



**Service Delivery  
Committee**

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2017**

**Matter for  
Information**

**Title: Facilities Services Update**

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## **1. Introduction**

This report covers the progress and developments within the Facilities Service and sets out achievements and work in progress since 21 March 2017 when progress was last reported.

## **2. Recommendations**

That Members note the information in the report.

## **3. Capital Projects**

### **3.1 Ervins Lock Footbridge**

Canal and River Trust (CaRT) has responded with their comments on the bridge design submitted to them by William Saunders on behalf of the Council. Their comments concern the aesthetics of the bridge rather than the principal of having a structure in this location and therefore it is taken that, in principal, they do not object to a bridge in this location. They point out that despite its semi rural nature at the Ervins Lock site, the canal at this location is a designated conservation area. Rather than the standard bridge design submitted, they indicate a wish to see a more bespoke and unique design. They have also raised concerns over the re-grading and diverting of the existing towpath and wish to see further cross sections of the proposed levels to check the impact on the trees and hedgerows. William Saunders has been asked to give an indication of the likely cost implications of a more bespoke structure.

### **3.2 Refurbishment of Bus Shelters**

There are 59 bus shelters installed in the Borough although not all require refurbishment. Twenty two shelters were re-painted / refurbished in 2016-17 capital programme and a request has been made to carry the budget balance of £7,260 forward in order to continue the programme.

### **3.3 Cemetery Wall Repairs**

This work has been completed.

### **3.4 Memorial Safety Programme**

The programme is on-going. The Sexton continues to check memorials on a routine basis.

### **3.5 Play Areas**

A request has been made to carry forward a balance of £26,441 from the 2016-17 Play areas are the subject of a separate report (at agenda item 15).

#### 4. Residents' Forum Projects

At the time of writing there are no outstanding Forum projects for the Facilities section.

#### 5. Other Facilities Work

##### 5.1 Car Parks

The intermittent problem with the car park lights at Sandhurst Street car park, Oadby is now resolved.

##### 5.2 Cemeteries

The chart below shows the number of interments Cemetery staff have dealt with during the three months 1 March 2017 to 31 May 2017

	Full burials	Interment of cremated remains	Scattering of ashes
Wigston Cemetery	18	29	5
Oadby Cemetery	4	6	5

As planned the cemetery vehicle was replaced in early June. A new vehicle was purchased outright and the leased vehicle returned.

There is potential to extend Oadby cemetery into the land of the former scout hut. Costs are being worked up for this in order to submit a capital bid for 2018-19. Should Members wish to bring this forward then budget provision would need to be found within the current capital year. This has been discussed briefly with the Finance Manager who advises that this may be an option but only on the basis that another project was put on hold or suspended.

#### Background Documents:-

None.

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Implications	
<b>Financial (CR)</b>	As set out in comments incorporated within the report.
<b>Legal (AC)</b>	No significant implications.
<b>Risk (MS)</b>	CR5 - Effective Utilisation of Assets / Buildings
<b>Corporate Priorities (MS)</b>	CP1 - An Inclusive and Engaged Borough CP2 - Effective Service Provision CP3 - Green and Safe Places CP5 - Wellbeing For All
<b>Vision and</b>	VV4 - Innovation

<b>Values</b> (MS)	VV5 - Customer Focus
<b>Equalities</b> (MS)	No significant implications.
	Equality Assessment:-
	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial Screening <input type="checkbox"/> Full Assessment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not Applicable