



<b>REPORT TO:</b>	Boston Town Area Committee
<b>DATE:</b>	8 February 2024
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	BTAC Assets
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To provide information on the 'wish list' of potential improvements identified during the tour of open spaces on 27 July 2023.
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	<i>N/A</i>
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	Councillor Dale Broughton
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	Assistant Director Leisure and Culture
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	Operations Manager
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	BTAC Wards
<b>EXEMPT REPORT?</b>	<i>NO</i>

#### **SUMMARY**

This report provides members with information on the wish list of improvements to open spaces and play facilities identified during the tour of BTAC Assets held on 27 July 2023 and also provides a list of open spaces which the committee are responsible for.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the committee;

- i) Decide which 'wish list' improvements should be progressed for full costing and service delivery
- ii) Note the open spaces listed under the responsibility of the committee

#### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To provide information to Members so that decisions to improve open spaces and play facilities can be made and to identify those spaces which are the responsibility of the committee.

## OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Do nothing

### 1. BACKGROUND

**1.1** Each year members of the committee visit open spaces and play facilities to observe the condition of these spaces and discuss potential future improvements to these spaces.

### 2. REPORT – ‘wish list’

The table below sets out the wish list of projects identified during the tour of 27 July 2023 with an estimated cost for each project;

Site	Improvements identified by the committee	‘Estimated’ Costs
Ingelow Avenue	Mark out new football pitch, goals, sockets, nets	£1,200
	Storage facility for net/accessories	£2,500
	Replace existing perimeter fencing with new high level fencing	£50,000
	Install new dog bins	£380 each
	Install more signage directing to disposal of dog fouling and penalties for not picking up	£250 each
	A new play area to the front of the site for ease and safety of users	£90,000 to £120,000
	Former ‘Boston Adventure Play Area - grass mound’ – increase the frequency of grass cutting	Nil - within establishment
Woodville Road	Implement a QR Code enabling visitors to report issues using a mobile telephone	<i>Nominal cost</i>
Broadfield Lane	Install a public footpath from Matthew Flinders Way to Broadfield Lane	£20,000
St Johns Road	Install new BTAC signage	£250 each
	Additional dog fouling signs	£250 each
	Additional dog bins	£380 each
Burgess Pit	Install goal post and sockets	£1,200
	Relocate litter bins / dog waste bins	£200
Sheltons Field	Improve the safety surfacing at the roundabout equipment	£1,200
	Installation of new toddler swings	£3,000
Central Park	Review of BTAC signs	£250 each
General comments	Review of BTAC signs at all sites, replace old signs	£250 each

	<p>Signage to be displayed in prominent position with contact details for reporting problems</p> <p>Review of dog fouling signage at all sites and directional signage to dog waste bins</p> <p>Review the surfacing around all play area equipment due to potential hazardous areas with cracking and broken surfaces</p>	<p>£2,000 each item</p>
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- 2.1 Members are asked to prioritise the improvements based on the estimated costs in the above table, to enable officers to obtain quotations and identify funding to deliver projects. For any projects approved by the committee, the service will seek to identify and secure any available external funding in order to maximise the investment.
- 2.2 Any improvements agreed by the committee will be subject to contract procurement rules and orders will be placed with appropriate providers as soon as practicable.
- 2.3 Members requested a list and location details for all public open spaces and facilities under the responsibility of the committee. A list of these open spaces is included in Appendix A, and ward plans showing the location of each space is shown in Appendix B.

### 3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 Any wish list improvements agreed by the committee will be taken forward by officers, projects will be assessed and costed and funded projects will be delivered as soon as practicable.

