

Project Appraisal and Scrutiny Committee Recommendation

Project Name	Works to Improve the Skate park at Jesus Green
Committee	Community Services
Portfolio	Arts & Recreation
Committee Date	1 st July 2010
Executive Councillor	Councillor Rod Cantrill
Lead Officer	Ian Ross

KEY DECISION

Recommendation/s

Financial recommendations –

For schemes not included in the Council's Capital Plan

The Executive Councillor is asked to;

- Recommend this capital scheme (which is not included in the Council's Capital Plan) for approval by Council, subject to resources being available to fund the capital cost associated with the Scheme, and relevant planning permissions are obtained. The total capital cost of the project is estimated to be £65,000, this is to be funded from Informal Open Spaces S106. There are no additional revenue implications arising from the project.
- To add the project to the Capital Plan.

Officer Scrutiny	Contact	Date
Asset Management Group	<i>Annette Baker</i>	June 2010
Finance review	<i>Service Accountant</i>	June 2010
Health & Safety approval	<i>Paul Parry</i>	N/a
ICT Steering Group	<i>James Nightingale</i>	N/a
Legal implications	<i>Simon Pugh</i>	N/a
Procurement process	<i>Debbie Quincey</i>	June 2010
Risk Register	<i>Karl Tattam</i>	N/a
Section 106 allocation	<i>Claire Rymer</i>	June 2010
VAT implications	<i>Andrew Stannard</i>	N/a
Other:	<i>Planning Dept.</i>	July 2010

1 Summary

1.1 The project

The project is to provide a more upto date skate facility on Jesus Green. To utilise the existing footprint and extend the current provision minimally to include “square off” the unused spaces at the side of the current ramps. The design has been worked up by professional skate companies based on local consultation with the users, and the Friends of Jesus Green association.

Target Start date	September/October 2010
Target completion date	October/November 2010

1.2 The Cost

Total Capital Cost	£ 65,000
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Capital Cost Funded from:

Funding:	Amount:	Details:
Reserves	£ 0	<i>N/a</i>
Repairs & Renewals	£ 0	<i>N/a</i>
Section 106	£ 65,000	<i>Informal Open Space</i>
Other	£ 0.00	<i>N/a</i>

Revenue Cost –
Existing R&R to be used

Year 1	£ nothing additional
Ongoing	£ nothing additional

1.3 The Procurement

A fully tendered procurement exercise has been under taken for the design and installation of improvements to the skate park. This was finalised in a best and final offer tender after all of the original

tenders far exceeded the permissible percentage of increase allowed for the skate park.

The contract will not be fully awarded to the winning bidder until a successful planning application for the selected new design is approved through the planning process.

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1.4 What is the project?

The project is to update, expand and improve the existing skate ramps and modify the park to bring it up to date and change from existing ramps and platforms to a more fluid embankment/bowl style skate areas that are the current trend for skaters.

The project will also seek to address some minor slippage in one of the large concrete ramps known as the “fun box” through either a fundamental repair/redesign or a complete replacement of the piece.

1.5 What are the aims & objectives of the project?

Main objective is to add new items of equipment, extend the footprint marginally and improve the users experience of the skateboard provision at Jesus Green. Consultation has been under taken with the users and skaters to identify these requirements, along with the extent and type of new equipment and movement around the skate park.

Consultation has also focussed on location and limiting the extension of space to the approximate surface area of the existing 311sqm with no more than a 20% increase of overall size which equates to squaring up the existing 25.5m x 15m footprint.

Users requirements were fed into an invitation to tender and skate companies have responded with their proposals.

The winning bidder and their design is currently being finalised at the time of this report going to print.

So the winning design and potential contractor will be presented to the committee on the day. This design will then form the basis of the new planning application for the site, and then subject to a successful planning permission being awarded, the winning contractor will be formally awarded the works contract to roll out the approved design.

1.6 Summarise the major issues for stakeholders & other departments?

The Friends of Jesus Green association have been widely involved and their centre of concerns have been around the look of the existing skate park and ensuring that any new provision continues to blend into the landscape. Their other concerns have been to ensure the footprint of the skate park does not dramatically increase in size either and concentrates on infilling around 60m² on the edges to square up the existing footprint.

The skaters requirement is the desire to see their facility be more fluid and move away from the traditional ramps and jumps and have a bowl and landscaped concrete embankments.

1.7 Summarise key risks associated with the project

The main risk for the project is any additional changes to the existing facility will require planning consent and a new planning application will be required. The tender documentation for the development of the project states that the contract is not fully awarded until planning permission has been successfully granted.

If planning is not granted there will be some repairs required to the “fun box” in the middle of the skate park, which is sinking on one side and was to of been addressed in the original tender submission. If planning is not gained it will require works to level it out or option to remove. (Funding for this will be from existing R&R budgets if planning is unsuccessful, as S106 funds cannot be used to repair existing provisions)

1.8 Financial implications

- a. Appraisal prepared on the following price base: **2010/11**
- b. Submitted designs upto the cost of £65,000
- c. Associated Planning Permission fees

1.9 Capital & Revenue costs

(a) Capital	£	Comments
Building contractor / works	65,000	S106 funded
Purchase of vehicles, plant & equipment		
Professional / Consultants fees		
IT Hardware/Software		
Other capital expenditure		
Total Capital Cost	£65,000	

(b) Revenue	£	Comments
Existing provision	0	
Total Revenue Cost	0	

1.10 VAT implications

There are No VAT issues to Cambridge City Council on this project.

1.11 Other implications

There are no other implications that have not already been highlighted in the report

1.12 Estimate of staffing resource required to deliver the project

Staff resources will be from Active Communities Recreation team, to monitor the progression of works and onsite H&S checks.

1.13 Identify any dependencies upon other work or projects

There is no inter dependency on any other project for delivery for this project

1.14 Background Papers

- Tender for works from four skate park companies

1.15 Inspection of papers

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