environment.

Legal:

There are no legal implications resulting from this report.

Finance:

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	None.
General Fund – Capital Programme	None.
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	None.
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	None.

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Failure to adequately plan and prepare for war memorial maintenance could lead to disrepair and subsequent damage to the Council's reputation.	Scrutiny Panel B Members have recommended the development of a protocol ensuring adequate planning and preparation.

Human Resources:

There are no Human Resources implications resulting from this report.

Equalities:

There are no equalities implications resulting from this report.

Other Implications:

There are no other implications resulting from this report.

Reason(s) for Urgency

None.

Reason(s) for Exemption

None.

Background Papers

None.

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Agenda Item 5



Report To:	CABINET	Date:	7th OCTOBER 2019
Heading:	LEISURE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME		
Portfolio Holder:	DEPUTY LEADER AND PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR HEALTH AND LEISURE		
Ward/s:	ALL		
Key Decision:	YES		
Subject to Call-In:	YES		

Purpose of Report

To update Cabinet on the Leisure Transformation Programme in relation to Hucknall and Edgewood Leisure Centres.

This report seeks to inform Cabinet of the works undertaken to improve the facilities at Hucknall Leisure Centre and plans to consider further improvements as part of the re-tendering of the Leisure Operator contract.

The report also seeks delegated authority to consider the Council's withdrawal from the operational management contract for Edgewood Leisure Centre and the transfer back of the facility through mutual agreement to Edgewood School.

Recommendation(s)

Cabinet is asked:

- 1) To note and endorse the works undertaken to improve the facilities at Hucknall Leisure Centre and the plans to consider further improvements of a combined spend up to the value of £1.3m as part of the new Leisure Operator contract tender;
- 2) To grant delegated authority to the Director of Place and Communities, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to enter into discussions with the Governing Body of Edgewood Primary and Nursery School to come to a mutual agreement regarding the Council withdrawing from the operational management agreement for Edgewood Leisure Centre; and
- 3) In accordance with Article 12 of the Constitution, to authorise the Director of Legal and Governance to complete, sign and serve, any documentation which is necessary as part of the mutually agreed withdrawal from the operational management agreement for Edgewood Leisure Centre on the instructions of the Director of Place and Communities and in consultation with the Leader of the Council.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

A key project within the Ashfield District Council Corporate Plan (2019 to 2023) is to prioritise the health and wellbeing of the residents of Ashfield and to implement the agreed outcomes from the Leisure Transformation Programme by exploring and implementing options for the future of the Council's Leisure Centre stock.

Approval of the recommendations will enable the Leisure Transformation Programme to continue to be developed to the next stage, including capital investment into Hucknall's leisure offer and the delivery of revenue savings through an "invest to save" approach resulting in a reduction in revenue costs at the point where the Council retenders the leisure operator contract.

Alternative Options Considered

Maintaining the current operation does not allow the Authority to achieve the aims of the Corporate Plan through asset rationalisation as recommended in the Leisure Facilities Strategy.

Do nothing: Not recommended for a number of reasons. The Leisure Facilities Review has allowed the Council to understand the appropriateness of its current leisure stock and future requirements. The provision of an effective facility infrastructure will be central to the successful delivery of the health and wellbeing objectives within the Corporate Plan and to achieving savings through the leisure contract.

Detailed Information

The Council's Vision

The Council's vision is for local people to have access to modern leisure facilities to help lead healthier lifestyles. A clear approach to providing facilities has been identified, including investment

and rationalising the use of the Council's assets alongside coordinated provision from other sources.

To help sustain leisure provision into the future, the Council's Vision is *'to secure a districtwide network of quality, affordable, accessible and sustainable Leisure Centres and services for the benefit of all residents of Ashfield'*.

In order to achieve the Council's vision, key projects have been identified within the new Corporate Plan (2019–2023) under the Health and Happiness priority: to deliver the Leisure Transformation programme, maximising the wellbeing benefits whilst reducing costs.

Leisure Review

The Council recognises the need to invest in its sport and leisure infrastructure to meet the objectives of reducing inactivity and improving the health and wellbeing of its residents; as well as ensuring the most cost effective provision of leisure facilities. In order to address Corporate Plan priorities, an extensive Leisure Facilities Review was undertaken and Cabinet endorsed the findings on 14th July 2016.

In February 2016 the Council commissioned FMG Consulting to undertake a Leisure Facilities Strategy for the District leisure provision including the development of policy options:-

- based on the needs and evidence, the current levels of provision and access across the district need to be protected and enhanced;
- the importance of community/sporting facilities that are affordable, accessible and fit for purpose has been highlighted as an important element in creating sustainable communities.

The Leisure review for leisure centre provision has a clear approach to providing future facilities, including investment and rationalising the use of Council assets, alongside coordinated provision from other sources. The leisure review made clear recommendations in relation to the future provision to be provided in Hucknall, including Hucknall and Edgewood Leisure Centres:

Subsequent works led to the formulation of a Leisure Transformation Programme (LTP) embedded within the Authority's Corporate Plan. The investments are demonstrated below:

Hucknall Leisure Centre

Investment in Hucknall Leisure Centre has been a focus of the outcomes of the Leisure Transformation Programme and the annual maintenance programme for Council assets.

