

**REPORT FROM:** Assistant Director Operational Services

**TO:** Colne and District Committee

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## VIVARY WAY SKATEPARK UPDATE MAY 2023

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update members on progress with potential layout and financial implications for a proposed skatepark adjacent to Vivary way, Colne

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the Greenspaces manager be requested to pursue the proposed scheme
- (2) That members actively assist in sourcing funding for this project
- (3) That funding of £462 be provided for Planning application fees
- (4) That funding of £3000 be provided to draw up initial plans to generate funding Bids

### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) To contribute to the corporate plan of developing a wider sustainable leisure offer, to enhance health and wellbeing for those who live, work and study in Pendle
- (2) To draw in site users from outside of the borough and increase footfall through the Colne BID

### ISSUE

A report was submitted by the Environmental services manager to the Colne and District committee on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 regarding the construction of a new skate park on land between Lloyd BMW and Colne leisure Centre car park, off Vivary way.

At the above meeting the following resolutions were passed

- 1) *That the proposal to create a wheel park or similar facility on available land between Pendle Leisure Centre and Bowker BMW be pursued.*
- 2) *That a cast concrete structure be the preferred construction method.*
- 3) *That Colne Town Council be consulted on the proposal and be advised that an element of match funding would be required, plus an annual sum to cover the annual inspection, lifecycle and maintenance charges and minimum revenue charges incurred by Pendle Council.*
- 4) *That, if Colne Town Council are in support of the proposal, the £11,540 already allocated within the capital budget from relocation of the MUGA on Vivary Way be allocated towards the project.*

Following on from the above resolutions, the Greenspaces manager was requested to pursue more detailed information regarding physical construction, funding and discussion with Colne Town council.

Three contractors that specialise in the construction of concrete skate parks have been approached for assistance in initial costings and scheme possibilities.

- **Canvas Spaces Ltd, Bristol**

A representative of canvas has visited the proposed site to assess the surroundings and access arrangements and has provided approximate costings of between £50,000 and £400,000. Appendix A shows the various schemes as examples. Appendix B shows a suggested scheme that fits within the available space with a budget of £160,000. Once awarded a contract, Canvas will assist the client with securing funds, planning applications, public consultations and the actual design and build.

- **Clark & Kent Contractors, Market Drayton**

Email and phone calls have been had with representatives of Clark and Kent following the supply of details and existing site plans by PBC. Appendix C shows an example of a facility constructed in Telford at a cost of £160,000. Once awarded a contract, Clark & Kent will assist the client with securing funds, planning applications, public consultations and the actual design and build. This contractor has installed a facility in Hargher Clough, Burnley that is open public access for members to view if required.

- **Playcrete & Bendcrete Leisure Ltd, Abingdon**

Email and phone calls have been had with representatives of Bendcrete following the supply of details and existing site plans by PBC. Appendix D shows examples of schemes that Bendcrete can produce for amounts between £100,000 and £200,000. They have provided a costing of £2950+ vat to produce a detailed scheme plan initially if required. Upon award of contract, further assistance may be available with public consultations and planning advice.

Discussions with PBC planning department has highlighted that this scheme will require Planning permission to be applied for.

Discussions with PBC Environmental health has highlighted that a noise impact report would need to be produced due to the proximity of residents on the opposite side of the railway line.

The initial report from the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2021 was shared with Colne Town council, as a contribution of match funding was requested. The resolution passed was as follows.

*A detailed discussion showed that Members were in support of the project. It was agreed that, although the Town Council is not in a position to contribute to the initial capital costs, with more detailed proposals, the Committee*

would be open to discussion in relation to an annual contribution of up to £10,000 for the ongoing maintenance of the park.

The above resolution leaves the project with an initial capital budget of £11,540 that comes via an underspend on the original Vivary way scheme when the old MUGA was relocated to Alkincoates park etc, as neither Colne Town council nor PBC is willing to commit capital for the scheme.

The Greenspaces manager will be required to undertake funding applications from bodies such as Sports England, The National lottery and Lancashire environmental fund to raise funds for this project. It is anticipated that the timescale to achieve this could be up to two years

In Order to progress this scheme, initially a contractor will need to be appointed to produce a detailed drawing specification and costings that can be used to present to potential funding bodies and also to the Planning department at a cost of £2950. Following this a tender will need to be drawn up to appoint a suitable contractor to assist in the public consultations, planning implications and the physical construction if funding is obtained from the bodies discussed above.

PBC Communications unit will be required to assist in the promotion of the scheme to recruit interested parties of a working party to develop the scheme in a fashion that takes in the requirements of local users.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy: None**

**Financial: The cost of the schemes range from £50,000 to £400,000 (excluding fees) to build the scheme with additional ongoing annual maintenance. There is no provision in Pendle's capital or revenue budgets currently to fund any development. In order to approach potential funders, an initial scheme will need to be drawn up requiring £2950 for consultants fees. This will not be recovered**

**Legal: None**

**Risk Management: Risk of funding grant applications being rejected**

**Health and Safety: None at this stage**

**Sustainability: None**

**Community Safety: None**

**Equality and Diversity: None – Open to all**

## **APPENDICES**

- A – Canvas spaces example Schemes
- B - Canvas Spaces Vivary way Site Plan proposed layout
- C - Clark & Kent example Schemes
- D – Bendcrete example schemes
- E – Landscape plan detailing proposed location of Skatepark

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**