

## CABINET ITEM COVERING SHEET PROFORMA

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO CABINET**

**21 JULY 2008**

**REPORT OF CORPORATE  
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

### **CABINET DECISION**

**Arts, Leisure & Culture – Lead Cabinet Member – Councillor Mrs Womphrey**

#### **THE REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF STOCKTON'S PARKS**

1. Summary

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This report summarises progress made to date, including consultation work, details of external funding secured and project delivery. The report outlines the next stages in the development and delivery of these schemes, including a breakdown of estimated project costs and information on external funding.

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- Village Park (Thornaby)
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- River Tees Park

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2. Recommendations

Members are recommended to:

- 1) Note the contents of this report.
- 2) Authorise officers to enter into initial negotiations with landowners within the River Tees corridor with a view to reporting back to Cabinet at a later date on

the opportunities and potential costs of land acquisition, as part of a wider report on the proposed development of a River Tees Park.

- 3) That a programme of publicity be devised to highlight the major investments in the borough's parks and play areas.

### 3. Reasons for the Recommendations/Decision(s)

The report provides an update on the delivery of current schemes, approved by Cabinet in September 2007. No additional Stockton Borough Council funding is sought at this stage, although a request for such funding may be brought before Cabinet in the future.

The acquisition of additional land within the River Tees and/or the River Leven corridors would provide Stockton Council with the opportunity to develop a new 'Country Park', as identified in the current Local Plan and other existing strategies. Such a development would also compliment other major projects in this area including the 'Connect2' cycle network and the regeneration of Preston Park and Hall. Through some initial negotiations with landowners it would be possible to assess the feasibility of this proposal and identify the likely costs involved.

### 4. Members' Interests

Members (including co-opted Members with voting rights) should consider whether they have a personal interest in the item as defined in the Council's code of conduct (**paragraph 8**) and, if so, declare the existence and nature of that interest in accordance with paragraph 9 of the code.

Where a Member regards him/herself as having a personal interest in the item, he/she must then consider whether that interest is one which a member of the public, with knowledge of the relevant facts, would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest (**paragraphs 10 and 11 of the code of conduct**).

A Member with a prejudicial interest in any matter must withdraw from the room where the meeting considering the business is being held -

- in a case where the Member is attending a meeting (including a meeting of a select committee) but only for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence, provided the public are also allowed to attend the meeting for the same purpose whether under statutory right or otherwise, immediately after making representations, answering questions or giving evidence as the case may be;
- in any other case, whenever it becomes apparent that the business is being considered at the meeting;

and must not exercise executive functions in relation to the matter and not seek improperly to influence the decision about the matter (**paragraph 12 of the Code**).

**Further to the above, it should be noted that any Member attending a meeting of Cabinet, Select Committee etc; whether or not they are a Member of the Cabinet or Select Committee concerned, must declare any personal interest which they have in the business being considered at the meeting (unless the interest arises solely from the Member's membership of, or position of control or management on any other body to which the Member was appointed or nominated by the Council, or on any other body exercising functions of a public nature, when the interest only needs to be declared if and when the Member speaks on the matter), and if their interest is prejudicial, they must also leave the meeting room, subject to and in accordance with the provisions referred to above.**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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## DETAIL

### Background

1. Stockton Borough has a great variety of urban and country parks which make a significant contribution towards enhancing the quality of life of people who live and work in the Borough, and help to make it an attractive destination for visitors. High quality parks and greenspaces provide a wide range of social, economic and environmental benefits, contributing to sustainable urban living and the wider regeneration of the Borough.
2. The Council has an excellent track record in the management of its parks and greenspaces, with four parks achieving Green Flag status in 2007. The five MORI surveys undertaken since 1998 show that between 59% and 73% of service users are satisfied with parks and open spaces in the Borough, with the most recent survey in 2006 showing the highest satisfaction rating recorded. However, while these figures are encouraging they also demonstrate that there is scope for further improvement.
3. In recent years the Council has worked in partnership with local communities and external agencies to develop and regenerate a number of the Borough's parks, most notably the restoration of the Victorian Ropner Park, part-funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Building on the successful implementation of this and other schemes, Cabinet agreed in February 2007 to allocate £500,000 for the regeneration of the Borough's parks through the Council's Medium Term Capital Plan. A subsequent report to Cabinet (27 September 2007) proposed that this funding be allocated to the following schemes, with a recommendation that these funds should be matched with additional external funding:

