



APPENDIX A “Project Mandate”

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Subject: Melton Country Park ‘Path for All’ project

1 Purpose of report

To seek members support for making a purpose built ‘Equalities Act’ compliant ‘Path for All’ within Melton Country Park for the use of visitors and patrons of all abilities, but focussed on increasing access and inclusion for those with disabilities across a wide range .

2 Recommendations

Members support this proposal and request that a business case be produced for members to further consider

3 Background

The concept of installing a path suitable for those with a wide range of disabilities as well as the able bodied was raised a number of years ago through the Friends of Melton Country Park group as well as by regular park patrons who together would welcome the opportunity to see suitable and safe passage for those with limited abilities so as to enable them to gain access into a country park and travel independently as far as possible to a point within the park where countryside sights sounds and smells permeate the environment. The design and features of the path will be identified and selected in consultation with specialist advisory bodies that represent those with limited abilities or particular physical difficulties. The plan below gives a clear idea of the paths intended track with a number of passing and resting places incorporated.

Legal: There are not expected to be any legal issues arising from this project as it will closely consider Equalities Act principles and purpose. Melton country Park is protected as a recreational facility in perpetuity through its designation as a 'Fields in Trust' park bestowed upon it as part of Queen Elizabeth II Diamond celebrations in 2014 and this project with its intended increase in public accessibility is fully in line with that lawful designation

I.T.: The path is intended to incorporate self powered technology that could provide interpretation that meets certain special needs including talking posts, multilingual capabilities and or touchscreen/ motion activated information. Support for these specialised information / communication facilities is expected to come from the installers and providers of the technologies.

Financial: An outline costing for the works required is below for information, members will note the potential to deliver the project in 2 phases if this was determined as preferable Phase 1 costing in the region of £21k and Phase 2 costing in the region of £ 35k giving a total project outline costing of £56k .Any available funding from the various different disability supporting bodies will be sought and used to contribute to the project.

The table below identifies an existing £18.8k of funding that could be used to fund the first phase of this project should a phased project be determined as appropriate.

Development (i.e source)	Purpose	Sum received	Date Received	Date(s) to be expended/details
06/00135/OUT Doctors Lane Melton Mowbray	For provision or improvements to open space Melton Country Park(MCP) (capital)	£58,548	2009/10 and 12/13	2010 – 2014 Play Area equipment replacements within MCP from the £58,548, currently leaving £ 18,756.37 unallocated and available for the purpose of this mandate

The project is expected to be either delivered in one phase or if felt beneficial or preferable in anyway, installed in 2 phases. No specific risks are envisaged with what is basically a path construction project and care will be taken to ensure the path is fully fit for its intended purpose. The company that assisted with the initial designs are one such body that are able to over see such projects from start to finish. The experience and knowledge of such companies is expected to eliminate, greatly reduce or negate all known risks as well as limit any unforeseen risks.

This entire project is focussed around access and inclusion for all. It is intended to see the installation of a path that is fully compliant with the 2010 Equalities Act. There are no negative Diversity issues that would arise from this mandate, indeed the facility intended would welcome users from as wide and diverse a range as possible. There are not expected to be any staffing implications as a direct result of this project proposal mandate.



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