

<b>Committee(s):</b>	<b>Date(s):</b>
Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee	27 July 2015
<b>Subject:</b> Provisional Additional Works Programme 2016/17	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> The City Surveyor <b>CS: 149/15</b>	<b>For Information</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Summary</b></p> <p>This report sets out a provisional list of cyclical projects being considered for Open Spaces &amp; City Gardens in 2016/17 under the umbrella of the “additional works programme”.</p> <p>The draft cyclical project list for 2016/17 totals approximately £0.21m 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 approved works packages was some £5.64m. Of this allocation Open Spaces, City Gardens and West Ham Park received £0.39m to allow all 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 £1.3m at 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 2016/17.
5. The review is expected to be completed shortly. 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 under consideration for 2016/17.
6. 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.
7. 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. Therefore only essential works are considered as part of the additional works programme.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

8. This provisional list for Open Spaces & City Gardens 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.
9. 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.
10. The proposals contained within the attached annexe lists support the theme "Protects, promotes and enhances our environment" within the City Together Strategy.

## **Implications**

11. 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 with regard to overall corporate priorities, including availability of resources, sound asset management and accommodation provisions/arrangements. It is appreciated that no commitment to their funding can be implied or guaranteed at this stage.

## **Conclusion**

12. The attached provisional list for 16/17 allows the ongoing cyclical repairs and maintenance of the City's Operational estate and Open Spaces & City Gardens in particular to continue.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix A – Draft Additional Works Programme 2016/17

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