	£
John Whitehead Park, Billingham	100,000
Newham Grange Park, Stockton	75,000
Romano Park, Ingleby Barwick	150,000
Wynyard Woodland Park, Thorpe Thewles	175,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>500,000</b>

4. It was proposed that this funding would be used to deliver discrete elements of each scheme during this initial phase of the park regeneration programme. It was recognised that delivery of these projects would be phased over a period of years, depending on the scope of the final, agreed schemes and subject to the availability of additional funding.
5. Park Project Plans and associated Master Plans have been prepared (or are in the process of being developed) for each scheme, in consultation with a wide range of partners and stakeholders.
6. In many cases 'Friends' and 'Supporters' groups, and other community organisations, support the development and delivery of the park regeneration schemes. For example, these groups may assist with consultation work, provide information and advice to support the regeneration project, organise events and activities, secure external funding and act as 'champions' for their local park.
7. The following sections provide a brief summary of each park regeneration scheme, outlining progress to date and future priorities. A financial breakdown for each scheme is provided in **Appendix 1**.
8. In addition to the above four projects reference is made to other current or proposed park regeneration or development schemes (Village Park, Harewood Pleasure Gardens, River

Tees Country Park) and three associated initiatives which will compliment and add-value to the park regeneration programme (Play Builder, Active Outdoors and Playing Out).

9. Finally, it should be emphasised that the park regeneration programme is being delivered in parallel to other park and greenspace regeneration projects such as Preston Park and Trinity Green and in the context of an emerging strategic framework for green infrastructure planning in the Tees Valley and Stockton, as outlined in a report to Cabinet on 24 April 2008.

#### **John Whitehead Park, Billingham**

10. This urban park is situated in central Billingham and is subject to a comprehensive regeneration programme. Progress made to date includes:
  - Installation of new children's play area.
  - Park safety and security improved through installation of CCTV camera, management of boundary hedge and shrub removal programme to improve 'natural surveillance'.
  - Sensory Garden completed, with the exception of the proposed central feature.
11. The next stages in the project include:
  - Installation of play area fencing, new park gates, street furniture and path works.
  - Refurbishment of cafe and toilets.
  - Landscaping and drainage of playing fields.
  - Development of facilities for young people, including proposed Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). Young people from local secondary schools to be directly involved in development of projects.
  - Develop information and interpretation for park.

#### **Newham Grange Park, Stockton**

12. This largely informal park is located in Bishopsgarth & Elmtree and Newtown wards. The park regeneration project is well-advanced with the following elements already completed:
  - Installation of new children's play area.
  - Park safety and security improved through installation of CCTV and shrub removal programme to improve 'natural surveillance'.
  - Beck biodiversity and hedge laying projects.
  - New street furniture installed
13. The next stages in the project include:
  - Development of sports facilities and associated infrastructure, including playing field drainage, new changing pavilion and car parking.
  - Development of new woodland area including memorial trees (in partnership with Butterwick Hospice).
  - Development of path network, entrance points and picnic area.
  - Landscape enhancements, especially in the central area of the park.
  - Develop information and interpretation for park.

#### **Romano Park, Ingleby Barwick**

14. The project aims to create a new park in the centre of Ingleby Barwick, utilising an existing area of greenspace. Having secured planning consent in October 2007 progress to date includes:
  - CCTV being installed.
  - Programme of workshops and other activities run with local children to develop ideas for the proposed 'Landscape for Play'.

15. The next stages in the project include:
- Implementation of 'Landscape for Play' including children's play equipment, landscaping, seating and fencing.
  - Installation of other street furniture.
  - Development of play facilities for young people on the remainder of the site, in conjunction with any proposed developments which might emerge through the Building Schools for the Future programme.
  - Development of bedding, sculpture and seating.
  - Develop information and interpretation for park

### **Wynyard Woodland Park, Thorpe Thewles**

16. This project will set out a new future vision for this popular country park, building on some of the special characteristics and themes within the existing site, including:
- the natural environment,
  - history and heritage,
  - the Planetarium and Observatory
  - play and adventure.
17. The project will seek to develop Wynyard Woodland Park into an all-day visitor attraction. It will also maximise the potential of the site as a 'gateway' to the wider countryside, making full use of linkages to the National Cycle Network.
18. A comprehensive Park Project Plan is currently being developed. In the meantime landscaping and other improvement works are already being carried out in the vicinity of the Visitor Centre and a major new play area is being planned.

