

Parks and Open Spaces

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 1 February 2011

Current Overview

- 80 parks and open spaces
- 33 playgrounds for ages 1-15
- Regularly in top 3 of Place Survey
- Strategy completed for development of existing parks (cabinet 8 February)
- The action plan includes areas not explored before such as marketing our open space. Currently on Play Spaces Map produced by Leisure

Funding

- We are constantly sourcing external funding to ease pressure on internal budgets
- This includes over the last 6 years:

Liveability £2.135m

Playbuilder £100K

BAA £100K

Big Lottery Fund (Leisure) £120K

Engagement

- We engage with residents and park users in a number of ways
- If a new facility is built then we survey the park users and young people over the design
- We set up consultation groups over specific projects which involve local people to the park
- Over self management or leases for facilities forums are set up i.e. bowls, football
- Friends of Sunbury Park and LoSRA were involved in Hawke Park

New and Refurbished Facilities

- Since 2004, all of our 33 playgrounds have been refurbished and upgraded. This has been made possible by the external funding we have obtained
- We have also installed brand new facilities in 5 of our parks that did not exist before. This was done partly by external funding and includes outdoor gym equipment for older people
- We have also refurbished 3 of our existing tennis courts so far as part of a rolling programme

Laleham

- The latest project is the upgrade and refurbishment of Laleham Park
- Currently working on a Heritage Lottery Fund bid of £500K. Deadline is 28 February 2011.
- In addition, there is insurance monies of £250K from the subsiding of the existing pavilion
- New facilities will include toilets (priority), café/restaurant, transfer of land from SCC to SBC, and enhance the current landscaping
- Engagement will include the Residents Association as well as other park users.