Consultant's reports identified that Hucknall Leisure Centre would benefit from capital investment in facilities. A number of recent investments have been undertaken which, combined with the future planned improvements, is expected to be in the region of up to a £1.3m of total spend.

Recent investments in the facility include:-

- Replacement of floors including squash court (£10.2k)
- Electrical installations (£11.9k)
- Enhanced CCTV system (£9k)
- Air Handling unit upgrades (Circa £24k)
- Extensive repairs to swimming pool tank leak (circa £64k)
- Future capital programme item to replace and upgrade the fire alarm system (circa £110k)

Future investments in the facility include up to £1m of spend:-

- Changing facilities: reconfiguration of separate male and female pool changing rooms to create a wet changing village. (Projected cost £400k)
- Fitness suite: Creation of a mezzanine floor approx. 320m² to extend the existing health and fitness suite to allow for membership growth. (Projected Costs £600k)

Edgewood Leisure Centre

As part of the Leisure Transformation process, the performance of Edgewood Leisure Centre was analysed against 12 key performance categories by FMG Consulting and scored outside the benchmark range in 10 of the 12 key indicators. The site's performance is generally poor and reflects the size and age of the facilities offered and indicate the Council should review whether this facility should be considered as part of the retendering of the new Leisure contract.

Edgewood Leisure Centre (ELC) is located within Edgewood Primary and Nursery School in Hucknall, Nottingham (EPNS). It has operated since 1975 under a joint use agreement between Ashfield District Council (ADC) and the building owners, Nottinghamshire County Council (NCC). Put simply, ADC operates part of the leisure facilities (currently through Sports and Leisure Management Ltd. (SLM)) under a management agreement; the School uses the leisure facilities at agreed times; NCC owns all the land and school buildings including the leisure facilities.

The agreement allowed for the payment of an annual contribution from NCC to ADC to operate a proportion of the school premises as a leisure centre outside of school hours. In 2011 the funding process was amended by NCC to a Locally Managed Scheme (LMS) and contributions are now paid to EPNS Governing Body who in turn passport the contribution to ADC.

In 2002 Ashfield District Council entered into an Agreement for the provision of Outsourced Leisure Services with Sports and Leisure Management Ltd., (SLM Ltd) which will terminate at the end of March 2021. SLM's brand operator name is Everyone Active.

Edgewood Leisure Centre's facility mix consists of a small, shallow teaching pool, a small multi use hall, both wet and dry male and female changing rooms, Activity Club room, and associated office and staff accommodation.

These facilities are shared with the resident school during school term time to service the curriculum with SLM running the facilities (on behalf of the Council) for two daytime parent and toddler swim sessions, weekday evenings, weekends and school holidays.

Leisure Centre activities include casual swimming, swimming lessons, badminton, martial arts, children's birthday parties and holiday activities. The main club use is from one local Martial arts group and one Swimming Club.

The consultants believe there is an opportunity for the Council to transfer the swimming lesson and activity programme to Hucknall Leisure Centre as analysis and consultation suggest there is capacity within the programme to accommodate the lower levels of instruction currently provided at Edgewood.

Public Consultation

Public consultation was carried out initially through an online survey and later as part of the 2016 budget setting process through a 'have your say' resident's survey. There was strong support for focusing resources on the larger leisure facilities, Lammas Leisure Centre in Sutton, Festival Hall in Kirkby and Hucknall Leisure Centre as they have 92.5% of the customer base.

Understandably due to its close proximity of 2.5 miles, Edgewood customers stated that should Edgewood be handed back to the school, their next preferred option would be to use Hucknall Leisure Centre.

Next steps

The current operator contract with SLM ceases in March 2021. Work has begun to produce a new contract and service specification with the support of FMG. The procurement process for the future contract operator will begin in November 2019, and we will decide and notify the successful operator in July 2020.

As part of this process the stock condition surveys are currently being refreshed, so the Council has a clear understanding of the condition of all the assets within Hucknall Leisure Centre. This process will be completed by the end of October 2019. From this, the Council will negotiate and agree with SLM the assets that they must improve or replace, those that Ashfield District Council will improve or replace, and those assets that will become part of the new contract and services specification. An update on the capital investment programme for Hucknall will come back to Cabinet later in the year.

As part of the procurement process, we will also be asking the potential operators to outline the improvements and developments they will make to both Hucknall Leisure Centre and Lammas Leisure Centre.

Discussions will commence with the Governing Body of Edgewood Primary and Nursery School to come to a mutual agreement regarding the Council withdrawing from the operational management agreement for the leisure facilities thus handing the facilities back to the school for them to operate.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

Aligned to Corporate Plan as follows:- Health and Happiness

Secure a district-wide network of quality, affordable, accessible and sustainable Leisure Centres and services for the benefit of all residents of Ashfield.

Ensure best use of our assets, exploring and supporting the development of shared assets across partner agencies and implementation of asset rationalisation.