### **Village Park, Thornaby**

19. Progress to date:
- Installation of new play area with kick wall and seating areas.
  - Clearance of shrubs for security purposes.
  - Installation of CCTV.
20. The next stages in the project include:
- Installation of a Multi-Use Games Area.
  - Installation of new entrance gates around park.
  - Installation of Play Trail around the park perimeter.
  - Resurfacing of footpaths.
  - Development of picnic area adjacent play area.

### **Harewood Pleasure Gardens, Thornaby**

21. This scheme is due to commence in 2008/09 and will include:
- Reconstruction of footpaths within the site (including steps)
  - Clearance of shrubs to improve sight lines.
  - Tree management programme.
  - Improvement works in the vicinity of the entrance.
  - Installation of new street furniture
  - Restore/replace railings around park.

### **Preston Park and Hall**

22. Proposals under this scheme, following extensive consultation carried out by Stockton Council and subject to successful grant applications, will see major works to Preston Hall Museum, including improved access and circulation, better use of space and improved

displays. Proposed works to the Park include landscape restoration work, improved visitor information and facilities, an improved entrance and car park layout, better facilities for younger people and enhanced path networks throughout the site.

23. A recent application to the Heritage Lottery for £3.6million has received a Stage 1 approval with a detailed Stage 2 submission in September 2008. A bid has also been submitted to the Big Lottery Parks for people for a further £3.5 million. This was submitted in March 2008 and a decision on a Stage 1 approval is expected around October 2008.

### **River Tees Park – including Betty’s Close /Round Hill**

24. For some time there has been an aspiration to develop a new ‘country park’ within the River Tees corridor, on the eastern side of the river in Ingleby Barwick. This is identified in the existing Stockton on Tees Local Plan (Recreation Policy 8 states that ‘Land along the Tees and Leven Valleys will be designated as a country park’) and in other key documents including the River Tees Navigation Strategy.
25. The recent ‘Review of River Based Leisure Facilities’ undertaken by the Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee (published in March 2008 and endorsed by Cabinet on 24 April 2008) recommends ‘developing the River Tees park proposals to an action plan stage’.
26. The development of a country park on the eastern side of the River Tees in Ingleby Barwick would have many benefits and compliment other projects within the river corridor. For example, it would:
- Establish linear access within the corridor, complimenting the proposals for new cycle/pedestrian bridges set out under the Connect2 proposal and provide an opportunity to re-route the Teesdale Way.
  - Enhance the landscape, biodiversity and heritage value of the river corridor, and provide opportunities for interpretation, education and community involvement.
  - Provide improved public access to the countryside within the river corridor and to the river itself.
  - Compliment proposals to regenerate Preston Park and Hall, by improving access to the wider countryside and enhancing the landscape setting of the park and hall.
27. An initial area of land at Betty’s Close Farm / Round Hill is already expected to be transferred to the Council under a Section 106 Agreement linked to development at Ingleby Barwick. However, through the acquisition of additional land it would be possible to create a more extensive park which could extend northwards towards Preston Park, and westwards along the River Leven, encompassing some of the most attractive landscapes within those river corridors.
28. It is proposed therefore that officers enter into initial negotiations with landowners in this area with a view to reporting back to Cabinet at a later date on the opportunities and potential costs of land acquisition for development of a River Tees Country Park, as part of a wider development plan for the park.

### **Other associated programmes**

#### *Fair Play Playbuilder Capital Grant*

29. Stockton Borough has recently secured £1,119,903 from the Department for Children, Schools and Families for delivery of a 3-year ‘Fair Play Playbuilder’ programme, which will be invested in the refurbishment or development of a minimum of 20 play areas across the Borough. Details of how these funds are to be allocated have yet to be agreed, and a report will be presented to Cabinet in the near future setting out a series of recommendations for the delivery of this programme. However, given that some of the play

areas within parks are already identified as priorities for development under the Borough's Play Strategy it is anticipated that some Playbuilder funding will contribute towards delivery of the park regeneration programme.

