

NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COALVILLE SPECIAL EXPENSES WORKING PARTY – 17 DECEMBER 2013

Title of report	CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE
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Purpose of report	To update members with regards to planned Capital Projects within the Coalville Special Expense Area.
Recommendations	IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT MEMBERS NOTE THE PROGRESS ON 2013/14 CAPITAL PROJECTS

1.0 CAPITAL PROJECTS UPDATE

The Coalville Special Expenses Capital Programme update for 2013/14 is as follows;

1.1 Coalville Park Improvements – Total Project Cost £23,000, Balance £2,739 – S106

The 400m jogging circuit with 100m markings is now in situ. This also includes the current long and triple jump world records.

1.2 Owen Street Recreation Ground

1.2.1 Electricity Upgrade – Total Project Cost £25,000, Balance £779

Electrical works have now been completed, and attention has returned to the floodlights. The approached contractor has not been forthcoming in making recommendations for potential floodlight improvements. Consequently, an alternative contractor is being engaged.

1.2.2 Changing Room Development – £115,208

Two plans have been developed by Property Services, an ideal and a scaled down solution, both of which significantly exceeded budget. Consequently, we are now working with a contractor recommended by the football club to see if they can propose a suitable scheme of works within budget. If this can be achieved, then any procurement issues will be considered prior to inviting representatives from the Leicestershire FA and the Football Stadia Improvement Fund to Owen Street to discuss proposals in advance of submitting an expression of interest and then a full bid.

Additional funding sources are still being explored – McDonalds and East Midlands Airport cannot be considered due to the club having received funding off them previously, and Biffa, SITA and Veolia are not appropriate as the funding criteria cannot be met. Whilst not dismissed totally by them, it is unlikely the project would be

supported by the Big Society Fund as an application for a changing room in an area supporting one club and one sport would not be considered as a community based initiative. However, LCC officers have expressed that they'll be more than happy to discuss the project and its eligibility in more detail in January in advance of the next round of bids closing in February. In addition to this, officers are still also exploring the possibility of applying to the next round of Inspired Facilities, Ibstock Corey Environmental Trust, Cash4Clubs and the Legacy Fund.

It has been recommended by the Council's Asset Management Group that a long-term lease be issued to the football club rather than a licence. The advantages are that it gives CTFC the autonomy to use the area as they see fit in the best interests of the club, whilst also satisfying any future potential funding pots who may request this type of security of tenure as a pre-requisite for making an application. However, the Council still gives a commitment that it will work closely with and will continue to support the club on the future management and development of the site.

The proposed lease will be sent to CTFC for consideration and feedback. In the meantime, approval will be sought from the Council's Corporate Leadership Team to enter into a long term lease agreement with the club.

A lease will mean that the current Management Committee for the pavilion will be disbanded as the club will automatically take full responsibility for the asset. However, the club can then put in place any governance structure it feels appropriate for the future management of the whole site. NWLDC officers will support them through this process and the establishment of a liaison committee.

1.3 Thringstone Miners Social Centre – £4,913

Thringstone Miners Social Centre Management Committee are currently liaising with NWLDC planning and Leicestershire County Council over footpath diversions and the movement of a street light in order to facilitate a grass training pitch on the area that was formerly Clover Place play area. Provisional costs are also now being sought for the groundworks. Officers will continue to work with the Management Committee on sourcing the quotes and funding required.

1.4 Cropston Drive BMX Track and Wheeled Sports Facility – £42,552 (£25,052 S106, £7,500 CSE, £10,000 515)

£32,500 is committed to a new wheeled sports facility, and £10,000 to improvements to the BMX track. Proposals for both elements were presented and given approval at the last meeting of the Working Party. Further consultation has taken place with the Youth Group at the Community Shop and we are now waiting on final confirmed costs from the two contractors. Once received, these will be evaluated for best value before presenting final proposals to consultees. It is anticipated that works will commence in spring.

1.5 Broomleys Allotments, Greenhill – Total Project Cost £10,000, Balance £2,047

The excavation works and the mains pipe laying for the mains water feed to site have been completed. We are now awaiting Severn Trent to undertake their inspection and to then connect the water supply which should be completed prior to Christmas.

1.6 Urban Forest Park, Coalville

1.6.1 Play Equipment – Total Project Cost £39,000, Balance £7,845 – S106

The new piece of play equipment is in situ. Any outstanding balance from works will be carried over to the footway and drainage improvements.

1.6.2 **Footway and Drainage Improvements – £30,000 S106**

Schemes of work are currently being produced and consultation with Ward Members will take place on these. Initial consultation with Members has allayed any concerns regarding the agitation and potential emission of gas from works likely to be undertaken. It is anticipated that work will commence in spring.

1.7 **Melrose Road Play Area – Balance £1,988**

Whilst this project has been completed, there is an underspend of £1,988. It is proposed that this money is used to improve and upgrade the flooring under the original play equipment as it is deteriorating. It will be the same type of flooring as under the new play equipment.