

# FBC – Capital Bid 2022/23



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## **Scheme Title: Play Area, Blackpool Road North**

**Description of Scheme:** Officers from the parks development and leisure teams have been working with local Cllrs, St Anne's Football Club and the 'Friends of BRNPF' (Blackpool Road North Playing Field) for several years on a park's improvement scheme at the playing fields on Blackpool Road North.

The site is a valuable community resource used by large numbers of the local community for a range of outdoor activities namely, football, play, dog walking, running, competitions and events. The initial project 'brief' was to address the poor state of the existing play area, however after initial consultation with the community, it was clear that the whole of the site needed to be addressed. Therefore, the group agreed that the project, in addition to play provision should also address car parking, general circulation, landscape, field drainage and club house facilities. The 'Ten Stage Park Development Process' has been adopted to take the project forward, and initial concept plans have been drawn up.

Significant drainage issues have recently been addressed with replacement of the collapsed culvert the length of the site and the inclusion of 2 additional lateral drains. Further commitment has been provided to look at additional pitch maintenance treatments.

The project, in its entirety, is significant in size and with an estimated project value in the region of £300, 000 (exclusive of improvement work / replacement of the club house). It has therefore been agreed that the project is carried out in 3 phases as follows: -

Phase 1 – New play area

Phase 2 – Landscape /Infrastructure improvements

Phase 3 – Improvements to club house, pitch drainage and parking provision

It is proposed to execute each phase as a stand-alone contract however at this stage it is for phase 1 that funding is being sought.

The process for the delivery of a new play area will be executed through a 'Design and Build' contract. Much consultation has taken place over recent years, the most recent being October 2019 and further recent onsite consultation through questionnaires. The tender opportunity will thus include and reflect preferences and priorities as established via the community consultation.

The estimated cost for the provision of a new play area (involving a larger footprint to the existing) is £125,000.

Phase 2 will address improvement of the landscape, circulation, and infrastructure of the site. This element of the scheme will potentially be funded through a further capital bid in 22/23 and external funding via an application to Lancashire Environment Fund.

Phase 3 will be developed in close collaboration with the football club and the community. This phase will include the development of the clubhouse, car parking provision and pitch drainage. This will potentially enable a funding bid to the FA or sports lottery.

## Ten stage process for the development/improvement

1. Set up a supporter's 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, 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

This capital bid of £125,000 is based on a quotation obtained in 2020 for a new play area to replace and increase the existing play facilities. The estimate accounts for the increase in size and recent cost increases, due to Brexit and Covid 19. The request is for the full phase 1 project cost as indicated below:

**Capital cost plan:**

Cost Heading	Description	Total £
Children's Play Area	Removal of existing play area and provision of new play area (with increase in footprint size).	£125,000
<b>Phase 1 total</b>		<b>£125,000</b>

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

- Improved play facilities to encourage usage
- New outdoor community facilities

**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): £125, 000

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

**Value and phasing of bid:**

<b>2022/23</b> £125,000	<b>2023/24</b> £000	<b>2024/25</b> £000	<b>2025/26</b> £000	Additional capital investment required (i.e. the value of the bid)
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**Existing resources in the Capital Programme relating to this scheme:**

<b>2021/22</b> £000	<b>2022/23</b> £000	<b>2023/24</b> £000	<b>2024/25</b> £000	Existing capital resources in the approved Capital Programme
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**Estimated timescales for the bid:**

Start Date: April 2022	Completion Date: Summer 2022
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**Project Risks (outline any risks to delivery of the project and how these will be mitigated)**

<b>Risk</b>	<b>Impact</b>	<b>Mitigating Action</b>
➤ Disturbance to the community whilst work is undertaken.	Low Impact	Contractor to work with officers 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