#### *Active Outdoors*

30. A new 3-year programme developed through Stockton Borough's Community Sports Network and funded by Sport England and Stockton Council. 'Active Outdoors' is to be launched in 2008 and will deliver a range of informal sport and recreational activities in targeted areas across the Borough, aimed at increasing levels of physical activity amongst young people and adults.

#### *Playing Out*

31. The Council has secured funding through the North Tees Primary Care Trust Local Development Plan for the delivery of this programme during 2008/09 and 2009/10. 'Playing Out' aims to promote play and outdoor learning through a range of supervised activities for children and young people in parks and other greenspaces. It will also promote community involvement in the design and development of parks and play spaces.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

32. A financial breakdown for each scheme is provided in **Appendix 1**.
33. It should be noted that in many cases detailed design work has yet to be undertaken and further public consultation is required, so actual costs may vary from these initial estimates. This is particularly the case with regard to Wynyard Woodland Park and the proposed River Tees Park. These schemes are still at the very early stages of development and the costs given should be treated as indicative.
34. Significant sums of external funding have already been secured for a number of these schemes (for example, from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund, Children's Play Programme, Section 106 contributions, Landfill Communities Fund and Parish/Town Councils). Further external funding is being sought for the majority of the schemes, but the figures provided should be viewed as 'estimated' or 'indicative', with the actual figures subject to the outcome of individual funding applications.
35. In most cases schemes are being delivered incrementally over a period of years as the necessary funding is secured. It should also be stressed that funding is being sought to deliver discrete, deliverable elements of each scheme (e.g. a play area or landscape feature).
36. The total Stockton Borough Council capital allocation for these schemes remains at £500,000, as approved by Cabinet in September 2007. No additional Stockton Borough Council funding is sought at this stage, although a request for such funding may be brought before Cabinet in the future.
37. It is recognised that the development of these parks will have implications in terms of on-going management and maintenance costs. Any additional revenue costs as a result of this first phase of the park regeneration programme can be met within existing resources.

### **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

38. Specific elements of each scheme may require planning consent and this is being sought at the appropriate stage in the development of each scheme. For example, the new CCTV cameras and John Whitehead Park required Planning Approval, and the development Romano Park has been granted Full Planning Consent.



## RISK ASSESSMENT

39. The development of these parks is categorised as low to medium risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk. The development of the parks is being managed through a combination of internal Council working groups and external 'partnership' or 'consultation' groups.

## SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY IMPLICATIONS

40. The Park Regeneration Programme will impact on the following policy platform areas of the Sustainable Community Strategy:

### **Main themes:-**

**Economic Regeneration and Transport:** Attractive parks contribute towards 'quality of place'. Parks form part of Stockton's tourism 'offer', and enhance the image of the Borough as a place to invest and work. Each Park Project Plan also addresses transport issues, identifying opportunities to promote sustainable transport and to see the park as part of the wider green infrastructure network.

**Safer Communities:** Improving safety is a key objective for each park, to be delivered through improved security measures and enhanced natural surveillance. Increased levels of use will also help to deter anti-social behaviour and promote positive attitudes and social interaction.

**Children and Young People:** Well-maintained, high-quality parks provide safe and stimulating environments for play and learning, for children and young people of all ages. Children and young people have the opportunity to play a part in developing and enhancing their local parks through a range of activities and involvement in the design process where possible.

**Health and Wellbeing:** Accessible, stimulating parks encourage people to be physically active and to relax, contributing towards improved mental and physical health

**Environment and Housing:** Attractive, diverse and well-managed parks make a major contribution towards overall environmental quality – including landscape and biodiversity. Parks also contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation.

### **Supporting Themes:-**

**Stronger Communities:** Parks are places where people meet and interact in a positive way. Programmes of events and activities, and the work of 'friends groups' helps to promote community cohesion and a greater sense of pride in the local area.

**Older Adults:** Parks provide places where older adults can relax take exercise and take part in formal and informal sports. Older adults can also get actively involved in the development and management of parks through the involvement with Friends Groups and sports such as tennis and bowls

**Arts Leisure and Culture:** Parks are an essential part of our cultural heritage. They also provide high quality outdoor spaces for a wide range of leisure activities and the performing arts. Artistic and interpretive elements are being incorporated into the design of most parks.

