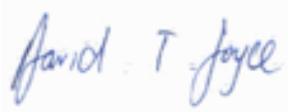


Haringey Council
Written Statement/Record of a decision made by an officer under delegated authority

Decision Maker (Post Title)	Director – Placemaking & Housing
Subject of the decision	Approval to enter into the Funding Agreement at Appendix 1 with the Greater London Authority ('GLA') to receive £750,000 grant funding from the Mayor of London's Green and Resilient Spaces Fund. This will support the delivery of Phase 1 of the Down Lane Park Improvement Programme.
Date of decision	26 July 2023
Decision	<p>Director of Placemaking and Housing is recommended to approve:</p> <p>The Council entering into a Funding Agreement with the GLA (at Appendix 1) for receipt of £0.75m project funding from the Mayor of London's Green and Resilient Spaces Fund Round II to supplement the full programme budget to deliver transformational improvements to Down Lane Park in full (pursuant to CSO 17.1).</p>
Reasons for the decision	<p>The Green and Resilient Spaces Funding will unlock a range of deliverables set out in Appendix 2 alongside a package of Community Development activities to be delivered by the Council's community partner, Living Under One Sun</p> <p>The £750,000 GRS funding will supplement the wider programme budget establishing a full budget for the park improvement programme of £9.1m. This will enable the project to progress towards full, rather than piecemeal and longitudinal, delivery of the Council and the community's vision for the park.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the officer when making the decision	<p>'Do Nothing'</p> <p>This is not recommended as it would fail to secure the £750,000 Mayor of London grant funding for this project and the resource required to develop the design through to delivery. This would stall the project from realising the full potential to transform the park and risk eroding the positive relationship built with residents and park users around this project. This would also not realise the decision made by Cabinet on 11th July 2023 to accept the funding from the GLA.</p> <p>Enter the Funding Agreement in accordance with 11th July 2023 Cabinet Decision</p>

	Secure the funding to deliver Phase 1 to enable full delivery of the programme. This is the recommendation of this report.
<u>Conflicts of interest – Executive decisions</u>	N/A
<u>Conflicts of interest – Non executive decisions</u>	N/A
Title of any document(s), including reports, considered by the officer and relevant to the above decision or where only part of the report is relevant to the above decision, that part)	11th July Cabinet Report: Tottenham Hale Placemaking: Co-designed transformation plans for Down Lane Park
Reasons for exemption with reference to categories of exemption specified overleaf, or Reason why decision is confidential (see overleaf) Note: decisions containing exempt or confidential information falling within the categories specified overleaf are not required to be published.	Appendix 1: Green and Resilient Spaces – Funding Agreement exempt from publication - paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.
Signature of Decision Maker	 David Joyce
Name of Decision Maker	Director – Placemaking & Housing
Does the decision need to be published? Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Exempt Information

Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12A

Part 1: Descriptions of Exempt Information

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations or contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes -
 - (a) To give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) To make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

Note: It is insufficient to simply identify a category of exemption, you must also conduct a public interest test on the basis specified in the Act as follows: Information falling within categories 1-7 is exempt if and so long as in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Confidential Decisions

1. The decision contains information provided by a Government department on a non-disclosure basis
2. There is a Court order against disclosure

DECISION MAKING REPORT

Report for: David Joyce, Director – Placemaking and Housing

Item number: N/A

Report Title: Enter Funding Agreement for GLA Green and Resilient Spaces Funding - Down Lane Park

Report authorised by: David Lee, Head of Programme Management, Regeneration & Economic Development

Lead Officer: Emily Read, Regeneration Lead – Tottenham Hale

Ward(s) affected: Tottenham Hale

Report for Key/Non Key Decision: Non Key

1. Describe the issue under consideration.

- 1.1. On 11th July 2023 Cabinet agreed to accept £750,000 Green and Resilient Spaces Funding from the Mayor of London to support Phase 1 of the Down Lane Park Improvement Programme, and associated community development workstreams. It was also agreed that the authority to enter into the Funding Agreement with the GLA would be delegated to the Director of Housing, Regeneration and Planning.
- 1.2. This report seeks approval to enter into the Funding Agreement at Appendix 1 with the GLA to receive £750,000 grant funding from the Mayor of London’s Green and Resilient Spaces Fund. This will support the delivery of Phase 1 of the Down Lane Park Improvement Programme.

2. Cabinet Member Introduction
N/A

3. Recommendations

- 3.1. Director of Placemaking and Housing is recommended to approve:

The Council entering into a Funding Agreement with the GLA (at Appendix 1) for receipt of £0.75m project funding from the Mayor of London’s Green and Resilient Spaces Fund Round II to supplement the full programme budget to deliver transformational improvements to Down Lane Park in full (pursuant to CSO 17.1).

4. Reasons for decision

- 4.1.1 The Green and Resilient Spaces Funding will unlock a range of deliverables set out in Appendix 1 alongside a package of Community Development activities to be delivered by the Council’s community partner, Living Under One Sun

4.1.2 The £750,000 GRS funding will supplement the wider programme budget (at Appendix 2) establishing a full budget for the park improvement programme of £9.1m. This will enable the project to progress towards full, rather than piecemeal and longitudinal, delivery of the Council and the community's vision for the park.

5. Alternative options considered.

5.1 'Do Nothing'

This is not recommended as it would fail to secure the £750,000 Mayor of London grant funding to deliver the Phase 1 works of the Down Lane Park Improvement Programme. This would stall the project from realising the full potential to transform the park and risk eroding the positive relationship built with residents and park users around this project. This would also not realise the decision made by Cabinet on 11th July 2023 to accept the funding from the GLA.

5.2 Enter the Funding Agreement in accordance with 11th July 2023 Cabinet Decision

Secure the funding to deliver Phase 1 to enable full delivery of the programme. This is the recommendation of this report.

6. Background information

6.1 The Tottenham Hale Green and Open Spaces Strategy (2016) set out a programme of investment in new and enhanced green spaces across Tottenham Hale to meet the growing demands placed on open space as a result of new development, as well as addressing an underlying deficiency in access to open space, and the subsequent impacts on health, wellbeing and physical activity. This programme included transformation of Down Lane Park and other local green spaces, linked by a series of green interventions which would create continuous corridors for active travel, clean air routes, ecology and biodiversity between Tottenham High Road and the Lee Valley.

6.2 Investment in Down Lane Park is necessary to fully realise the long-standing intent of the Tottenham Hale District Centre Framework (2015), its supporting strategies, and the commitments set out in the Haringey Deal. Investment will ensure that the required facilities are there to meet the needs of existing and new residents, which must be delivered to a high standard to accommodate the growing demands that will be placed upon them. The £750,000 GRS funding will address the environmental pressures facing the area, including increasing flood risk, poor air quality and the urban heat island effect.

6.3 This programme of work represents cross-departmental working within the Council, led jointly by the Regeneration & Economic Development and Parks & Leisure services. The proposals have been developed over nearly 18 months and 19 meetings with the volunteer local Community Design Group (CDG) in accordance with shared objectives for the project, which brought together community aspirations with the Council's own evidence and ambitions. The CDG has benefited from the participation

of residents, park users, and local representatives, including from Living Under One Sun, Healthy Streets North Tottenham, The Down Lane Park User & Community Forum, and Disability Action Haringey amongst others. These proposals have also been subject to refinement in response to two rounds of public engagement, and two rounds of independent design review.

- 6.4 The emerging plans for the masterplan and community hub and café will be submitted as a planning application in Q3 2023, while the delivery of Phase 1 improvements, supported by the £750,000 GRS funding, is required to start on site no later than December '23/January '24 to defray the 'majority' of the GRS funding by 31st March 2024. This decision will enable the Community Development workstream and Phase 1 works to commence in a timely fashion and in keeping with the July 11th 2023 Cabinet approval to accept this funding.

7. Contribution to the Corporate Delivery Plan 2022-24 High Level Strategic outcomes'

- 7.1 This proposal will help to support the following strategic priority areas of the Corporate Delivery Plan:

7.1.1 Resident experience, participation and collaboration:

- High level outcome 2: inclusive public participation
- High level outcome 3: enabling community collaboration
- High level outcome 4: developing young voice

7.1.2 Responding to the climate emergency

- High level outcome 1: a greener and climate resilient Haringey

7.1.3 Adults, health and welfare

- High level outcome 1: healthy and fulfilling lives

7.1.4 Place and economy

- High level outcome 4: leveraging social value
- High level outcome 5: placemaking

8 Statutory Officers comments

8.1 Finance

- 8.1.1 The recommendation of the report is enter into a funding agreement with the GLA for the Green and Resilient Spaces Funding - Down Lane Park for £0.75m. The grant is a component of the funding solution for the Down Lane Park improvement plan.

8.2 Procurement

8.2.1 N/A

8.3 Legal

- 8.3.1 The Head of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) has been consulted in the preparation of this report.
- 8.3.2 The Council need to ensure that in spending of the grant it complies with the Subsidy Control Act 2022 and all relevant procurement legislation including the Public Contract Regulations 2015.
- 8.3.3 Where the Council receives a grant from an external body, the process for approval of the receipt as set out in CSO 17.1 mirrors that for award of contracts as set out in CSO 9.07 (i.e. for approval of receipt of grants valued at £500,000 or more requires a Cabinet decision).
- 8.3.4 The Head of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) notes the content of the Cabinet report dated 11 July 2023. This report approved the receipt of £750,000 grant funding from the Mayor of London to support the delivery of Phase 1 of the Down Lane Park Improvement Programme and associated community development workstreams. The report further issued a delegated authority to the Director of Placemaking and Housing to enter into the Funding Agreement and to approve any future variations to the Funding Agreement.
- 8.3.5 As such, the Director for Placemaking & Housing has obtained delegated powers from the Cabinet to enter into the Funding Agreement with the GLA.
- 8.3.6 The Head of Legal and Governance (Monitoring Officer) confirms that there are no legal reasons preventing the Director of Placemaking & Housing from approving the recommendations in this report.

