

FBC – Capital Bid 2019/20

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No: 1 - Ashton Gardens – Adventure Playground Improvements

Description of Scheme:

Ashton Gardens is one of Fylde Council's most significant heritage parks and continues to be very popular with residents and visitors. The Gardens underwent a successful programme of restoration during 2009/10, predominantly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. The maintenance of the Gardens is undertaken to an exceptionally high standard which has resulted in the site achieving Green Flag status for 10 consecutive years.

The adventure playground in the Gardens was constructed in 2011, and continues to be a popular attraction for young people and families, but is now showing signs of wear and deterioration. To ensure that the play provision continues to meet the Green Flag standard as well as providing safe play facilities for a wide range of age groups, a number of improvements need to be made as described below.

The existing timber dish roundabout has not operated effectively in a sand based play environment, is not particularly popular and is now beyond repair. The proposal is to remove this item and replace with an exciting new bespoke timber play boat which will be more accessible and popular with children.

The images below show an example of a timber Galleon which is constructed to EU standards and would be supplied and installed by a specialist play contractor. The natural design of the boat fits appropriately with the other playground features and will provide a huge amount of play value to children from the ages of 6 – 13 years.



Further to consultation with a number of suppliers and taking detailed site measurements, the estimated cost for the provision and installation of a timber Galleon is £18,705. The cost breakdown of the proposed project is detailed below:

Capital cost plan:

Cost Heading	Description	Total £
Pre-installation ground works	Herras fencing hire	450
	Dig out and remove existing dish roundabout.	
	Extend existing sunken sand pit by 43m2 then install 400mm deep play sand and reshape edge.	3,250
Supply	Supply a Pinta – Columbus Galleon with post feet, sand fixed complete with name plate “Ashton Garden’s Galleon”.	12,483
Installation	Install as per agreed location.	2,522
Contingency		1,295
Total Project Cost		£20,000

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

- Installation of Galleon Play Boat, Ashton Gardens.

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):

- Improved playground safety.
- Improved play provision for a broader age group.
- Attracting more visitors to Ashton Gardens.
- Fulfilling Green Flag Award criteria in the provision of quality community facilities.

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

- Contributes to the Corporate Plan 2016 Priority:
A Great Place to Visit - Maximise the natural assets of our coast and countryside by improving their facilities.
Green and Clean - Deliver high quality parks and open spaces.

Budget Resource Requirements

Breakdown of initial capital costs and future revenue implications

Estimated Total Capital costs of bid: £20,000

Annual **additional Revenue costs** arising from the bid: There will a small revenue cost associated with ongoing inspections and maintenance – this will be undertaken by the Council Play Engineers and funded by existing play maintenance revenue.

Value and phasing of bid:				
2018/19 Nil	2019/20 £20,000	2020/21 Nil	2021/22 Nil	Additional capital investment required (i.e. the value of the bid)
Existing resources in the Capital Programme relating to this scheme:				
2018/19 Nil	2019/20 Nil	2020/21 Nil	2021/22 Nil	Existing capital resources in the approved Capital Programme
Estimated timescales for the bid:				
Start Date : April 2019			Completion Date: June 2019	

Project Risks (outline any risks to delivery of the project and how these will be mitigated)		
Risk	Impact	Mitigating Action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Damage to ground during installation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low Impact 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Works to be overseen by Parks Operations Supervisor. Tracking to be installed to prevent ground damage. Risk assessments and work method statements to be provided by contractor.