## **EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

41. This report has been subject to an Equality Impact Assessment and has been judged to have a positive impact. An action plan for further improvements has been developed.

## **CONSULTATION INCLUDING WARD/COUNCILLORS**

42. As work on these projects continue over the coming months the following groups and individuals will be kept informed of developments and consulted as appropriate:
- The relevant Area Partnership Board – via written updates and presentations by officers at appropriate stages in the development of each scheme. It is proposed that for each scheme the Area Partnership Board constitutes the principle forum for on-going liaison between the Council and the local community.
  - Local and neighbouring ward councillors – for example, via email updates and invitations to attend briefing sessions.
  - Relevant cabinet members via updates presented to the Council's Urban Environment Task Group.
  - Town and Parish Councils – via written updates and presentations by officers.
  - 'Friends' and 'Supporters' Groups - via officers' attendance at their meetings where appropriate and on-going liaison.
43. To date, a wide range of consultation methods have been employed through the development and delivery stages of each project, as summarised below:

### **Romano Park (Ingleby Barwick)**

- An initial public consultation was undertaken at the end of 2006. Exhibitions were held at various schools, the library and community centres with drop in sessions by officers. Articles were placed in local Ingleby Barwick publications, Stockton News, Sub-Regional Newspapers, and Stockton Council website.
- All Ingleby Barwick ward councillors regularly advised of progress, including update meetings.
- Presentations to the Eastern Area Partnership Board in September 2007 and April 2008.
- Consultation on the proposed 'Landscape For Play' was undertaken March/April 2008 with an artist working with local schoolchildren on the design of the scheme.
- Stockton Council website regularly updated and press releases regularly issued.
- Ingleby Barwick Town Council regularly advised of progress with officers attending meetings in January and April 2008, and attendance at the Parish/Town Council Liaison Forum.

### **Newham Grange Park**

- Masterplan for park regeneration scheme subject to early consultation.
- Ward councillors (Elm Tree and Bishopsgarth/Newtown) regularly advised of progress.
- Presentation to Central Area Partnership Board in September 2007.
- Friends of Newham Grange Park established and officers regularly attend committee meetings.
- Stockton Council website regularly updated.

### **John Whitehead Park**

- The Council continues to liaise with the Supporters of John Whitehead Park – a well-established community group.
- The Supporters led a consultation public consultation exercise on the park regeneration scheme in April 2007.
- Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF) Steering Group established to oversee the development of NRF-funded elements of the scheme (Billingham Central ward councillors represented on group).
- All Billingham ward councillors advised of progress, including a briefing session held in January 2008 and another scheduled for July 2008.
- Stockton Council website regularly updated and press releases issued.
- Presentations to Billingham Partnership Board in October 2007, February and March 2008, plus additional written updates provided.
- Officers regularly attend meetings of the Supporters of John Whitehead Park.
- Design of sensory garden discussed at Disability Action Group meeting.

### **Wynyard Woodland Park**

- Outline proposals discussed with Wynyard Woodland Park Environmental Trust in July 2007, the Northern Area Partnership Board in October 2007, and the Council's Urban Environment Task Group in May 2008.
- A more comprehensive consultation will be carried on the basis of a more detailed project proposal (to include Ward Councillors, Parish Council and partner organisations).

### **Harewood Pleasure Gardens**

- 1,200 local households consulted via leaflet and questionnaire during winter 2007/08. Consultation. Results used to inform development of the scheme. Feedback provided via second leaflet in June 2008.
- Ward councillors (Mandale and Victoria) advised of progress.
- Groundwork South Tees officer has continued to work closely with the local community on the development of the scheme.
- Stockton Council website regularly updated.

### **Village Park**

- Masterplan for park regeneration scheme subject to early consultation.
- Ward councillors (Village) regularly advised of progress.
- Presentation to Eastern Area Partnership Board in April 2008. Ward Councillors.
- Leaflet to all surrounding residents due to be delivered June 2008.
- Officers work closely with the Village Park Residents Association, who in turn are actively involved in engagement with local community and help to promote the park regeneration project (for example, via their website).
- Stockton Council website regularly updated.

