



**Name of meeting:** Cabinet  
**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016

**Title of report:** Parks & Greenspace Refurbishment  
 Programme 2016/17

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	YES
Is it in the <a href="#">Council's Forward Plan</a> ?	YES
Is it eligible for "call in" by <a href="#">Scrutiny</a> ?	YES
<b>Date signed off by <u>Director</u> &amp; name</b>	<b>Jacqui Gedman - 29.01.16</b>
<b>Is it signed off by the Director of Resources?</b>	<b>David Smith - 27.01.16</b>
<b>Is it signed off by the Assistant Director - Legal, Governance &amp; Monitoring?</b>	<b>Julie Muscroft - 27.01.16</b>
<b>Cabinet member <a href="#">portfolio</a></b>	<b>Cllr S Hall - (Planning, Highways &amp; Open Spaces)</b>

**Electoral [wards](#) affected:** ALL  
**Ward councillors consulted:**

**Public or private:** PUBLIC

## 1. Purpose of report

Cabinet is requested to approve the Streetscene - Parks Capital Plan and Section 106 expenditure programme for 2016/17.

## 2. Key points

### 2.1. Background

Streetscene - Parks have been allocated £150,000 of capital funding for the year 2016/17, as part of its current Capital Plan. This allocation has been broken down into a programme of work which can be seen at the end of this report. Parks have allocated the funding to projects which will refurbish and upgrade existing facilities based on priority need. Without this investment, facilities would have to be removed with a loss to local communities.

Additionally, Parks and Greenspace are allocated Section 106 monies for public open space improvements in specified parks/recreation grounds and/or geographical areas when new housing developments are approved and the physical works completed. The funding is required to be expended in accordance with any details specified within the section 106 agreement and this report will also provide the details of the current released funding for two sites and the proposed off-site schemes.

## **2.2. Proposed sites**

The attached table outlines the proposed programme of work and the budgets allocated to them. Some individual sites are not named because the priority list changes due to circumstances on the ground; whether schemes/plans are dropped, funding bids are successful, further S106 monies becomes available or other needs occur unexpectedly. Final choice of site and timescale will be agreed by the Head of Environment & Greenspace with input from relevant managers, officers and Ward Members. All schemes within the programmes of works will be below the value of £50,000 which the Head of Environment & Greenspace has the delegated power to authorise once the overall programme has been agreed by Cabinet.

## **3. Implications for the Council**

The allocation of schemes takes into account current provision and priority need. The proposals help to refurbish current facilities that would otherwise be decommissioned due to age and state of repair.

The on-site revenue implications would be minimal as refurbished sites require less maintenance plus existing budgets are already in place for these sites.

The capital investment of £150,000 is to be funded from prudential borrowing. The average revenue cost of financing this level of borrowing is 11.3% per annum, which equates to £16,950 per annum.

The allocated projects will help fulfil both of Kirklees main priorities.

## **4. Consultees and their opinions**

Capital Delivery Board

Cabinet Member, Cllr Steve Hall, Portfolio Holder for Planning, Highways & Open Spaces

Ward Councillors and relevant community groups will be consulted once outline designs have been commissioned.

## **5. Next steps**

Projects will be carried out during the 2016/17 financial year in line with Kirklees Council procurement procedures.

## **6. Officer recommendations and reasons**

That Cabinet members approve the expenditure of the £150,000 capital funding in order to upgrade and improve provision and £101,500 Section 106 monies as outlined in the work programme and gives the Head of

Environment & Greenspace delegated powers to authorise works, once the overall programme has been agreed by Cabinet.

**7. Cabinet portfolio holder recommendation**

The Portfolio holder, Cllr Steve Hall, approves the programme and notes the continued commitment to improvement in young people's play provision.

**8. Contact officer and relevant papers**

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**9. Assistant director responsible**

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**Streetscene - Parks Capital Plan Allocation 2016/17**

Total allocation £150,000

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Schemes</b>
Play Area Improvements	90K	Rationalisation and improvement of Dale Lane play area Refurbishment of Bradley Park play area Refurbishment of Newsome Park Gardens play area *
Park and Recreation Grounds Refurbishment Programme	44K	Refurbishment works to primary and secondary parks on a priority basis
Sports Facilities Improvement	16K	Refurbishment works to Crow Nest Park outdoor gym Drainage works to one sports pitch Up-grading of: surfacing/fencing/floodlights/line markings

**\*in 2007 a full list of all play areas, prioritised by a combination of age, condition, compliance and usage was compiled and presented to Members and agreed as a basis for establishing future priorities. This has been updated as works have been carried out.**

**Section 106 Contributions**

<b>Development</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Scheme</b>
Taylor Wimpy. Weatherhills Road/Lindley Moor Road. Agreement dated 12.12.2013. For improvements to public open space within the vicinity.	£72,000	Ainley Top Recreation Ground Fernlea Recreation Ground

<p>Peter John Rider and Keith Jones Developers. Caster Street, development at The Drive, Carlinghow Lane, Batley. Agreement dated 24/11/2014. For improvements to public open space within the vicinity.</p>	£29,500	Wilton Park improvements
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