

**HITCHIN AREA COMMITTEE  
1 MARCH 2016**

**PART 1 – PUBLIC DOCUMENT**

**AGENDA ITEM No.**

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**TITLE OF INFORMATION NOTE: BANCROFT RECREATION GROUND**

INFORMATION NOTE OF THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER SERVICES

**1. SUMMARY**

- 1.2 The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on the current situation for the delivery of incremental affordable improvements to Bancroft Recreation Ground.

**2. STEPS TO DATE**

- 2.1 In order to keep Members updated the Chairman of the Hitchin Area Committee has included an information note on Bancroft Recreation Ground as a regular item on the agenda for Hitchin Area Committee.
- 2.2 At the Hitchin Area Committee meeting of the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 the Parks & Countryside Development Manager provided an update on the following areas of works.
- Water Splash Park
  - Toilet/Baby Changing Facility
  - Improvements to Rive Hiz

**3. INFORMATION TO NOTE**

**3.1 Approved programme of works**

- 3.1.1 The plans attached as appendix A, showing the short, medium and long term proposed improvements to Bancroft Recreation Ground are available on the Councils Web site at <http://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/parks-and-open-spaces/parks-and-open-spaces-projects/bancroft-recreation-ground-redevelopment>.

**3.2 Water Splash Park**

- 3.2.1 UK Power are scheduled to connect the new 3-phase electric supply within the next four week. Works are still on target for an opening in May 2016.

**3.3 Toilet / Baby Changing Facility**

- 3.3.1 Works to provide a toilet / baby changing facility that will operate during the water splash park season (normally May – Sept) are nearing completion. Officers to obtain a price for cleaning once works are completed.

### **3.4 2016/17 Capital Programme**

- 3.4.1 On the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Council approved the following Bancroft projects for inclusion in the 2016/17 capital programme.

• Improvements to play area	£75,000
• Demolish 4 disused tennis courts and landscape area	£35,000
• Renew pathways	£50,000
• Multi Use Games Area (subject to securing £80K external grant)	£170,000

- 3.4.2 In addition to the above project the Hitchin Area Committee contribution of £31,433 will be used for improvements to the river Hiz in 2016/17.

## **4. NEXT STEPS**

- 4.1 These are described in paragraph 3 of this report.

## **5. APPENDICES**

- 5.1 Appendix A: Plans for, short, medium and long term proposed improvements to Bancroft Recreation Ground

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## **7. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 Cabinet report & resolutions item 11. (Available on NHDC web site)