

APPENDIX C "Project Mandate"

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Subject: MBC Skate Park Town Estate Park Melton

1 Purpose of report

To seek council funding for the replacement of the extremely popular and frequented council Melton Skate Park located within the Town Estate Park in the centre of Melton Mowbray The existing structures are constructed out of steel That steel is now degrading to a point beyond safe use in its entirety, and accordingly currently about one third of the structures have been condemned and are now disabled and out of use resulting in an increasing and pressing need to renew the whole Skate Park The Skate park is recognised as a very important and central facility extremely well used and liked by skaters of all ages in particular youths and young adults .

2 Recommendations

The whole Skate park is renewed as a concrete build Skate Park , the primary qualities and advantages of concrete over steel are its known high performance ,considerably extended life of expected use (over steel) and comparatively low cost requirement in regards to maintenance and repair

3 Background

The Town Skate Park was expected to have a rough 15 year s life, yet in just over 8 years the steel jumps ramps and structures have incurred extremely high levels of decomposition and rust. During the past year around one third of the structures have rusted through to a point beyond repair and have had to be taken off line and condemned. The sections

that remains in use are slowly following suit and there is now a recognised need to renew the whole facility

Officers have been working with a very active group- of skaters who come all parts of the Borough and use the current facility. The group now as Melton Skaters have also designed the logo that the project is associated with:



The Melton Skaters have been working with officers on the design of a new facility and will be consulted throughout to ensure that the final development meets the user's needs.

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Legal, financial and IT implications

The cost of a new Skate park is substantial and expected to be in the region of £250k to 300k and accordingly funding for a new Skate park may be best achieved by fully exploring a number of possible revenue streams.

- Council capital contribution , that amount to be determined by the successful tendered price for a new Skate park being reduced by the .level of success achieved through external funding applications combined with monies raised through fundraising activities
- Various stakeholders themselves, in particular the Skaters and other primary users of the facility have expressed an interest in supporting the initiative with various fund raising activities.
- External funding, there are some funding pots that can be bid for and applications will be made to all possible contributors.

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Initial Assessment of risk

There is not expected to be any significant risk with this project There is a great deal of positive will in regards to getting a new skate park funded and installed from all relevant stakeholders . The Skaters themselves are keen to be involved with the project in regards to fund

raising as well as the selection of materials /configurations / design layout style etc and establishing linkages with this group is already paying dividends in regards to keeping all those with interests informed of the current status of the proposed project. Additionally the park is recognised as an extremely popular and important facility for the Town and its users, and bringing them into the fold in regards to establishing a replacement is creating a unified front of people working together for a common purpose. There are a considerable number of companies in the market place willing and able to undertake this type of project.

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Equalities and diversity and staffing implications

There are no specific equalities issues regarding the proposed project as in essence although skaters are mostly from able bodied groups there is no restriction based on ability for any of the parks users, who frequently range from beginners to experts Skate boarding is a pastime open to all types of persons from all walks of life, diverse backgrounds and cultures and is often seen as a pursuit that 'levels' all those who participate. The process will involve officer time , however the specialist nature of the project will invariably mean significant involvement and input from external agents bidders and tenderers and accordingly reduce the time required of in house staff, accordingly the work is expected to be carried out within the existing capacity of council officers