



## Portfolio Holder Report

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Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
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### Capital Project - Improvements to Jubilee Gardens in Cleveleys

#### 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To seek approval to deliver improvements to Jubilee Gardens, Cleveleys in accordance with its development masterplan using monies received from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for parks improvements, unallocated monies from the Council's 2019/20 Capital Programme for the Refurbishment of Playgrounds together with external grants secured and for the scheme to be added to the 2019/20 Capital Programme.

#### 2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Improved play facilities to encourage greater use by the local community and visitors.
- 2.2 Improvements to the park creating inclusive spaces that encourage people to interact and meet, contributing to community cohesion and helping to combat Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB).
- 2.3 Improve health and wellbeing of our communities.

#### 3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That the Council's 2019/20 Capital Programme be amended to include improvements to the facilities on Jubilee Gardens using £5,300 from the MHCLG 'Local Authorities Parks Improvement Funding (LAPIF)', a grant of £30,000 secured from the Lancashire Environment Fund and a further grant of £10,000 be accepted from The Big Lottery if the bid is successful.

- 3.2** That the council allocate £10,000 from the 2019/20 unallocated capital budget for Refurbishment of Playgrounds should the Big Lottery bid be unsuccessful. Notification is expected to be made early October.
- 3.3** That the council allocate £5,300 from the LAPIF (total received £17,333) to this scheme. This will allow £3,300 to be the Contributing Third Party (CTP) payment to Entrust who are the LEF scheme regulator.
- 3.4** Failure to provide this CTP will mean the application to LEF will not be validated. The remaining £2,000 will go towards the improvements.
- 3.5** That the council accept the £30,000 from the Lancashire Environment Fund to implement the improvement work.

#### **4. Background**

- 4.1** The council's 'Green Infrastructure Study' identifies a high level of need for a strategic investment at Jubilee Gardens as a key space in a densely populated urban area of Wyre.
- 4.2** Jubilee Gardens is the largest park in Cleveleys and was opened in 1937 and a friends group for the park was formed in 2016. Public consultations took place in 2016 and 2018 to gauge local opinion and to inform the design brief for a development masterplan.
- 4.3** Improving the play facilities by providing more challenging play and making the park feel more welcoming were the immediate priorities agreed as part of the masterplan process.
- 4.4** The existing play area lacks equipment for young children with the current MUGA and skate park facilities providing limited alternative activities. ASB reports show the site does have issues and the Lancashire County Council (LCC) Youth Bus visits on a regular basis to support engagement to try and reduce ASB.
- 4.5** The masterplan aims to create a more welcoming park will be addressed through improvements to the Jubilee Drive entrances, installation of new signage and additional seating for people with mobility issues.
- 4.6** New planting will offer horticultural interest and habitat value to the wider biodiversity of the seafront and coastal environment. Planting will be maintained in an environmentally sensitive way avoiding the need for intensive chemical weed or pest control methods. The scheme will recycle plant material and during construction works spoil from any excavations will be reused on site to minimize any materials being taken to landfill.

## 5. Key issues and proposals

5.1 To accept the grant of £30,000 from the Lancashire Environmental Fund and £10,000 from The Big Lottery, if the bid is successful.

5.2 To allocate £5,300 from LAPIF to the scheme.

5.3 To allocate £10,000 from the Council's Capital Programme for the refurbishment of Playgrounds, if the Big Lottery Bid is unsuccessful.

5.4 To combine the above sources of funding to spend £45,300 on the following:

- Refurbished entrances from Jubilee Drive including new signage
- Additional seating.
- New play equipment for older children.
- New seaside themed children's play area with undulations and play mounds.
- Enhanced planted areas across the site.

## 6. Delegated functions

6.1 The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the Street Scene, Parks and Open Spaces Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3 of the council's constitution): "To consider matters relating to parks, open spaces, playing fields, playgrounds and allotments."

<b>Financial and legal implications</b>	
Finance	The works on site are estimated to cost £45,300 funded from the LEF (£30,000), LAPIF (£5,300, leaving a balance of £12,033) and the Council's unallocated 2019/20 Capital Budget for Refurbishment of Playgrounds (£10,000). If monies are awarded by The Big Lottery (£10,000) this will mean the council's unallocated playground refurbishment capital budget will remain at £28,662 and the £10,000 contribution will not be required.
Legal	A formal agreement with the Lancashire Environmental Fund will be entered into and the contract(s) for goods, works or services to be deliver the improvements will comply with the Council's Financial and Contract Procurement rules and if applicable the European procurement regulations.

### **Other risks/implications: checklist**

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

<b>risks/implications</b>	<b>✓ / x</b>
asset management	✓
climate change	✓
ICT	x
data protection	x

### **Processing Personal Data**

In addition to considering data protection along with the other risks/ implications, the report author will need to decide if a 'privacy impact assessment (PIA)' is also required. If the decision(s) recommended in this report will result in the collection and processing of personal data for the first time (i.e. purchase of a new system, a new working arrangement with a third party) a PIA will need to have been completed and signed off by Data Protection Officer before the decision is taken in compliance with the Data Protection Act 2018.

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<b>List of background papers:</b>		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		

### **List of appendices**

None

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