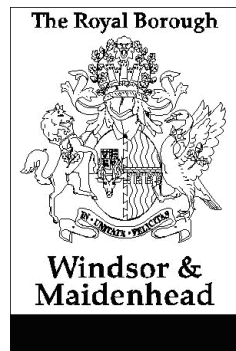


Report for: ACTION



Contains Confidential or Exempt Information	NO - Part I
Title	Olympic Legacy Project in West Windsor
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For Consideration By	Participatory Budget Sub Committee
Date to be Considered	18 February 2016
Implementation Date if Not Called In	Not Applicable
Affected Wards	Clewer North and Clewer South

REPORT SUMMARY

1. In 2012 a budget of £25k was approved as part of the Participatory Budget process to contribute towards a legacy bridge from Sutherland Grange open space in Clewer North, Windsor over the River Thames to access public footpaths in South Buckinghamshire. The bridge was estimated to cost between £1m and £2m with additional ongoing maintenance costs.
2. Over the past 4 years the project has not developed from the design stage and due to project costings is unlikely to proceed further, this paper outlines alternative proposals of projects in the West Windsor area that offer residents similar Olympic legacy opportunities that can be delivered in 2016/17 for consideration including improving access and use of public open space.

If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit?

Benefits to residents and reasons why they will benefit	Dates by which residents can expect to notice a difference
1. The Sutherland Grange project parking and access will give residents improvements to this popular open space in Clewer North ward.	March 2017
2. The Broom Farm project if the approved option will give residents access to a new 12 acre public open space in the Clewer South ward.	September 2016

3. Put a number of additional Windsor based projects which would have a defined Olympic Legacy for the wider Windsor Community , including option 1 and 2 above into the next round of public participatory budget voting .	April 2016
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1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATIONS

RECOMMENDATION: That the Participatory Budget Sub Committee:

- i. Selects one of the three options presented in this report to provide a suitable alternative Olympic legacy project for the Windsor area.**

2. REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION(S) AND OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1 Option 1 is improvement works to the car park and entrance of Sutherland Grange open space in Clewer North ward. This was the site of the Olympic legacy bridge project. This proposal would increase the number of car parking spaces available to Sutherland Grange users by 15 and open the entrance area to improve access. The park is very popular with dog walkers and is also the site of a recycling centre. Car parking of 42 spaces is currently available on site. The plan would increase parking spaces to 55.
- 3.2 Option 2 is investment in new facilities in Broom Farm Park located in Clewer South ward. This is a 12 acre park adjacent to Broom Farm housing estate. The land is owned by the Armed Forces and has limited use at present. The council has agreed Heads of Terms to lease the land and operate as an open space for all residents. The project will include drainage works and installation of formal footpaths around the open space, installation of 6 park benches and litter bins, 2 bridges over an internal ditch, local apple orchard and entrance signage all to improve access and enjoyment of the open space.
- 3.3 Option 3 would enable full community consultation on a range of potential projects with a defined Olympic Legacy for the wider Windsor community , that could be undertaken over the later part of the year.

4. Options

Option	Comments
Approve one of the 3 options and associated budget to provide the Olympic legacy for the Windsor area. Recommended Option	This will provide improved facilities within one of the largely residential areas of Windsor
Not approve an alternative project to provide the Olympic legacy in the West Windsor area and leave the £25k available for developing plans for a pedestrian bridge over the Thames in Sutherland Grange. Not recommended	The funds would be held until the bridge project commenced , which is highly unlikely as the costs are prohibitive

5. KEY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 If a project is approved the work will need to take place at the appropriate time to affect least users, but take into consideration the weather which will affect the works outlined due to the natural conditions of both sites.

Defined Outcomes	Unmet	Met	Exceeded	Significantly Exceeded	Date they should be delivered by
Option 1 complete (Sutherland Grange)	21 April 2017	21 December 2016	30 November 2016	31 October 2016	21 December 2016
Option 2 complete (Broom Farm)	21 April 2017	21 September 2016	31 August 2016	31 July 2016	21 September 2016
Option 3		March 2017	December 2016	October 2016	March 2017

4. FINANCIAL DETAILS

Financial impact on the budget

- 4.1 This will allow the £25k already allocated in the revenue budget from the participatory budget that was approved in 2012 to be spent on a suitable alternative project for completion in 2016/17.

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	Revenue £'000	Revenue £'000	Revenue £'000
Addition	£0	£0	£0
Reduction	£0	£0	£0

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
	Capital £'000	Capital £'000	Capital £'000
Addition	£0	£0	£0
Reduction	£0	£0	£0

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Option 1; Sutherland Grange is currently an RBWM owned open space on which no covenants are applicable to restrict improvement.

5.2 Option 2; Broom Farm park is leased from the Armed Forces. This project would give a significant improvement to that open space which will now provide a new facility available to all local residents, which will be enhanced by the project.

5.3 Option 3 ; there are no legal implications to this option

6. VALUE FOR MONEY

6.1 Option 1; Sutherland Grange is already within the Parks and Open Spaces portfolio and is a popular riverside location with local residents and dog walkers. Current facilities enhanced by the project would both enable more visitors to use the facility and by improving its visibility and appearance encourage new visitors.

6.2 Option 2; Broom Farm is a new acquisition (under lease) to the Parks and Open Spaces portfolio which currently has little usage by the immediate residential area to whom it has been previously restricted. There are no features to identify the area as an open space for recreational activity. This project will help give the area its new identity and encourage use.

7. SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT APPRAISAL

7.1 None.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risks	Uncontrolled Risk	Controls	Controlled Risk
Park improvement projects costs exceed £25k	no	Project management focussed on a long term master plan	yes
Delays in undertaking the project slip until after the next Olympics have finished	no	Project management focussed on proposals that are affordable and achievable in short term	yes

9. LINKS TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

9.1 Maintaining high quality, well maintained and well equipped parks and open spaces delivers to all four key strategic objectives. They provide a green lung to many in highly urbanised areas as well as a location to undertake physical activity, walk for health or relaxation. Well maintained parks are known to help reduce anti social behaviour by providing locations for activity areas for both adults and children of all ages. They also provide a location for volunteering.

10. EQUALITIES, HUMAN RIGHTS AND COMMUNITY COHESION

10.1 Not required.

11. STAFFING/WORKFORCE AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Both parks are within the existing grounds maintenance contract.

12. PROPERTY AND ASSETS

12.1 10 year lease on Broom Farm has been agreed.

13. ANY OTHER IMPLICATIONS

13.1 None

14. CONSULTATION

14.1 Local Members; Councillors for Clewer North and South wards, Lead Member for Leisure and Culture and Windsor consulted.

15. TIMETABLE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

15.1 Broom Farm timetable could start implementation by June 2015 as the consultation on plans is in an advanced state.

15.2 Sutherland Grange timetable would be longer as designs would need to be drawn up and consultation with existing users undertaken. Likely start of project would be November 2016 to avoid the busy period for this park which already has a large established user base.

15.3 Submitting projects to the next round of public voting will delay implementation by 2 or 3 months

16. APPENDICES

16.1 None

17. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

17.1 None

18. CONSULTATION (MANDATORY)

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received	See comments in paragraph:
Internal				
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Michael Llewellyn	Cabinet Policy Officer	19/01/16		
Cllr Claire Stretton	Lead Member for Culture and Communities			
Terry Baldwin	Head of HR			
Russell O'Keefe	Strategic Director of			

Name of consultee	Post held and Department	Date sent	Date received	See comments in paragraph:
	Corporate Services			
	Legal Services			
External				

REPORT HISTORY

Decision type:	Urgency item?
Non-key decision	No

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