

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

FINANCE and PROPERTY ADVISORY BOARD

4 March 2009

Report of the Chief Executive

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Non-Key Decision

1 TONBRIDGE RACECOURSE SPORTSGROUND

Summary

This report seeks confirmation of action taken to create a new capital plan provision for works to Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground funded in full from a developer contribution.

1.1 New Capital Scheme

1.1.1 The new capital scheme relates to the refurbishment of the main pathway in Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground. A provision of £15,000 in the current financial year is required to progress a reinstatement of the path that serves all the existing facilities within the Sportsground. The path works are required on health and safety grounds and have also been identified in a Disability Discrimination Act Access Audit for the site. The works will also assist the Council in achieving its forthcoming Green Flag Award application for the site.

1.1.2 In order to progress the works in advance of the spring/summer season it has been necessary to bring this item forward as a new capital scheme. Under the Council's Financial Procedure Rules authority has been sought from the Group Leaders of the Council, Cabinet Members for Leisure Youth and Arts, and Finance and the Chairmen of Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committees. This report seeks confirmation of the action taken in liaison with these members.

1.2 Funding

1.2.1 The Council currently holds a developer contribution towards works to the Racecourse Sportsground and the funding for the works to the path is to be met in full from this contribution. The establishment of this new capital plan scheme will, therefore, be at no cost to the Council.

1.3 Legal Implications

1.3.1 Authority has been sought to progress the works in accordance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.

1.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.4.1 As detailed above the full cost of the works will be met from external funding.

1.5 Risk Assessment

1.5.1 The works to the path are required on health and safety grounds to protect the public from trips and falls and to meet the Council's legal requirements under the Disability Discrimination Act.

1.6 Policy Considerations

1.6.1 Asset Management, Community, Healthy Lifestyles, Health and Safety.

1.7 Recommendations

1.7.1 It is **RECOMMENDED TO CABINET** that it confirms the action taken to bring forward a new capital plan scheme for path work at Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground, and **RECOMMENDS TO COUNCIL** approval of a supplementary estimate for the reasons outlined in the report.

Background papers:

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Nil

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