4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENTS TO WELLGATE OPEN SPACES (AN69-2016)

Reference is made to Article (V) of the Minute of Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee of the 7th December, 2015, Street Cleaning and Open Space Management Review, where there was agreement to introduce a programme of capital expenditure focused on improvement projects. The proposed project has been designed to improve and enhance the local environment for residents and members of the public.

The project has been developed in consultation with local resident groups. The proposed works will be undertaken at a cost of £145,900 with an additional allowance of £14,000 for fees and contingencies and comprise of a number of improvements including:

- The re design and replanting of all existing shrub and tree beds;
- Removal of dense undergrowth to the large wooded area; and
- Improvements to the surface of the kick about area.

The committee are asked to approve the above works and to authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to undertake these works. The Executive Director of Corporate Services advises that the capital improvement works of £159,900 can be met through allowances for Parks and Open Spaces within the Recreation, Culture, Arts and Heritage section of the General Services Capital Plan 2016-21. The estimated completion date for this project is 31st March 2017.