

5 ENVIRONMENT IMPROVEMENTS TO CAIRD PARK (AN66-2016)

Reference is made to Article V of the minute of meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of 7th December 2015 Street Cleaning and Open Space Management Review (report 439-2015 refers) wherein there was agreement to introduce a programme of capital expenditure focused on improvement projects. The proposed improvements to Caird Park have been designed to improve security, increase biodiversity levels and reduce the long term maintenance burden.

These works will deliver improvements to the general environment, the overall visitor experience and will ensure that trees removed as part of the Regional Performance Centre development are replaced. The regeneration of the Den O'Mains ponds and paths will further improve accessibility within the park and enhance biodiversity and a diverse range of wildlife.

Consultation on the Regional Performance centre has been wide ranging involving community groups, disability groups and National Governing Bodies for the sports to be accommodated. The consultation included the topics of Landscape, Ecology, Bats, Arboriculture, Archaeology, Transportation, Environmental Health, Drainage and the surrounding woodland within Park.

The proposed works will be undertaken at a cost of £150,400 and comprise of a number of improvements including:

- Tree Planting including the extension to the existing Oak wood
- Footpath upgrading /Re surfacing works
- Upgrading of Signage and Steps
- Regenerative planting and landscaping.

It is anticipated these works will be completed by March 2017.

The Committee are asked to authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to undertake these works. The Executive Director of Corporate Services advises that the capital improvement works of £150,400 can be met from the allowances for Additional Spend to Save within the Recreation, Culture, Arts & Heritage section of the General Services Capital Plan 2016-21.