

PARKS PROGRAMME 2022-2023

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This section sets out the goals and objectives of this year's programme. In summary, the following areas are discussed:

- Objectives and delivering the programme
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- University Lawns (Parc Mackenzie), Cathays
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- Maindy Park, Cathays
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INTRODUCTION

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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an overview, guide, and objectives for the 2022-2023 Park programme. All new and existing projects to be delivered are listed, with proposed budget source, project information, staff/consultant allocation, time-scale (approximate) for delivery, and fees.

The report is intended to provide clear direction for the forthcoming financial year and create a clear overview of the intended work to operation managers/directors, accounts, and other parties at Cardiff Council.

2021 - 2022 PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEAR AND ACHIEVEMENTS

2021-2022 saw the full construction of 17 projects (Mainly play areas) and 3 projects will be completed in early 2022 financial year. A number of projects were carried over from the last 5 years and seen as a 'catchup' that had failed to be delivered over several financial years.

The financial spend for 2021-2022 was **£2.1million**, one of the highest spend on record for Parks.

The renovation saw Llandaff Fields Play Area voted in the top 17 play areas by Wales online. Very positive feedback from the public was



also received on Grange Gardens Play Area (after it had been closed to the public for over a year), Glenmount, Caedelyn, and Moorland.

A large number of these projects were also started from inception during 2021 and completed before March 31st 2022, notably Llandaff Fields Play Area, Moorland, and Grange Gardens.

Cardiff Parks Department design team were faced by a large number of both external and internal constraints on each project, which extends the time to deliver and places huge pressure on the design team. There are, but not limited to:

- Cardiff Council procurement protocols: Social Value reviews, new PTR and CAR forms which have almost doubled in size and usually adds 1-4 weeks to some projects.
- Legal department time-scales to incorporate the departments input and preparation of contracts. Some contract set-up has exceeded 2 months, placing further pressure on the project time-scale.
- Welsh Language translation on all public information, usually adding at least 1 week to a project, depending on the availability of the translators
- Data protection requirements
- SAB applications and Drainage department input: Some applications have taken 6 months + to approve
- Covid 19, Brexit, and market materials significantly increasing in cost (Steel, fuel, and most building materials). A number of products, particularly play equipment, is manufactured abroad.
- Contractor availability in Wales: Usually only 2-5 of the same contractors bid on the work, reducing competition and increasing costs.

A large number of measures were taken to reduce the burden, but these constraints are only likely to increase into the 2022-2023 financial year.

Despite, the above, the following projects completed this financial year are:

- Llandaff Fields Play Area - Phase A, Riverside
- Caedelyn Park, Rhiwbina
- Grange Gardens Play Area, Grangetown



2021-2022 ACHIEVEMENTS AND FUTURE PLANNING

- Moorland (library) Play Area, Splott.
- Adamscroft Play Area, Adamsdown
- Glenmount Way, Thornhill
- Lascelles Drive Play Area, Pontprennau
- Peppermint Drive Play Area
- Adamsdown Square, Adamsdown.
- Pontcanna Riding School, Riverside
- Splott Anti motorcycle fencing, Splott
- Garth Newydd, Tongwynlais
- Creigiau Playarea, Creigiau
- Mill Road, Ely
- Allotment fencing: Ely Farm Allotment & Pontcanna
- Tharsis Close, Adamsdown

- Fairwater steps, Fairwater

Refer to page 8-15 for project information for the completed Grange Gardens Play Area, Moorland Play Area, Llandaff Fields Play Area Phase A, Caedelyn Play Area, Lacelles Play Area, Glenmount, and Adamscroft.

Each page provides before and after photos, the project brief provided by the play team and the final outcomes of the project.

Several other projects were started and completed to Technical drawings level or design concept level, prior to funding being obtained. These are:

- Pentwyn Trails, Pentwyn - Finished to concept level.
- City Hall Lawns Fountains, Cathay - Finished to concept level

A large number of other projects were completed to tender/ construction stages of technical drawings/design and are further discussed in the 2022-2023 section of this report.

ASSESSMENTS AND FUTURE PLANNING

There is limited current parks planning documents prepared at a strategy level that guide the preparation of the parks programme.

