

Business Case for the renewal of the Melton Skate Park

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B 1 - General

To seek the release of capital funds previously identified for the replacement of Melton Skate Park, a councils facility located within the Town Estate Park in the centre of Melton Mowbray .The existing 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. The Skate Park is recognised as a very important and central facility extremely well used and liked by wheeled sports participants of all ages in particular youths and young adults. Skate boarding and other forms of wheeled sports are pastimes open to all types of persons from all walks of life, diverse backgrounds and cultures and are often seen as pursuits that 'level' all those who participate.

B 2 –Service / Service / Function

The management and on-going maintenance of the Skate Park is delivered by officers from the C&N service. The EMT team within this service is responsible for the councils play strategy, play areas, recreational sites, and general outdoor green space provisions and infrastructure .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. The provision of a corporately provided high quality Skate Park demonstrates a council that listens to its customers, encourages healthy outdoor activities and exercise, supports social cohesion and understands the importance of facilitating community provisions.

B 3 – Strategic fit

The Skate Park renewal project fits with a number of the Councils 2011-15 Priorities Goals and Promises. It supports the vitality and maximisation of the Towns central facilities and being close to a number of residential Priority Neighbourhood Areas it looks to improve the quality of life for those residing there by enhancing the cleaner greener aspects of their environment and through its use help to reduce anti-social behaviour by providing community based play activities for young people which furthers public pride and ownership in these areas. The renewal project demonstrates a well-run council providing services that seek to meet its customers' expectations through the allocation of the resources it has available all his ultimately improving the Town and in general supporting economic buoyancy and activity through and including promoting more visitors to the Borough.

B 4 - Options appraisal

The existing condemned Skate Park was expected to 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. This does appear to be the case with many steel Skate parks built in the last 10 years and has led to and consolidated a strongly held view generally supported by the Skate Park industry, that today's sustainable Skate Parks should be built and or renewed in concrete. The key or primary qualities and advantages of concrete over steel are its known high performance i.e. smooth, fast and silent in regards to wheeled sports, its considerably extended life of expected use - over steel which has lasted less than 8 years with the new concrete park carrying a 20 year guarantee- and significantly reduced requirements in regards to maintenance and repair

B 5 - Achievability

The company selected to undertake the new Skate park construction is recognised as one of the leading Skate park design and build companies in the UK. They directly employ project build teams themselves and additionally stock and supply all the materials required .The company selected through the procurement process 'Maverick' have since the start of the initiative expressed a keen enthusiasm and commitment to the Melton project as for them this will be one of their largest and most important builds to date. Maverick are proud to have been selected to undertake this major piece of construction. Accordingly there have not been and are not expected to be any achievability issues regarding the projects progress at any stage from the proposed design through to the completed Skate Park .

B 6 - Legal Issues (if applicable)

The Town Estate owns the park in which the existing Skate park facility is constructed. They have indicated their full support for the newly designed (attached as Appendix A) concrete build Skate Park. They have also indicated they would consider a 30 year lease arrangement for the Skate Park which will further consolidate its sustainability. Planning consent is not expected to raise any issues as Maverick has purposefully designed the park so as to not raise any planning or environmental concerns. There are no other direct legal issues.

B 7 Specification

The chosen design and specification is the result of lengthy discussions, meetings and debate. It is a bespoke design and the specification as such is bespoke. The construction of concrete Skate parks can be aligned to an architectural / sculptural process which aims to achieve high levels of visual / artist satisfaction along with a build that meets the highest standard of assured strength quality and longevity.

B 8 - Financial Implications

Capital

	£	Comment
Initial Costs	£318,000	This cost includes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all pre-construction costs • Full design and build Skate Park Tender costs • All adjustments • All site specific preliminaries • All manpower and material costs • All associated fees • Risk Register • All other fees SCAPE/ Planning etc.
External Funding	£8000 £10,000	Funds raised by the Skate Board group Previously agreed and allocated from S106 funds received as part of the Windsor street development
Net Cost	£290,000	This Capital requirement from the councils reserves has previously been agreed and allocated for the new Skate park
Balance	£10,000	To be met from a Supplementary Estimate
On-going Savings	N/A	-
Phasing	N/A	-

B 9 – Project Scoring Matrix

Scoring – for your project – calculate the points.			
Criteria	1 Point	2 Points	3 Points
Cost £ (budget, time and human resource)	<£10k	£10k - £50K	>£50K
Timescale	< 6 months	6 – 12 months	> 12 months
Impact if project failed on the organisation	Minor disruption	Moderate	Major
Melton's Track Record	Done Successfully Many Times Before	Done Successfully Once or Twice Before	New Area of Working
Stakeholder Interest (internal and external)	Minimal	Moderate	Major
Project Complexity	Straight-forward	Moderately Complex	Highly Complex
TOTAL	a?	b?	c?

OVERALL SCORE	$3+1+1+2+3+ 2 = 12$
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