



AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

HENGROVE AND STOCKWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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Title: Hengrove and Stockwood Park Investment Plan

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Recommendations

That the Neighbourhood Committee agrees and adopts the green space investment proposals set out in Appendix A.

Context

1. The Hengrove and Stockwood Neighbourhood Committee has not yet agreed a parks investment plan that sets out how it wishes to see its green spaces improved over the short, medium and long-term.
2. After a series of community participation events, a list of parks improvement proposals has been compiled. Participation events include those informing the draft Area Green Space Plan and consultation on this, events at Neighbourhood Forums and information from park groups. Advice and leadership have been provided by the Hengrove and Stockwood Environment Group.
3. The investment proposals were agreed by the Hengrove and Stockwood Environment Group on the 22nd May 2012.
4. The purpose of developing a parks investment plan is to:
 - a. Enable the Partnership to choose how to spend devolved s106 money for parks improvements.
 - b. Help council officers proactively support the delivery of park improvement projects.
 - c. Inform future investment in the area from other park budgets when they become available.
 - d. Act as a basis for securing additional external funding when opportunities arise.
 - e. Act as evidence to demonstrate local need. It may, for example, support a request for a planning contribution from a developer.

5. Hengrove does not have any more devolved S106 funds to allocate to projects. There is unspent amount of £21,290 that the Committee has already allocated this to improving Hengrove Park and Briery Leaze Open Space.
6. Stockwood does not have any more devolved S106 funds to allocate to projects. However there is likely to be an underspend of approximately £13,000 (figure to be confirmed) from the Craydon Road Open Space BMX track that will come back to the Partnership.

APPENDIX A

Parks Investment Priority in Hengrove

Hengrove Park

| Item | Projected cost |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Outdoor Gym Equipment | TBC |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Improved and enhanced entrances to enable better access for all users, improve footpath from Giles Estate for better connections to the Hengrove Leisure Park. | TBC |

Briery Leaze

| Item | Projected cost |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Low key entrances (Faced up rocks engraved rocks) | TBC |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Seating on the path Button Close to Briery Leaze | TBC |

Parks Investment Priority Stockwood

Stockwood Open Space Local Nature Reserve

| Item | Projected cost |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Information about the site at key access points from Whittock Road and end of Stockwood Road / The Coats junction. | TBC |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Enhance and widen steps leading from Sidelands Close incorporating handrails. | TBC |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Footpath 'Safe Route to school' Whittock Road to BEC rear gate. | TBC |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Natural seating throughout the site (linking in with improved access routes) | TBC |

Craydon / Whittock Road.

| Item | Projected cost |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Provide young children's play space on Craydon Road (North) site to compliment the provision at Cottle Road. | TBC |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Outdoor Gym equipment North Side Craydon Road. | TBC |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Bench seats on the Showering Road path. (FOSOS Priority) | TBC |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">A bench (or better) in the Craydon Road South parkland. | TBC |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Surfaced path from Burnbush / Whittock Road end to the BEC rear | TBC |
| Entrance. (Section behind golf course requested as a priority) | TBC |

Saltwell Valley.

| Item | Projected cost |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Construct a bridge over the stream opposite the Wells Close entrance to the site. | TBC |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sensitive construction of 'cycling path through the | TBC |

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| site to Whitchurch. | |
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Whitchurch Railway Path (incorporating Hazlebury Road and Craydon Grove)

| Item | Projected cost |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide information boards highlighting biodiversity and local history at Craydon Grove recreational area and Saltwell Viaduct area. | TBC |