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**INDIVIDUAL CABINET  
MEMBER DECISION**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Cabinet Member for Leisure, Communities and Health (Councillor T. Jenkins) is to consider the following reports and make a decision on **Thursday, 6 June 2024** at **10.00am** in Committee Room D, Town Hall, Nuneaton.

Yours faithfully,

BRENT DAVIS  
Chief Executive

# A G E N D A

## PART 1

### PUBLIC BUSINESS

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#### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - To receive declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

Declaring interests at meetings

If there is any item of business to be discussed at the meeting in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest (Other Interests), you must declare the interest appropriately at the start of the meeting or as soon as you become aware that you have an interest.

Arrangements have been made for interests that are declared regularly by members to be appended to the agenda (**Page 4**). Any interest noted in the Schedule at the back of the agenda papers will be deemed to have been declared and will be minuted as such by the Committee Services Officer. As a general rule, there will, therefore, be no need for those Members to declare those interests as set out in the schedule.

There are, however, TWO EXCEPTIONS to the general rule:

1. When the interest amounts to a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest that is

engaged in connection with any item on the agenda and the member feels that the interest is such that they must leave the room. Prior to leaving the room, the member must inform the meeting that they are doing so, to ensure that it is recorded in the minutes.

2. Where a dispensation has been granted to vote and/or speak on an item where there is a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, but it is not referred to in the Schedule (where for example, the dispensation was granted by the Monitoring Officer immediately prior to the meeting). The existence and nature of the dispensation needs to be recorded in the minutes and will, therefore, have to be disclosed at an appropriate time to the meeting.

Note: Following the adoption of the new Code of Conduct, Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a Disclosable Pecuniary or a Deemed Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, the Member must withdraw from the room.

Where a Member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but has received a dispensation from Audit & Standards Committee, that Member may vote and/or speak on the matter (as the case may be) and must disclose the existence of the dispensation and any restrictions placed on it at the time the interest is declared.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest as defined in the Code of Conduct, the Member may address the meeting as a member of the public as set out in the Code.

Note: Council Procedure Rules require Members with Disclosable Pecuniary Interests to withdraw from the meeting unless a dispensation allows them to remain to vote and/or speak on the business giving rise to the interest.

Where a Member has a Deemed Disclosable Interest, the Council's Code of Conduct permits public speaking on the item, after which the Member is required by Council Procedure Rules to withdraw from the meeting.

4. SORRELL ROAD PARK PROJECT – report of the Parks and Greenspaces Manager, attached **(Page 5)**.

**Councillor Jenkins - Schedule of Declarations of Interests – 2024/2025**

	<b>Name of Councillor</b>	<b>Disclosable Pecuniary Interest</b>	<b>Other Personal Interest</b>	<b>Dispensation</b>
	General dispensations granted to all members under s.33 of the Localism Act 2011			Granted to all members of the Council in the areas of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Housing matters</li> <li>- Statutory sick pay under Part XI of the Social Security Contributions and Benefits Act 1992</li> <li>- An allowance, payment given to members</li> <li>- An indemnity given to members</li> <li>- Any ceremonial honour given to members</li> <li>- Setting council tax or a precept under the Local Government Finance Act 1992</li> <li>- Planning and Licensing matters</li> <li>- Allotments</li> <li>- Local Enterprise Partnership</li> </ul>
	T. Jenkins	Managing Partner – Gribblybugs LLP	The Labour Party (sponsorship) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Committee Member of Warwickshire Amphibian &amp; Reptile Team</li> <li>- Member of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust</li> <li>- Member of Equity – Trade Union</li> </ul>	

**Cabinet/Individual Cabinet Member Decision**

**Report Summary Sheet**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> June 2024</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Sorrell Road Park Project</b>
<b>Portfolio:</b>	<b>Leisure, Health and Communities</b>
<b>From:</b>	<b>Manager – Parks and Greenspaces</b>

<p><b>Summary:</b></p> <p>This report is to present the background and funding structure for the Sorrell Road Park redevelopment, one of NBBC’s UK Share Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) capital projects for 2024/25.</p>
<p><b>Recommendations:</b></p> <p>To approve the project funding structure and partnership working with WCAVA and Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local (HTC) project board.</p>
<p><b>Options:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the project funding structure and partnership working, enabling Sorrell Road park to be redeveloped.</li> <li>2. Do not approve the project funding and partnership working, thus reducing the budget available and risk not being able to redevelop the park fully.</li> </ol>
<p><b>Reasons:</b> Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council (NBBC) have been working informally with the HTC project board for 2 years, discussing what legacy project the group would like to fund, as their 10 year program ends in 2025. HTC have committed £100k to help redevelop Sorrell Road Park in Nuneaton. NBBC has committed match funding of £125k from UKSPF year 3 funding to enable the park to be fully refurbished.</p>

**Consultation undertaken with Members/Officers/Stakeholders**

Previous consultation has taken place with relevant portfolio holder and ward councillors. Resident/park user consultation on the redesign is due to take place in June 2024.

**Subject to call-in: No**

**Ward relevance:** Chilvers Coton

**Forward plan:** No

**Building a Better Borough Aim: 3**

**Building a Better Borough Priority: 4**

**Relevant statutes or policy:**

**Equalities Implications:** An equality impact assessment will be undertaken when at draft design stage.

**Human resources implications:** None

**Financial implications:** Funding is from external sources only. £125k UKSPF year 3 funding was agreed at Cabinet on 21<sup>st</sup> February. £100k funding from HTC was agreed by them in March 2024.

