

# Cambridge City Council

## Record of Executive Decision

### Environmental Improvements Programme 2022-23

Decision of: Councillor Alex Collis, Executive Councillor for Open Spaces, Food Justice, and Community Development.

Reference: 23/URGENCY/E&C/01

Date of decision: 20/12/22

Date Published on website: 21/12/22

Decision Type: Non-Key

Matter for Decision: To approve the allocation of funding to new Environmental Improvements Programme (EIP) applications for 2022-23 following consideration by Area Committees.

Why the Decision had to be made (and any alternative options):

Following a further review of EIP during 2021-22 a further round of project applications was invited in Autumn 2022. Some 70 viable submissions were received and 8 nonviable, not all the viable projects were affordable within the capital funding available – so a mechanism for prioritisation was needed and officers gave an indicative guide on a red/amber/green scale. When EIP applications were last sought in 2019/20 (prior to the Covid pandemic) Area Committees were able to approve the local area programmes, since they met in person. With meetings now continuing to take place digitally that is no longer possible, with the decisions required to be taken by the appropriate Executive Councillor (Open Spaces, Food Justice, and Community Development). The views of all local ward councillors were sought through the Area Committees where they were asked to consider project submissions within their areas and asked to indicate area-based lists of priority projects for consideration by the Executive Councillor for approval decision, the Executive Councillor approved these priority projects.

The Executive Councillor's decision:

To approve for development and delivery the local area and strategic environmental improvement programme projects as listed in the **Appendix A** below.

Reason for the decision: As Area Committees are currently not meeting in person the Executive Councillor for Open Spaces, Food Justice, and Community

Development is needed to approve the local area and strategic allocation EIP project programmes.

Scrutiny Consideration: The Chair and Spokesperson of Environment and Community Scrutiny Committee were consulted prior to the action being authorised.

Report: The attached addended at Appendix A, identifies the prioritised projects within the Area and Strategic Environmental Improvement Programmes, these are to be developed subject to budgets, resource availability, the outcomes of local consultation, and any further processes and approvals required.

Conflict of interest: None.

Comments: The City Council has a budget of £170,000 (£100,000 for local area and £70,000 for strategic city-wide projects) for Environmental Improvements during 2022/23. Since not all areas had received sufficient project requests to fully utilise the available area funding, the Executive Councillor has redistributed any uncommitted funds to other parts of the city to enable the greatest number of improvements to be delivered.

## Appendix A

<b>Project Number</b>	<b>Scheme Title</b>	<b>Approved Value £</b>
N1 - 2023	Logan's Meadow noticeboard improvement	1,500
N2 - 2023	Jubilee Gardens establishing the space as a Green Asset - through the installation of additional benches.	3,500
N4 - 2023	Biodiversity and Social Interaction Improvements to Green End Road Park	5,000
N5 - 2023	Community Noticeboard Mayfield Area	1,500
N17 - 2023	Community Planting on Campkin Road	500
N18 - 2023	Community Planting in Minerva Way/Kings Hedges Rec	950
N19 - 2023	Making the most of small spaces in King's Hedges	800
N20 - 2023	Create a community haven on Green End Road, East Chesterton	5,000
N22 - 2023	Moving Forward – Arbury Court Community Garden Project.	3,000
N3 - 2023	Hazelwood Close - Seating installation	1,500
N21 - 2023	Benches - Scotland Rd Rec	1,500
N13 - 2023	Restore benches at the 'Cyclops' junction on Histon Road	2,000
<b>TOTAL NORTH AREA EIP</b>		<b>26,750</b>
WC6 - 2023	Display boards for the Ascension Burial Ground	2,500
WC14 - 2023	Planting to screen Lammas Land from traffic and reduce air pollution in the park	5,000
WC15 - 2023	Improve a bench in Newnham	2,000
WC17 - 2023	Improvements to shared use paths on Midsummer Common	3,000
WC2 - 2023	Biodiversity Improvements - Woodlark Rd, Hoadley Rd, Sherlock Rd & Eachard Rd	5,000
WC13 - 2023	Bins around Gough Way	1,000
WC16 - 2023	Christ's Pieces - Provision of places for unsightly bins improving environment	3,000
WC1 - 2023	Tree Protection at the end of Skaters Meadow Roadway	2,000
<b>TOTAL WEST CENTRAL AREA EIP</b>		<b>23,500</b>
S1 - 2023	Installation of drinking fountains - Hobsons Square, Trumpington	2,500
S2 - 2023	Safe Access and Entry to a LEAP	2,000
S3 - 2023	Reduce yearly Christmas tree cutting and disposal by installing lights in tree.	3,000
S4 - 2023	Information Board for Cherry Hinton Recreation Ground	2,000
<b>TOTAL SOUTH AREA EIP</b>		<b>9,500</b>

E15 - 2023	Making Rustat Road/Corrie Road cut through and green space safer	3,500
E16 - 2023	A memorial to a forgotten abolitionist	3,000
E18 - 2023	Two bench seats for Petersfield Green	2,200
E19 - 2023	Picnic benches on Romsey Rec	3,000
E21 - 2023	Community bench and biodiversity in Jack Warren Green	3,000
E22 - 2023	Wildflowers on the corner of Rawlyn Road/Stanesfield Road	1,000
E26 - 2023	Wildflower and/or bulbs along the outside of the Coleridge Rec fence planting	2,000
E2 - 2023	Gwydir Street Seating	3,000
E3 - 2023	Green the Streets	1,000
E12 - 2022	Biodiversity & Social Interaction Improvements, Maple Tree Area, St Matthews Str	3,000
E14 - 2023	Increase biodiversity in Headly Street and Eagle Street with planting.	3,000
E27 - 2023	A community garden on Peverel Road	3,500
<b>TOTAL EAST AREA EIP</b>		<b>31,200</b>
<b>Reserve</b>		
WC9 - 2023	Community Noticeboards in Newnham, Castle and Market to promote community Cohesion.	4,500
E4 - 2023	Improving Biodiversity - East Road Housing Area	5,000
<b>TOTAL RESERVE AREA EIP</b>		<b>9,500</b>

<b>TOTAL OVERALL AREA FUNDED EIP PROJECTS</b>	<b>100,450</b>
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### Strategic Schemes

Project Number	Scheme Title	Approved Value £
sN7- 2023	Improving Biodiversity on Carisbrooke Road's central greenspace	10,000
sN12 - 2023	Bee Balconies! Pollinator-friendly planting for flats	3,000
City 1	Citywide Community Engagement led Biodiversity and Habitat Improvement Projects	15,000
sE1 - 2023	St Matthew's Piece - Improving Biodiversity	10,000
sE13- 2023	Increase biodiversity and public wellbeing on Barnwell Road	5,000
sE24 - 2023	Create community gardens, increase biodiversity and beautify Tiverton Estate	10,000
sWC7 - 2023	Planting on existing pavement islands, Norwich Street	3,000
sE8 - 2023	Increasing biodiversity in our street (Sedgwick Street)	2,500
sE23 - 2023	Improve tree cover in Hobart Road	10,000

<b>TOTAL OVERALL STRATEGIC EIP PROJECTS</b>	<b>68,500</b>
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