

REPORT TO: ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – 14 JANUARY 2013
REPORT ON: CAMPERDOWN PARK – 2012/13 IMPROVEMENT WORKS
REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT
REPORT NO: 15-2013

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for work being undertaken as part of the early actions identified in the Camperdown Development Plan 2012-2020.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that committee approve the proposed improvements, authorise the expenditure of £95,000 and instruct the Director of Environment to arrange for the works to be undertaken.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 The Director of Corporate Services advises that the costs of £95,000 can be met from the allowances within the 2012-2013 capital plan for the Environment Department.

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Reference is made to Article 1 of the Environment Committee of 10 September 2012, when authority was given to the Director of Environment to progress the actions listed within the Capital Development Plan as part of the early action programme 2012- 2017. Further reference is made to the Environment Committee of 9 January 2012, which agreed improvements to the sensory garden and inclusive play area.

- 4.2 The Camperdown Play Area was identified as requiring early action and following an inspection the following proposed improvements have been prioritised to be undertaken this year.

- Completion of the improvements to the existing inclusive play area, including the provision of additional play equipment.
- The refurbishment and renewal of fencing and equipment within the existing children's play areas.
- Removal of disused trampoline pits and the provision of adult outdoor gym equipment.

- Minor improvements to the existing car park surface, including improvements to the surface water drainage system adjacent to the road crossing to the Wildlife Centre.

4.3 Repainting of the existing play area perimeter fencing to be undertaken utilising the Community Pay Back Scheme.

4.4 The Director of Corporate Services advises that the above costs of £95,000 can be met from within the Environment Department's Capital Budget 2012/13. It is recommended that the above proposals be approved and the Director of Environment be authorised to undertake these works.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. Improvements to the inclusive play area and the addition of adult gym equipment will provide access to improved play and fitness facilities for all.

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 The Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted and are in agreement with the content of this report.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

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Date 12th December 2012