

13 MARCH 2017

REPORT OF HEAD OF HEAD OF COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS

COUNTRY PARK PAVILION

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update members on the current position with the demolition of the Country Park Pavilion and to make members aware of the next steps.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that members:-

- 2.1 **Note the current status of the of the demolition of the Country park Pavilion.**
- 2.2 **Approve to remove the Capital Project to build a new Country Park Pavilion from the Special Expenses Capital Programme.**
- 2.3 **Members note the current work undertaken in regards to developing options for the site.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 As members are aware the current Country Park Pavilion is not Fit for Purpose and due to health & safety risks it is currently not accessible for use. Members were further advised by the Head of Communities & Neighbourhoods that officers would begin the process to procure services and works to demolish the facility.

Members are asked to note that works have been procured to demolish the facility and also remove the concrete base, to avoid any safety issues following initial demolition.

Officers are waiting for the utility providers to remove:-

- Electrical meter
- Gas cable

Officers have been advised that this (utilities removal) work will be completed in the next 2-3 weeks and then the demolition can begin, the removal of the facility itself is programmed to take around 10 days and then another 2 weeks to safely remove the concrete base.

- 3.2 Members have been previously advised that following consultation with the local residents and further analysis of need and demand for a new Pavilion and/or local resident community facility on this site in the Country Park, it is not planned, after demolition to build a new pavilion on the site or any other local community facility.
- 3.3 Consequently recommendation 2.2 is requested from members to remove this project from the Capital Programme and that other options for the site are considered.
- 3.4 In regards to exploring options on potential sue of the site; officers have commissioned a small site study report. This study is focused on a number (approx. 14-15) sites, rural and town and this site is one of those that is being considered for future options.

3.5 Due to the wider range of sites across the various funds (General, HRA and Special Expenses) it is proposed in the first instance to present the Small Site Study to members of the Policy, Finance & Administration Committee, as the Council's overarching financial, property and land Policy Committee recognising that this committee will need to be consulted on any proposals as they relate to special expense areas of any options to be investigated further.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The above actions and future options have clear links to a number of Place based themes within the Council's Corporate Plan.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

5.1 The cost of the demolition of the facility and removal of the concrete base will be £9,500 and this will be met from existing budgets.

5.2 Currently the Special Expenses capital programme includes £210K earmarked for the building of a new pavilion, subject to member's approval the project will be removed from the capital programme and the budget will move back into the Special Expenses reserve.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

6.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

7.1 No direct implications have been identified.

8.0 EQUALITIES

8.1 An EIA has not been completed; however, dependent on future options, an EIA will be required.

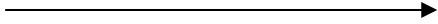
9.0 RISKS

9.1

Very High A				
High B				
Significant C				
Low D		2		
Very Low E		1		

Risk No.	Description
1	Demolition costs escalate significantly
2.	Unable to develop feasible options for the site

Almost Impossible F				
	IV Negligible	III Marginal	II Critical	I Catastrophic



Impact

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no climate change issues arising from this report.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 A number of consultation activities have been undertaken with the local residents which has informed this report and its recommendation's.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 All town are wards are affected.

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Appendices: None

Background Papers: None

Reference: X:/C'ttee, Council & Sub-C'ttees/Town Area Committee/2016-17/13-03-17/HR- Country park Pavilion