

LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 26 SEPTEMBER 2018

Present: Councillor S Easom, Chair

Councillors: J S Briggs
E Cubley
D A Elliott
H G Khaled MBE
R I Jackson
P J Owen
M E Plackett
C H Rice
R Robinson

An apology for absence was received from Councillor M Radulovic MBE.

10 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2018 were confirmed and signed.

11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

12 CLEAN AND GREEN REPORT

The Committee considered the Clean and Green initiative to fund specific projects to improve the environment in Broxtowe including litter picking, weed killing, reducing fly tipping, waste days and replacement litter bins. It was noted that the total cost of the projects would be £33,000.

RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Resources Committee that revenue and capital funding be provided for these activities in 2018/19 as set out in appendix 4.

13 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS - LIBERTY LEISURE LIMITED

The Committee received a presentation on the performance progress and future schemes due to be undertaken by Liberty Leisure.

The Committee was informed of the progress against outcome targets identified in the Liberty Leisure Limited Business Plan that provides continuity of projects and

performance from the existing Council run Leisure and Cultural Services through to the formation of Liberty Leisure Limited.

14 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT - REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN PROGRESS - ENVIRONMENT

The Committee was informed of the progress against outcome targets identified in the Environment Business Plan, linked to Corporate Plan priorities and objectives, and an update as to the latest key performance indicators for the Environment.

15 BOWLING GREENS

The Committee noted during the prolonged hot and dry weather of summer 2018, the manual watering systems were not effective and following advice from Severn Trent to minimise the use of water, the greens became very dry with extensive wear. In August, after contacting the bowls clubs the decision was made to close the greens three weeks early on Monday, 10 September.

It has been estimated that the additional cost to undertake the remedial works will be in the region of £17,000. This cannot be contained within the existing revenue budgets for Beeston, Eastwood and Stapleford Parks.

RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Resources Committee that the restoration works are funded from outside existing budgets.

16 PRIDE IN PARKS - PLAY AREA AND PARKS / OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS

The Committee were informed of the proposal to improve Parks and Open Spaces. The scheme has now been branded and promoted as the Pride in Parks initiative.

The 2018/19 Capital Programme included £250,000 for Play Area and Parks/Open Space Improvements. This funding had been allocated to undertake improvements to the Borough owned play areas that had been identified as high priority sites in the new Play Strategy. Funding had also been allocated to the Town and Parish Councils that maintain their own parks and outdoor recreational facilities to enable improvement and renovation works to be undertaken at these sites.

17 ST PATRICKS CHURCHYARD, NUTHALL

The Committee was updated on the progress relating to the proposals for the transfer of maintenance responsibilities at St Patrick's Churchyard, Nuthall.

The Council had undertaken phase 1 of the horticultural maintenance responsibilities for the closed churchyard. It was identified that there were a significant number of mature trees on the site requiring remedial works together with headstones that needed checking for stability. In addition there was a boundary wall that needed rebuilding. It was proposed that these works would be undertaken in phase 2 of the maintenance schedule.

18 TREE PLANTING

The Committee received an update on the latest proposals relating to tree planting in the borough. It was proposed that the Council plant 1,000 new trees over a five year period.

RESOLVED that the measures detailed in the report to increase tree planting be approved.

19 HALL PARK, EASTWOOD - ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS

The Committee noted a contribution of £7,000 had been received from Futures Homescape Ltd in respect of the housing scheme at Great Northern Road, Eastwood. The section 106 agreement states that this has to be used at Hall Park, Eastwood for works to the footpaths, steps and car park. This work will help improve access around the park in areas where the surfaces have deteriorated over time.

RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Resources Committee that a further £7,000 be added to the 2018/19 capital programme for access improvement works to Hall Park at Great Northern Road, Eastwood funded from section 106 Parks and Open Spaces contributions.

20 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Work Programme. The Committee requested that reports on the Get Active Programme and car parking in Kimberley be added to the work programme.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme, as amended, be approved.