

FBC – Capital Bid 2019/20

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No 2: Hydration Points

Description of Scheme: To install bottle filling points across Fylde and consider restoring the Council's historic drinking fountains.

Report Background

Fylde Council has no statutory duty to provide public drinking fountains/water points. However, in recent years there has been a rising concern regarding single-use plastics, particularly drinking bottles. As part of the development of the Plastics Conscious Fylde initiative it has been suggested that Fylde Council should consider whether new facilities could be provided for members of the public to refill drinking bottles and whether historic drinking fountains could be brought back into use.

Officers have reviewed options for the introduction of new stand-alone bottle fillers at key locations across the Borough. Please see photographs below. These units can be installed either discretely to the exterior of most public toilet blocks or as free standing units.

	
Stainless Steel Surface Mounted Bottle Filler, approximate installation cost per unit £890.	Stainless steel, Free Standing Outdoor Bottle Filler Push Button, approximate installation cost per unit £3,400.

Proposed locations, which is not exhaustive, would require the support of Town and Parish Councils where applicable. Further locations could be introduced and implemented subject to agreement with Fylde Council. The proposed locations include:

- St Annes Square, Promenade and Ashton Gardens
- Fairhaven Lake
- Lytham
- Kirkham
- Wesham
- Freckleton

The new bottle water fillers will require a daily cleaning schedule implemented. Discussions will be held with Danfo as to whether this can be added to their cleaning schedule for the public WCs.

Historic Drinking Fountains

There are 4 historic drinking fountains located in the Borough -

- Sparrow Park, Lytham
- Lytham Promenade, Lytham
- Ashton Garden's Rose Garden, St Annes
- South Promenade (near St Annes Swimming Pool), St Annes

Officers will investigate the feasibility of recommissioning these fountains. However these will all require new water supplies, extensive restoration and may not comply with statutory requirements for legionella management.

Officers propose to deliver this project in two phases. Phase 1 to introduce new bottle water fillers as proposed above. Phase 2 to recommission historic drinking fountains where feasible.

A breakdown of the funding strategy is detailed below –

Capital cost plan:

Cost Heading	Description	Total £
Option 1	Stand-alone bottle filler. Supply & install, price per unit.	£3,400 per unit
Option 2	Stand-alone Stainless Steel Surface Mounted Bottle Filler Supply & install, price per unit.	£890 per unit

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

As part of Plastics conscious Fylde these installations will help to top-up previously purchased plastic bottles and hydrate the general public, preventing the purchase of plastic bottled water throughout Fylde.

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):

- Increased access to fresh free drinking water.
- Ability to top-up bottles / containers.
- Showcase Fylde as a Plastics Conscious Council.
- The provision of additional drinking water outlets across Fylde.

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

Value for Money

- Champion the quality and reputation of Fylde

Clean & Green

- Continue to deliver high standards of cleanliness
- Deliver high quality parks and open spaces
- Build on the achievements of the In Bloom Initiative

A Vibrant Economy

- Enhance and improve our town and village centres

A Great Place to Live

- Recognise the significance of our heritage assets
- Work with partners to improve health and wellbeing of all residents

A Great Place to Visit

- Maximise the natural assets of our coast and countryside by improving their facilities
- Provide a positive first impression of Fylde

Budget Resource Requirements

Breakdown of initial capital costs and future revenue implications

Estimated Total Capital costs of bid (£000's): £ 60,000

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

Any additional costs will be met from existing approved revenue budgets.

Value and phasing of bid:

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Additional capital investment required (i.e. the value of the bid)
£000	£30,000	£30,000	£000	

Existing resources in the Capital Programme relating to this scheme:

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Existing capital resources in the approved Capital Programme
£000	£000	£000	£000	

Estimated timescales for the bid:

Start Date: April 2020

Completion Date: March 2022

Project Risks (outline any risks to delivery of the project and how these will be mitigated)

Risk	Impact	Mitigating Action
Sites identified for new water bottle fillers incur additional costs to fit	Less budget available so fewer can be installed	Assess other potential sites
Legionella outbreak	Users of water sources become ill	Regular cleaning schedule established. Water sources from within buildings or underground to limit heating of stagnant

<p>Ongoing revenue implications to clean fixtures on a daily basis to avoid contamination risks</p> <p>The cost to refurbish the historical former drinking fountain may be increase due to unknown condition of the structure and whether it is suitable for refurbishment.</p>	<p>Strain on existing budgets</p> <p>Increase project costs beyond the amounts requested and limit the number of water bottle filling points available</p>	<p>water. Legal implications of outbreaks (eg Legionella) to be assessed.</p> <p>Requests Danfo clean as part of existing WC cleaning contract though additional costs are likely to be incurred.</p> <p>Phase the refurbishment of the drinking fountain to the end of the project to ensure new filling points are installed first.</p>
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