

<b>Committee(s):</b>	<b>Date(s):</b>
Open Spaces and City Gardens Committee West Ham Park Committee	8 April 2014
<b>Subject:</b> Provisional Additional Works Programme 2015/16	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> The City Surveyor CS116/4	<b>For Information</b>
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>This report sets out a provisional list of cyclical projects being considered for Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park in 2015/16 under the umbrella of the “additional works programme”.</p> <p>The draft cyclical project list for 2015/16 totals approximately £0.39m and if approved, will continue the momentum that has seen a significant improvement in the maintenance of the property and infrastructure assets.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• That your Committee notes the content of this report</li> <li>• That the West Ham Park Committee’s views be sought on the list of work included in the provisional 2015/16 additional works programme.</li> </ul>	

## Main Report

### **Background**

1. At the meeting of Resource Allocation sub Committee in January 2014 Members considered and approved a prioritised list of “additional works” projects for 2014/15.
2. The total value of the approved works packages was some £4.67m. Of this allocation Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park received £0.25m to allow all projects on the prioritised list to proceed in 2014/15.
3. This approved package of works continues a programme of works that has seen the additional investment of over £1m at the three locations (City Open Spaces, City Gardens, and West Ham Park) over the last five years.

## **Current Position**

4. I am in the process of finalising my review of our forward maintenance plans (20 years) which will form the basis of the next round of additional works bids for 2015/16.
5. The review is expected to be completed in the next two months. In the interim and to allow you to have a preview I attach at Annexe A the provisional list of projects for Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park under consideration for 2015/16.
6. It should be noted that the provisional list for 2015/16 is subject to a final review prior to presentation to the Corporate Asset sub-Committee in July 2014 and consideration and approval of the final list by the Resource Allocation Sub-Committee at the end of 2014.
7. At this stage in the cycle the list has not been prioritised. The prioritisation process is only possible when all the provisional lists from across the Operational estate have been compiled.
8. The process for prioritisation is as follows; work items are initially assessed on the basis of condition, which places the work item into the appropriate year. Thereafter the following factors are considered: Property status (e.g. English Heritage listing) potential reputational impact, health and safety, relevancy of works compared to other items at the same location and client consultation feedback.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

9. This provisional list for Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park identifies a number of works that could be progressed within a reasonable timescale subject to funding being made available from the additional works programme, and providing that proposed expenditure is not affected by other decisions taken in respect of any particular property asset.
10. The method of prioritisation for the 'additional works' has been provided but the resultant priorities may need to be reviewed following the consultation period, to reflect strategic asset management decisions and the wider corporate objectives to ensure that the City can meet its overall criteria relative to the management of its property assets.
11. The proposals contained within the attached annexe lists support the theme "Protects, promotes and enhances our environment" within the City Together Strategy.

## **Implications**

12. As indicated above, these provisional schedules are based on a preliminary review of the forward repairs and maintenance plans and are subject to further evaluation in terms of value to Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park and with regard to overall corporate priorities, including availability

of resources, sound asset management and accommodation provisions/arrangements. It will be appreciated that the indicative sums are significant and no commitment to their funding can be implied or guaranteed at this stage.

## **Conclusion**

13. The attached provisional lists for 15/16 represents a significant increase on the 14/15 budget and presents another opportunity to maintain the impetus of cyclical repairs and maintenance of the City's Operational estate and Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park in particular.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A – Draft Additional works programme 2015/16

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