

COMMITTEE ACTION SHEET

Committee	North Area Committee
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ACTION	LEAD OFFICER/MEMBER	TIMESCALE	PROGRESS
<p><u>Developer Contributions and Devolved Decision Making - First Round Priority-Setting for Play Area Improvement</u></p> <p>Alistair Wilson to bring back a report to a future committee meeting on how surplus play equipment from the VIE Estate can be distributed around the north area.</p>	Alistair Wilson, Streets and Open Spaces Asset Manager	Urgent update requested as issues raised at August meeting.	***See Below
<p>13/81/NAC - Open Forum (2) Seek an assurance from the County Council that safety concerns regarding Cowley Road will be addressed.</p>	Councillor Manning	Feedback requested for 6 th Feb 2014	Has secured written assurance. Site visit and meeting with project team arranged. Will update at NAC.
<p>13/81/NAC - Open Forum (5) Investigate possible temporary use of empty housing in Water lane</p>	Councillor Manning	Feedback requested for 6 th Feb 2014	Approached a company called dotdotdot property, a social enterprise. Put them in contact with Council officers. Timeframe too short for use in this case, but they will be used in

			future, where appropriate.
13/81/NAC - Open Forum (7) Request City Rangers tidy up recycling area and streets: Campkin Road.	Committee Manager	Feedback requested for 6 th Feb 2014	Rangers were already aware and are addressing the problem
13/81/NAC - Open Forum (8) Letter to be sent to the Chief of Police requesting new guidelines on enforcement of 20mph limits and adopted and enforced.	Councillor Pitt	Feedback requested for 6 th Feb 2014	Letter has been sent.
13/81/Open Forum (9) Invite Andy Campbell to attend North Area Committee	Councillor Pitt	Feedback requested for 6 th Feb 2014	Andy Campbell will attend on 20 th March 2014
13/81/Open Forum (12) Request action from County Council to improve cycle signage in the North Area.	Councillor Onasanya	Feedback requested for 6 th Feb 2014	

Streets and Open Spaces have considered a range of options for the use of equipment, previously intended for the Vie/Simoco Site on St Andrews Road, Chesterton.

As the equipment was intended for installation at Vie/ Simoco, a range of sites within a short walk (10/15mins) have been considered for installation of the surplus equipment.

The equipment previously selected for the Vie/Simoco site is very specific in its design and intention. Intended for a niche market described as art play, it is therefore difficult to utilise properly in a traditional play area without a complete re-shaping and design.

Much of the play equipment resembles sculpture.

We have been mindful of retro fitting the play equipment and the subsequent financial implications of extending a play area. These costs include more fencing and surfacing costs, and these costs could not be borne by the budget allocated to install the Vie/Simoco equipment.

Chesterton Recreation Ground - The current junior play area has no available room; the toddler play area could potentially accommodate one or two items but it would involve a re- engineering of the boundary and safety surfacing which would have a negative knock on effect with the remainder of the existing play space;

Whytford Close: The current provision is in good condition and there is no available room;

Scotland Road - There is available space within the existing fenced off footprint and therefore overall minimal costs of installation. The existing equipment is old and in need of repair;

Pearl Close: The current provision is poor but there is no available room.

It is therefore recommended that Scotland Road play area is agreed as the site to take the surplus Vie/ Simoco play equipment. The installation can be programmed to take place during the 2014/2015 financial year.