Increased perception that the Council provides value for money services

Legal:

Legal advice and assistance will be provided as part of the procurement for the new leisure operator and as part of negotiations with EPNS for handing back the leisure facilities to the school to operate.

Finance:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	The current 2019/20 annual management fee for Edgewood Leisure Centre is £54,185. NCC Joint use contribution £34,510 - 50% (£17,255) ring fenced for maintenance. Handing back the facility to the school would result in a net annual management fee saving of £19,675 for the Council.

General Fund – Capital Programme	Details of the Capital costs of this project will be brought back to Cabinet/Council for approval once the stock condition surveys have been analysed and final costs and contributions have been determined.
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	N/A
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	N/A

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Increased costs, failure to secure match funding, planning permission, time delays.	Project risk registers to be maintained for both capital works and the retendering of leisure management contract to mitigate identified risks.

Human Resources:

No direct HR implications are contained within the report.

Equalities:

An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken and recommendations will be implemented as part of the work outlined above.

Other Implications:

(if applicable)

None.

Reason(s) for Urgency

Not applicable

Reason(s) for Exemption

Not applicable

Background Papers

- Cabinet - 24 March 2016, Targeted Activities Programme.
- Cabinet – 14 July 2016, Leisure Review Transformation Programme.
- Cabinet – 13 October 2016, Leisure Review Transformation Programme.
- Cabinet – 9 July 2018, Leisure Transformation Programme – Selston Leisure Centre.

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Report To:	CABINET	Date:	7th OCTOBER 2019
Heading:	SUTTON LAWN ACCESS ROUTE CLOSURE		
Portfolio Holder:	CLLR HELEN-ANN SMITH – PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR STREETS, PARKS AND TOWN CENTRES		
Ward/s:	CENTRAL AND NEW CROSS		
Key Decision:	NO		
Subject to Call-In:	NO		

Purpose of Report

To seek approval to implement the closure of the access route for vehicles travelling through Sutton Lawn Park and retain the pedestrian public right of way.

Recommendation(s)

For Cabinet to agree to close the mid-section of Lawn Lane to vehicles between the upper and lower car parks at Sutton Lawn Park to prevent vehicular traffic cutting through between Station Road and Coxmoor Road.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

An increasing population and congested roads are encouraging more car users to take a short cut through the public open space increasing the risk in particular to children and wheelchair/mobility scooter users.

Alternative Options Considered

1. Do Nothing: **Not adopted.** A traffic survey identified the high volume of vehicles using the site (more than 1 per minute during daytime hours). The risks to the public due to high numbers of cars and speeds above the speed limit will remain. The access route was not designed to highways specification. This means that the road surface is likely to deteriorate. This will contribute towards risk of injury to pedestrians or damage to vehicles, potentially resulting in compensation claims.

2. Increase traffic calming measures: **Not adopted.** Existing traffic calming was installed which included road humps and speed limit signage. Additional measures will have minimal effect on reducing car numbers and there is a significant number of cars speeding even with existing traffic calming measures in place. The section of access route is not adopted highway, therefore speed control measure are unenforceable.

Detailed Information

Background Information

The access route runs between key features of the park including the café, play facilities and the skate/scooter park, gym, and car park. The restriction to vehicular access will improve the safety of the park for recreation activities and the safety of key designated pedestrian routes. The access route for use by pedestrians and safety is compromised when vehicles also use the route. The changes will create an improved environment for park users, with reduced noise and traffic fumes. It will also contribute towards reducing ASB from late night vehicular activity through the park. Vehicular access is not permitted in any other park in the Ashfield District.

Higher volumes of cars are increasing the wear and tear to the road surface, exacerbating the need to invest in maintenance works. The current surface was not designed or constructed to highways specification and it is not an adopted highway. Patching work has been implemented every few years, but if vehicles continue to have access to the route, it will need to be fully resurfaced in the next 5 years at an estimated cost of £70k-80k.

Continuing to allow vehicular access requires the knee rail along both sides of the road to be maintained to control vehicles. The knee rail is failing and will need fully replacing within 2 - 3 years, at an estimated cost of £40k-50k. Gaps in the timber rail are creating uncontrolled crossing points from the informal play space increasing the health and safety risk to the public.

Survey and Consultation:

In 2016 a consultation was completed focusing on residents at the east end of Sutton Lawn. There are a number of properties at the eastern end of the Lawn specifically around the Dobson Mill Area who benefit from a private right of access through the park. The total number of properties and location of these have not been identified, but out of the 175 properties that have been consulted. 40 properties responded as follows:

- 31 raised concerns over public safety, speeding and ASB and would be in favour of restricting/ closing access.
- 9 properties highlighted the impact on restricting access which would increase journey times and costs, and would not be in favour of the access route being closed. These responses also included requests to create a separate footpath parallel to the road and concerns over emergency service access.

A temporary traffic monitor was installed in 2017 to understand the level and risks associated with traffic flow through the park. Nottinghamshire County Council completed the monitoring over a 13 day period and provided the data analysis. Key findings from the data include:

- 11,534 cars used the access route during the period. 800-950 cars per day.
- 92.8% of cars were travelling at greater than the site speed limit of 10mph.
- 21% of cars were traveling at greater than **10mph over** the site speed limit (i.e. in excess of 20mph).
- 3.2% of cars (369) were traveling greater than **20mph over** the site speed limit (i.e. in excess of 30mph).

