

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY –
TUESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022**



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 an update on existing projects that already have approved budget or funding in place. Therefore, there are no financial implications to consider. Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes
Legal Implications	None identified Signed off by the 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	1. THE WORKING PARTY NOTES THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE 2021/22 AND 2022/23 CAPITAL PROJECTS

1.0 2021/22 CAPITAL PROJECTS

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

FA Ground grading requirements continue to be undertaken to ensure the ground and pitch is suitable for Ingles FC to play competitively at step 6 of the football pyramid for the 2022/23 season. A long term lease has been signed with Ingles Football Club who play at step 6 of the pyramid. Once completed priority will be given to securing funding for and delivering the training pitch. This project will be carried forward into 2022/23.

1.2 Coalville Park – £36,026 S106 funding and £1,200 CSE funding

1.2.1 Play Equipment - £20,184 S106

The new equipment is now open and has received favourable feedback, and so this item will be removed from future reports. Consideration is being given to the land around the equipment which is susceptible to becoming boggy during the winter.

1.2.2 **Community Garden**

The Royal British Legion have been contacted to understand their position and commitment moving forward regarding the management of the community garden. In addition to this, a further group has also expressed an interest in being involved in its management. Once both groups have declared their intentions, then consideration will be given to the best solution. In the meantime, the Parks and Open Spaces team will continue to maintain the area. This project will be carried forward into 2022/23.

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

An improvement scheme has been approved by Cabinet and phased improvements have commenced with the planting of trees using funding secured in partnership with LCC from the Treescapes fund, and s106 funding used to secure match funding from the National Forest. This project will be removed from future reports.

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

Attempts to undertake consultation with young people and users of the skate park, have proved unsuccessful and so Community Focus will be supporting the Parks and Open Spaces team to undertake consultation at Picnic in the Park. £600 has been spent to date and so the project will be carried forward into 2022/23 with a balance of £600.

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. Barratts 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. However, despite regularly chasing this since November, the final signing of the documents is still to be completed.

In addition to this, the draft lease for the school has also been approved with Leicestershire County Council and scaled drawings for the planning application have been completed so the application can be submitted as soon as the Deed of Variation has been completed. £625 has been spent to date and so the project will be carried forward into 2022/23 with a balance of £3,598.

1.4 **CSE Assets**

The Asset Management Plan approved as part of the 2022/23 budget setting process is attached as Appendix A.

1.4.1 **Scotlands Bowls Pavilion**

The council has recently agreed a new licence to the bowls club for this site, based on a revised land area which will support their growth aspirations. A specification for the next phase of works is being developed which it is hoped will also include solar panel installations subject to the £2,500 being secured from the Bardon Community Fund. This project will be carried forward into 2022/23.

1.4.2 **Asset Management 2021/22**

As part of the Asset Management Plan (AMP) the following works were planned to be delivered during 2021/22;

Coalville Park Public Conveniences - £6,180

These works have now been completed.

London Road Cemetery - £2,060

Due to tree surgeons having to support Waste Services for a sustained period of time, the tree works have not been fully completed and will be rolled over to 2022/23. Any works presenting a health and safety risk have been undertaken.

Broomleys Cemetery - £3,605

The redecoration of the wrought iron gates has been completed. Due to tree surgeons having to support Waste Services for a sustained period of time, the tree works have not been fully completed and will be rolled over to 2022/23. Any works presenting a health and safety risk have been undertaken.

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 is in the process of being undertaken 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. This project will be carried forward into 2022/23.

1.5 **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 and this will be used to support phase 1 of the extension improvement to Coalville Park.

The joint application to the Urban Tree Challenge fund to provide additional trees for highway verges was also successful. LCC are leading on this project and following consultation with ward members and NWLDC officers, and having undertaken detailed assessments of the areas, it was unfortunately not possible to plant trees in all areas requested. Consequently, having re-assessed, LCC have confirmed their intention is to plant the following trees within the Coalville Special Expense area;

- Greenhill Road – 12 trees
- Cropston Drive – 7 trees
- Mantle Lane – 2 trees
- Stephenson Way – 3 trees
- Loughborough Road, Thringstone – 10 trees

These projects will be removed from future reports.

In addition to this, designs for the £16,500 improvement project on Bardon Road is also in the process of being designed in partnership with LCC. Officers will engage with the ward member on proposals prior to work commencing and the project will be carried forward into 2022/23.

1.6 **District Wide Covid Commemoration**

Bids were successfully submitted for the installation of benches and/or trees in the following locations within the Coalville Special Expenses area

- Memorial Square
- Scotlands Recreation Ground
- Willow Green
- Charles Street / Western Avenue
- Henson Lane Green, Thringstone

It's anticipated all installations will be completed by the end of April 2023 and so this item will be removed from future reports.

1.7 **The Oval Play Area**

Officers were recently made aware that, despite having maintained it for over 20 years, the Oval Play Area was still in the ownership of the developer. Consequently, no commuted maintenance sum was ever received for the area. Therefore a commuted maintenance sum has been agreed and the area is in the process of being transferred to the council. The result of this is a saving of approximately £25,000 to the Coalville Special Expenses budget over the next 5 years.

2.0 **2022/23 CAPITAL PROJECTS**

In addition to those projects highlighted within the report that will be carried over to 2022/23, the following projects and works are also planned to be delivered;

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

The table below highlights the locations and costs of flowers for Coalville in Bloom 2022;

Quantity	Item	Locations	Cost	Income
8	Square based 3 Tier flower towers	Memorial Square High Street	£1,744	
8	Troughs	Clock Tower	£488	
12	Circular 3 tier towers	Memorial Square High Street Hotel Street	£2,208	
32	Hanging Baskets	St James Car Park Memorial Square Marlborough Square	£990	
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.

2.2 **London Road Cemetery Wall - £45,000**

Property Services are leading on this project and are in the process of procuring a contractor to undertake the work.

2.3 **CSE Assets**

As per the Asset Management Plan (attached as Appendix 1), the following works are planned to be delivered in 2022/23;

Scotlands Bowls Pavilion - £11,010

Upgrade of storage and water heaters, refurbishment of external cladding, repair of potholes on the access road, and the replacement of the doors to the store.

Thringstone Bowls Pavilion - £20,000

Permanent roof repairs following the structural survey undertaken in 2020.

London Road Cemetery - £1,556

Tree works. An additional amount will also be carried forward from 2021/22 to undertake outstanding tree works unable to be delivered. £3,000 has also been allocated for a possible Remembrance Garden and this will be considered as part of the corporate Burials Review and will be reported back on separately following completion of the review.

Broomleys Cemetery - £7,000

Tree and path works.

Adam Morris Way Play Area - £7,700

Replacement of the fencing.

Cropston Drive Play Area - £33,052

Replacement of equipment. Consideration will be 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 will be engaged and wider consultation will 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.

Sharpley Avenue Play Area - £17,526

Replacement of equipment. Consideration will be 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 will be engaged and wider consultation will 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.