Currently, most of the projects are defined from overdue refurbishments (such as Grange Gardens or Moorland Play Area), footpath/furnishings deterioration that become un-usable, public complaints, or ward member requests.

'Current' available guidance documents are:

- Cardiff fixed equipment playground strategy - 2013 (in Draft format)
- Allotment strategy 2022-2027
- For developers, the Cardiff Green Infrastructure SPG 'Protection and Provision of Open Space in New Developments' is also available that provides general guidance for adoptable green open spaces and play areas.
- Cardiff Skateboard Strategy 2022 is currently being prepared

It is suggested that the current guidance document is updated for the Cardiff park and playground strategy and provide clear guidance on the vision. It is suggested that the guidance/vision document is shared amongst ward members, stakeholders, and Council members.

In summary, the document should consider:

- Schedule of all assets: Paths, furnishings, play equipment, when they were installed and the anticipated 'end of life'. This would assist pre-determine and plan the replacement of materials and equipment, including projected budgets.
- Wales has one of the highest amount of playgrounds per child in the UK. This is twice the number of play areas than children in London. Whilst this supports council policy, the burden to upkeep, maintain, and inspect the high proportion of play areas is costly. It is suggested that a 'modern' review of play area design is adopted and responsive to the areas they are built, such as playgrounds that can withstand vandalism or fire damage.
- Exciting, challenging, spaces that encourages repeat visits through considered design. Reference to international parks and play areas should be made.
- Financially sustainable strategy, where possible, drawing reference to the financial model in Bute Park.



2021-2022

SELECTION OF COMPLETED PROJECTS DURING THE LAST FINANCIAL YEAR

2021-22 PROGRAMME

GRANGE GARDENS PLAY AREA, GRANGETOWN

NEW LAYOUT & SURFACING, RESTORATION OF EXISTING EQUIPMENT, NEW EQUIPMENT, NEW FURNISHINGS FROM FEBRUARY 2021 TO MAY 2021.

LANDSCAPE OFFICER/CONSULTANT: MARK SYNAN



2021-22 PROGRAMME

BRIEF

1. All play equipment had to be surrounded by paths to enable the maintenance department space to erect temporary fencing during inspections or repairs to equipment.
- 2) Must use Nottsport artificial surfacing.
- 3) Relocate the gate, resolve the drainage problems and replace several items of play equipment.
- 4) Construct play area and open as soon as possible as its been closed for over a year with wide criticism by the public.

AFTER PHOTOS

1. New layout consisting of a 'fallen leaf' theme from trees that surround the play area.
2. New play equipment added - New Stockholm multi unit, Vinchi play unit, swings, toddlers house.
- 3) Refurbishment of all other existing play equipment and repainting (talk tubes, toddler equipment etc)
- 3) New safety surfacing and paths in a more efficient layout that allows guardians to sit within the play area and improve monitoring. New seating added.
- 4) New surface paint in a 'leaf trail' and circular trail loop with balance beams, stepping stones, and other games.



BEFORE PHOTOS & KEY ISSUES

1. Safety surfacing failed due to drainage problems.
2. Most play equipment and layout poorly positioned which only allowed 4-5 play feature or created safety issues.
- 3) Old play equipment that required replacement due to H&S.
- 4) Play area was un inspiring and not valued by the public.



LLANDAFF FIELDS PLAY AREA, RIVERSIDE

NEW CONCEPT DESIGN TO CREATE A DESTINATION PLAY AREA AT LLANDAFF FIELDS. WORK INCLUDED THE DETAILED DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF 'PHASE A', WHICH INCLUDES A 3M HIGH EMBANKMENT, CUSTOM SPHERE CLIMBING FOOT HOLDS, CLIMBING ROPES AND NETS, & 3 NEW SLIDES.

LANDSCAPE OFFICER/CONSULTANT: MARK SYNAN



2021-22 PROGRAMME



AFTER PHOTOS

1. New climbing embankment made from concrete, granular fill (Type 1) and EPDM rubber
2. Custom benches/parent area
- 3) New slides, climbing spheres, climbing ropes, and climbing nets (all custom made) to provide a unique challenge and obstacle.
- 4) Very popular new space that has been voted one of the best play areas in Wales by local media.



