

## DECISION ITEM

REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE	ITEM NO
DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIRECTORATE	FINANCE AND DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE	28 JUNE 2021	10

### FULLY FUNDED BUDGET INCREASE - NEWTON COMMUNITY PARK - PHASE 1

#### PUBLIC ITEM

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

#### SUMMARY

At the Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting, held on 10 June 2021, consideration was given to a report relating to the Newton Community Park - Phase 1 Project which seeks to provide a community facility that is accessible and suitable for use by all ages and abilities.

The Committee sought the approval of the Finance and Democracy Committee for a fully funded budget increase on the sum of £50,000 in respect of Phase 1 of the Newton Community Project to be fully funded from the various external grants as detailed in the report. This will provide a total project budget of £100,000.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

The committee is requested

- The committee is requested to approve a fully funded capital budget increase in the sum of £50,000 in respect of Phase 1 of the Newton Community Park project within the approved Capital Programme in 2021/22 to be met from the various external grants as detailed in the report. This will provide a total project budget of £100,000 including the previously agreed Fylde Council capital contribution of £50,000.

#### SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

Tourism and Leisure Committee – 10 June 2021 – Newton Community Park – Phase 1.

- To recommend to the Finance and Democracy Committee approval to a fully-funded increase in the sum of £50,000 in respect of Phase 1 of the Newton Community Park project within the approved Capital Programme to be met from the various external grants as detailed in the report. This will provide a total project budget of £100,000 including the previously agreed Fylde Council capital contribution of £50,000.
- Agree that the Council acts as accountable body for the additional capital budget in the sum of £50,000, fully funded from various external grants as detailed in the report.
- Subject to approval of the above, to approve the letting of the contract for the Newton Community Park Phase 1.

Tourism and Leisure Committee - 7 January 2021 – Capital Bid 5. Open Space Improvements at School Lane Newton.

Resolved: To support the capital bid of £50,000.

Finance and Democracy - 16 February 2021 – Medium Term Financial Strategy Update

Resolved: The budget proposals and changes to Reserves and Balances as set out in Appendices F & H, to include

approval that the Council will act as the accountable body for any of the new capital schemes (as indicated) in Appendix F.

#### Council meeting - 4 March 2021 – Medium Term Financial Strategy Update

Resolved: The budget proposals and changes to Reserves and Balances as set out in Appendices F & H, to include approval that the Council will act as the accountable body for any of the new capital schemes (as indicated) in Appendix F.

### CORPORATE PRIORITIES

Economy – To create a vibrant and healthy economy	
Environment – To deliver services customers expect	√
Efficiency – By spending money in the most efficient way	√
Tourism – To create a great place to live and visit	√

### REPORT

1. At the Tourism and Leisure Committee meeting held on 10 June 21, consideration was given to of Phase 1 of the Newton Community Park project. Phase 1 includes the provision of a new play area catering for 4-12-year olds, fencing to an existing tarmac area to create a more practical/formal MUGA and improvements to the pedestrian entrance to create safer access.
2. The report to the Tourism and Leisure Committee describes the ten-stage process applied to the project; funding strategy and summarised the procurement/tender process undertaken. A copy of the report can be accessed [here](#) [HYPERLINK dar/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/1282/Committee/18/Default.aspx" Tourism and Leisure Committee, 10 June 2021.](#)
3. In Autumn 2020, the Friends group wrote to Fylde Council to request a £50,000 capital contribution towards the project. The request was presented to the Tourism and Leisure Committee and was agreed at the meeting of 7th January 2021. £50,000 is already included within the approved Capital Programme for 2020/2021 for this project.
4. The Friends of Newton Community Park have secured external financial contributions from Newton and Clifton Parish Council (£15,000), Lancashire Environment Fund (£30,000) and Friends of Newton Community Park (£5,000).

Source	Amount	Status
FBC Capital Fund	£50,000	Secured
LEF	£30,000	Secured
Newton and Clifton Parish Council	£15,000	Secured
FoNCP	£5,000	Secured
<b>Total budget</b>	<b>£100,000</b>	

5. The Community Park on School Lane Newton is owned by Newton with Clifton Parish Council. Any additional revenue implications linked to this proposal will be met by the Parish Council, who are fully aware of this.
6. The Committee sought the approval of the Finance and Democracy Committee for a fully funded budget increase on the sum of £50,000 to be fully funded from the various external grants. This will provide a total project budget of £100,000.

## IMPLICATIONS

Finance	<p>Funding for the Newton Community Park Phase 1 is included within the approved Capital Programme for 2021/2022 in the sum of £50k, financed from the Capital Investment Reserve.</p> <p>The report requests the Finance and Democracy Committee approve a capital funded budget increase to the value of £50,000 in 2021/22 to be fully funded from the various external grants. This will provide a total project budget of £100,000.</p>
Legal	None arising from this report
Community Safety	Provision of modern recreational facilities is important in terms of providing diversionary activities
Human Rights and Equalities	None arising from this report.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising from this report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	The quotation requests included Health and Safety information which will be developed by the successful contractor prior to starting on site to safeguard the public and contractor personnel

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## BACKGROUND PAPERS

Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Tourism & Leisure Committee agenda and minutes	7 <sup>th</sup> January 2021	<a href="#">Tourism and Leisure, agenda and minutes</a>
Finance and Democracy Committee agenda and minutes	16 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	<a href="#">Finance and Democracy Committee, agenda and minutes</a>
Budget Council agenda and minutes	4 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	<a href="#">Budget Council, agenda and minutes</a>