

Report To:	CABINET	Date:	19 July 2021
HEADING:	ADDITION TO THE CAPITAL PROGRAMME - S106 FUNDING		
Portfolio Holder:	COUNCILLOR DAVID MARTIN, PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE, REVENUES AND BENEFITS		
Ward/s:	ALL WARDS		
Key Decision:	NO		
Subject to Call-In:	YES		

Purpose of Report

To gain Cabinet approval for additional capital schemes to be added to the Council's Capital Programme.

Recommendation(s)

Cabinet is requested to:

(1) approve the additions to the Capital Programme of a number of green space improvement projects, funded through Section 106 public open space contributions

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

There are a number of sites in the District which require additional investment in order to increase the quality of provision, continuing to improve parks and green spaces with a rolling programme of investment.

Alternative Options Considered

Not to add the new S106 to the capital programme– not recommended. If the funding is not added to the capital programme, the schemes cannot be undertaken and the Council will not deliver the outcomes of the green space improvements. **Not recommended.**

Detailed Information

S106 Contribution to Green Space

Over the past eighteen months an ambitious programme of investment has seen over £1.75m invested into green spaces across the district. These include :

- Completion of the stone-carved mining statues and additional car parking at Brierley Forest Park.
- Play improvements to Riley Recreation Ground, Sutton.
- Installation of the new play areas at Sorrel Drive and Skegby Road Recreation Ground.
- Restoration of the viaduct and dredging work at Kings Mill Reservoir and refurbishment of the Mill Waters Café.
- Footpath improvements at West Park, Kirkby.
- Play improvements and the brook restoration and landscape works at Titchfield Park in Hucknall.
- New outdoor gym facility at Jacksdale Recreation Ground and footpath improvements.
- Increased capacity for the main car park, Jacksdale.
- Resurfacing of Rights of Way through west Kirkby and the Summit pit tip site.
- Installation of play and fitness equipment at Annesley Recreation Ground.
- Play improvements at Nuncargate Recreation ground, Annesley.
- Refurbishment of the play area at Titchfield Park, Kirkby.

Over £200k of further improvements planned by March 2022 which will include investment into Sutton town centre street furniture, Huthwaite Welfare Park and the second phase of play improvement at Titchfield Park Hucknall.

Additionally, a number of sites have been agreed by the Leader and Portfolio Holder for improvement through the green space programme and would benefit from investment this financial year. The projects will be funded by Section 106 contributions provided for this purpose and are Subject to receipt of S106 income.

The sites are all neighbourhood sites which have had limited investment and require improvement. The Section 106 funding will also contribute towards tree planting and habitat improvements. Increasing tree cover within the District has been identified as a priority at a local, regional, and national level to address the effects of climate change.

The S106 contributions and associated sites:

1. £18461.85: S106 allocation to Washdyke Recreation Ground, Hucknall.
2. £35,000: S106 allocation towards tree planting and habitat improvements, Ashfield-wide.
3. £14,500: S106 from the former Wild Orchid Pub development, allocation towards footpath improvements across the Larwood and Greenwood & Summit Wards
4. £20,000: S106 allocation towards the green space improvement schemes.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

The projects support delivery of the priorities in the Corporate Plan including:

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:

This report ensures compliance with the Council's approved Financial Regulations. Committing the S106 to the capital programme will ensure the investment can be realised within the conditions set out in the S106 agreements.

Finance:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	No implications
General Fund – Capital Programme	S106 receipts / agreements as set out in the detailed information. The commitment of the S106 funding is Subject to receipt of S106 income.
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	No implications
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	No implications

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
Overspend of the budgets	All projects will be managed through the Council's project management system to ensure that they remain within budget.

Human Resources:

No HR issues identified

Environmental/Sustainability

The S106 funding includes investment in tree planting and habitat creation.

Equalities:

No Issues identified

Other Implications:

No Issues Identified

Reason(s) for Urgency

Not applicable

Reason(s) for Exemption

Not applicable

Background Papers

Not applicable

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