

INFORMATION ITEM



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DEVELOPMENT SERVICES	TOURISM AND LEISURE COMMITTEE	7 JANUARY 2016	9

FRECKLETON MEMORIAL GARDENS COMMUNITY PROJECT

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration in the public part of the meeting.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

The Friends of Freckleton Memorial Gardens have been working in partnership with Fylde and LCC officers since April 2013, on a community project to “create a fully inclusive play area and surrounding gardens for the community to enjoy within the current Freckleton Park”.

The project has followed the ten stage process of the community parks improvement programme, as previously used by the Parks Development Team, which has included a comprehensive consultation exercise, the production of an agreed Masterplan and a draft funding strategy. Officers have assisted the Friends group with a number of external funding bids, in addition to their own fund raising and a grant from Freckleton Parish Council. As part of the funding strategy, the Friends group applied to Fylde Council for a grant of £50,000 in early 2015.

At the Council meeting on the 30 March 2015, Council approved a capital contribution of £50,000 to the Friends of Freckleton Memorial Park, in the 2015/16 budget, to be fully funded from the Councils Capital Investment Reserve. This £50,000 contribution was on the condition that the group were successful in gaining other external grants, to enable the delivery of the whole project, and a deadline of March 2017 was agreed. It was also agreed that the Council would act as accountable body for the project.

The group have now been successful in achieving all the funding to enable the whole project to be delivered. Officers from the Parks & Greenspace Team will now be working with the group and the Parish Council to commence the procurement process in the new year and the budget has subsequently been re-phased into 2016/17.

A further report will be presented to the Tourism and Leisure Committee and also the Finance & Democracy Committee to confirm that all the funding grants are secure and to summarise the details of the receipt of tenders and tender evaluations and detailing all expenditure to be incurred to demonstrate full compliance with the financial and contract regulations.

SOURCE OF INFORMATION

- Agreed Masterplan for Freckleton Memorial Gardens
- Council Report 30 March 2015 – Budget 2015/16 Capital Scheme – Contribution to Freckleton Memorial Gardens Community Project
- Draft Funding Strategy

LINK TO INFORMATION

[Freckleton Memorial Gardens plan](#)

[Funding strategy](#)

Report to Council 30th March 2015 - Item 13: Budget 2015/16 capital scheme – contribution to Freckleton Memorial Gardens community project <http://www.fylde.gov.uk/meetings/details/1202>

WHY IS THIS INFORMATION BEING GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE?

To provide committee members with a project background, previous financial commitments and an update on the funding strategy, prior to any contract being put out to tender. A future decision report will be brought to the Tourism and Leisure Committee.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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