

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Partnership

20th November 2012

Title: Parks Capital Stimulus fund - match funding report

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RECOMMENDATION

The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to rescind its decision made at the meeting on 22nd October 2012 regarding the allocation of £8,683.19 S106 funds from the 06/02256 / 288 Gloucester Road development.

The Committee is now asked to allocate:

- £8,683.19 of S106 funds from the 06/02256 / 288 Gloucester Road development to the Council's Capital Stimulus project to upgrade the toilet facilities at the Ardagh.

Background

1. At its last meeting on 22nd October 2012 the Committee considered the 'Parks Capital Stimulus fund - match funding report' which set out those park investment projects that benefited from Capital Stimulus funds. The Committee was asked to allocate £5,423 of the 06/02256 / 288 Gloucester Road S106 planning contribution to two projects ins St Andrews Park by way of match funding.
2. A further £3260.19 remained from this planning contribution to allocate to future projects.
3. The S106 contribution from the 06/02256 / 288 Gloucester Road development expires on the 31st January 2013. This means that the Council must have begun work on-site or, as a minimum, ordered materials to take any projects forward that are funded or part-funded by this contribution.
4. Council officers have considered in more detail the practicalities of delivering the project to provide new gate at St Andrews Park and advise that there is an increased risk of exceeding the S106 expiry deadline because of extra time needed for design, consultation and planning permission.

5. In addition, more time would be beneficial to consider new projects on which to spend £3260.19 of the remaining S106 funds.

Proposal

1. The Committee decides to allocate £8,683.19 of S106 funds from the 06/02256 / 288 Gloucester Road development to the Council's Capital Stimulus project to upgrade the toilet facilities at the Ardagh.
2. The same amount of money will then be made available to the Committee from the Council's Capital Stimulus funds.
3. This will result in the 31st January 2013 deadline being removed for spending this funding as this project has already started on site and hence the deadline criteria are met. However a new deadline would be imposed of end of March 2014 – this is when all Capital Stimulus funds must be spent.
4. The Council will continue to progress the projects already agreed by the Committee for St Andrews Park – for new gates and a barrier close to another entrance.
5. At the Committee's next scheduled meeting in January 2013, it can make a decision on the £3260.19 if it wishes to. By then full information should be available.

Consultation

Internal

- Councillor Bev Knott
- Richard Stransom, Parks Operations Manager
- Jim Cliffe, Planning Contributions Manager
- Richard Jones, Democratic Services Manager
- Environment & Leisure Projects Portfolio Board

External

- Clive Stevens, Chair Bishopston, Cotham and Redland neighbourhood Partnership.

Equalities Impact Assessment

1. There are not thought to be any equalities issues arising from this report .

Legal and Resource Implications

N/A

Financial

Revenue N/A.

Capital N/A

Legal Implications.

There are no legal issues arising from this report.

Personnel N/A

Appendices: N/A

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Background Papers:

Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Neighbourhood Committee report 22nd October 2012: "Parks Capital Stimulus fund - match funding report"