

	<b>REPORT TO CABINET TO BE HELD ON 18 OCTOBER 2016</b>	
	<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Corporate Priority</b>  <b>Safe and Healthy Inclusive and Vibrant</b>	<b>Forward Plan Ref No</b>  <b>Cabinet Portfolio Holder</b>	<b>Cllr. Sandra Turner</b>  <b>Cllr. Andrew Jenkinson</b>

**REPORT OF: DIRECTOR (TW) - 16/236**

**WARDS AFFECTED: STREONSHALH**

**SUBJECT: EASTSIDE COMMUNITY AND OPEN SPACE  
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (EASTSIDE PARK)**

**RECOMMENDATION (S):**

The Council has already agreed in principle approval for the use of capital receipt monies and s.106 from Eskdale Park to support the delivery of the Eastside Community and Open Space programme, subject to further approvals and permissions as schemes develop.

Cabinet is recommended to:

- i) Approve the undertaking of improvement works to Eastside Park to a total value of £253,00, including a provision for maintenance for a 10 year period of £1500 per year.
- ii) Accept funding of £5000 from Yorkshire Coast Homes as a contribution towards the scheme.
- iii) Authorise Groundwork to project manage the Eastside Park scheme, under the terms and conditions of the existing agreement for the delivery of projects (approved November 2015)
- iv) Approve an additional £15,500 of capital receipt funding to the Eastside Park project. This can be accommodated within the overall capital receipt allocation for the Eastside Green Spaces Programme, as a previously identified phase two project is no longer proceeding

## **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION (S):**

To enable improvements to community and open spaces within the Eastside of Whitby to be progressed.

## **HIGHLIGHTED RISKS:**

Failure to deliver against previously agreed priorities and to support improved facilities in East Whitby, an area of significant disadvantage.

## **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1 The Council has previously supported the delivery of the Action Eastside Action Plan 2013-2018 and granted “in principle” approval for the use of capital receipt and s.106 funding to support delivery of the Eastside community and open space improvement programme. In June 2015 first phase proposals were agreed by Cabinet. This report sets out the detail in relation to the Eastside Park scheme.

## **2. CORPORATE AIMS/PRIORITIES**

- 2.1 The improvements set out in this report will support delivery of the People and Place aims of the Corporate Plan.

## **3. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES**

- 3.1 On 18 June 2013 Cabinet approved the adoption of the Action Eastside Action Plan 2013-2018 as an aspirational vision for the future of East Whitby and to support delivery of the Plan, through using it to influence the planning and delivery of Council Services in East Whitby
- 3.2 The Plan was developed through a partnership between the local community and organisations that deliver services in the area. Organisations involved included Groundwork North Yorkshire, Eastside Community Centre, The Borough Council, Yorkshire Coast Homes, Whitby Town Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Coast and Vale Community Action, Age UK and the Gateway Group.
- 3.3 Since the Plan was published the Action Eastside Group has worked to implement the Plan. A significant theme of the plan concerned the improvement of community and open spaces. In particular to address the need for improvements to existing spaces, to offset the loss of green spaces through development and respond to an increase in the resident population as a result of new housing developments.
- 3.4 As part of its support for the implementation of the plan on 17 February 2015 the Council agreed “in principle” approval for the use of s.106 and capital receipt money generated within East Whitby to support the programme. This

was subject to further permissions and approvals being granted as the schemes were developed in more detail.

3.5 The schemes are being developed and progressed in phases. Following approvals in June 2015 and May 2016 the following schemes have been progressed:

- Eastside Park Feasibility and Planning Work (completed)
- Calla Beck Improvement Works (part completed)
- Green Lane Play Area (completed)
- Cinder Track Feasibility Study (completed)
- Improvements to the Abbey Footpath

3.6 This report seeks updated approvals in relation to the final scheme for improvements to Eastside Park.

## **4. CONSULTATION**

4.1 The Action Eastside Plan was undertaken following extensive consultation and set out a vision and priorities for East Whitby. This was approved by Cabinet in June 2013 and included proposals to undertake improvements to Eastside Park.

4.2 Two consultation exercises were undertaken during spring/summer 2015 and around 30 people attended, mainly families with children. In September 2016 a third consultation was undertaken as part of a family fun day, which attracted over 100 people and comments incorporated into the scheme. Decisions on the final scheme have been undertaken by a resident led group, who will also be involved in the implementation of the project.

4.3 The improvements have strong support from local residents and specific support from local organisations and community groups including the Green Lane Community Group, Eastside Community Centre, Whitby Town Council and Yorkshire Coast Homes.

## **5. ASSESSMENT**

5.1 The Eastside Park scheme forms part of a comprehensive package of community and open space improvements in East Whitby, supported by local residents and organisations.

5.2 In June 2015 £9,000 was approved for design and feasibility work, undertaken by Groundwork North Yorkshire. The design and consultation work has now completed and has been well received by local residents, who have engaged with the consultations and made a number of changes to the scheme.

