

Decision Maker: Council

Date: 13th October 2014

Decision Type: Non-Urgent Non-Executive Non-Key

Title: CRYSTAL PALACE PARK

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for report

- 1.1 At its meeting on 22nd July 2014 the Executive received a report on the Crystal Palace Park Improvement Project. A programme of interim improvements is being pursued across the Park, supported by both the Council and the Greater London Authority (GLA) and the Executive agreed to contribute £400k to these projects, of which £240k would be revenue provision set aside in an earmarked reserve for a Community Projects Fund and £160k would be capital. The remainder of the capital expenditure (£2m) would be met by the GLA. The Executive agreed that full Council should be recommended to add the Crystal Palace Park Improvement Project to the capital programme with a total estimate of £2.16m.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council agrees to add the Crystal Palace Park Improvement project to the capital programme with a total estimate of £2.16m.

Corporate Policy

1. Policy Status: Existing Policy:
 2. BBB Priority: Excellent Council Quality Environment
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: £2.16m capital and £240k revenue:
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable:
 3. Budget head/performance centre: Crystal Palace Park
 4. Total current budget for this head: £299,330
 5. Source of funding: Existing revenue budget, capital receipts, GLA funding
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Staff

1. Number of staff (current and additional): N/A
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours: N/A
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable: Full Council decisions cannot be called in..
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Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users/beneficiaries (current and projected): In 2006, annual visitor numbers to Crystal Palace Park were assessed as part of work towards the Park's Masterplan. The visitor figures at this time were estimated at £1.68m.
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments?
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments: The content of the report to the Executive was discussed at the Crystal Palace Executive Project Board meeting on 9th July. A local ward councillor is a member of the Board and was present at the meeting and the subsequent meeting of the Executive.

Non-Applicable Sections:	Policy/Financial/Legal/Personnel
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	See attached report to the Executive.

**EXECUTIVE
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Report DRR14/069**

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) application for the regeneration of Crystal Palace Park was unsuccessful and the Crystal Palace Park Executive Board was pursuing interim improvement projects at the Park. Agreement was sought to commit £400k to the improvement works, the GLA having already verbally recommitted £2m to the project.

Welcoming the report and supporting investment in the Park, Councillor Angela Wilkins (Crystal Palace) highlighted a need for sufficient parking provision, particularly in view of proposals for the Sports Centre. Supporting this view, the Deputy Leader referred to existing parking difficulties for residents in local side streets.

RESOLVED that:

- (1) a contribution of £160k capital receipts be made towards the Crystal Palace Park improvement project;**
- (2) a sum of £240k be set aside from revenue in an earmarked reserve for the Community Projects Fund as detailed at paragraph 5.5 of Report DRR14/069;**
- (3) decisions to spend the £240k Community Projects Fund be delegated to the Leader of the Council in consultation with the Crystal Palace Executive Board; and**
- (4) Full Council be recommended to add the Crystal Palace Improvement project to the capital programme with a total estimate of £2.16m.**