

## COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

18 MARCH 2015

### REPORT OF THE HEAD OF COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS

#### SKATE PARK- APPROVAL OF BUSINESS CASE

##### 1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 For members to note the progress made on the skate park project and approve the Business Case for the renewal of the Melton Skate Park

##### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

**It is recommended that:**

- 2.1 **Members approve the Melton Skate Park Business Case attached as Appendix A in order to commence the new build phase.**
- 2.2 **Members approve a Supplementary Estimate of £10,000 from capital receipts**

##### 3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 It was hoped that the existing Skate Park would remain in a reasonable condition and good working order for at about 15 years, however unfortunately in just over 8 years the majority of the steel jumps, ramps and structures have incurred extremely high levels of decomposition and rust.
- 3.2 The current Skate Park is of a steel construction that has now unfortunately degraded beyond both repair & safe use in its entirety, Currently over two thirds of the structures have been condemned and are disabled resulting in a high demand to renew the whole Skate Park at the earliest possible time.
- 3.3 The Skate Park facility is of the highest importance to local wheeled sports participants who take a great deal of ownership and pride in their Skate Park.
- 3.4 Members previously approved the Skate park renewal project mandate which also identified that the Melton Skaters would also look to raise funds through a series of fund raising events.
- 3.5 Further and full details of the Project are provided in the attached business case shown as Appendix A
- 3.6 Images of the new facility have been developed and they are shown as Appendix B

##### 4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The project links into the following priorities within the Council's Corporate Plan:-

- Improving the well-being of vulnerable people
- Encourage people to take an active role in their communities.

- Maximise the potential of Melton Mowbray Town centre
- Improve quality of life for people living in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods

## 5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Members originally approved gross budget of £300,000, financed £10k from Section 106 monies, £141k from the Special Expenses Reserve, with the shortfall funded from general capital receipts. There was an expectation that external funding would be secured to reduce the Council contribution.

The business case has identified the following funding implications for the project:-

Initial Costs £318,000

Council Capital funding £300,000 (including £10,000 s106 funding)

External funding £8,000 from fundraising

If members are satisfied with contributing the full £300,000 from council resources then a supplementary estimate of £10,000 would meet the shortfall required to meet the total cost of the Skate Park from capital receipts.

5.2 The business case has scored the project as 13 due to its complexity and other issues and therefore will require appropriate project management.

## 6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no particular implications arising from this report. Agreements with the main contractors and the Town Estates will be instructed through legal services.

## 7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 The Skate Park provides a valuable activity for many young people and diversionary activities are encouraged and proven to be effective in tackling offending and the causes of offending.

## 8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 An initial Equalities Impact Assessment has been completed and has not shown any negative impacts.

## 9.0 RISKS

9.1 **Probability**



Very High A				
High B				
Significant C				
Low D		1		
Very Low E			2	
Almost Impossible F				
	IV Neg- ligible	III Marg- inal	II Critical	I Catast- rophic

→ **Impact**

Risk No.	Description
1	Project costs exceed budget
2	Project is not fit for purpose for the users

10.0 **CLIMATE CHANGE**

10.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

11.0 **CONSULTATION**

11.1 There has been on-going consultation on this project with regular briefings with the Melton Skaters, in order to ensure that the final project incorporates their views and is designed to maximise usage.

12.0 **WARDS AFFECTED**

12.1 All

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Date:                    5<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Appendices :        Appendix A – Melton Skate Park Business Case  
                             Appendix B- Images of the Melton Skate Park

Background            None  
Papers:                 X drive/cttees/CSA/2014-15/180315/HR- Skate Park