

Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership

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Neighbourhood Environmental Programme - 2016/17

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Wards -	Ward 3 – Drum Brae/Gyle Ward 6 – Corstorphine/Murrayfield

Executive summary

This report provides an overview on works included in the Western Neighbourhood Environmental Programme (NEP) 2016/17.

Neighbourhood Environmental Programme Report 2016-17

Recommendations

The Western Neighbourhood Partnership is asked to:

- 1.1 Note the projects included in the 2016/17 Neighbourhood Environmental Programme (NEP) at 3.1 and 3.4 below.
- 1.2 Agree to progress with Phase 2 of the Clermiston Back Greens project as the HRA NEP for 2017/18, subject to further consultation with residents as detailed in 3.3 below
- 1.3 Note the project bank of Roads projects detailed in 3.6 below.

Background

- 2.1 The NEP budget for 2016/17 is £85,512 for Housing Revenue Account projects and £200,000 for Roads & Footpaths projects.
- 2.2 £265,324 of NEP projects have been completed or have had funding committed in 2016/17, representing 93% of the available budget.

Main report

- 3.1 The HRA NEP budget has been allocated to in full to Phase 1 of the Clermiston Back Green project which had previously been agreed by the board. This project was the subject of widespread consultation during 2015, and Phase 1 comprises significant backgreen improvements in the area bounded by Essendean Terrace, Hoseasons Gardens, Essendean Place and Alan Breck Gardens.
- 3.2 Estimated costs of this project are £87,000 and the project therefore requires to go through a mini-tender process, which is currently being carried out. Should the successful tender costs exceed the NEP budget of £85,512 then a contribution from mainstream HRA funding will be made in order to allow the full works to proceed.
- 3.3 A further 4 phases of backgreen improvements were identified during the consultation process, in areas bounded by 1) Dochart Drive, Durar Drive and Glenure Loan; 2) Durar Drive, Hoseason Gardens, Essendean Place, and Alan Breck Gardens; 3) Alan Breck Gardens and Ardshiel Avenue; and 4) Essendean Terrace, Hoseason Gardens and Alan Breck Gardens. It is recommended that further consultation is carried out with residents to confirm which of these areas should proceed as Phase 2, and that this phase comprises the 2017/18 HRA NEP for Western Edinburgh Neighbourhood Partnership.
- 3.4 Progress on Roads projects approved by the board is detailed in the following table:-

Project	Location and Issues	Actions	Outcomes/Estimated Costs
Youth Decides Environmental Initiative	Allocation for Youth Decides projects in Gyle Park	Response from Gyle Muir PS. Ball court resurfacing included in proposals.	£15,660 – awarded to contractor
Bughtlin Neuk	Poor pedestrian access to bus stop	Construct new link footpath	Est £25,000. Expected to be designed and delivered early in the new financial year 2017.
Wester Broom Place	No footpath on north side	Construct new link footpath	Est £25,000. Currently under design, delivery expected March/April 2017
Old Colt Bridge	Public realm improvements	Bollards, street lamps, sett surface, bins etc	Scope of future plans to be considered in the future once proposed cycle route details are known and resources available
Durar Drive	Road access issues on the South side for Refuse vehicles	Road widening to improve service vehicle access on 3 off line areas	Est £15,000 detailed design required – Anticipated project delivery Summer 2017
Claycot Path (Ladywell Road, South side)	Path in poor condition, with steep crossfall	Footway resurfacing to improve access for local users	To be scoped and priced in 2017
Drum Brae Crescent (Steps to Park Grove Road)	Steps in poor condition	Consider replacement	To be scoped and priced in 2017
Drum Brae Drive (East end parallel to main road)	Restricted road with and junctions narrow	Consider increasing road width	To be scoped and priced in 2017
Gyle Park Play Equipment	Existing play equipment would benefit from an upgrade	Improvements to existing play park equipment to be considered in partnership with Parks workshops team	£9152 Two new skate park items ordered and will be installed in Spring 2017.
Roseburn Park Install new children's play area	Existing play area is now cut off from the park due to new flood prevention wall	Construct new play area in partnership with the Flood Prevention team and FoRP	Est £90,000 Flood prevention contractor price under review. Anticipated delivery March/April 2017
		Total	£180k

3.5 Delivery of the full budget of £200,000 has not been possible due to staffing and workload issues within the North West Roads team before and during the organisational review and transition to locality working. However, the estimated underspend of £20,000 will be carried forward into 2017/18 Roads & Footpaths NEP budget.

3.6 In addition to the projects noted above there is a Project Bank of Roads NEP projects as follows:-

Proposed by	Street/ Park/ Area	Specific location	Issue	Estimated cost	Comments
DBCC	Drum Brae Drive	Side Roads	Restricted Road Width and parking	To be scoped in 2016/17	Further options to be considered
DBCC	Drum Brae Leisure Centre	In car park	Litter from recycling bin store blows in to park	Options to be considered further, corral option rejected by Edinburgh Leisure	Further options to be considered
CCC/Local Team	Featherhall Avenue	North end adjacent to St John's Road	Consider public realm project to tidy up street furniture.	TBA	Proposed scheme to be considered in 2017/18

Measures of success

- 4.1 Projects will enhance the built environment for our local communities and improve outcomes in line with the Western Edinburgh Local Community Plan and the Environment Sub-Group's Action Plan.
- 4.2 Key indicators of the overall success of the investment include an increase in the number of local people expressing satisfaction with:
- Neighbourhood as a desirable place to live
 - Different backgrounds get on well together
 - Able to have a say on local services

Financial impact

- 5.1 Agreeing to the recommendations in this report will allow the full expenditure of the HRA NEP budget of £85,512, and an estimated £170,000 of the Roads NEP budget of £200,000.
- 5.2 The underspend from the 2016/17 Roads NEP budget will be carried forward into the 2017/18 NEP programme.

Risk, policy, compliance and governance impact

- 6.1 There are no significant risk, policy, compliance or governance implications arising from this report.

Equalities impact

- 7.1 The development and delivery of NEPs and the work of NPs contributes to the delivery of the Equality Act 2010 general duties of advancing equality of opportunity, eliminating unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation,

and fostering good relations. This is evidenced through the engagement strategies and plans which involve working with all partners and members of the community and detail how barriers to engagement will be removed and seek to promote buy in across communities to common goals.

Sustainability impact

- 8.1 The NEP projects allow the WNP to promote enhanced projects that are outwith the scope of mainstream provision. This helps to engender an ethos of the community working together and create more cohesive neighbourhoods.

Consultation and engagement

- 9.1 A key developing thread of the NEP process in Western Edinburgh will be to strengthen opportunities for effective and meaningful dialogue with communities around potential projects, to ensure that proposed projects are seen to be relevant and fit for purpose by local stakeholders.

Background reading / external references

None

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Links

Coalition pledges	P33 – Strengthen Neighbourhood Partnerships and further involve local people in decisions on how Council resources are used.
Council outcomes	CO2 – Our children and young people are successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens making a positive contribution to their communities. CO4 – Our children and young people are physically and emotionally healthy CO20 – Culture sport and major events – Edinburgh continues to be a leading cultural city where culture and sport play a central part in the lives and futures of citizens.
Single Outcome Agreement	SO2 – Edinburgh citizens experience improved health and well being, with reduced inequalities in health. SO3 – Edinburgh children and young people enjoy their childhood and fulfil their potential.