

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference

E2996

Approval of Capital Expenditure to build a skate park in the East of Bath

Decision maker/s	Cllr Charles Gerrish, Cabinet Member for Finance & Efficiency Cllr Bob Goodman, Cabinet member for Development & Neighbourhoods
The Issue	To approve the 2017/18 provisional capital budget allocated to the provision of a skate park at Alice Park at the request of the Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee, and for any remaining funds to be spent on capital improvements at the park.
Decision Date	18th September 2017
The decision	The Cabinet Member for Development & Neighbourhoods and the Cabinet Member for Finance and Efficiency fully approve the capital budget totalling £97K for the development of a skate park at Alice Park, and for further capital improvements in the park's facilities if this can be accommodated within the allocated budget.
Rationale for decision	The funding has been provisionally allocated by the Council for the development of a skate park which is in keeping with the objects of the Trust. The £97K capital sum has been confirmed as still being available for this purpose by the Cabinet member for Finance and Efficiency following a review of capital budgets in July. The Alice Park Trust Sub-Committee have requested that if the skate park can be delivered for less than the funding allocated, then the remaining amount be allocated to wider improvements in the park.
Financial and budget implications	<p>The capital expenditure detailed has been given provisional approval within the Council's 17/18 budget. It is anticipated that the allocated budget will be sufficient to build the skate park to the design principles agreed by the Sub-Committee. Should there be a small surplus in final costs then the funding will be put to improving capital infrastructure such as paths, surfacing, benches and bins as determined by the Sub-Committee. The Council's contribution to develop the skate park will be capped at £97K including all associated project and officer costs.</p> <p>The Council has also had confirmation that £30K of private donations have also been committed to developing the skate park, subject to confirmation of the Council's £97K commitment; £20K from the Medlock Trust, and £10K as a private donation from a Larkhall resident.</p> <p>The inspection and maintenance of the facility is intended to be carried out by B&NES within the subsidy that it gives to Alice Park. There will be additional revenue expenditure but under normal circumstances this is anticipated to be minimal, particularly if the</p>

	<p>inspections are carried out by the Council's play inspectors who already visit the park, and if the skating community and volunteers are tasked with helping keep the site clear of litter and in good order. Should the costs be more than reasonably budgeted for then the Council will need to consider its position. Insurance – As the skateboard Park will be maintained and inspected by B&NES the insurance liability will be picked up under the Council's Insurance arrangements.</p>
<p>Issues considered (these are covered in more detail in the report)</p>	<p>Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Corporate; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations</p>
<p>Consultation undertaken</p>	<p>Ward Councillor; Cabinet colleagues; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Section 151 Finance Officer; Chief Executive; Monitoring Officer; Council budget consultation</p>
<p>How consultation was carried out</p>	<p>Public consultation has been carried out on the building of a skate park and the results are reported in the minutes of the Alice Park Trust Sub Committee meetings. Consultation on the allocation of funding was carried out through the Council's capital programme budget setting.</p>
<p>Other options considered</p>	<p>Other alternative locations were assessed in the East of Bath, but none considered viable. To not build the skate park at all, has been considered by the Alice Park Sub-Committee. Taking into account local views, and having viewed detailed designs the Sub-Committee request that the skate park be built as a valuable asset for the community</p>
<p>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision, including any dispensation granted:</p>	
<p>Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</p>	
<p>Signatures of Decision Makers</p>	

Date of Signature	
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