BEFORE PHOTOS & KEY ISSUES

1. Large expanse of tarmac and an uninspiring play space in a popular park
2. Existing embankment fenced off and dis-used
3. Large bark mulch pit
4. Limited and ageing play equipment.



CAEDELYN PLAY AREA, RHIWBINA

NEW LOCATED PLAY AREA IN CAEDELYN PARK TO REPLACE THE EXISTING PLAY AREA. WORKS INCLUDED NEW EQUIPMENT AND SURFACING THROUGHOUT AND COMPLETED JULY 2021.

LANDSCAPE OFFICER/DESIGNER: JON GREEN & SUNSHINE PLAY/KOMPAN





AFTER PHOTOS

1. Play area relocated in the centre of the park away from the neighbouring housing. (*Play areas should be a minimum 30+ metres away from residential areas, in accordance with the SPD).
2. New multi units and play equipment for both toddlers and junior play
3. Nottsport artificial surfacing added and EPDM spheres.
4. Accessible play equipment, seating, and tree planting.



BEFORE PHOTOS & KEY ISSUES

1. Positioned too close to the housing and not on accordance with Cardiff Council SPD.
2. Most play equipment had been previously removed.
3. Old bark mulch surfacing requested by parks maintenance to be removed.



MOORLAND (LIBRARY) GARDENS, SPLOTT

LOW COST EXAMPLE OF A PLAY AREA RESTORATION UNDER £50,000

LANDSCAPE OFFICER/CONSULTANT: MARK SYNAN



2021-22 PROGRAMME

BRIEF

1. Small 45K budget to re-surface the play area and repaint the existing equipment.
2. Two pieces of equipment required removing and replacing.



AFTER PHOTOS

1. New climbing embankment made from concrete, granular fill (Type 1) and EPDM rubber
2. Custom benches/parent area
3. New slides, climbing spheres, climbing ropes, and climbing nets (all custom made) to provide a unique challenge and obstacle.
4. Very popular new space that has been voted one of the best play areas in Wales by local media.



BEFORE PHOTOS & KEY ISSUES

1. Original safety surfacing had fallen into disrepair.
2. Play equipment was old and required replacing
3. Seating and bins were damaged
4. The play area layout was spread over the park and not efficiently spaced.



PLAY AREA RESTORATIONS

ADAMSCROFT
WARDS: ADAMSDOWN
OFFICER: JOE FISHER

- 1. New tarmac surfacing
- 2. Existing play equipment re-painted and some replaced
- 3. Nottsport safety surfacing added
- 4. New multi units and play equipment



GLENMOUNT
WARDS: THORNHILL
OFFICER: JON GREEN/RUI WANG

- 1. Thermoplastic graphics
- 2. Existing play equipment re-painted & some replaced.
- 3. Nottsport safety surfacing added
- 4. New multi units and play equipment



PLAY AREA RESTORATIONS

LASCELLES DRIVE WARDS: PONTRENNAU OFFICER: JON GREEN

- 1. Nottsport safety surfacing added within existing tarmac surfacing.
- 2. Existing play equipment re-painted and some replaced
- 3. New multi units and play equipment



PEPPERMINT DRIVE WARDS: PONTRENNAU OFFICER: JON GREEN/RUI WANG

- 1. Nottsport safety surfacing added within existing tarmac surfacing.
- 3. New multi units and play equipment



2022-2023

PROJECTS TO BE DELIVERED THIS FINANCIAL YEAR. THIS WILL INCLUDE EITHER FULL CONSTRUCTION OR SIGNIFICANT PROJECT DESIGN DEVELOPMENT.

2022-23 PROGRAMME

2022-2023 PARKS PROGRAMME

OBJECTIVES & DELIVERING THE 2022-2023 PARKS PROGRAMME. CONTINUED ON PAGE 24-25

The 2022-2023 parks programme has been developed based upon:

- Review of the Cardiff Play Ground Strategy (April 2013 - Draft)
- Review of the Allotment Strategy 2022-2027
- Projects carried forward from previous Parks programmes that have not been previously delivered.
- Table of play areas requiring upgrades (see appendix B) prepared by the play team (Rosie James/Mark Hughes) and ongoing meetings/coordination.
- Coordination/meetings with Cardiff Landscape Planning officer (Rhodri Edwards)
- Coordination/meetings with Parks officers to determine individual project requirements (e.g path renewals, maintenance issues, claims, or other actions that require rectifying)

The parks projects has been prepared based upon the above and following ongoing park programme meetings every two weeks. In attendance is the Operational manager, all the landscape officers overseeing projects and attendees from other departments (Procurement, Accounts, Parks events, and Cardiff media/comms).