## **EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP**

### **IMPLICATIONS**

#### **SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP**

*None*

### **CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

*Priority 1 People Focused 'improve its public spaces'*

### **STAFFING**

*Delivery of projects identified in the report will require officer resources*

### **WORKFORCE CAPACITY IMPLICATIONS**

*Delivery of projects identified in the report will require officer resources*

### **CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

*Local Council Powers and Duties to provide public space include; Open Spaces Act 1906; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976; Public Health Act 1906; Local Government Act 1972*

*The Council is required to comply with the Public Sector Equality Duty. A full equality impact analysis will be undertaken at the appropriate time to ensure new equipment will consider the needs of all individuals*

*The Council is required to comply with all procurement legislation and its constitution*

### **DATA PROTECTION**

*None*

### **FINANCIAL**

*None*

### **RISK MANAGEMENT**

*There are some improvements identified in this report which require action to mitigate potential safety risks.*

## STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

*No consultation undertaken.*

## REPUTATION

*None*

## CONTRACTS

*None*

## CRIME AND DISORDER

*None*

## EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

*None*

## HEALTH AND WELL BEING

*There are some improvements identified in this report which require action to mitigate potential safety risks.*

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

*None.*

## LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

*(Use this section to highlight any links to the 12 missions contained in the Levelling Up White Paper set out below. Delete any which are not applicable. If none, insert the word 'none'.)*

<b>MISSIONS</b>	
<b>This paper contributes to the following Missions outlined in the Government's Levelling Up White paper.</b>	
<b>Living Standards</b>	By 2030, pay, employment and productivity will have risen in every area of the UK, with each containing a globally competitive city, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.
<b>Research and Development</b>	By 2030, domestic public investment in Research & Development outside the Greater South East will increase by at least 40% and at least one third over the Spending Review period, with that additional government funding seeking to leverage at least twice as much private sector investment over the long term to stimulate innovation and productivity growth.
<b>Transport Infrastructure</b>	By 2030, local public transport connectivity across the country will be significantly closer to the standards of London, with improved services, simpler fares and integrated ticketing.

<b>Digital Connectivity</b>	By 2030, the UK will have nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G coverage, with 5G coverage for the majority of the population.
<b>Education</b>	By 2030, the number of primary school children achieving the expected standard in reading, writing and maths will have significantly increased. In England, this will mean 90% of children will achieve the expected standard, and the percentage of children meeting the expected standard in the worst performing areas will have increased by over a third.
<b>Skills</b>	By 2030, the number of people successfully completing high-quality skills training will have significantly increased in every area of the UK. In England, this will lead to 200,000 more people successfully completing high-quality skills training annually, driven by 80,000 more people completing courses in the lowest skilled areas.
<b>Health</b>	By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) between local areas where it is highest and lowest will have narrowed, and by 2035 HLE will rise by 5 years.
<b>Wellbeing</b>	By 2030, well-being will have improved in every area of the UK, with the gap between top performing and other areas closing.
<b>Pride in Place</b>	By 2030, pride in place, such as people’s satisfaction with their town centre and engagement in local culture and community, will have risen in every area of the UK, with the gap between the top performing and other areas closing.
<b>Housing</b>	By 2030, renters will have a secure path to ownership with the number of first-time buyers increasing in all areas; and the government’s ambition is for the number of non-decent rented homes to have fallen by 50%, with the biggest improvements in the lowest performing areas.
<b>Crime</b>	By 2030, homicide, serious violence, and neighbourhood crime will have fallen, focused on the worst-affected areas.
<b>Local Leadership</b>	By 2030, every part of England that wants one will have a devolution deal with powers at or approaching the highest level of devolution and a simplified, long-term funding settlement.

## ACRONYMS

*(Use this section to explain any acronyms used in the body of the report. If none, insert the word ‘none’.)*

<b>APPENDICES</b>	
<i>(If none then insert the word ‘None’ and delete the below text/boxes).</i>	
Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -	
<i>APPENDIX A</i>	<i>List of Open Spaces</i>
<i>APPENDIX B</i>	<i>Plan showing the location of BTAC Open Spaces</i>
<i>APPENDIX C</i>	

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

*No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.*

Document title	Where the document can be viewed

<b>CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT</b>	
<i>(If none then insert the wording 'A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body'. Also delete the below text/boxes.)</i>	
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