



AGENDA ITEM NO. 7

DUNDRY VIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2012

Title: Parks Investment Prioritisation – Allocation of S106 to park investment projects

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Neighbourhood Committee approves the allocation of Dundry View S106 Parks budgets.

Pride of Place group (environmental sub group) recommended the following allocations at its meeting 8th October 2012

1. The Neighbourhood Committee is asked to:

Allocate £30,895 toward the provision of new children's play at Willmott Park.

Allocate £5,000 to Valley Walk/ Pigeonhouse Stream, for seats, picnic benches and removal of current barrier restrictions.

Allocate £8,604.88 to Witherwood Park Lighting.

2. Note the potential allocation of £10,871.27 to Headley Lane Park for new railings in point v.

Background.

1. The Dundry View Neighbourhood Committee on 20th December 2011 approved its priorities for parks investment.

2. A number of these have been delivered or are currently in progress.
3. Of the £156,715.01 of S106 the Committee held originally, £66,271.16 still remains to be allocated.
4. At its meeting on 8th October 2012 the Pride of Place group discussed the remaining priorities and have recommended allocating funds to a further four projects.

Proposal

- i. To allocate £30,895 towards a new children's play area at Willmott Park to be located between Fulford Road and Whitchurch Lane. This sum is recommended to be drawn from the Redhouse, Queens Road S106 sum (£13,921.61); the Mowcroft Road S106 sum (£10,341.40) and £6,632.38 from the Coleshill Drive S106. **More funding will need to be sought in order to begin this project.**
- ii. To allocate £5,000, made up from the Maynard Road S106 (£3,201.94) and £1,798.06 from the Coleshill Drive S106, to contribute to new seating, picnic benches, information boards and the removal of current barrier restrictions at Valley Walk/ Pigeonhouse Stream. **More funding will need to be sought in order to complete all elements of this project.**
- iii. To allocate £8,604.88 for improved lighting at Witherwood Park from the Turtlegate Avenue S106. This will provide an additional four lighting columns.
- iv. **If the above allocations are all approved this will leave £21,771.28** remaining in Parks S106 contributions. These remaining contributions have no time limit set on their deployment
- v. **Note on potential allocation: Headley Park**

A recent walkabout in Headley Park produced the potential recommendation to use the £10,871.27 Triangle Site S106 money to provide new railings at Headley Lane Park. Only two residents took part in this event, however, and this funding was not sufficient to fund the full cost of new railings. A quote for the work is being obtained and more work to explore other suggestions needs to take place.

Consultation

Internal John Knowlson, Play and Youth Officer
Chris Hammond, Area Park Manager
Robbie Park, Lighting Engineer

External Pride of Place

Risk Assessment

The risks associated with the Committee agreeing to the recommendation are:

- i. Two of the projects require match funding which cannot be guaranteed. If match funding isn't achieved the projects cannot go ahead and the S106 will need to be re-allocated to other projects.
- ii. For the play area project at Willmott Park, some consultation may be needed locally in order to support an external funding application. There may be some risk of raising expectations that in the end are not met.
- iii. The amount requested for the lighting columns is an estimate. It may be that when work starts the costs increase. This is not currently anticipated.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- i It is not expected that there will be any adverse impacts on any equalities community from the Committee's decision. At the point of delivery, each project will be subject to an equalities assessment by officers in Environment & Leisure
- ii An Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed on the Partnership's Parks and Green Spaces Investment Plan.

Appendices: None