5.3 The scheme will provide an exciting facility for children and young people of all ages, specifically the scheme will include:

- Toddler area, with range of equipment including roundabout, swings, climbing equipment, tunnel and bridge.
  - Area for older children, including renewing the existing multi-use area, which is nearing the end of its life
  - Outdoor gym equipment
  - Soft landscaping and some improvements to paths and access
  - Benches, picnic benches, bike rack and bins
- 5.4 The total cost of the scheme, including 10 year maintenance provision, management costs and contingency is £253,000.
- 5.5 It is estimated that maintenance of the additional play equipment will be £1000 per annum and the additional grass cutting costs £500 per annum. These proposals include provision for a sum of £1500 per year for 10 years (£15,000) to cover the additional maintenance liabilities incurred by the Council. Maintenance and grounds maintenance will continue to be undertaken by the Borough Council.
- 5.6 It is proposed that Groundwork North Yorkshire undertake the project management of the scheme, involving local people as appropriate. Groundwork have been involved in the scheme from the start and undertaken the design and feasibility work. Whilst it is an option for the Council to project manage the work, due to other priorities this cannot be completed in a timescale that is acceptable to local people. The works can be undertaken through the existing agreement between Groundwork North Yorkshire and the Council for the delivery of projects, which was approved in November 2015.

## **6. IMPLICATIONS**

### **(a) Policy**

- 6.1 The content of this report is in accordance with the Council's policy framework.

### **(b) Legal**

- 6.2 Groundwork North Yorksire are authorised to project manage the proposed works under the existing agreement for the delivery of projects which was approved in November 2015.

### **(c) Financial**

- 6.3 The Council agreed "in principle" approval for the use of s.106 and capital receipt money generated within East Whitby to support the programme in February 2015 and approvals for the first phase schemes, including Eastside Park, in June 2015. The land sale in relation to Helredale and St. Peter's Road was completed on 29 May 2015 and the capital receipt to a total value of £380,000 has been received by the Council.

- 6.4 The following table shows the allocations agreed for the Eastside programme (as set out in the Financial Strategy Report 15/46).

S106 off site playground st peters	£125,797.50
S106 off site access/cinder track	£66,340
S106 off site sports st peters/helredale	£115,049.60
<b>TOTAL s106</b>	<b>£307,187.10</b>
Capital receipt	£250,000
<b>Total S106/Capital Receipt</b>	<b>£557,187.10</b>

- 6.5 To date the following has been committed against this allocation

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Capital receipt</b>	<b>s.106</b>
Eatside Park	£85,702.50	£30,000 £125,797.50
Calla Beck	£16,100	
Green Lane Play Area	£22,500	
Cinder track feasibility	£2500	
Abbey Footpath	£24,000	
Eastside Community Centre extension (phase 2)	£50,000	£50,000
Larpool playing fields and track (phase 2)	£11,230	£13,170 £35,049
Helredale Pedestrian Crossing (phase 2)		£20,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£212,032.50</b>	<b>£274,016.50</b>

- 6.6 In relation to Eastside Park Cabinet previously gave in principle approval for the following allocations

S106 off site playground St Peters	£125,787.50
S106 off site sports	£30,000
Capital receipt	£85,702.50
Yorkshire Coast Homes	£5000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£246,500</b>

Less design and feasibility	£9000
<b>TOTAL REMAINING</b>	<b>£237,500</b>

- 6.7 In order to include as many of the resident priorities as possible, the cost of the Eastside Park scheme is higher than originally anticipated at £253,000. It is proposed, therefore, that £15,000 of the unallocated balance of the capital receipt be allocated to the Eastside Park scheme. This has the support of local residents.

**(d) Crime and Disorder**

6.8 The scheme is designed to minimise crime and nuisance from the facility, with low maintenance equipment. The programme as a whole should help to reduce crime and disorder by providing enhanced public and open space, additional community involvement and more positive activities for young people.

**(e) Environmental**

6.9 The proposals will improve the appearance of green and open spaces in the East Whitby area.

**(f) Planning**

6.10 Planning permission is not required.

**(g) Staffing**

6.11 The schemes will be project managed by Groundwork North Yorkshire, under the existing agreement (updated in November 2015). The work is supported by staff from the Customers and Communities Unit. Liaison with relevant staff from other departments will take place as required. Ongoing maintenance will be undertaken by staff from the Parks Service.

**(h) Equalities and Diversity**

6.12 The Eastside Park scheme will improve facilities in an area of disadvantage and will improve provision for children and young people. The resurfacing of the paths will improve accessibility.

**7. ACTION PLAN**

7.1 A timetable for the undertaking of works is as follows:

Development of specification	Oct/November
Procurement/selection of contractors	Nov – January
Start on site	Feb/March*
Work completed	April/May

Estimated 8 week build, the aim is for completion by Easter if possible but this is dependent on the procurement process, lead in times and weather conditions.



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None

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