The parks programme and list of projects is listed in the following tables:

- Estimated parks programme calendar 2022-2023 (page 21)
- Financial summary and funding source for each project (page 22-23)
- Appendix A - Individual projects and project information (page 45)

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Refer to the financial summary (on page 22-23) for the Parks Department anticipated funding source for each project.

Beige highlighted text are budgets under review, green highlighted text are confirmed budgets, where usually a contract is in place with a contractor. The column '2022-2023' Estimated completion are projects that are highly likely to be delivered as the design and project outcome

is known (e.g under construction, submitted for tender).

All the quantities will change and all the figures provided in this report are based upon information provided on 31st March 2022.

ANTICIPATED SPEND

The projected spend for this year is **£3.5million**, although this is likely to rise by **250-350k** if a proportion of the playareas, such as Drovers Way, is constructed this financial year.

Each quarter the programme should be updated to determine the actual spend, but taking into account the information above, and projects that are affected by unforeseeable events or Council political decisions, we anticipate a spend in the region of **3.4 to 3.8 million**.

S106 SPEND & NEW FUNDING

The total s106 available across all wards (from Parks & Sport only) is **£4,807,754.66** million (at 31st March 2022)

Based upon the list of projects to be delivered this year, we anticipate a spend of **£2,018,257.19** across all wards within the 2022-2023 financial year. However, this is likely to rise as other projects are likely to be delivered, so we anticipate a spend of **2 to 2.5 million**.

For a detailed breakdown of the spend in each ward and the planning application funding sources, refer to page 35-44, which includes current s106 and remaining s106 after the spend.

New s106 from the 2021 to 2022 financial year and added to the s106 budget is **£446,114.72 (Included in the 4.8m total)**:

Income Code	Income Description	Proposed use of Contribution	Ward	Contributions Received 2021/22
NX092210007	Anchor Industrial Estate Dumballs ROAD	POS	Bute town	(154,130.23)
NX092210010	8 Cem Coed Road	Unassigned project	Cyncoed	(22,411.00)
NX092210003	Moor Lynch Rudy Road	Unassigned project	Lisvane	(38,530.00)
NX092210007	Llanrumney Play Centre	Contribution available to POS	Llanrumney	(27,125.92)
NX092210022	Former Morrisons 113 Brynhaelig	POS	Pentwyn	(48,142.00)
NX092210013	Former Howardian Adult Learning Centre	POS	Pentylan	(135,893.64)
NX092210027	Site of former Cardiff Science	POS	Pleasureworld	(18,890.83)



2022-2023 PARKS PROGRAMME

OBJECTIVES & DELIVERING THE 2022-2023 PARKS PROGRAMME. CARRIED FORWARD FROM PAGE 20.

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FEES

Current total fees across all projects for 2022-2023 are **£209,662** (at 31st March 2022). Refer to the table on page 22-23 for a breakdown of each project and fees allocated against.

Some projects, such as Cemetery Park, have previously used allocated fees in previous financial years.

PROJECTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Several projects are currently under construction and have been carried forward from the 2021 financial year. Each project is likely to be complete in the first part of the 2022-2023 financial year. Refer to pages 26-31 for an example of some of these projects. These are:

- Cemetery Park, Adamsdown
- Brewery Park, Adamsdown
- Maindy (Gelligaer Street) Park, Cathays
- Sovereign Chase, Cyncoed
- Parc Tredelerch, Rumney

NEW SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS TO BE BUILT AND FINISHED DURING 2022-2023

5 projects of significant size are highly likely to be fully constructed during this financial year. Refer to pages 26-31 for an example of some of these projects. These are:

- Maltings Park, Splott

- University Lawns (Parc Mackenzie), Cathays
- Howard Gardens, Adamsdown
- Heol Llanishen Fach, Rhiwbina
- Llanishen Park, Llanishen
- Llanrumney Skateboard Park, Llanrumney.