<p><b>Health Inequalities Implications:</b> The project will improve a free access park, updating the equipment, adding new facilities and increasing the path network.</p>
<p><b>Section 17 Crime &amp; Disorder Implications:</b> None</p>
<p><b>Risk management implications:</b> The project will be entered on the NBBC Risk Register. Procurement rules will be followed to ensure best fit for purpose and value for money is achieved. NBBC greenspace officers will project manage the design and build of the park.</p>
<p><b>Environmental implications:</b> The project aims to improve the environment at Sorrell Road park, with improved facilities for a wider audience. Were possible new trees and small wildflower areas will be introduced.</p>
<p><b>Legal implications:</b> A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been drafted between WCAVA/HTC and NBBC. Please see Appendix 1</p>

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**AGENDA ITEM NO.**

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Report to:** Councillor T Jenkins - xxx May 2024

**From:** Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture

**Subject:** Sorrell Road Park project

**Portfolio:** Leisure, Health and Communities (Councillor Tim Jenkins)

**Building a Better Borough Aim: 3**

**Building a Better Borough Priority: 4**

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1 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the background and funding structure for the Sorrell Road Park redevelopment, one of NBBC's UKSPF capital projects for 2024/25.

2 Recommendations

2.1 That the project funding structure and partnership working with WCAVA and Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local (HTC) project board is approved.

3 Background – Sorrell Road Park project

- 3.1 Sorrell Road Park is a public open space surrounded by housing in the Chilvers Coton ward. Currently it includes a multi-use games area (MUGA), a small enclosed play area and a limited teenage play provision. The park was last partly refurbished in 2006, making it one of our older play areas (play equipment is estimated to last 15-20 years, 25 at the very most).
- 3.2 In the 2022 Greenspace and play audit, carried out as part of the evidence underpinning the Greenspace Strategy, Sorrell Road score 6<sup>th</sup> lowest for play value, due to the equipment, its age and accessibility. The Green Flag score was 'fair', which is in the lower half of open spaces audited in the borough.
- 3.3 Members of the Green Space team have been working with the Hill Top and Caldwell Big Local group for 18 months plus as the group wish to invest some of the Big Local Lottery money they have been awarded in improving a play space in their area. Initially the group wanted to improve Middlemarch Rec but we have subsequently agreed that due to its location and ownership (by Housing) Middlemarch is not a good fit for redevelopment. Sorrell road, however, is in the middle of their Big Local area, surrounded by housing,

offering casual surveillance of the site and is deemed more appropriate for redevelopment. The Sorrell Road site was owned by the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) but since a recent feasibility study (that concluded it was not suitable for housing) it has been transferred to the General Fund and will stay as a much-needed play and recreation space.

- 3.4 A concept plan was developed with the group in early 2023 therefore we have a starting point for consultation, which the group will help with. The Big Local group are willing to invest £100k into the park and would want the Council to act as responsible body, holding the funding and tendering/paying for the redevelopment. The group would also expect the Council to maintain the site upon completion.
- 3.5 We have a draft Memorandum of Understanding, which is currently being reviewed by our Legal Department. The MoU states that NBBC and HTC (assisted by WCAVA) will work together on consulting with local people on the park development, NBBC will manage the project, be responsible for procurement and finances and manage and maintain the site post-completion.
- 3.6 The emerging Green Space Strategy suggests that 8 current local parks have the ability to become Community Parks (with investment), Sorrell Road being 1 of the 8.
- 3.7 We estimate that the redevelopment of the park with new play equipment for all ages, some fitness equipment and new paths, fencing and site furniture to be in the region of £225k, this has been budgeted for this year and was agreed at Cabinet on 21<sup>st</sup> February as part of the capital budget setting process for 2024/25. The budget is £100k from HTC and £125k from UKSPF year 3.

#### 4 Consultation

- 4.1. Consultation has taken place with the relevant portfolio holder and ward councillors. Resident/park user consultation on the redesign is due to take place in June 2024.

#### 5 Conclusion

- 5.1 To approve the partnership working between NBBC and HTC (with support from WCAVA).
- 5.3 NBBC legal to check through Memorandum of Understanding with WCAVA/HTC and approve for signing by Assistant Director – Recreation and Culture.
- 5.2 Once approved NBBC Officers to commence planning and development including public consultation, procurement and management of the project on site.

6 Appendices  
Appendix 1 – Sorrell Road Concept Plan – for consultation in June 2024

7 Background Papers none

David Truslove  
Parks and Greenspace Manager

# SORRELL ROAD CONCEPT MASTER PLAN



New footpath arrangement provides more direct routes to key parts of the park whilst bypassing the older youth provision and strengthens the connection with Griff Hollows to the south west.

Picnic benches situated under the shade of existing mature trees in a quiet area away from activity.

Younger children's play equipment retained and new equipment added. Existing fencing removed and Play space defined by earth mounding and natural features to create a 'Playful Landscape'

Items of play equipment for older children in this area.

A knee rail, wide grass verge and row of trees defines the west and north site perimeters. This boundary treatment is continued along the frontage of Griff Hollows helping to unify the two sites.

Areas of meadow planting

Outdoor Gym. Connected to main circulation route but separated by planting bed.



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-  Existing Tree
-  New Tree
-  Meadow Planting
-  Mown amenity grass
-  Hard surfaces

CLIENT:	Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
PROJECT:	Sorrell Road
DRAWING:	Concept Master plan
NUMBER:	490.21(C). 02 rev A
DATE:	5th July 2022
STATUS:	Concept
DRAWN:	JB
CHECKED:	JB

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