

Central Park Improvements

Housing and Community Service Scrutiny -

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SUMMARY

Since the project was last presented to Scrutiny in September 2025, work on the landscaping has continued with changes to fencing, grass seeding and planting. These works plus, final asset checks, removal of compounds and making good of these areas forms the last phase of the works. A detailed breakdown of these works is provided in this paper. Some areas of the park, particularly the pitch plateaus will remain fenced off after the final works are complete to ensure the landscaping works can embed. All areas will be open to the public as soon as the landscaping is established.

Works Completed Since September

Since the summer there has been a focus on laying meadow and grass seed across Reservoir Field and on the playing pitches. This has now been completed. This area of the park will need to remain closed for a few months to allow the areas to fully establish before it can be used again.

While the metal heras around the playing pitches will remain for the reason stated above the fencing around Reservoir Field has been replaced with wooden chestnut paling. There was then a quieter period as there was a need to wait for the correct time of year for tree planting.

Works Planned – December and January.

The planting that still needs to be completed is as follows:

Northern Sports Pitch Plateau –

- Trees – 16
- Whips – 1067
- Blubs – 500

Northern Pond –

- Trees – 14
- Shrubs – 4087
- Aquatic planting – 21

- Additional trees across the site – 21

The first round of planting is due to start on the sports pitch plateau and Geogrow to Northern Pond during the second week of December. The landscape contractors will then have a site presence throughout Dec and Jan (excluding Christmas break) to complete the landscape planting and fencing works. During this period, new signage will also be installed.

Once the landscaping works and fencing has been completed, there will be final checks to the assets before the project is closed and the compound removed off site.