

FBC – Capital Bid 2021/22

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Scheme Title: 5. Open Space Improvements at School Lane, Newton

Description of Scheme: Officers from the parks development and leisure teams have been working with Newton and Clifton Parish Council and the Friends of Newton Community Park on a parks improvement scheme at School Lane, Newton. The team have been working on the project for a couple of years and are taking the proposals through the 10 stage community parks development/improvement process (shown below).

The proposed scheme has been split into 3 phases, to be undertaken over several years. This capital bid relates to phase 1 which includes improvement to the children's play area, fenced sports area and sensory garden. Several public consultation exercises have been undertaken and a masterplan has been produced by the parks development team based on the consultation results. A detailed drainage survey has also been carried out.

The project is now at stage 7 of the 10-stage process for the community parks development/improvement. The team have estimated the cost of phase 1 to be around £100,000. The team have submitted a funding bid to the Lancashire Environmental Fund for a £30,000 grant. The Parish Council will contribute £15,000 in addition to another £5,000 to be raised from other small external grants and community fundraising.

Ten stage process for the development/improvement

1. Set up a supporters group (Friends group with a constitution)
2. Apply to Fylde Council for officer support to assist with the project
3. Initial consultation with the group, local residents and users to produce a design brief based on community need
4. Produce 3 concept drawings based on the design brief
5. Consult / agree / produce a final Masterplan for the scheme
6. Cost the project up in sections (Bill of Quantities and specifications)
7. Prepare a funding strategy
8. Tender and evaluation (with community)
9. Project Management
10. Open Event / Future use /Maintenance

Officers have been asked by the Parish Council and Friends of Newton Community Park, if they could make an application to Fylde Council for a £50,000 capital contribution towards the project in 2021/22. This application is made on the condition that the community group raise £50,000 in match funding as described above. The result of the funding application to the Lancashire Environmental Fund will be known in April 2021. The Parish council and Friends of Newton Community Park understand and accept that the capital contribution of £50,000 from Fylde council will only be made available for this project if the match funding of £50,000 is secure by the Friends.

A detailed breakdown of the phase 1 funding strategy is detailed below –

Capital cost plan:

Cost Heading	Description	Total £
Children's Play Area MUGA	Improvements to play area including new play equipment and safety surfacing. Fencing to existing kick-about area to create a MUGA	£70,000
		£26,000
Improvements to wider landscape	Development of a sensory garden	£4,000
Phase 1 total		£100,000
Funding Strategy for Phase 1		
	Newton and Clifton Parish Council	£5,000
	Friends of Newton Community Parks (to be secured)	£15,000
	Fylde Council capital programme	£50,000
	Lancashire Environmental Fund (to be secured)	£30,000
Phase 1 total		£100,000

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

- Improved play facilities to encourage usage
- New outdoor community facilities
- Repairs to infrastructure
- Landscape improvements

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

- Environment - Provide high quality parks and open spaces
- Environment - Create clean, safe and healthy communities

Budget Resource Requirements

Breakdown of initial capital costs and future revenue implications

Estimated Total Capital costs of bid (£000's): £50,000

Annual **additional Revenue costs** arising from the bid (£000's): N/A

Value and phasing of bid:				
2021/22 £50,000	2022/23 £000	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	Additional capital investment required (i.e. the value of the bid)
Existing resources in the Capital Programme relating to this scheme:				
2021/22 £000	2022/23 £000	2023/24 £000	2024/25 £000	Existing capital resources in the approved Capital Programme
Estimated timescales for the bid:				
Start Date: To be confirmed			Completion Date: To be confirmed	

Project Risks (outline any risks to delivery of the project and how these will be mitigated)		
Risk	Impact	Mitigating Action
➤ Disturbance to the community whilst work is undertaken.	Low Impact	Contractor to work with Park staff to ensure customers and visitors are kept fully informed.
➤ Project costs and delivery	Medium Impact	All works will be procured and delivered under Fylde Councils financial regulations and project managed by officers

Endorsement of bid by Director		
Signature		Position: Director of Development Services ... Date 15 December 2020