

CAPITAL PLAN LIST C – FAST TRACK EVALUATION

Project		Leisure Services: Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground – Site Improvements	
1.	Specification:		
	(i)	Purpose of the scheme	To improve facilities at Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground including a new picnic area, the provision of additional teenage facilities (skate park/youth shelter/swings) and refurbishment of the centre path.
	(ii)	Relevance to National / Council's Strategic Objectives	(a) National: Promoting healthier communities Creating safer and stronger communities (b) Council: Involve safeguard and meet the needs of children and young people Achieve a cleaner, smarter and better maintained street scene Promote, encourage and provide opportunities for healthy living
	(iii)	Targets for judging success	(a) Access to new and improved facilities at Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground (b) Positive local feedback
2.	Description of Project / Design Issues:		
	<p>There has been a growing demand for additional facilities for teenagers and it is, therefore, proposed that an area be developed in the sportsground with equipment aimed at this age group. The area would be located adjacent to the new ball court and would include the installation of a teen shelter, a set of swings, small skate facility and associated seating, paths and litter bins. In regard to the skate facility, there would be a focus on the provision of "street" equipment such as steps, rails and boxes and it is envisaged that at new facility would draw skaters from other areas in the Town including the Memorial Garden and Sainsbury's car park.</p> <p>Many of the paths within the sportsground have been identified for improvement with the main path being renewed in 2009. Based on a number of complaints, priority is now being given to resurfacing the "Centre Path" that dissects the site and leads to the central pavilion.</p> <p>Following the relocation of the Crazy Golf it is proposed that a new picnic area is created adjacent to the Games kiosk to provide any additional shaded seating within the play area.</p> <p>Due to the sites designation as a flood plain, liaison will need to be undertaken with the Environment Agency in regard to design details</p>		

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3.	<p>Consultation: Local Members –Local Members have been consulted on the improvements and are in support of the proposals.</p> <p>Site Users – a user survey was undertaken in 2009 and comments received have informed the proposals brought forward.</p> <p>Improvements to the paths are identified within the sites adopted Management Plan and Disability Discrimination Audit action plan.</p> <p>It is recognised that further consultation may be required on the detail of specific elements of the project, specifically in regard to the new skate facility. This consultation will be undertaken in liaison with relevant parties including young people and the Police.</p>				
4.	Capital Cost: £81,500				
5.	Profiling of Expenditure				
	2010/11 (£'000)	2011/12 (£'000)	2012/13 (£'000)	2013/14 (£'000)	2014/15 (£'000)
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6.	Revenue Impact: Nil – Covered within existing revenue budgets.				
7.	Partnership Funding: The scheme is fully funded by developer contributions held by the Council. The opportunity will, however, be sought to attract further external funding through the Kent Youth Service and Police.				
8.	Post Implementation Review: Twelve months after completion.				
9.	Recommendation: A new Capital Plan List A Scheme be approved.				