Nottinghamshire County Council Public Rights of Way Officer was consulted and concluded that the route was designated as a public right of way in 2005 for foot traffic only:

“The only legal right for the public to use this path is on foot. Unauthorised use by motor vehicles constitutes a criminal offence under section 34 Road Traffic Act 1988 (RTA). The awarded width for this path is 4 metres, we would have no objections to vehicle barriers being installed but would require that a gap or gate be provided for pedestrian access. These structures can be authorised under section 66 of the Highways Act 1980 on the grounds of public safety”.

The designation of this route in 2005 also forms the base date for legal challenge to drive vehicles on the Public Right of Way. A challenge would need to evidence that vehicles had used the Public Right of Way for a continuous period of 20 years. Therefore, a legal challenge could not legitimately be made until 2025.

The Council’s Legal Service has reviewed the information and also highlighted the obligation of a private right of way by foot and vehicles to owners of properties which are within the curtilage of the former Dobson’s Mill site. The right is to allow unobstructed and convenient access on foot and by vehicles. To avoid a claim of infringement of the right the beneficiaries need to provide express consent to the installation of the barrier. These properties have been included in the initial consultation and no responses have highlighted their private right of way. However, the number of beneficiaries of the private right of way is unknown, which also means that the level of risk and any remedies available is unknown at this stage.

The Council’s Legal Service has advised that a key would need to be provided to such persons (currently unknown) with a private right of way. The gate would also need to be monitored to ensure it is being locked and used appropriately and effectively in these circumstances. The gate would also need to be monitored to ensure it is operational at all times so as not to interfere with the convenience of the right of way for any potential beneficiaries.

Nottinghamshire Emergency services have been consulted and responses have been received from the fire and police. EMAS have not provided a response. Comments As follows:

The fire service confirmed that they generally do not use the access route unless there is an incident in the park. They have also confirmed that access to the Wrightson Close area and Lawn Lane area would be accessed via Lucknow Drive and Station Road respectively.

The fire service have requested that they are provided with the key to the proposed barrier and that the locks to all gates on the site are rationalised to the same key.

The police commented that there have been historic issues of vehicles using the access route. The police had previously been involved in trying to reduce the misuse of the route although had been told the access route could not be closed off due to emergency service requiring access. Whilst the access route remains open, they are unable to stop people from cutting through the park.

During their previous involvement they were able to support the installation of barriers to the car parks to reduce use after 11pm.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

The closure of the access route will be an active move towards pedestrianising the park, creating a safer environment for recreation activities. The changes will contribute towards key areas of the Corporate Plan including:

Health and Wellbeing:

- Increased participation in sports and physical activity
- Reduce adult obesity
- Reduce childhood obesity.

Place and Communities:

- Improve resident satisfaction with the area, people enjoy living and working here.
- Increase the numbers of visitors to the area.
- More people involved in community and voluntary work.

Organisation Improvements:

Increased perception of how well residents feel informed and engaged.

Legal:

Legal has reviewed the information and provided advice as detailed in the report based on the advice obtained from Counsel specialising in highway and private rights of way matters.

Finance:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	None
General Fund – Capital Programme	£5k of unallocated S106 has been identified to implement the alterations subject to approval on the capital programme
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	None
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	None

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Without Closure	
Increasing risk of incident (injury/fatality) to public using the park or access route	Incorporate additional traffic calming measures to reduce traffic speeds. Build separate footpath along the edge of the roadway at an estimated cost of £40k-50k
Increasing maintenance costs	None: Without removing the impact of vehicular traffic use, the risk will remain high.

Increasing potential risk of injury claims costs	Incorporate traffic calming measures to reduce traffic speeds. Invest in repair works to roads and barrier treatment. Estimated cost £40k-£50k
Reputational Risk	Investment would be required to improve the long term condition and traffic management at the site.
With Closure	
Challenge of public right of access for vehicles	Designation of the Public Right of Way under the road and traffic act provides a mechanism to refute any challenge.
Challenge of private right of access	Undertake further consultation with affected parties to gauge risk. If challenged, risk management options include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Compensation to affected individuals • Provide individual key access • Remove the barrier

Human Resources:

No HR issues identified.

Equalities:

Vehicular access to the key facilities at Sutton Lawn Park will remain unaffected by the changes including access to parking and existing designated disabled parking bays. The conflict between vehicles and Mobility scooter/wheelchair users along this section of the route will be eliminated.

Other Implications:

Not applicable

Reason(s) for Urgency

Not applicable

Reason(s) for Exemption

Not applicable

Background Papers

Not applicable

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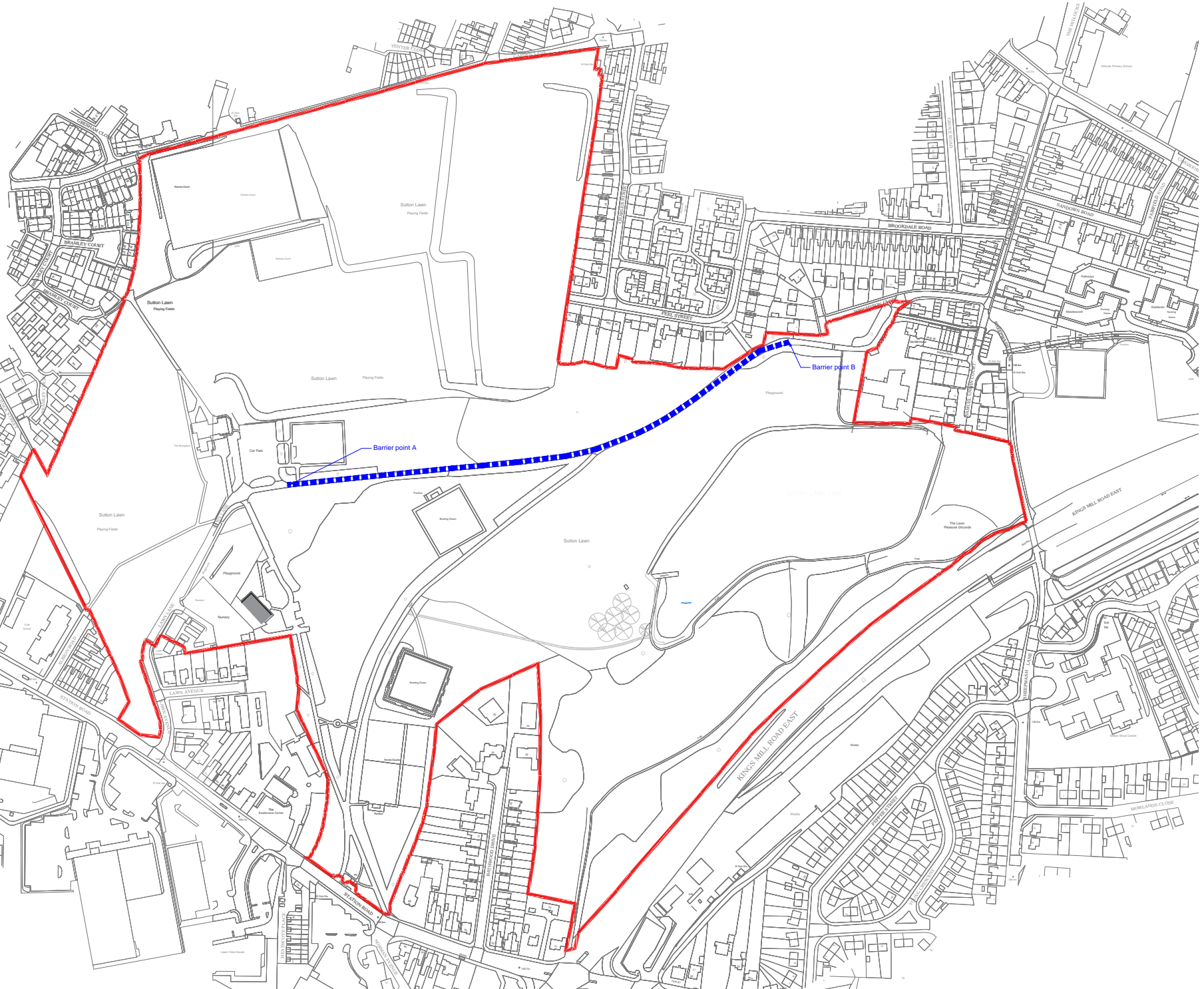
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Heading:	PARKS AND GREEN SPACES PROJECT UPDATE		
Portfolio Holder:	CLLR HELEN-ANN SMITH – PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR STREETS, PARKS AND TOWN CENTRES		
Ward/s:	ALL		
Key Decision:	NO		
Subject to Call-In:	NO		

Purpose of Report

To report on the £2.6m investment and improvements completed on parks and green spaces in 2019 and to provide an update on current and future projects.

Recommendation(s)

To note the contents of the report.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

To update Cabinet on the investment and improvements completed on parks and green spaces across the District during 2019 and plans for future investment.

Alternative Options Considered

Not applicable.

Detailed Information

1. Introduction

A wide range of improvements to parks and green spaces have been completed across the District in 2019. Over **£2.6m** will have been invested in improvements from the beginning of 2019 through to March 2020. The Council is investing over £600k, with more than 75% of the £2.6 million secured from grants, partner funding and contributions from housing developers, including:

- **Seven play and activity areas created/ improved**
- **Six Green Flag Awards retained**

2. Green Flag Awards

The Council once again retained six Green Flag awards in 2019, joining 125 other parks across the East Midlands to receive the prestigious award in recognition of their high standards. Titchfield Park in Hucknall celebrated the tenth anniversary of the award. A celebration was held at Brierley Forest Park to mark the achievement of all the awards and flag raising ceremonies were carried out at several sites, supported by parks friends groups.

3. Investments in 2019

3.1 Hucknall Investment

Broomhill Estate Play Area (£137K)

In Hucknall the much awaited play area on the Broomhill Estate was completed and opened. The Council's Parks Fund which provides £120k per year to one area of the District was committed to the town which will be invested in Nabbs Lane Park and Titchfield Park.

Improvement works to create a new children's play area and activity trail at Broomhill Park were completed in time for Easter 2019 with over 200 residents coming together to celebrate the opening. The project has been well received by the local community with ongoing consultation to ensure that local children got what they wanted. The new equipment was funded by Section 106 contributions from housing developers and grant funding from FCC Community Foundation (formally WREN Community Fund).

3.2 Annesley & Kirkby Investment

Public Art Project, Annesley & Kirkby (£171k)

In Annesley & Kirkby a major public art project was completed and much needed improvements to play areas were completed:-

A number of pieces of public art were installed across the Annesley area, linking the established community at Annesley Rows with the new community at the Jasmine Gardens and Willow Fields housing developments and Newstead and Annesley Country Park.

The art works engender a sense of community pride whilst telling the tale of Annesley through the ages from woodland to deer park, to industry, to residential and recreation. This project had substantial community engagement from start to finish.

The art works include a new gate into the country park, linked by an arts trail from Annesley Cutting. Deer and miner sculptures have been installed amongst the groves of trees on the Annesley Rows open space along with new benches. The Annesley 'A' which once adorned the side of the pit head building has been re-imagined adjacent to the original colliery winding wheels located at the junction of Newstead Road and Annesley Cutting.

Additional deer and feature seating have been installed on the open space between Jasmine Gardens and Willow Fields. A rubbing trail including an A-Z of Annesley has been installed in the garden around the Parish Hall.

Kirkby Parks and Footpaths (£43k)

Replacement swings have been installed at **West Park (£18k)** and redundant equipment removed. At **Morven Park £25k** Improvement works have been completed with a new inclusive roundabout and toddler unit installed, along with improvements to the play trail.

Kirkby Footpath Network (£120k)

Over £120k is being invested to improve the footpath network to the north of Kirkby, focusing on the old pit tip sites. The works will include improving existing footpaths and Public Rights of Way.

3.3 Rural Areas Investment

The Rural area benefited from the first tranche of the Parks Fund with additional funding from Selston Parish Council and Section 106 contributions from housing developers.

Jacksdale Recreation Ground, Multi-use Games Area (MUGA) (£68.7k)

A brand new multi-use games area with provision for football and basketball has been installed at Jacksdale Recreation Ground. The opening event was held on Tuesday 16th July, with representatives from Ashfield District Council and Selston Parish Council and were joined by hundreds of pupils from Jacksdale Primary School as part of Love Parks Week. Each child had the opportunity to try out the MUGA during their PE lessons throughout the afternoon. The new MUGA was installed adjacent to the existing skate park; new outdoor gym equipment is due to be installed in 2020. The three facilities will combine to create a young people's 'hub' on the site complementing the existing play area and informal use grass football pitch. Access and footpath improvements are also planned together with new bins and signage to give the recreation ground an improved local identity.

Friezeland Recreation Ground, Bike Track - Underwood (£50k)

The new scooter park was designed and built by Bike Track who specialise in the design and build of scooter parks. The new facility was opened in time for the 2019 school summer holidays. The facility has been designed for younger scooter users with a range of abilities and has proved very popular with children and young people. It can also be used by skate boarders, inline skaters and BMX riders. An official opening event is planned in the near future with both Ashfield District and Selston Parish Council representatives meeting the young people from the youth group that worked hard to lobby the Parish Council for the new facility. An outdoor gym area was also installed to provide cardio and callisthenic zones to support body weight training and improved flexibility and strength. The area is suitable for all ages.

The Hills – Selston (£8k)

The footpaths at The Hills open space in Selston have been resurfaced making the pathways more accessible for visitors. The footpaths had become overgrown, narrowing the paths to an uneven track. The resurfaced footpaths will mean easier access for dog walkers and visitors from the neighbouring residential care home and other path users.

3.4 Sutton Investment

Kingsmill Reservoir - Sutton

In Sutton the main focus has been on developing the Heritage Lottery Funded project at Kings Mill Reservoir. The Kings Mill Reservoir project budget is: £1.437m.

The project will support new access routes, signage and heritage interpretation along with an activity programme, improvements will take place across Sutton Lawn, Kings Mill Reservoir and Hermitage Ponds. The project includes:

- Ranger led activity plan
- Kings Mill Viaduct restoration
- Reedbed management and creation

- Dredging works at Kings Mill Reservoir
- Footpath creation and improvements
- Signage and interpretation
- Website and mobile app.
- Education packs
- Heritage centre / café improvements

A new bridleway bridge, providing a safe crossing over the railway track has been completed by Network Rail at Kings Mill Reservoir. The bridge links to the Timberland Trail and features artwork which reflects the local area.

Restoration work to the viaduct is due to commence in October 2019 and the works to transform the existing visitor centre at Kings Mill into the Mill Waters Heritage Centre will be undertaken from December 2019 until February 2020.

