



AGENDA ITEM NO: 7

DUNDRY VIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

14th December 2015

Title: Crox Bottom pathway improvements

Officer presenting report: Emily Smith

Recommendation:

- a) To **agree** to take forward proposal a) and b) as detailed below
- b) To **agree** to use the **£94,572. 51** s106 spend to cover the cost of new and improved pathways in Crox Bottom.

1) History.

When Imperial Park was developed a proportion of s106 money was put aside to improve pathways.

The stipulation of the S106 money from the development of Imperial Park is for 'the provision of a footpath/cycleway link across Crox Bottom to provide a link from the Headley Park Residential Area to the western edge of Imperial Park (adjacent to Big W not The Range).

4 proposals were put forward by the Neighbourhood Partnership:

- (a) upgraded pathway to link to Broadleas to pathway through Crox Bottom
- (b) improvements to the camber of the path going downhill from Durville Road
- (c) tarmacking of the pathway obscured by the silt dump from the lake dredging
- (d) investigate potential new path into rear of Imperial Park

2) Recent work

Following an initial site investigation with Neighbourhood Partnership representatives and meeting with the Planning Obligations Manager to clarify the S106 restrictions we would like to move forward with

proposals A and B. Proposals C and D do not meet with the criteria of the S106 money as they do not specifically improve the link from Headley Park to the western edge of Imperial Park and are likely to cost more than the available funds.

- a) upgraded pathway to link to Broadleas to pathway through Crox Bottom

This is a public right of way and some improvements have already been carried out by the Rights of Way Officer installing concrete steps on the steeper sections of the pathway link from Broadleas. We intend to clear the existing surface and complete the pathway with a timber edged stone to dust surface and cutting back and clearing the surface where appropriate. Where there is evidence of an existing degraded tarmac path we intend to excavate the tarmac and lay 50mm HSC overlay following the original concrete edge. The majority of the budget will be used to complete this work.

- b) improvements to the camber of the path going downhill from Durville Road

Where the path from Durville Road meets the main path through Crox Bottom at the furthest western point the camber is steep making walking or cycling uncomfortable. Works would be undertaken to make this part of the path more accessible. The remainder of the budget will be used to do this work.

3) Future work and Timescales

Highways have agreed to complete outstanding Neighbourhood Partnership schemes by September 2016 and with this in mind would like to start works in Spring 2016. Ground clearance will need to take place February 2016 to ensure no nesting birds are disturbed by cutting back.

The standard Bristol City Council process is that once plans have been drawn up by Engineering Design which will also need a topographical survey (there will be a fee for this) the scheme will go out to tender for quotes from three contractors. As has been agreed for the delivery of outstanding Neighbourhood Partnership schemes this will all be managed by the Maintenance Team - once the proposal has been signed off by the Neighbourhood Partnership.

The final costs cannot be given at this point and will be dependent on the tenders that are submitted. It is likely that the full £94k will be used to complete the work.