

<b>Committee(s):</b>	<b>Date(s):</b>
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee	20 July 2015
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Public</b>
Provisional Additional Works programme 2016/17	
<b>Report of:</b>	<b>For Information</b>
The City Surveyor <b>CS: 148/15</b>	
<p><b>Summary</b></p> <p>This report sets out a provisional list of cyclical projects being considered for Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park in 2016/17 under the umbrella of the "additional works programme".</p> <p>The draft cyclical project list for 2016/17 totals approximately £0.6m and if approved, will continue the ongoing 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> </ul>	

## Main Report

### **Background**

1. At the meeting of Resource Allocation sub Committee in January 2015 Members considered and approved a prioritised list of "additional works" projects for 2015/16.
2. The total value of the overall Additional Works Programme will be £5.64m. Of this allocation Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park received £1.26m to allow all the projects on the prioritised list to proceed in 2015/16.
3. This approved package of works continues a programme of works that has seen the additional investment of just under £6m at the three locations over the last five years.

### **Current Position**

4. I am in the process of finalising my review of our forward maintenance plans (20 year) which will form the basis of the next round of additional works bids for 2016/17.
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 Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park under consideration for 2016/17.

6. The information for the bid has been taken from the 20 years for each property within the Estate; the 20 year plans are regularly updated with the Superintendents to ensure they are as accurate as possible.
7. It should be noted that the provisional list for 2016/17 is subject to a final review prior to presentation to the Corporate Asset sub Committee in September 2015 and consideration and approval of the final list by the Resource Allocation sub Committee at the beginning of 2016.
8. Following guidance from the Corporate Asset sub Committee in regard to the level of funding available the list of works has been prioritised by using the following factors: Health and Safety, potential reputational impact and assessing operational need.
9. The bid list has been presented to the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2015.
10. No bids have been submitted for Highgate Wood as no items were identified in the 20 year plans for this area.

### **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

11. This provisional list for Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's 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.
12. Once agreed the projects relating to the additional works programme will be reviewed 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.
13. Of particular note are the following items in the provisional additional works programme 2016-2017:
  - Pergola, West Heath (£100,000) – Repair works are required to this Grade II listed structure which was completed in 1925. This continues a programme of consolidation repairs and this proposed phase seeks to address the deteriorating condition of the oak framework and prevent further weather damage.
  - A further £100,000 is proposed for the resurfacing of Tennis Courts 1 – 4 at Parliament Hill Fields
14. The proposals contained within the attached annexe lists support the theme "Protects, promotes and enhances our environment" within the City Together Strategy.

## **Implications**

15. 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 Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park and with regard to overall corporate priorities, including availability of resources, sound asset management and accommodation provisions/arrangements. It will be appreciated that no commitment to their funding can be implied or guaranteed at this stage.

## **Conclusion**

16. The attached provisional list of work for 2016/17 allows the ongoing cyclical repairs and maintenance of the City's Operational estate and Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park in particular to continue.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Draft Additional Works Programme for 2016/17
- Appendix 2 – Extract from the Minutes of the meeting of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee held on 9 March 2015.

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