The dredging work will commence in October and is due to be completed in December 2019. The work will include the formation of sediment breaks which will assist in the natural formation of islands at the main inlet providing habitat benefits.

Footpath improvements will commence from early 2020 and will be completed by April 2020. The works include the expansion of the car park to accommodate growing visitor numbers.

The Mill Waters Project Ranger has been recruited and started in post in September 2019. Based at the Mill Adventure Base at the reservoir she will be leading volunteering and community activities for the project.

A mobile app. which covers Sutton Lawn and Kings Mill Reservoir has been rebranded this year and will be relaunched in October 2019 half-term. The app provides games and trail activities around the parks and will host the heritage interpretation for the site.

There has also been a focus on continued investment into play areas in Sutton with the following schemes completed:

John Whetton Park Play Area - Sutton (£85K)

The Play Area has received investment of £85k creating a new toddler and junior play area. The new play area retains a fenced space for toddlers with a new soft play surface, climbing and active equipment and a new swing which supports child and parent to play together. The new junior area introduces new levels of taller, more challenging equipment and a new cocowave pendulum swing for multiple teens to join in. The entrance to the park is also to be refreshed with new park signage at both entrances and to the toddler play area. Later this year work to level out an area for football and other ball games will provide wider activities for residents of all ages.

Sutton Lawn, Play Area (£62k)

Two bespoke climbing frames were installed at Sutton Lawn Play Area earlier this year. The first creating a new large climbing structure to challenge the agility of young teenagers and an inclusive climbing frame with wheelchair access creating a play space where all children can play together. The new play structures complement the installation of a wheelchair accessible roundabout installed last year expanding the opportunities for young people of all abilities to play together. Later this year a new imaginative sand play unit will be added to the sand pit refreshing the tired elements in the sand play area and maintaining the high standards in the destination park.

Other improvements in Sutton have focused on improving local spaces and routes to school:

Wharf Road, Open Space Landscape Improvements - Stanton Hill (£50k)

This popular local green space situated at the end of Stanton Hill High Street, Sutton, was improved earlier this year. The project has benefitted from over £50,000 of investment aimed at improving the area's 'gateway' appearance and providing local users with a safe access onto the open space. In doing so, the works cleared many of the existing overgrown trees & shrubs to bring the landscape under management. It also included the replacement of the old timber revetments to safeguard the steep embankments along Wharf Road.

All works were successfully completed between March – June 2019 and have been well received by local residents and users of the open space. A new high quality entrance space was created at the junction of Wharf Road / Fackley Hill; with refurbished steps, bespoke handrails and resin bonded surfacing along with new signage and street furniture. The quality of the finished works has greatly benefitted from an improved specification including over 50m² of masonry retaining walls. The area will continue to be routinely maintained and managed by Ashfield District Council.

4. Future Improvements

Looking towards 2020 there are a number of projects planned which will help to ensure that children and young people across the District can access safe, exciting play and activity areas and that all residents can enjoy well maintained parks and green spaces.

4.1 Hucknall Future Improvements

In Hucknall there are exciting plans for Titchfield Park which will see over £0.5m investment and Nabbs Lane play area will receive a much needed facelift:

Nabbs Lane Park Play Area – Hucknall (£68k)

Plans are underway to refurbish the existing children's play area on the Park. Younger residents will have the opportunity to comment and give their ideas on the final designs and help choose the new equipment. It is envisaged that the installation works will start later this year.

Titchfield Park Brook - Hucknall (up to £350k)

Following on from the success of improvement works completed during winter 2017, further funds have been secured from the Environment Agency and Nottinghamshire County Council to naturalise and de-culvert part of Titchfield Park Brook where it runs through the park. The works will see the construction of new channels and basins to attenuate storm water and reduce peak water flow further downstream before the brook joins the River Leen. The project provides an opportunity to improve this area of the park and maximise biodiversity for wildlife. Works are to be commenced in early 2020.

Titchfield Park Play Area – Hucknall (Up to £180k)

The existing children's play area at Titchfield Park contains older style, traditional play equipment which is due for replacement. In tandem with the works to the park's brook the play area will be relocated to an area adjacent to the astro-turf pitch. The new location is more central and accessible and more visible from the main car park and pavilion café. A funding bid of up to £100K is due to be submitted to FCC Community Foundation in December 2019. Some of the existing equipment will be used to create a temporary play area whilst the works are being carried out. Installation of the new play area is due to commence next year.

4.2 Kirkby Future Improvements

Kirkby will benefit from major investment in 2020/21. £120k from the Parks Fund and over a quarter of a million pounds of s106 and external grant funding have successfully been secured to improve the town's parks and green spaces.

Improvements will include refurbishment of the Skegby Road play area in Annesley/ Kirkby Woodhouse, additional toddler equipment at West Park, replacement equipment at New Annesley Recreation Ground and Titchfield Park and over £100k investment in a new play area off Sorrell Drive (Lindley's Lane development):

Skegby Road and West Park Play Areas - Kirkby (£120k)

The Council's Park Improvement Fund has been secured to deliver improvements to the existing play area on Skegby Road, Kirkby Woodhouse. The £120k will be spent on new equipment to be installed in the play area with new youth equipment installed in the adjacent grass areas. The funding will also be used to install additional toddler equipment on West Park and improve the play provision at Titchfield Park with a number of the older units being replaced with more modern, challenging units that will appeal to a wider age range.

