

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference

E2810

**Preparation and submission of a Parks For People
application for Sydney Gardens, Bath**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Martin Veal, Cabinet Member for Communities Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources
The Issue	Preparation of Parks for People funding application for Sydney Gardens
Decision Date	9 th December 2015
The decision	<p>The Cabinet Members agree that</p> <p>Approval is given for further capital expenditure of up to £90k on work needed to prepare and submit a Stage 1 Parks for People bid.</p> <p>£250K of the remaining capital funding previously allocated in the Council's capital programme for Sydney Gardens be approved to be committed as a contribution towards the £2.5million anticipated to be sought from HLF.</p>
Rationale for decision	<p>The investment to prevent decline in the Gardens is significant. A heritage lottery application would seem to be the most cost effective way to preserve the heritage aspects whilst bringing the park back to required standards of current and future park users. Capital investment is required to carry out essential works in the meantime whilst the funding bid is being prepared.</p>
Financial and budget implications	<p>£90K capital to prepare the funding bid and carry out essential capital works</p> <p>£250K capital to as 10% contribution towards a bid of £2.5 million – both of which are allocated provisionally in the Council's capital programme for 2015/16.</p>
Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)	Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Property; Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Human Rights; Corporate; Health & Safety; Other Legal Considerations
Consultation undertaken	Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Trades Unions; Overview & Scrutiny Panel; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer

How consultation was carried out	The Sydney Gardens Steering Group consists of representatives of the local community and has been involved in developing projects here. Surveys were also undertaken with park users. A public consultation was carried out into proposed park improvements.
Other options considered	To not undertake any improvement works. This would lead to further deterioration of assets and would potentially put us in breach of our obligations under the listed status.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:	<i>None declared</i>
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None declared

Signatures of Decision Makers	
Date of Signature	

Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision