

Report of the Strategic Director

PRIDE IN PARKS – PLAY AREA AND PARKS/OPEN SPACE IMPROVEMENTS1. Purpose of report

To update Members on the Pride in Parks initiative.

2. Background

Since April 2018 funding has been allocated to undertake improvements to the Borough owned play areas that were identified as high priority sites in the Play Strategy and to the Town and Parish Council's that maintain their own parks and outdoor recreational facilities to enable improvement and renovation works to be undertaken at these sites.

This report provides an update on progress made on the 2020/21 Pride in Parks Initiative.

3. Financial Implications

The 2020/21 Capital Programme includes an allocation of £199,000 to fund three schemes. Further details are provided in the appendix.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to NOTE the progress on the schemes identified in the 2020/21 capital programmes as part of the Pride in Parks Initiative.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX

Schemes 2020/21

All the High Priority Schemes within the Borough Play Strategy have now been funded and work undertaken to address the issues. The next phase of works concentrates on the schemes identified as Medium Priority where works need to be undertaken in the period 2020-23. In the 2020-21 Capital Programme there is £199,000 allocated for 3 schemes.

i) Dovecote Lane Recreation Ground, Beeston

Consultation was undertaken during the summer and a scheme to fully refurbish this very popular play area with new modern climbing units and a full range of equipment for younger children and new rubber surfacing has been designed. A bid has been submitted to FCC Community Foundation for £73,500 with an allocation of £50,000 from the Council's Capital Programme and £5,000 from United Living, giving a total scheme value of £128,500. A decision is expected in December 2020 with a proposed start date early in 2021.

ii) Swiney Way Open Space, Chilwell

A scheme to replace the very outdated equipment at this small area that is specifically for younger children and also provide a full rubber surface. The scheme at a cost of £42,000 has been designed and orders placed. The scheme, funded from the Council's Capital Programme, is due to commence this month.

iii) Play Area Improvements

A number of play areas, whilst not requiring a full refurbishment, do require some remedial works. The Play Strategy identified that priorities may change during the period of the strategy due to issues such as increased usage of sites, vandalism and equipment failure. This budget recognises these changes and allows for the site specific issues to be addressed without undertaking a full refurbishment of the particular site. Remedial works are now in progress and have included work at Beeston Fields Recreation Ground, Beeston, Sandy Lane Open Space, Bramcote, Inham Nook Recreation Ground, Chilwell and Queen Elizabeth Park, Stapleford.

The works costing £42,000 are funded from the Council's Capital Programme.