

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY –  
TUESDAY, 10 DECEMBER 2024**



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| <b>Title of Report</b>                     | <b>2024/25 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE</b>  |
| <b>Presented by</b>                        | Jason Knight<br>Leisure Services Team Manager   |
| <b>Background Papers</b>                   | None  |
| <b>Financial Implications</b>              | If a recommendation is made to Cabinet to relocate litter bins away from play areas, this would cost Coalville Special Expenses between £2,400 and in excess of £6,000. There is no budget provision available to fund this additional expenditure.   |
|  | <b>Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes</b>   |
| <b>Legal Implications</b>                  | None  |
|  | <b>Signed off by the Monitoring Officer: Yes</b>  |
| <b>Staffing and Corporate Implications</b> | None  |
|  | <b>Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes</b>  |
| <b>Purpose of Report</b>                   | To update members with regards to capital projects within the Coalville Special Expenses Area.  |
| <b>Recommendations</b>                     | <b>THAT THE WORKING PARTY:</b><br><ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. NOTES THE PROGRESS UPDATE ON THE 2024/25 CAPITAL PROJECTS AND THE PROJECTS INCLUDED WITHIN THE 2024/25 ASSET MANAGEMENT PLAN.</b></li> <li><b>2. CONSIDERS IF IT WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO CABINET TO RELOCATE LITTER BINS IN THE COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSE AREA AWAY FROM PLAY AREAS.</b></li> </ol> |

**1.0 2024/25 CAPITAL PROJECTS**

**1.1 Coalville Special Expenses Assets**

The Asset Management Plan approved as part of the 2024/25 budget setting process is attached as **Appendix A**. All works budgeted for in 2024/25 will be delivered during the financial year.

**1.1.1 Asset Management 2024/25**

London Road Cemetery Tree Works - £1,020

These works will be delivered during winter 2024/25.

Broomleys Cemetery Additional Grave Space - £4,900

These works will be delivered during winter/spring 2024/25.

Broomleys Cemetery Tree Works - £1,870

These works will be delivered during winter 2024/25.

Broomleys Cemetery Pathworks - £4,300

These works have been completed and this item will be removed from future reports.

Play Area Painting - £5,400

These works will be delivered prior to the end of March 2025.

Cropston Drive (£33,050) and Sharpley Avenue (£19,660) Play Areas Equipment Replacement

The procurement for these works has been completed and a preferred contractor identified. Works will commence during winter and will be completed by 31 March 2025.

1.2 **Trees in Coalville**

Leicestershire County Council (LCC) has indicated that it is still their intention to plant trees on highway verges at Meadow Lane, Abbots Oak Drive, and Blackwood. Whilst they have advised that their intention is to undertake the planting over the winter of 2024/25, officers are still awaiting confirmation from LCC colleagues that the works will be delivered.

1.3 **Memorial Square, High Street and Broomleys Corner**

The Licences to Cultivate have been issued by LCC for Memorial Square and Broomleys Corner, agreed and signed off by both parties. LCC has also indicated a desire to enter into agreement regarding High Street and this will be incorporated as part of the legal agreement between NWLDC and LCC for the relocation of the Mother and Child statue and the reinstatement of the land on High Street where the statue was previously sited. Consequently, this item will be removed from future reports.

1.4 **Coalville in Bloom 2024**

The scheme for 2024 has been delivered. Feedback received was positive and eleven businesses participated by purchasing hanging baskets. This item will be removed from future reports.

1.5 **Coalville in Bloom 2025**

On the assumption that there is an allocation towards Coalville in Bloom 2025 approved as part of the 2025/26 budget setting process, officers will liaise with the Chair of the Working Party over winter to agree a deliverable scheme. It is likely costs will increase and so the scheme may need to be modified to fit the budget available. The scheme will also be impacted by the amount of businesses that request hanging baskets and the cost of these given they are currently subsidised.

1.6 **Bins in Play Areas**

It has been requested by a member of the Working Party that consideration be given to the relocation of litter bins currently in or immediately next to play areas due to dog fouling being put into them and the smells they can emit. The bins are currently emptied three times per week on average but can get full quickly during warm weather and school holiday periods.

The cost of relocating an existing bin, assuming it is in reasonable condition, would be £200.

The cost of replacing and relocating an existing bin if it is not in a reasonable condition would be £500. The state of the base of the bin would not be known until an attempt was made to remove it.

It should be noted that relocation of the bins may mean they are not used and more litter is deposited within the play areas affected by this change. Consequently, relocation may incur additional litter picking costs that would need to be funded by Coalville Special Expenses.

The table below highlights the number and locations of litter bins within or immediately next to play areas:

| <b>Play Area</b>          | <b>Number of Litter Bins</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Coalville Park            | 2                            |
| Burgess Road              | 1                            |
| Stadium Close             | 1                            |
| Kendrick Close            | 1                            |
| Melrose Road              | 1                            |
| Sunningdale               | 1                            |
| Cropston Drive Play Area  | 1                            |
| Cropston Drive Open Space | 1                            |
| Sharpley Avenue           | 1                            |
| Adam Morris Way           | 1                            |
| Staples Drive             | 1                            |
|                           |                              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>12</b>                    |

If all litter bins were relocated then the best case scenario would be a cost of £2,400 and the worse case scenario a cost of £6,000, plus any additional litter picking costs incurred.

An alternative option would be to consider relocating each litter bin at the time it needs replacing.

Members are asked to consider if they would like to make a recommendation to Cabinet to relocate all litter bins with a potential cost to Coalville Special Expenses that may be in excess of £6,000 plus potential additional litter picking costs.

| <b>Policies and other considerations, as appropriate</b> |   |
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| Council Priorities:                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communities and housing</li> <li>- Clean, green and Zero Carbon</li> <li>- A well-run council</li> </ul> |
| Policy Considerations:                                   | None  |
| Safeguarding:  | None  |
| Equalities/Diversity:                                    | None  |

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| Customer Impact:                            | The provision of well-maintained and attractive open spaces in Coalville town centre.   |
| Economic and Social Impact:                 | None  |
| Environment, Climate Change and Zero Carbon | Supporting the Zero Carbon agenda through the planting of trees   |
| Consultation/Community/Tenant Engagement:   | None  |
| Risks:                                      | None  |
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