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City Council

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6th November 2000

REFURBISHMENT OF KICK ABOUT AREAS

Report of the Director of Arts and Leisure

1 Purpose of Report

To seek Members views regarding proposals for the allocation of the £50,000 sum included in the current year's capital programme for refurbishment of kick about areas.

2 Summary

It was agreed that a capital sum of £50,000 be allocated for the refurbishment of kick about areas within the City in the current financial year 2000/2001.

An audit of all kick about areas managed by Arts and Leisure Department was carried out to identify the health and safety works required and to prioritise these works accordingly.

One kick about area will require major repairs to address significant health and safety issues, others have been identified for minor repairs, thereafter audits will be carried out annually to monitor future works required.

Bids are currently being submitted for the supply of basketball goals through the Outdoor Basketball Initiative, many of which have been successfully installed already over the past 12 months on various sites. Through this initiative goals are provided free of charge with installation costs only to be met from this budget.

From the total budget of £50,000, £35,000 is required for the kick about areas on Armadale Drive next to Netherhall Community Centre to replace the existing retaining timbers which are rotting and falling into the kick about areas and to provide kick about areas fencing around the area to contain balls within the court away from Armadale Drive. This site has been identified as a priority due to the proximity of the Neighbourhood Centre and reflects current levels of usage.

Of the remaining £15,000 minor works to address health and safety issues, are required to the following:

Turner Walk, Coleman

Removal of mural, repainting to remove graffiti of walls and replacement of Basketball goals (installation costs only).

Fosse Recreation Ground, St Augustines

Minor repairs to fencing and gates to replace damaged sections, replacement of basketball goals (installation costs only).

Heacham Drive, Beaumont Leys

Minor fencing repairs to replace damaged sections, repainting kick walls to remove offensive graffiti.

Garfield Street, Abbey

Installation of basketball goals (installation costs only)

Willowbrook Park, Thurncourt

Repoint kick walls, remove vandalised perimeter fence

Stoughton Street South, Wycliffe

Repair to kick walls to replace damaged sections, minor fence and surfacing r repairs to remove potholes

Aylestone Recreation Ground, Saffron

Minor fence repairs to replace damaged sections and replacement gate to contain balls within the court.

Once the above works are completed any remaining funding will be used to carry out any additional minor repairs to other sites.

3. Recommendations

Members consider the proposals for the expenditure of £50,000 for refurbishment of kick about areas, as detailed in the report.

4. Financial & Legal Implications

The capital allocation of £50,000 for the kick about areas will be spent by the end of this current financial year, no slippage is anticipated. £35,000 will be allocated to the major scheme on Netherhall. The remaining £15,000 will be used to carry out minor repairs to other kick about areas as identified in the report.

Refurbishment of existing sites currently within the Grounds Maintenance Contracts will have no additional revenue implications.

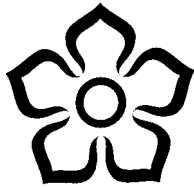
There are no legal implications as a result of the works to be carried out.

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

1 Financial Implications

None.

2 Legal Implications

None

3 Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	PARAGRAPH REFERENCES WITHIN SUPPORTING PAPERS
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	

3 Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

None.

4 Consultations

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