


**REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE**

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**Green Spaces and Amenities Unit – Spending Approval for Capital Programme 2013/14**

**PURPOSE**

1. To seek approval to the release of the capital programme budgets that are allocated in the 2013/2014 capital programme.

**RECOMMENDATION**

2. That the Executive:
  1. Approves the release of the following capital programme budgets:
    - a. £101,171 for the Brun Valley Forest Park.
    - b. £139,181 for the Play Area Improvement Programme
  2. Authorises the Head of Green Spaces and Amenities to procure the proposed works in accordance with Standing Orders.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

3. Approval of the Executive is required to release budgets that are identified in the Council’s capital programme.

**SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS**

4. **Brun Valley Forest Park**
  - 4.1 The Council has an allocated budget of £285,929 in the 2013/14 capital programme for Brun Valley Forest Park. The Executive is requested to release £101,171 of secured funds to progress the implementation of the project. A further report seeking release of the remaining budget will be presented to the Executive when the outcome of the planning application for the Brun Valley Wake Park has been determined.

It is proposed that the budget of £101,171 is allocated as follows:

4.2 Resurfacing of Rowley Lane: £20,000

Rowley Lane provides the main access to Rowley Lake car park at the Eastern end of the Forest Park and also provides access to residential properties. The condition of the road is very poor and it is proposed that it will be resurfaced along the entire length.

4.3 Rowley Lane Car Park £5,000

Installation of height barriers and resurfacing of the car park.

4.4 Jubilee Parkway Entrance and car park: £25,000

The existing access road to the former Rowley landfill site (to be re-named 'Jubilee Parkway') will form the main entrance to the Forest Park. Re-design of this entrance will provide safe access for pedestrians and cyclists and installation of height barriers will prevent access by travellers. A new footway cross-over and gates will allow pedestrians and cyclists safe access from the Forest Park into Queens Park.

4.5 Multi-User paths: £25,000

Construction of new footpath/cycleways linking Queens Park and Thompson to the Brun Valley Forest park (part funded by Lancashire County Council).

4.6 seats and bins £7,500

For provision of seats, picnic benches, litter bins and dog bins.

4.7 Signage, way marking and interpretation £18,671

As the network of multi-user paths nears completion we need to improve signage and way-marking to encourage visitors to explore the Forest Park.

## 5. **Play Area Improvement Programme**

5.1 The Council has an allocated budget of £100,210 in the 2013/14 capital programme for the Play Area Improvement Programme.

5.2 An additional grant of £38,971 has been secured from Veolia Environment Trust, (which will be added to the budget in the Capital Programme cycle 1 monitoring report).

5.3 The Executive is requested to approve expenditure of £139,181 as follows:

<b>Scheme</b>	<b>Budget</b>
Burnley Wood Park play area	£44,000
Grey Street play area	£39,946
Hapton Recreation Ground play area	£38,971
Other minor improvements: RACA Park, Barley Grove, Queens Park	£16,264

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

6. The schemes outlined above are contained within the Council's approved capital programme 2013/14.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

7. The schemes outlined in this report will enable the Council to progress the third phase of the Brun Valley Forest Park and complete outstanding schemes in the Play Area Improvement Programme 2007-2012. These have been identified in the Council's Strategic Plan.

**DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

8. None.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9. None

**FURTHER INFORMATION****PLEASE CONTACT:****Simon Goff****ALSO:**