

Briefing Paper for Overview Board Meeting 1st June 2010

PPG17 Responses/Actions

3.6 Parks and Gardens - Recommended Actions

- Sanders Park Management Plan completed early 2010 in line for Green Flag Assessment – St Chads Park Management Plan currently being rolled out.
 - Additional capital sums secured to improve the Pavillion roof and toilets.
 - New catering contract agreed with substantial increase in income generation from site.
 - Improved flexible working arrangements with static grounds maintenance staff on site at Sanders supporting operational

- Work undertaken in the following areas
 - Worked with and supported WCC on Waseley Hills bid for playbuilder funded project for Bromsgrove
 - Worked with Worcestershire Wildlife trust and volunteers in creating and enhancing Lickey End Park natural area with creation of wildlife habitat area.
 - Further work required in this area following completion of St Chads and Sanders plans

- Works undertaken
 - Events programme expanded
 - High 5 event increase
 - Additional facilities and pitches for use by sports development
 - Volunteer events within parks carried out – planting, litter picking
 - BMX event with community safety – coaches from British Cycling club
 - DABID funding Feb 2009 – installation of 2 MUGAs August 2009
 - Funded through Health improvement fund – outdoor gym equipment in St Chads

3.7 Amenity Green Space (AGS) recommended actions

- Minimum guidelines produced for adoption of POS and AGS to set a minimum standard of provision acceptable to BDC and in line with our PPG17 report.
 - Amenity/Play value
 - Sustainability
 - Tree Inspections and associated work
 - Grounds risk inspections

- Developed a more flexible approach, deploying fixed resources to support operational gangs
 - Current review of grounds maintenance team by the Environment.

- No action currently taken in this area – slow progress with discussion with developer for very small POS based on 106 agreement some years ago

3.8 Provision for Children and young people – Recommended actions

- Review drafted based on PPG17 report. Currently methodology has been adopted and implemented at:
 - Lickey End
 - Sanders Park
 - Charford
 - Swanslength
 - Wythall Park
 - Callowbrook Park
 - St Chads Park
- As part of draft review this work is currently on-going and report will be taken to Cabinet in due course - a small removal budget was agreed 2009/10 budget round to commence some pieces of this work
- When final draft produced we will consult with Corporate Policy team to address final consultation and engagement
- As part of the removal of the overlapping sites this has been and is being investigated and plotted
- BDC's Play Action Plan will be based on review of Worcestershire Play Strategy and completed. BDC Play Strategy will be developed in line with BDC priorities and business plans

3.9 Outdoor Sports Facilities – recommended Actions

- New sports pitch facilities to be provided at Barnsley Hall and enhancements of existing pitch and facilities
- Full provision enhancements of sport pitches scheduled

Charford

2 pitch/facility refurbishments including full vertidrain drainage systems – completion by Sept 2010 in readiness for the new season

Lickey End

Construction a new junior sized pitch and refurbishing the existing mini soccer pitch – completion by Sept 2010 in readiness for new season

Braces Lane

refurbishing football pitch, extending the car park provision and constructing new changing facilities. Pitch and car park complete by Sept 2010 – Changing rooms scheduled for completion during the season

Aston Fields Rec Ground

Construction of a new junior football pitch – completion for Season 2011/12

St Chads, Rubery

Refurbishment of the football pitch with full piped drainage system – completion by Season 2011/12

Barnsley Hall Football Pitches

Construction including drainage for 3 new junior and 1 mini soccer pitch, construction of new changing facilities for 4 teams, provision of new car park for 50 vehicles (inc DDA) – completion by Season 2011/12

- New changing provision on Braces Lane and Barnsley Hall
- More junior pitches provided at Barnsley Hall (3), Lickey End (1) and Aston Fields (1)

3.10 Allotments – Recommended Actions

- Roundhill works undertaken, Watt Close project did not receive financial support – Development of Perryfields acquired for rental by allotments department for community use at Sidemore (0.42 acres). Following the completion of phased housing a further 1.2 acres will be made available
- Development possibility in Rubery identified (previous Callowbrook Swift site) – Work will continue to review possibilities in these areas
- Completed
- Policy implemented
- Two allotment societies identified and currently being developed will be ready to go live 2010
- CDRP have been given the task of tackling non-dwelling crime (due to increased number of tenants reports) the allotment department will be tackling this issue 2010 and will produce an information/guidance pack to communicate best practice
- Re-profiled existing budgets to address quality issues – A quarterly inspection programme for sites has been developed and will be trialled out throughout the forthcoming season

3.10 Cemeteries and Churchyards – recommended actions

- Full extension on hold due financial implication – interim project plan prepared – design brief scheduled and funding secured – to be actioned by Environmental Team
- Processes have been developed and improved and now Environmental team to develop further
- Not actioned – re-profiled for 2010/11

Appendix 1 – Original Cabinet Report 3rd June 2009

Appendix 2 – Supporting documentation for Cabinet Report 3rd June 2009