



Service Delivery Committee	Tuesday, 05 July 2016	Matter for Information
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Title: Facilities Service Update

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1. Introduction

This report covers progress and developments within the Facilities Service. It sets out achievements and work in progress since the March 2016 when progress was last reported.

2. Recommendations

That Members note the information provided within the report.

3. Capital Projects

3.1 Ervins Lock Footbridge – A consultant has been appointed to advise on taking the project forward. Their progress report to date explains that:

- full planning permission will be required
- the bridge design will need to conform to Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DRMB) Guidance (i.e., minimum of 2.0m between parapets)
- The result of a utilities search in the vicinity shows there are no underground services that would impede installation.
- A CCTV survey of the canal by-wash and a topographical survey are in the process of being completed.

3.2 Sheila Mitchell Pavilion – repairs have started to the canopy roof. The wooden slats have been removed and are being treated off-site. The metal framework has been re-painted. A new CCTV system is being installed prior to the slats being re-installed. Work is taking place around bowls club use and other users of the pavilion.

4. Forum Projects

4.1. Ellis Park Drinking Fountain - work to begin in July.

4.2 Chicken Alley – re-surfacing of the footpath between Brocks Hill Drive and New Street, Oadby, has been completed.

4.3 Bus shelters – shelters with seats have been installed at Paddock Street, Oadby Road and Horsewell Lane. The following forum requests are in progress:

- Bus shelter at Howden Road, Oadby
- Litter bin near to Manor School, Oadby
- 2 litter bins at Coombe Park, Oadby
- Seat for the bus shelter outside of the Council Offices/Health Centre, Station Road, Wigston.

5. Other Facilities Work

5.1 Blaby Road Park Car Park – Consultation with South Leicestershire College over student use of Blaby Road Car park has not resolved the parking issue. It is therefore

proposed to limit parking in both Blaby Road Park Car Park and Station Street Car Park to 3 hours stay. In order to do this the Parking Order will need to be amended. A report requesting permission to amend the order will be submitted to Policy, Finance and Development Committee on 19th July 2016. This will be followed by statutory consultation with the police and Highways Authority, advertising in the local press and a minimum 21 day period of public consultation for objections and representations to be received. A further report finalising the new order will go to Policy, Finance and Development Committee on 20th September 2016. Assuming approval is given and any objections and representations can be satisfactorily dealt with the intention is that the new Order would come into force on 1st October 2016. The anticipated cost of revising the order is around £2k which is required for press advertising.

- 5.2 Peace Memorial Park – repairs have been carried out to the fountain, the multi-use games area / tennis court has been re-lined and three interpretation boards have been installed which have been funded by Friends of Peace Memorial Park. All work was completed in advance of the Green Flag judges visit on 20th April the outcome of which is awaited.
- 5.3 Hayes Park – a quote has been received for the supply and installation of goal posts in the park. It is hoped that the installation will take place before the end of the school holidays; although there is a 6 week lead-in period quoted by the manufacturer.
- 5.4 Oadby cemetery – a quote has been accepted to replace the fence near to the slip road on Oadby Road near to Marriott House.
- 5.5 Wigston Cemetery – a further row of Garden of Remembrance beds has been created.
- 5.6 Victoria Cross Memorial Stone – A paving stone commemorating the life of William Ewart Boulter who was the Borough’s only recipient of the Victoria Cross is being supplied to the council by Department for Communities and Local Government on 4th July ahead of the unveiling ceremony on 14th July. The stone is due to be installed in Bell Street during the week it is received.
- 5.7 Car Parks – Repairs have been carried out to pot holes at St Peter’s Church Hall car park which is owned by the Council. Directional arrows have been installed at Aylestone Lane Car Park to aid traffic flow. Negotiations with the private land owner of part of East Street Car Park have taken place to facilitate repairs to the post holes which are on private land; the repair work is being managed by the Facilities Manager following agreement for a 50:50 split of the invoice with the landowner.

Background Documents:-

Parking at Blaby Road Park, South Wigston
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Implications	
Financial [CR]	None at this stage, however, the cost of the Parking Order, if approved, will need to be met from existing budgets.
Legal [AC]	No significant implications.
Risk [MS]	CR5 - Effective utilisation of assets/buildings.
Equalities [MS]	No significant implications.
	Equality Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Initial Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Full Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable