

# FBC – Capital Bid 2016/17

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## **Scheme Title: Construction of a new water play area, Promenade Gardens**

### **Description of Scheme:**

Located within the Grade II listed Promenade Gardens is the Amphitheatre Paddling pool which was built in 1935. The paddling pool has historically proved to be very popular with local residents and visitors to the borough. However, during the last few years, the infrastructure of the paddling pool has deteriorated and is now losing water and is starting to look untidy. It is now seldom filled with water and used as a paddling pool, as user health and safety cannot be guaranteed.

The amphitheatre suffers from a degree of isolation from the rest of the gardens due to dense mature planting, which now sits in areas of built up sand. This facility used to be one of the major tourist attractions within the Promenade Gardens complex and therefore requires investment to regenerate it into a modern water play facility. The Promenade Gardens already benefits from a formal paddling pool adjacent to the 'Bandstand', but this new facility would bring additional and innovative play value to the Gardens.

The project involves the creation of an interactive water play area e.g. water jet plaza with ornamental features (including lighting) and a variety of interactive play facilities performing a range of play functions (Visual concepts are attached). The area will have an anti-slip surface, and be self-draining, therefore not holding standing water. It will be accessible by all, which will mean alterations to the structure of the pool, to allow access. The equipment will be modern, safe and colourful and provide a range of play activities for children of all ages.

The facility will include a water management system, drainage and electricity supply. It will also benefit from an improved opening of the southern access into amphitheatre space. The Parks & Greenspace Team will reduce the height of vegetation to improve visibility and reduce enclosure to discourage inappropriate night time use and reduce vandalism. The team will also undertake some landscape improvements.

The potential cost of the project is around £200,000, but it is proposed to use £55,000 of S106 monies and to prepare and submit external funding bids to Lancashire Environment Fund and Veolia for a further £45,000. This Capital Bid is for 50% of the overall project cost £100,000 in 2017/18.

There are additional revenue costs for water consumption, electricity and chemicals which are estimated at between £12,000 and £16,000 per annum. Further refinement of these costs would be established as the project is worked up.

A detailed breakdown of the funding strategy is detailed below –

### **Capital cost plan:**

<b>Cost Heading</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Total £</b>
New water play equipment		£50,000
Water Management System	Recirculation System	£70,000
Infrastructure improvements and modifications		£20,000
Bitmacing and anti-slip surfacing		£40,000
Landscaping		0
Contingency	c11%	£20,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>£200,000</b>

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

- New all-inclusive water play area
- New visitor attraction to St. Anne's
- Reseal and waterproof the base of the paddling pool
- Repairs to infrastructure
- Installation of a new sump, drainage, water management system and electricity supply
- Introduction of water jets, play structures and lighting
- Landscape improvements

**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):**

- Enable residents and visitors to the borough to enjoy a new visitor attraction to the Promenade Gardens
- Increase usage of the Promenade Gardens
- Reduce anti-social behaviour and vandalism
- Assist to regenerate this area of the Promenade Gardens
- Assist in sustaining Green Flag status for the site
- Provision of safe facilities for young people

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

- Place – “High quality vibrant parks and open spaces throughout the borough’
- Place – “To achieve over 80% customer satisfaction with parks and open space by 2016”
- Place - “To achieve 100% success in Green Flag applications
- Prosperity – “A vibrant and growing tourist sector”

**Budget Resource Requirements**

Breakdown of initial capital costs and future revenue implications

Estimated Total Capital costs of bid (£000's): £100,000

Annual **additional Revenue costs** arising from the bid (£000's): for water consumption, electricity and chemicals estimated between £12,000 and £16,000 per annum

Value and phasing of bid:				
2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Additional capital investment required (i.e. the value of the bid)
£000	£100,000	£000	£000	
Existing resources in the Capital Programme relating to this scheme:				
2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Existing capital resources in the approved Capital Programme
£000	£000	£000	£000	
Estimated timescales for the bid:				
Start Date : July 2017			Completion Date: September 2017	

Project Risks (outline any risks to delivery of the project and how these will be mitigated)		
Risk	Impact	Mitigating Action
➤ Disturbance to customers whilst work is undertaken.	Low Impact	Contractor to work with Park staff to ensure customers and visitors are kept fully informed.
➤ Disturbance to Promenade businesses.	Medium Impact	Contractor will work with partners to ensure there is minimal disruption to businesses and outside of the school holidays.
➤ Poor weather conditions.	Medium Impact	Undertake the works during periods of dry weather.