

REPORT OF: **PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATORY SERVICES MANAGER**

TO: **WEST CRAVEN COMMITTEE**

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PENDLE SCULPTURE TRAIL

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report on the further development of the Pendle Sculpture Trail and seek approval for the placement of new sculptures at Letcliffe Park.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Committee approves the placement of new sculptures at Letcliffe Park.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) In order to resolve issues relating to the trail and to allow a future to be mapped out for it.
- (2) To ensure that tourism is developed and the grant funding is used for the benefit of the Borough.

BACKGROUND

1. In 2012 the Pendle Sculpture trail was developed in Aitken Wood and opened to the public in August of that year. The trail is a visitor attraction, based a short distance from the village of Barley, a United Utilities property. Over a period from November 2018 to February 2019 a number of new sculptures were installed in the wood with funding from the LEADER programme.

ISSUE

2. The enhanced sculpture trail has been popular but, in combination with other visitors in Barley, there have been unforeseen issues with excessive visitor numbers and problems with congestion.
3. The installation of the sculptures was to be in two phases. Phase one has been completed but phase two, with another eight sculptures, has not. Due to the impacts the attraction has

had on village life, the Parish and the then local Councillor had asked that the remaining pieces not be installed in the wood and that alternative arrangements were made to place them elsewhere.

4. In order to try and prevent further impacts in Barely, whilst still ensuring that we still had the continuation of the original grant support for the remaining sculptures, we researched suitable sites within the rural grant area (ie within the North & Bowland RDPE/LEADER). The most suitable option for re-siting the remaining sculptures is Letcliffe Park. The owners of the park, Barnoldswick Town Council (BTC), have agreed that they would like the remaining sculptures to be placed in the park.
5. We requested a variation of the grant to allow the sculptures to be installed in the new location of Letcliffe Park. The grant body has approved this variation but with the requirement that the sculptures remain the property of PBC. In order to comply with this we would need to draw up a Licence with Barnoldswick Town Council so that the sculptures can be placed on land owned by BTC.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None

Financial: Grant funding fulfills 92% of the eligible expenditure on this project. The match funding and the Lead Artist fee are available within existing 2019/20 budgets.

Legal: A licence will be drawn up by the Council's Head of Legal Service which permits the sculptures to be installed on Barnoldswick Town Council's land.

Risk Management: None

Health and Safety: All artists have had to provide Risk Assessments for their work and the installation of them on site

Climate Change: None

Community Safety: None

Equality and Diversity: None