

<p>Title of Report:</p> <p>Regeneration of St Columb's Park – Phase 3</p>	<p>Officer Presenting:</p> <p>Director of Environment & Regeneration</p> <p>Author:</p> <p>Parks Development Manager</p>
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.1 To seek Members approval to make budgetary provision in the sum of £21,000 to progress further with the Masterplan design development for the Regeneration of St Columb's Park.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members may recall previously endorsing the Regeneration of St Columb's Park during Committee meeting held on the 5th of July 2017.
- 2.2 The Capital Review Group endorsed expenditure of £18,825 to develop plans, and costings suitable for use within a Business Case and Full Planning Permission (CRG12/16) for a number of projects contained within the wider vision for the park.
- 2.3 Since endorsement of the Regeneration Masterplan Full Planning Permission was secured for the Walled Garden (LA11/2017/0378/F), Chatam & Lavender Garden within the environs of St Columbs Park House (LA2017/1114/F) and for Acorn Farm (LA/2017/1110/F).
- 2.4 Substantial works to the avenue have been recently completed and tree lined with funding secured from the Department for Communities (DfC). The Walled Garden (Phase 1) has been completed with funding secured from Peace IV.
- 2.5 Taking account of the above and the previous St Columbs Park Public Realm works the total investment in the Park to date is circa £1m.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The next phase in the development is to proceed with the enhancement of the existing car park and pedestrian linkage into the Ebrington estate.

- 3.2 This involves the enhancement of the existing car park off St Columbs Park Road and pedestrian linkage into Ebrington at the Peace Tree. The project will proceed under Permitted Development.
- 3.3 The capital works have been costed at circa £210,000. It is proposed that £185,000 will come from DfC and £25,000 from The Executive Office (TEO).
- 3.4 A funding application is with DfC at present with a decision expected shortly. TEO have confirmed their funding contribution for 2021/2022. This however requires that Council invest funds into the design development to take the project to site. Quotations were sought resulting in a preferred tender in the sum of £21,000.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement and other Implications

- 4.1 In consideration of the above Committee approval in the sum of £21,000 is required to progress the four scheme so that they are ready in anticipation of future funding becoming available over the course of the next few years such as Lottery, DfC & Peace +. Council's Lead Finance Officer is content that this budget can be identified.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are asked to approve the allocation of £21,000 as outlined above.

Background Papers