


11. GREENSPACE CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAMME 2003/04



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The purpose of this report is to provide an update to the Board on progress on the Greenspace Capital Projects within the Board area as at 15 March 2004.

OVERVIEW

Attached, is a schedule setting out details in respect to individual Greenspace Capital Projects. Note that, where possible, the schedule also includes information on specific projects within the Board area that are funded from citywide allocations, such as lighting and pathway projects.

Overall progress has been satisfactory with many projects nearing or already completed. Tendering and pricing of some projects has again indicated a significant rise in costs this year, especially in the area of buildings, lighting and asphaltting. As far as possible these costs are being absorbed within the projects without compromising the design.

One major project (Broadhaven Park Extension) has been deferred to next year, due to the forest compartment not being available for seven years. The design and consultation will not proceed at this time. If the trees were removed sooner, the Council would have to pay Selwyn Plantation Board for the cutting rights to the trees. This could be a considerable cost. As the fields are not required immediately, it was considered more sensible to wait rather than develop the park extension at an inflated cost, and then have to maintain an under-utilised field.

Staff

Recommendation: That the information be received.

Chairperson's

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