

Report to Cabinet

Subject: Ley Street Play Area and Trim Trail

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Wards Affected

1.1 Netherfield.

Purpose

2.1 To seek approval to spend funding acquired through applications to Nottinghamshire County Council's Supporting Communities Programme and WREN on the provision of a Trim Trail and Play facility at Ley Street, Netherfield.

2.2 To establish, by virement, the capital programme expenditure and financing budgets for the Ley Street Play Area and Trim Trail.

Key Decision

3.1 This is not a Key Decision.

Background

4.1 The Netherfield Locality Steering Group agreed to develop a plan for Netherfield focused on the environmental improvement of the area. The Group agreed to procure the services of Nottinghamshire County Council Landscape Architect Team in 2014 to review the Environmental Spaces in and around Netherfield and provide a series of options for improvement.

4.2 The options formed part of a residents' consultation process that commenced in December 2014 through to February 2015. The preferred options were costed and formed part of a number of measures developed with the aim of the Council and its partners being able to bid for the additional resources required to make those options a reality.

4.3 Ley Street is one of these projects put forward as key to providing additional play facilities for the younger children as the only other facility available is Jackie Bells Playing Fields which is located some distance away.

4.4 The Ley Street Field is overlooked by family housing and situated not far from Netherfield Primary School who uses part of the field as its Playing Fields. The School was keen to see the site developed with play equipment and following consultation the outline designs were agreed with the school in February 2015. A decision was taken to submit two funding bids, one to Nottinghamshire Supporting communities funding Programme and the other to WREN to enable the implementation of the Trim Trail and Play Area.

Proposal

5.1 The project management of the project is to be undertaken by Netherfield Locality Co-ordinator.

5.2 It is proposed that the Netherfield Locality Co-ordinator procure the Services of VIA East Midlands Landscape Architect Team to act as the contract administrator for the project. VIA will design the Trim Trail and Play Area, produce the design specification and evaluation criteria to be used as part of the tender documentation for the construction of the Trim Trail and Play Area, assist with the compilation of the tender documents and act as the first point of call for the contractors during the implementation of the work on site. VIA will liaise with the overall Project Manager on all decisions to be taken.

5.3 Detailed design work will be undertaken by VIA, to enable further consultation with Netherfield Primary School and local residents. Following the success of the funding applications to both Nottinghamshire Supporting Communities and WREN, the funding will be used for the design work as well as implementing the project and to pay the fees charged by VIA to undertake the work above.

5.4 Once designs are agreed the tender process for construction of the Trim Trail and play area will commence through the ESPO framework with the aim of starting on site January with a view to completing the project by March 2017 in line with discussions held with both funding bodies.

5.5 This report requests the establishment of the capital expenditure and financing budgets of £86,500 for construction of a new play area including a Trim Trail at Ley Street in Netherfield by approval of the following virement:

Ley Street Play Area & Trim Trail	£86,500
Financed By:	
External Grants and Contributions	(£83,500)
Revenue Contribution	(£3,000)

A full financial breakdown of the project is detailed at paragraph 7 below.

Alternative Options

6.1 No other alternative options for locating the facilities were considered as the use of the site is restricted as part of the site used by Netherfield Primary School as its playing fields.

6.2 The alternative to not progressing this project is no additional facilities in Netherfield for exercise and play. This will mean the identified need of the local area for additional play facilities for younger children and places to exercise for the local community will not be met. The Council will lose the funding if we do not spend it on this project.

Financial Implications

7.1 The full project breakdown and associated funding is shown in **Table 1** below:

Table 1: Breakdown of Expenditure and Associated Funding	
Cost	£
Cost of Play Area	45,700
Cost of Trim Trail	30,000
Project Management Costs	6,500
Contingency	4,300
Total Cost	86,500

Funding	£
WREN Funding	45,800
Supporting Communities Funding	34,700
NCC Funding (Education)	3,000
Contribution from Parks & Street Care	1,500
Contribution from Community Safety	1,500
Total Funding	86,500

7.4 Grant conditions from funding bodies state that the scheme must be complete by 31st March 2017, including construction, and total grant drawn down by this time, if the scheme slips beyond this date and deadlines cannot be met the remainder of the expenditure will be the liability of the Council, however, this is deemed to be unlikely and the timescales are currently expected to be met.

7.5 The project is being managed by Netherfield Locality Co-ordinator as agreed with the Service Manager for Parks and Street Care Services. VIA East Midlands Landscape Architect Team have agreed to undertake the Contract Administration at a cost of £6,500.

7.6 Revenue costs of the ongoing maintenance of this site will be contained within current budgets of Parks and Street Care.

Appendices

8.1 None.

Background Papers

9.1 None.

Recommendation(s)

10.1 THAT approval be given for:

- spending funding acquired through applications to Nottinghamshire County Council's Supporting Communities Programme and WREN on the provision of a Trim Trail and Play facility at Ley Street, Netherfield.
- establishing, by virement, the capital programme expenditure and financing budgets for the Ley Street Play Area and Trim Trail.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 11.1 To meet the identified community need for additional play facilities for younger children in Netherfield.
- 11.2 To support the delivery of the Council's Corporate Action to implement a range of activities to increase participation in sport and physical activity.