



GRAYS TOWNS FUND

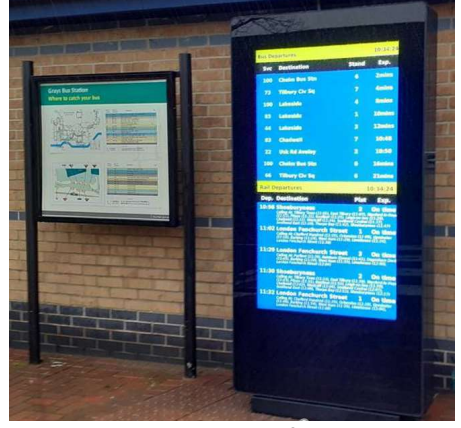
Accelerated Funds Update

June 2021

Grays Bus Terminus

Project Description:	Public information enhancements such as upgraded display boards for bus and rail departures and town centre signage to encourage sustainable access to the transport hub and town centre. New shelters to improve the user experience. Environmental improvements such as repainting and lining.
Funding	Original allocation - £190,000
	Additional allocation* - £108,988
	Total allocation - £298,988
	Committed - £293,506
Underspend - £5,482	
Progress Update:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replacement of real time passenger information displays in each shelter – Installed other than those to go on shelters Real time information display – installed and operational (see image below). Repaint and refresh of bus terminus railings, cycle store, taxi rank and road markings – Completed Replacement of 7 bus shelters with a premium range shelter (see image 2 below) – Long lead in time, installation expected in September 2021

Images:



New large passenger information screen



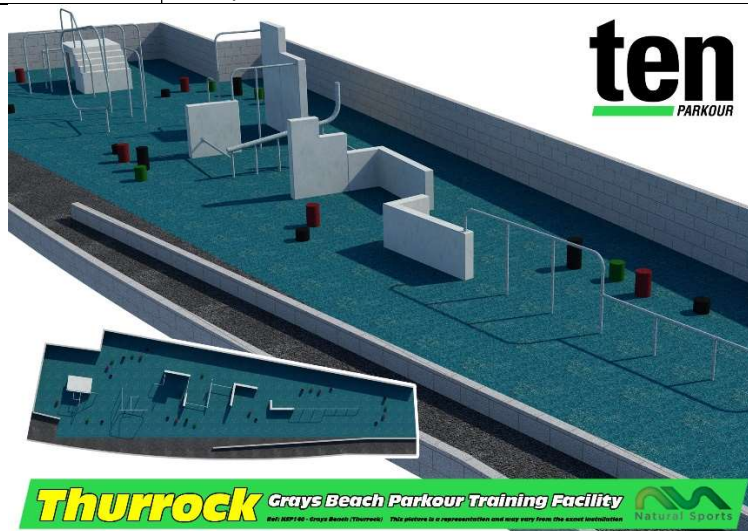
Premium bus shelter (image for illustration only)

Comments:	* additional funds to enable purchase of new bus shelters reallocated from Green Infrastructure project, in principle agreement from Board in Feb 2021 meeting, confirmed with Chair 12/03/21.
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Grays Beach Park Phase 2	
Project Description:	Replacing play equipment that has reached end of life, upgrade other equipment.
Funding	Allocation - £175,000
	Committed - £175,000
Progress Update:	Completed
 	
Comments:	<p>New play surface also installed to ensure that the equipment can be used all year round and provides better access for families with disabilities.</p> <p>Works completed. Launch event 27th May.</p> <p>Received positive response on social media.</p>

Grays Beach Park Phase 3

Project Description:	Remove outdated skate park and install a new outdoor sports area / health fitness area.
Funding	Allocation - £137,500
	Committed - £137,500
Progress Update:	Completed



Comments:	<p>Groundworks are complete to install the new parkour equipment on the location of the old skate park and new paths and drainage infrastructure to support the new splash pad (TC funded) has been completed.</p> <p>Works will be complete in time for the Easter holidays.</p>
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Green Infrastructure

Project Description:	Green seats and structures along riverfront and from riverside park to town centre
Funding:	Original allocation - £137,500
	Committed - £33,512
	Underspend - £103,988

Progress Update:	Reduced amount of new street furniture commissioned
Images to follow	
Comments:	Project scope reduced as potential overlap with main TF award and limited funding available for long term maintenance in public highway. £103,988 reallocated with Board approval to bus terminus project.

Community Hub	
Project Description:	Use and fit out of vacant unit to provide accessible location for community engagement and information on Towns Fund.
Funding	Allocation - £60,000
	Committed - £
Progress Update:	Grays Riverside Big Local have secured a unit in the shopping centre primarily for a community shop. The unit is of sufficient size to accommodate the community shop and the Town Boards engagement activity including exhibitions, information and furniture including facility for informal engagement based on the 'front room' approach which suits some forms of engagement better than formalised surveys. Each use would have the benefit of generating footfall, some of which is likely to create shared interest. The additional benefit for the Boards Hub is that the community shop would have staff on site to supervise the use of the whole unit.
Images to follow	
Comments:	TC arranging grant documentation to transfer the funds to Riverside Big Local.

Wayfinding and sustainable access	
Project Description:	Enhanced signage across Grays town centre and beyond into surrounding neighbourhood areas to enable and encourage active travel into town centres. Wayfinding will be a mix of totums at key locations with detailed information and maps, and fingerposts connected to these totums providing directional information along with journey distance and times to help residents and visitors to traverse Grays with ease. Will link to key areas such as the college, Grays Beach, the transport interchange, High Street, Orsett and Southend Road, London Road, Bridge Road, and beyond.
Funding	Original allocation - £45,000 Committed - £45,000
Progress Update:	<p>Actual cost=£47,907 £2,907 overspend to be reallocated from underspend on bus terminus project.</p> <p>Cost breakdown: 3 x totums, station/High Street locations = £7,785 18 Fingerposts across the town centre - £33,562.61 (each fingerpost varies in cost due to the number of fingers on a post) Installation and removal of existing = £6,560</p> <p>Completed</p>
Comments:	Blue and grey colour palette chosen to reflect Sir Henry de Grey's colours.