
REPORT TO THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE 11 JUNE 2014**PORTFOLIO: ENVIRONMENT****REPORT FROM HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES****SUBJECT: OPEN SPACES REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME
2014/15****1 DECISION BEING RECOMMENDED**

- 1.1 That this year's budget is allocated for minor improvements to open spaces and the development of a permanent concession at Hockley Woods.
- 1.2 That no further action is taken in respect of the installation of bollards at Canewdon Green which formed part of last year's programme.

2 KEY DECISION DOCUMENT REFERENCE NO: 5/14**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 Each year a Capital budget is provided for on-going improvement of open spaces. Last year's programme comprised of the purchasing of replacement bins and benches for open spaces.
- 3.2 A proposal to install bollards upon Canewdon Green resulted in concerns from local residents about the visual impact on the nature of the site. It is not intended therefore to proceed with these works.
- 3.3 It is proposed that the expenditure in this year's programme is allocated to minor improvements to open spaces and the development of a permanent catering concession at Hockley Woods, as detailed below.

4 SALIENT INFORMATION**Improvements to Open Spaces**

- 4.1 It is proposed to:-
 - Resurface the footpaths at Canewdon Recreation Grounds and Fairview Open Space; Install a height barrier at Clements Hall (Spencer's Park entrance) to prevent unauthorised access;
 - Enhance the entrance and improve the drainage at Grove Road open space, and
 - Install wrought iron fencing and improve access to Brooklands – Estimated expenditure is £30,000.

Development of a permanent concession in Hockley Woods

4.2 It is proposed to:-

Install a small weatherboard clad container, custom fitted to accommodate a serving hatch style catering facility at Hockley Woods. This will replace the existing mobile unit with a permanent pitch offering a better visitor experience and the opportunity to command a significantly increased concession for the accommodation. Estimated expenditure is £20,000.

5 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 The works referred to within this report have been developed in consultation with the Legal, Estates & Member Services Division.

6 RISK IMPLICATIONS

6.1 This report recommends capital investment that will improve safety and access arrangements and increase income.

7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

7.1 This report recommends expenditure in the order of £50,000, which matches this year's Capital allocation. These proposals do not have any on-going revenue implications.

I confirm that the above recommendation does not depart from Council policy and that appropriate consideration has been given to any budgetary and legal implications.

SMT Lead Officer Signature: _____



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Background Papers:-

None.

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