

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY –
TUESDAY, 14 DECEMBER 2021**



Title of Report	CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE
Presented by	Jason Knight Leisure Services Team Manager
Background Papers	None
Financial Implications	As contained with the report, this is providing the committee with an update on existing projects that already have approved budget or funding in place. Therefore, there are no new financial implications to consider. Signed off by the Deputy Section 151 Officer: Yes
Legal Implications	None identified Signed off by the Deputy Monitoring Officer: Yes
Staffing and Corporate Implications	None identified Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes
Purpose of Report	To update members with regards to capital projects within the Coalville Special Expenses Area
Recommendations	THE WORKING PARTY: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NOTES THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE 2021/22 CAPITAL PROJECTS AND 2. CONSIDERS IF IT WOULD LIKE TO SEEK APPROVAL FROM CABINET TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE DISTRICT WIDE COVID COMMEMORATION

1.0 2021/22 CAPITAL PROJECTS

1.1 Thringstone Miners Social Centre Training Pitch – £7,431

A long term lease has been signed with Ingles Football Club who play at step 6 of the pyramid. This will commence from the 2022/23 season. Priority at the moment is to ensure the FA ground grading requirements are met prior to the season commencing and as part of securing funding from the Football Foundation to deliver this, consideration will also be given to securing funding for and delivering the training pitch at the same time. If this isn't feasible, then the training pitch project will be progressed separately once the ground grading improvements have been delivered.

1.2 **Coalville Park – £35,916 S106 funding and £1,200 CSE funding**

1.2.1 **Play Equipment - £20,268 S106**

The equipment installation has commenced and is due to be completed by 15 December. A photoshoot and press release to mark its opening will be undertaken and the ward member will be involved in this.

1.2.2 **Community Garden**

Officers have been unable to contact members of the Royal British Legion to get an update on progress with the community garden. This has been an ongoing issue for a period of time which does raise concern given the apparent lack of work in the area. In the meantime, the Parks and Open Spaces team have undertaken maintenance to ensure the area is presentable. Officers will continue to make contact in order to determine the most appropriate actions moving forward.

1.2.3 **Park Improvement - £5,000 S106**

Cabinet will be considering the recommendation from CSEWP members on their preferred option for the design of the extension into the field at the rear of the park at their meeting on 7 December. If approved then consideration will be given to phasing the improvements and the item will be removed from future reports.

1.2.4 **Skate Park Graffiti Project - £1,200**

Consultation on the skate park will commence in early 2022 and will focus on both students at Newbridge High School and individual users of the skate park.

1.3 **Lillehammer Drive - £4,223**

The school has confirmed their intention to take on the open space of the former MUGA site in order to use it as an educational nature area. Barretts have confirmed that they are supportive of this and a proposed Deed of Variation for the change of use of the land to allow this to happen was sent to their legal representatives for consideration in May. The Deed has now been formally agreed with Barratt's and is in the process of being executed.

In addition to this, the draft lease for the school has also been approved with Leicestershire County Council and a planning application will be submitted once scaled drawings of the proposed plans have been finalised.

1.4 **Coalville in Bloom 2022 £7,306**

Following discussions with members, a revised to scheme to be delivered in budget has been agreed for 2022 with a focus on High Street for hanging baskets. A breakdown of the anticipated costs for this can be seen in the table below;

Quantity	Item	Locations	Cost	Income
8	Square based 3 Tier flower towers	Memorial Square High Street	£1,744	
8	Troughs	Clock Tower	£486	
12	Circular 3 tier towers	Memorial Square High Street Hotel Street	£2,208	
32	Hanging Baskets	St James Car Park Memorial Square Marlborough Square	£992	
16	Hanging Baskets	Local Businesses	£496	

	Watering		£1,500	
4	Brackets		£280	
	Bardon Community Fund			£2,306
16	Contribution from Businesses (@ £25ea)			£400
	Contribution from CSEWP			£5,000
	TOTAL		£7,706	£7,706

Members do need to be aware that the budget and scheme for 2023 will need to be refined further to be delivered within the budget of £5,000 unless additional funding can be secured.

1.5 **CSE Assets**

An updated Asset Management Plan is attached as Appendix A.

1.5.1 **Scotlands Bowls Pavilion**

Cabinet were supportive of an application being submitted to the Bardon Community Fund for £2,500 to allow for solar panels to be installed on the building. Property Services are leading on submitting the funding bid and will ensure, if successful, the scheme is aligned with the wider council project that will be considering the buildings portfolio of the council and assessing where investment will realise the largest reductions in carbon emissions.

1.5.2 **Asset Management 2021/22**

As part of the Asset Management Plan (AMP) the following works are planned to be delivered during this financial year;

Coalville Park Public Conveniences - £6,180

To be converted to stainless steel fittings to reduce vandalism. 3 quotes have been obtained for the works which have all come in over budget. Consequently the project is being value engineered down within budget.

London Road Cemetery - £1,900

To deliver tree works. The scheme of works has been reduced saving CSE £5,000 in this financial year. The works will be delivered during winter 2021/22.

Broomleys Cemetery - £3,605

Tree works and redecoration of the wrought iron gates. Work on the gates will be completed prior to Christmas and the tree works will be delivered during winter 2021/22.

Claremont Drive Play Area - £8,523

Consideration is being given to alternative options that can be undertaken at the play area so that the equipment doesn't have to be replaced and a saving can be effected to the Coalville Special Expenses budget. The ward member has been engaged and wider consultation will then take place with residents to understand their views. No decision on any changes will be taken without approval from the ward member and members of the working party will be kept abreast of progress.

1.6 **Trees in Coalville**

The joint application with LCC to the Local Authority Treescapes fund was successful in securing 20 trees for Coalville, along with a 3 year maintenance contribution. This will be used to support phase 1 of the extension improvement to Coalville Park. An outcome of the funding bid to the Urban Tree Challenge fund which would provide

replacement trees for highway verges on Bardon Road, Cropston Drive, Greenhill Road, Meadow Lane, Abbots Oak Drive and Blackwood is still awaited.

In addition to this, £16,500 has been secured to deliver general improvements on Bardon Road. This is made up of;

Funding Source	Amount
General Fund	£2,000
Bardon Community Fund	£12,000
Broomleys Allotment Society	£2,500
TOTAL	£16,500

Officers will work with the Ward Member to design and deliver the scheme.

1.7 **London Road Cemetery**

Ashes Interment Area

Officers are currently still investigating if there are graves that are older than 100 years and are therefore back in the ownership of the council and, if so, if these are in close enough proximity to be able to create an interment area for ashes. Further detail will be fed back at a future meeting.

Cemetery Wall

Cabinet will be considering the recommendation from CSEWP members on their preferred wall replacement option at their meeting on 7 December. If approved then the work will be delivered by Property Services.

1.8 **District Wide Covid Commemoration**

An email was circulated to members on 18 November advising them of an opportunity to support the message of '**hope for a brighter future**' in 2022. NWLDC is proposing the installation of commemorative benches and trees in towns and parishes across the district as part of a wider Covid commemoration initiative. Members need to consider if they would like to seek approval from Cabinet in order to support the initiative by submitting an application highlighting how many benches and trees they would like to see installed in the CSE area, and where they would like these to be located. If both trees and benches are requested then a tree must be co-located with a bench. Following installation, all ongoing maintenance and replacement costs will come from CSE. The deadline for applications is 9 January.