### **Preston Park and Hall**

- Extensive consultation has and continues to be carried out on the project.
- Following Scrutiny recommendations in autumn 2006 public meetings, discussions at Area Partnership Boards and regular meetings / updates are provided to Ward Councillors at the Bi-Monthly Preston Park Management Group Meeting.
- Displays have also been held at the various events within Preston Park.

## **River Tees Park – including Betty’s Close /Round Hill**

- The concept of a ‘country park’ within the River Tees corridor has featured in previous plans and strategies which themselves have been subject to a consultation process (e.g. the existing Local Plan and the River Tees Navigation Strategy).
- Detailed proposals have yet to be developed and would be subject to a detailed public consultation process, however, some initial proposals have been presented to the Council’s Urban Environment Task Group (July 2007 and January 2008) and to the Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee (November 2008 February 2008).
- A local community group, ‘The Friends of the River Tees Heritage Park’ is now well-established and officers meet with the group on a regular basis to share information and ideas.

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### Background Papers

Reports to Cabinet:

22 February 2007 - Review of the Medium Term Financial Plan and Budget 2007/08

27 September 2007 - The Regeneration of Stockton’s Parks

24 April 2008 – Review of River Based Leisure Facilities – Report of the Arts, Leisure and Culture Select Committee

Stockton-on-Tees Local Plan – June 1997

Stockton-on-Tees Children’s Trust Board – Play Strategy 2007-2012 ‘Play Matters’

### Ward(s) and Ward Councillors:

- a) John Whitehead Park: Billingham Central (Cllr A McCoy, Cllr B Woodhouse)
- b) Newham Grange Park: Bishopsgarth and Elmtree (Cllr S Fletcher and Cllr J Roberts) and Newtown (Cllr P Baker and Cllr B Gibson)
- c) Romano Park: Ingleby Barwick West (Cllr K Dixon, Cllr L Narroway, Cllr R Patterson)
- d) Wynyard Woodland Park: Northern Parishes (Cllr J Gardener)
- e) Village Park: Village (Cllr I Dalgarno, Cllr M Eddy)
- f) Harewood Pleasure Gardens: Mandale and Victoria (Cllr T Large, Cllr A Trainer, Cllr S Walmsley)
- g) Preston Park: Eaglescliffe (Cllr J Fletcher, Cllr A Lewis, Cllr M Rigg)
- h) River Tees Park – boundaries to be finalised.

### Property

The approach outlined in this report is in accordance with the Council’s Capital Strategy and Asset Management Plan (September 2007) which states that Council’s resources will be used to lever in grants and other external funding to regenerate the Borough’s parks.

As stated earlier, the total Stockton Borough Council capital allocation for these schemes remains at £500,000, as approved by Cabinet in September 2007. No additional Stockton Borough Council funding is sought at this stage although a request for such funding may be brought before Cabinet in the future.

## APPENDIX 1: FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN FOR THE PARK REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The various schemes outlined in this report are at different stages of development and the actual costs may vary from the estimates given below. Similarly the figures given for 'unsecured external funding' are based on best estimates and subject to the outcome of specific funding applications.

	John Whitehead Park	Newham Grange Park	Romano Park	Wynyard Woodland Park	Village Park	Harewood Pleasure Gardens	Preston Hall and Park	River Tees Park	Total Parks Regeneration
Estimated Total Cost	1,082,400	801,000	946,500	2,522,000	391,000	167,500	13,752,477	750,000	20,412,877
Funded By :									
SBC	100,000	75,000	150,000	175,000	0		1,345,050		1,845,050
Secured External	383,900	309,000	396,500	300,000	148,000	137,500	0		1,674,900
GAP	598,500	417,000	400,000	2,047,000	243,000	30,000	12,407,427	750,000	16,892,927
Unsecured External Funding	415,000	360,000	150,000	475,000	215,000	0	7,468,396	274,000	9,357,396
SBC Capital Resources (to be confirmed)							3,057,179		3,057,179
SBC Revenue Resources (to be confirmed)							1,701,852		1,701,852
Non-cash contributions							180,000		180,000
Shortfall To Be Identified	183,500	57,000	250,000	1,572,000	28,000	30,000	0	476,000	2,596,500