



AGENDA ITEM NO. 9

## HENGROVE AND STOCKWOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP

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**Title:** Process and progress on Parks Investment Plan for Hengrove and Stockwood

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### Recommendations

That the Neighbourhood Committee agrees the process for the Parks Investment Plan for Hengrove and Stockwood.

That the Neighbourhood Committee notes the progress on the devolved s106 parks budget spend for Hengrove.

That the Neighbourhood Committee notes the current requests for parks improvements (Appendix A)

### Context

1. The Hengrove and Stockwood Neighbourhood Committee has not yet agreed a parks investment plan.
2. The purpose of developing a parks investment plan is to have a long term plan in place to
  - a. Enable the Neighbourhood Partnership to choose how to spend devolved s106 money for parks improvements
  - b. Use to inform future investment in the area from future parks budgets when they become available
  - c. Use as a basis for securing additional external or grants funding when opportunities arise
  - d. Use as a planning document to request future s106 or other planning contributions from future developments in the area.

## **S106 devolved budgets for Hengrove**

3. Hengrove has a remaining s106 budget of £21,290 to spend on parks and green spaces improvements. Parks officers have been able to extend the deadline for spend for this budget.
4. Recently, £20,535 from the parks s106 budget has been invested in a variety of parks improvements in Hengrove – these are detailed in Appendix A
5. Stockwood has a remaining s106 budget of around £13,000 (figure to be confirmed - this is from an underspend on the Craydon Road Open Space BMX track)

## **Hengrove and Stockwood Parks Investment Plan process**

6. A list of requested parks improvements have been compiled using engagement such as the neighbourhood forums and information from parks groups. Information contained within the Area Green Space Plan and the results of the consultation were also used to help develop the list of improvements.
7. This list will be taken to the Hengrove and Stockwood Environment Group in January 2012 with the view to producing a formal parks investment plan for the area.
8. The draft investment plan will be presented to the Neighbourhood Partnership in March 2012 for the Neighbourhood Committee to agree.

## APPENDIX A

### Requests for parks improvements in Hengrove

- Rocks placed at entrances with the name of Whitchurch Village Green on the surface. Cost approx. £4,500
- Dog bin replacement with new bins at Whitchurch Village green. (All completed)
- Scrub cut back at Whitchurch Village Green, ( work delayed due to the ground conditions)
- Clear the road into Whitchurch Village Green of all debris and clear drain (All completed)
- Install new seats and litter bins at Hengrove Park ( All completed)
- New rugby posts on both pitches (All completed)
- Install outdoor gym equipment.

### Requests for parks improvements in Stockwood

- Children's play area in green space on Whittock Road on flat land near the allotments and near the BMX track
- Bench seats on the Showering Road path
- Improved disabled access through gateways (RADAR key operated?)
- Interpretation Boards on Open Space
- Better access to railway path from west side
- Bigger dog/litter bins near the Holsom Road access
- Barriers (boulders or tree trunks) to prevent vehicles churning up the field between Whittock Road and the new BMX track
- Improvements encouraging the use of the Craydon Road Triangle land
- A bench (or better) in the Craydon Road south parkland.
- Surfaced path from the Burnbush/Whittock Road end to the BEC rear entrance
- Disabled access bench and path on the green space near the steps in front of Burnbush Close