OVERDUE/URGENT PROJECTS

The following projects have been carried forward from previous years, some dating back 5 years. Some projects pose a risk to the public and council, and must be addressed as soon as possible. The projects on the priority list are:

- Drovers Way (not in use)
- Pentwyn Lakes (Flooding risk & liability for council)
- Snookhill Park (Flooding risk & liability for council)
- Cogan Gardens (Useable - but overdue since 2017)
- Catherine Gardens (Useable - but overdue since 2018)

This list does not include other ongoing projects the Parks department currently face or the large number of 'ageing infrastructure schemes' (such as foot path resurfacing, bridges etc) that are arguably also urgent/overdue as they may pose a risk to the public and/or council.

QUALITY

The following pages provide 10 sites which provide an overview on the type of projects that are due this financial year. In summary:

- University Lawns (Parc Mackenzie), Cathays
- Maltings Park, Splott
- Heol Llanishen Fach, Rhiwbina
- Llanrumney Skateboard Park, Llanrumney.
- Maindy Park, Cathays
- Cemetery Park, Adamsdown



- Howard Gardens, Adamsdown
- Brewery Park, Adamsdown
- Anderson Fields, Adamsdown

All projects are anticipated to be fully built this financial year (April 2023). Llanrumney Skateboard Park will be fully designed, but subject to both planning and SAB applications, so likely to be completed in the 2023-2024 programme.



UNIVERSITY LAWNS, CATHAYS

NEW PARK LAYOUT, PATHS, CAFE , ARTWORK, NATURAL PLAY AREA & RAIN GARDENS.

LANDSCAPE OFFICER/CONSULTANT: MARK SYNAN



2022-23 PROGRAMME

MALTINGS PARK, SPLOTT

NEW PLAZA AND OPEN LAWN FOR EVENTS/SCHOOL EVENTS, ENTRANCE SIGNAGE AND A NEW PARK IDENTIFY, NEW SEATING, NATURAL PLAYAREA, SKATEBOARD 'DOT', NEW MUGA, AND SOFTSCAPE PROPOSALS TO ADD TO THE EXISTING TREES WITHIN THE PARK.



LANDSCAPE OFFICER/CONSULTANT:
MARK SYNAN



2022-23 PROGRAMME

HEOL LLANISHEN FACH, RHIWBINA

REFURBISHMENT & REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING PLAY AREA. NEW LAYOUT TO CONSIST OF AN 'OAK' TREE THEME, WITH ACORNS, OAK LEAF & ASSOCIATED WILDLIFE PATTERNS & PAINT TRAILS, NEW SLIDES AND EQUIPMENT, AND REFURBISHMENT OF EXISTING.

LANDSCAPE OFFICER/CONSULTANT: MARK SYNAN



2022-23 PROGRAMME

LLANRUMNEY NEIGHBOURHOOD SKATEBOARD PARK

NEW CONCRETE SKATEBOARD PARK TO REPLACE THE EXISTING & THE FIRST STAGE OF THE CARDIFF SKATEBOARD STRATEGY

LANDSCAPE OFFICER/CONSULTANT: MARK SYNAN/VAN DER ZALM ASSOCIATES/ NEW LINE SKATEBOARD PARKS



NEW SKATEBOARD PARK IDEAS



EXISTING SITE AND SKATEBOARD PARK AT EASTERN LEISURE CENTRE TO BE REPLACED

2022-23 PROGRAMME

MAINDY PARK, CATHAYS

NEW PARK LAYOUT AND DESIGN TO REPLACE THE FORMER SPACE. THE NEW DESIGN INCLUDES OPEN LAWN FOR EVENTS, SMALL SPORTS PLAZA WITH TEQBALL AND TABLE TENNIS, PICNIC TABLES, CHESS BOARD TABLES, EQUIPPED PLAYAREA, NATURAL PLAY AREA, WALKING TRAILS, AND NEW TREES/MEADOW AREAS



OLD PARK LAYOUT



2022-23 PROGRAMME

ADAMSDOWN PROJECTS

NEW PARK LAYOUTS AND REFURBISHMENTS TO HOWARDS GARDENS, CEMETERY PARK, BREWERY PARK, AND ANDERSON FIELDS.

LANDSCAPE OFFICER/CONSULTANT: GEOFF WHITTINGTON



