

Report To:	CABINET	Date:	1st December 2020
Heading:	GREEN SPACES CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME		
Portfolio Holder:	CLLR D. MARTIN, PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR STREETS, PARKS & TOWN CENTRES		
Ward/s:	ALL WARDS		
Key Decision:	Yes		
Subject to Call-In:	Yes		

Purpose of Report

To note and agree the proposed site-specific green space improvement projects for the funding approved at Council on 22 October 2020 and to note progress on the Green Space Improvement Programme.

Recommendation(s)

1. To agree the proposed site-specific green space improvement projects.
2. To note progress on the Green Space Improvement Programme.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

The improvements have been identified following a review of the play area annual inspection reports and site walkovers with the Leader and ward members.

The sites are all neighbourhood sites which have not received investment for several years and require improvement. Improvements will include additional pieces of play equipment, bins and signage, footpath works and tree planting.

These sites are a valuable community resource, particularly during the pandemic when people have been making greater use of their local green spaces. These improvements will provide significant investment into green spaces this financial year, complementing the existing commitment of over £1.5m spend by the end of March next year.

Alternative Options Considered

Not to agree the proposed allocation of improvements – **not recommended**, each of the improvements have been identified in consultation with the Leader and / or ward members. A number of sites require intervention this financial year to ensure that the quality of the District's green space provision remains high.

Detailed Information

Green Space Improvement Programme

An ambitious programme of investment will see over £1.5m invested into green spaces this financial year. A number of projects are due to start on site in December this year, or early in the New Year 2021, which include:

- completion of the stone-carved mining statues and additional car parking at Brierley Forest Park;
- installation of the new play areas at Sorrel Drive and Skegby Road Recreation Ground;
- improvements at West Park;
- and the brook restoration and landscape works at Titchfield Park in Hucknall.

As well as this, a wide variety of Projects across the District have been completed so far this year and these include:

- restoration of the viaduct and dredging work at Kings Mill Reservoir and refurbishment of the Mill Waters Café;
- the new outdoor gym facility at Jacksdale Recreation Ground, footpath improvements and increased capacity for the main car park in the village;
- refurbishment of the play area at Nabbs Lane Park, Hucknall;
- resurfacing of Rights of Way on the western pit tip site in Kirkby;
- installation of play and fitness equipment at Annesley Recreation Ground;
- and the refurbishment of the play area at Titchfield Park, Kirkby which is due for completion by early December.

Additional improvement works

The improvement works and cost estimates for each project are detailed below. Final project costs will be allocated from the allocation of £366k (£193k Capital Receipts and £173k S106 funding) which has been made available to meet the cost of these investments.

1.0 Healdswood Recreation Ground		Cost Estimate
1.1	Toddler play area. –Remove redundant play panels and replace with new alternative.	
1.2	Paint existing toddler equipment within the fenced area.	
1.3	Repair and paint all fencing around toddler play space and boundary between the recreation ground and the Health centre – (To include the entire length along Mansfield Road approx. 150 lin/m)	
1.4	Replace maintenance gate off Mansfield Road.	
1.5	Planting at the entrance off Mansfield Road.	
1.6	Existing teen area: Remove bark pits infill with topsoil, turf and lay grass safety mats to existing equipment.	
1.7	Provide and install three pieces of new teen equipment amongst the exiting to complement play provision.	

1.8	Remove redundant basket swing frame.	
1.9	Make repairs as necessary to existing equipment	
1.10	Bin and signage audit and remove / replace as necessary	
		£32,500
2.0 Riley Recreation Ground		Cost Estimate
2.1	Infill bark pit with topsoil. Turf area and lay grass safety mats to existing unit.	
2.2	Provide and install new play unit similar to the climbing unit at Annesley Rec with grass mat safety surface.	
2.3	Replace play binoculars with new play item.	
2.4	Make repairs as necessary to existing equipment.	
2.5	Bin and signage audit and remove / replace as necessary	
		£24,300
3.0 West Park		Cost Estimate
3.1	Forster Street to Southwell Close footpath – resurface footpath	
3.2	Repaint entrance gate and fencing from Forster Street.	
3.3	Remove low-level balance / maze and resurface area with crushed 10mm limestone to dust.	
3.4	Provide and install single toddler play unit and safety surface.	
3.5	Review footpath lighting arrangements with the Academy / NCC. Explore option to install lighting columns between Forster Street entrance and Southwell Close.	
3.6	Make repairs as necessary to existing equipment	
3.7	Bin and signage audit and remove / replace as necessary	
		£35,500
4.0 Nuncargate Recreation Ground		Cost Estimate
4.1	Provide and install three piece of teen play equipment into grass mats safety surface	
4.2	Incorporate one new piece of Junior play equipment and grass matt safety surfacing to the area north of the toddler play space.	
4.3	Remove existing basket swing frame and replace with standard swings.	
4.4	Replace swings and slide within fenced toddler area.	
4.5	Renew wet pour surface to toddler equipment.	
4.6	Repaint fencing around toddler play area.	
4.7	Replace self-closing gates.	
4.8	Make repairs as necessary to existing equipment.	
4.9	Bin and signage audit and remove / replace as necessary.	
4.1	Create bike track surface around existing BMX jumps.	
4.11	Improve boundary planting.	
4.12	Replace ring barked trees. Replace with Cricketers willows with Sherwood Forest Trust to deliver event. Include contribution towards the Cricketers Bats event hosted by the Landscape Partnership	
4.13	Upgrade existing and provide new footpaths around site	
4.14	Review boundary chain link / concrete post fencing.	

4.15	Improve entrance / create feature entrance	
		£146,000
5.0 Rowan Drive		Cost Estimate
5.1	Construct / upgrade 68 metres of crushed stone footpath off Rowan Drive.	
		£8,000
6.0 Glen View/ Warwick Close		Cost Estimate
6.1	Supply and install piece of play equipment and safety surfacing.	
		£15,000
7.0 Titchfield Park Play, Hucknall		Cost Estimate
7.1	Allocation to play equipment budget	
		£70,000
	Total cost estimate	£331,300

Implications

Corporate Plan:

Cleaner and Greener - Parks and Open Spaces:

1. Review the standard of all parks, play areas and sports facilities, rationalising to ensure there are better quality sites that are fit for purpose.
2. Continue to improve parks and green spaces with a rolling programme of investment.

Legal:

There are no legal implications contained within this report.

Finance:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	No implications
General Fund – Capital Programme	A financial envelope of £366k (£193k Capital Receipts and £173k S106 funding) is available to meet the cost of these investments.
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	No implications
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	No implications

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Overspend of the additional budget.	All projects will be managed through the Council's project management system to ensure that they remain within budget. A site specific budget has been

	identified which also include a contingency sum to manage unforeseen items.
Meeting the March 2021 deadline	Working with the procurement unit to seek the appropriate route to market within the available timescale. Regular dialogue with the contractors and suppliers to monitor and manage any supply chain risks. Work closely with the Neighbourhoods & Environment team to identify where works can be undertake in-house to reduce costs and reduce delivery timescale.

Human Resources:

No HR issues identified.

Environmental/Sustainability

Additional tree planting will support the Council's commitment to carbon reduction. Any timber products specified will be from sustainable sources, all redundant metal play equipment is sent for recycling. Where applicable locally sourced materials and contractors will be secured.

Equalities:

No issues have been identified.

Other Implications:

Not applicable.

Reason(s) for Urgency

Not applicable.

Reason(s) for Exemption

Not applicable.

Background Papers

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GREEN SPACES CAPITAL INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

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