8.4 Equality

- 8.4.1 This decision in and of itself has no direct equalities implications, but a full Equalities Impact Assessment has been carried out for the works that it will enable, alongside the later phases of works to be delivered for Down Lane Park. This indicates that there are no negative equalities impacts for protected groups. There are, however, many positive equalities impact for protected groups. These are as follows:
- 8.4.2 Improved access, use, and inclusivity of the park (and Community Hub) [This will benefit all protected groups, but will disproportionately benefit younger and older age groups and those under-represented groups with minority nationalities and ethnicities]
- 8.4.3 Improved play and sports facilities that respond to the needs of *all* users [This will benefit all protected groups, but will disproportionately benefit younger age groups and those with disabilities]
- 8.4.4 A new Community Hub, community garden and café that will provide: [This will benefit all protected groups, but will disproportionately benefit younger and older age groups, those with disabilities and those who are pregnant or on maternity]

- 8.4.5 Access to low cost or free quality hire space for community activities [This will disproportionately benefit those who experience deprivation]
- 8.4.6 A safer space for park users, particularly women, girls and families [This will disproportionately benefit those who identify as female, are in younger age groups, and identify as black, Asian or from another minority nationality or ethnicity]
- 8.4.7 A programme of free community led activities, including sports coaching and green skills development [This will benefit all protected groups, but will disproportionately benefit younger and older age groups and those experiencing deprivation]
- 8.4.8 A warm space for older users, addressing loneliness and fuel poverty [This will all protected groups, but will disproportionately benefit those with disabilities and those in older age groups]
- 8.4.9 Improved access to toilet and baby-changing facilities [This will all protected groups, but will disproportionately benefit those who are pregnant or on maternity]
- 8.4.10 A food bank [This will disproportionately benefit those experiencing deprivation]
- 8.4.11 A sensory garden to support social prescribing, addressing mental health [This will all protected groups, but will disproportionately benefit those with disabilities]
- 8.4.12 Wider pathways that provide user comfort and address modal conflict [This will all protected groups, but will disproportionately benefit those with disabilities, those in older age groups and those who are pregnant or on maternity]
- 8.4.13 New entrances and improved connections to neighbouring residential developments, the district centre, Tottenham High Road and Tottenham Marshes [all protected groups]
- 8.4.14 Improved ecology, habitat, biodiversity and climate resilience [all protected groups].

9 Use of Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1: Green and Resilient Spaces – Funding Agreement (exempt from publishing)

9.2 Appendix 2: Down Lane Park Improvement Programme - Budget

10 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

10.1 Background documents:

- 11th July Cabinet Report: Tottenham Hale Placemaking: Co-designed transformation plans for Down Lane Park (Appendix 2)

10.2 Exempt information:

- Appendix 1: Green and Resilient Spaces – Funding Agreement exempt from publication - paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. (Appendix 1)

Important Additional Guidance on Accessibility

- Documents must be available for Councillor Hearn at the **same time** as for all other Councillors
- The council's primary typeface, Helvetica, should be used for all reports and accompanying documents, size 12 preferred (Arial font is also acceptable)
- Text should be as plain as possible with no boxes around it, Microsoft Word is preferred, not PDF, and no abbreviations (such as Cllr.) and try to keep symbols to minimal use
- Roman numerals are not suitable for a person using a screen reader so please use normal paragraph numbering/ lettering and bullet points where necessary
- Reports should be written without images, however, where images are used, report authors must provide a text alternative in all cases (a short paragraph explaining what the graphs, table, pictures etc are showing). Detailed examples can be provided by contacting Natalie.layton@haringey.gov.uk
- Appendices
 - All of the above applies for appendices and report authors should avoid including lengthy PDF documents as part of the report
 - In some cases an executive summary could be more appropriate if Councillor Hearn is on the committee
- Presentations – if Powerpoints are to be used then a Word version must be submitted in advance of the meeting (and at the same time it is made available to all other members)
- The Democratic Services Team will not accept reports which are not in an accessible format.
- In the rare event that a documents is not in a fully accessible format the report author must submit, by the same report deadline, an accessible version for Councillor Hearn (if she is on the relevant committee)
- Plain text documents should be saved with document names including “DATE TITLE COUNCILLOR HEARN PLAIN TEXT”

Categories of Exemption

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Part 2

Qualifications to the above exempt information:

- (a) Information falling within paragraph 3 above is not exempt information under that paragraph if it is required under – (a) the Companies Act 1985 (b) the Friendly Societies Act 1974 (c) The Friendly Societies Act 1992 (d) The Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 – 1978 (e) the Building Societies Act 1986 (f) The Charities Act 1993.
- (b) Information is not exempt information if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992.
- (c) Information which – (i) falls within any of paragraphs 1-7 above; and (ii) is not prevented from being exempt under (a) or (b) above is exempt information if and so long as, in the opinion of the Monitoring Officer, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.