

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

14 JUNE 2017

Present: S Easom, Chair

Councillors: J S Briggs
S J Carr
R H Darby
D A Elliott
R I Jackson
L A Lally
J M Owen
P J Owen
M E Plackett
C H Rice

An apology for absence was received from Councillor C H Rice.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2017 were confirmed and signed.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. REVOCAION OF AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA

The Committee received a report on the need to revoke Air Quality Management Area 4 in Nuthall due to yearly nitrogen dioxide levels being lower than the national air quality objective in that area since 2011. The Council is required to submit an annual report to the Department of Food and Rural Affairs reporting the results from the previous year's monitoring and any measures that have been implemented to improve air quality. It was reported that as the nitrogen dioxide levels had been consistently low the Council could revoke the Air Quality Management Area that had been implemented. It was noted that the Council would continue to monitor the nitrogen dioxide levels in the area.

RESOLVED that the revocation of Air Quality Management Area (AQMA) 4 be approved.

4. TESCO BAGS OF HELP – FUNDING AWARDS

The Committee were advised of the success in securing funding for work at Judson Avenue play area in Stapleford, Broadgate Park in Beeston, the Nottingham Canal Local Nature Reserve in Cossall and at Hall om Wong open space in Kimberley. Four separate applications for financial assistance were submitted to the Tesco “Bags of Help” fund in April and May 2017. Three of the applications were submitted in partnership with local community groups.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) **A supplementary capital estimate of £5,000 to improve the play area at Judson Avenue Open Space in Stapleford and;**
- (ii) **Supplementary revenue estimates of £2,000 to improve access and habitat on the Nottingham Canal at Cossall, £1,000 to improve the play area at Broadgate Park in Beeston and £1,000 to improve habitat at Hall om Wong in Kimberley with funding from the Tesco “Bags of Help” be approved.**

5. JUDSON AVENUE PLAY AREA – FUNDING AWARD

The Committee noted the success in securing funding for work at Judson Avenue play area, Stapleford. In partnership with the Friends of Judson Avenue Play Area, an application was submitted to the Nottinghamshire County Council, Supporting Local Communities fund for funding towards work at the site. The Committee was advised that the bid was successful and an allocation of £9,200 to meet the cost of new perimeter fencing, a gate and new swings at the site. This will replace the existing fencing around the play area as well as equipment that is now at the end of its useful life.

RESOLVE that a supplementary capital estimate of £9,200 for the provision of new fencing, gate and play equipment in the play area at Judson Avenue Open Space, Stapleford funded by Nottinghamshire County Council Supporting Local Communities funds, be approved.

6. LEYTON CRESCENT RECREATION GROUND – FUNDING AWARD

The Committee were advised of the success in securing funding for work at Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground, Beeston Rylands. An application was submitted to the Nottinghamshire County Council Supporting Local Communities fund for funding towards work at this site. The Committee was advised that an allocation of £16,000 towards new play equipment at the site had been received. The funding would be used as match funding with a £50,000 bid to WREN. If successful this will allow for the full play area to be renovated. If unsuccessful the funding from the Supporting Local Communities fund will be used to replace two of the climbing units on the play area which are now beyond economic repair.

RESOLVED that a supplementary capital estimate of £16,000 for the provision of new play equipment in the play area at Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground, Beeston Rylands, funded by Nottinghamshire County Council Supporting Local Communities funds, be approved.

7. BROADGATE PARK – PLAY AREA REFURBISHMENT

The Committee received an update on progress towards renovating the play area at Broadgate Park in Beeston. Broadgate Park had been identified as being the park in borough in most need of refurbishment. Public consultation on a replacement play area had been undertaken and a scheme costing an estimated £87,000 is proposed. The Council had secured £9,000 external funding and a bid for £50,000 had been submitted to WREN to fund this project. However, the Council would need to provide the £28,000 shortfall from reserves in order to fund the project.

RESOLVED that match funding of £28,000 from Council resources towards a bid to WREN for funds to undertake a refurbishment of the play area at Broadgate Park in Beeston be approved.

8. CHARGES AND COLLECTION FREQUENCIES FOR WASTE PRODUCED FROM COMMERCIAL AND HOUSEHOLD (NON-DOMESTIC) PREMISES

The Committee received an update on the proposed collection frequencies and charges for waste produced from commercial and household, non-domestic premises. The Council collects waste from places of Religious Worship and the waste collected is classified as non-domestic household waste. It is proposed that the Council amalgamate collections from place of religious worship within the alternate weekly domestic rounds. Additionally, should they be require, places of religious worship can purchase an additional bin at a one off cost in order to meet the refuse demand at the site. Concern was raised that place of religious worship would be required to purchase an additional bin. It was suggested that the Council could provide the bins to the sites as the cost incurred by the Council would be minimal.

RESOLVED to consult with the appropriate bodies in introducing the changes.

9. MEMORIAL TESTING IN CEMETERIES

The Committee received an update on the safety checks and repairs undertaken to the memorials in the Borough's cemeteries. All memorials up until 2005 are tested, after this date the headstones have to comply with new regulations and the method of fixing undertaken by the memorial masons are subject to specific safety guidelines. It was noted that if any headstones erected after 2005 are identified as being unsafe the cost of works undertaken would be recharged from the grave owner, where identifiable.

RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Resources Committee that an additional £15,000 be allocated to the 2017/18 budget for the memorial safety testing programme with funding from 2017/18 revenue contingencies.

10. WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted that a report highlighting the Quarter One performance levels for the Environment department and Liberty Leisure would be including on the work programme for 27 September 2017 meeting.

RESOLVED that the work programme be approved.

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