

# FBC – Capital Bid 2019/20

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## No: 2 - Ashton Gardens Nursery Depot Improvements

### Description of Scheme:

Ashton Gardens is one of Fylde Council's most significant heritage parks and continues to be very popular with residents and visitors. The Gardens underwent a successful programme of restoration during 2009/10, predominantly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, but these works did not extend to the depot area.

This area is a working operational depot serving the Ashton Gardens team and some of the 'mobile teams' undertaking grounds maintenance operations in open spaces around St. Annes. Part of the depot contains a nursery for propagating and growing plants for parks and community groups. Community groups are active on the site, and the depot area requires a number of improvements to ensure the safety of staff and volunteers who support in the nursery and with general maintenance.

A new operational building is planned to be built in the depot area later in 2018, to house additional operational staff and vehicles that will be dislodged from the Public Offices site as part of the council's accommodation project, and it is essential that the surfacing is safe and even and compliment the new and existing buildings and structures.

The existing crushed stone depot surfacing is in poor condition, uneven and suffers from puddling and flooding during the winter months, due to poor drainage. The flagged paths to and around the nursery green houses are also in poor condition and require releveling. Poor depot surfacing make it challenging for staff and volunteer to perform their duties comfortably and safely.

In consideration of the anticipated increased use of the depot alongside the need to improve depot accessibility and safety, the proposal is to deliver a capital scheme to improve the depot surfacing and site drainage. To further improve the safety and security of the site, additional composting facilities will be constructed to retain as much green waste on site as possible, and perimeter fences will be improved, as the site suffers from some vandalism and anti-social behaviour on occasions. Additional storage facilities will be constructed to house specific materials and waste products, which will greatly tidy the site and improve the health and safety, cleanliness and site aesthetics.

### Capital cost plan:

Cost Heading	Description	Total £
Surfacing & Drainage	Proposed groundworks to remove old depot surface and relay with tarmacadam	£18,000
Fence / Gate Improvements	Security improvements to perimeter fences and gates	£4,800
Compost bays / Storage Facilities	Supply and install compost holding bays in steel girder and railway sleepers and supply and install steel mesh storage cages	£6,800
Contingency		£400
<b>Total Project Cost</b>		<b>£30,000</b>

**Outputs (i.e. details of what the investment will specifically deliver):**

- Resurfacing of Ashton Gardens Depot.
- Installing compost bays.

**Outcomes (i.e. details of the broader benefits achieved by the investment, for example community or environmental benefit, health and safety compliance, or statutory obligations):**

- Improved depot safety and accessibility for staff and volunteers.
- Expansion of green waste storage and reuse.
- Fulfilling Green Flag Award criteria in the safe management of staff facilities and improving recycling and environmental management.
- Improve volunteer capacity of the Parks and Coastal Service.

**Contribution to corporate objectives (i.e. how does the project achieve or help deliver priorities within the corporate plan):**

- Contributes to the Corporate Plan 2016 Priorities:  
A Great Place to Visit - Maximise the natural assets of our coast and countryside by improving their facilities.  
Green and Clean - Deliver high quality parks and open spaces.

**Budget Resource Requirements**

Breakdown of initial capital costs and future revenue implications

Estimated Total Capital costs of bid: £30,000

Annual **additional Revenue costs** arising from the bid: None.**Value and phasing of bid:**

2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Additional capital investment required (i.e. value of the bid)
£	£30,000	Nil	Nil	

**Existing resources in the Capital Programme relating to this scheme:**

2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Existing capital resources in the approved Capital Programme
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	

Estimated timescales for the bid:	
Start Date: April 2019.	Completion Date: April 2019.

Project Risks (outline any risks to delivery of the project and how these will be mitigated)		
Risk	Impact	Mitigating Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Disruption to operational staff whilst surfacing works take place.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Low</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depot surfacing to be cleared by staff prior to works taking place.</li> <li>Works to be overseen by Parks Operations Supervisor.</li> <li>Works will be completed over short term period of 4 days.</li> <li>Risk assessments and work method statements to be provided by contractor.</li> </ul>