Kirkby Footpath Improvements (£129k)

In order to improve the strategic green infrastructure routes that link the Larwood Park housing development to Sutton Parkway station and Kirkby Town Centre, £129k has been secured from s106 developer contributions. Works will be ongoing throughout the winter and completed in early 2020.

Lindleys Lane, New Play Area - Kirkby (£102k)

£102k has been secured through the s106 agreement for the Lindleys Lane housing development to install a new play area once the developer has completed the works to the open space. Consultation with residents is planned for spring 2020 prior to the implementation of the play area later in the year once the developer has fulfilled their planning obligations.

Annesley Recreation Ground, Play area (£39.5k)

Following the completion of the Annesley Art Project there will be further improvements to the New Annesley Recreation Ground. £19,500 has been secured from Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme with an additional £20k of funding allocated from Annesley and Felley Parish Council. The £39.5k of funding will be used for improving the existing play area providing additional youth equipment.

4.3 Sutton Future Improvements

In Sutton, Brierley Forest Park will benefit from additional parking to meet the increased visitor demand and a new orchard will be planted:

Brierley Forest Park, Car Park (£45k)

Due to the overwhelming popularity and increased visitor numbers coming to Brierley Forest Park since the opening of the woodland play area and the Brierley Café in summer 2018, £45k has been committed to increase the capacity of the existing car park by approx. 30-40 spaces. The planned works will be in keeping with the existing natural surroundings which make the park so popular with visitors. There will be minimal excavation works required as eco-grid will be used which provides the required stability and is then filled in with a soil mix and then grass seeded to provide the desired natural appearance. As part of the works, the current butterfly planting area adjacent to the main walkway to the visitor centre, will be improved and plants relocated as and where necessary.

Brierley Forest, Community Orchard (£4k)

As part of the Council's commitment to tackling climate change £4k has been secured for a community orchard to be planted at Brierley Forest Park. The Council has ambitions to plant 1,000 trees over the next four years and Brierley Forest Park will be the first site to welcome large scale tree planting. This project aims to educate young people as the District's first community orchard, 250 fruit and nut trees will be planted to demonstrate the natural food cycle. The long term plan is to create a green zone within the park where children can learn, enjoy and interact. The first phase of planting will take place during October and local schools and community groups are being invited along to participate, each tree planted by a resident, child or community group will be recorded so that in years to come it can be referenced.

4.4 Rural Future Investments

In the Rural area there are several projects planned for Jacksdale.

Footpath works will provide an improved link to the bridge over the Cromford Canal connecting into Derbyshire. The car park at Jacksdale Community Centre will be expanded, providing additional spaces for visitors using local amenities in the village as well as the nearby green spaces and the Cromford Canal trails. The Parish Council is funding new gym equipment on Jacksdale Recreation Ground, similar to that provided at Friezeland Recreation Ground in Underwood which has proved popular with residents.

Jacksdale Recreation Ground (£23.2k)

Future improvements to Jacksdale Recreation Ground consist of new outdoor gym equipment; £7,125 has been secured from Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme and £7,125 has been secured from Selston Parish Council. The new gym equipment combined with the existing skate park and recently installed MUGA will create a young people's 'hub' on the site complementing the existing play area and informal use grass football pitch.

A further £9k of investment is planned to improve the accessibility into the recreation ground and the footpath network linking to the adjacent Erewash Meadows Nature Reserve.

Further investment of £1,750 has been secured from Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Improvement Scheme, £1,750 from the Friends of Cromford Canal and £400 from Selston Parish Council to provide interpretation panels identifying walking routes around the Cromford Canal which links places of interest in Jacksdale, Codnor and Ironville.

Jacksdale Community Centre Car Park (£25.7k)

In order to increase the capacity of Jacksdale Community Centre car park, £25.7k of S106 money has been secured. This will provide additional spaces for visitors using the local high street amenities and those wishing to use the facilities on the recreation ground or enjoy a healthy walk to the surrounding countryside.

The above improvements are all due to be delivered in Spring 2020.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

Health and Happiness

- Healthy Places, Promoting health through our built environment.
- Tackling physical inactivity

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1. Invest into open spaces, including play areas.

Legal: There are no legal implications associated with the recommendations in the report.

Finance:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	None
General Fund – Capital Programme	None – funding for several projects was agreed at September Cabinet, projects scheduled for next financial year will be incorporated into the Capital Programme review in November.
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	None
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	None

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Not applicable	

Human Resources:

No HR implications.

Equalities:

Accessibility for all residents is considered during the design stage of all projects.

Other Implications:

Communications: There will opportunities for generating ongoing positive publicity about the projects through press releases and social media.

Reason(s) for Urgency

Not applicable.

Reason(s) for Exemption

Not applicable.

Background Papers

Not applicable.

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