

Request to use Cloister Garden for a youth activity to tie in with Abbey Skate (19th Feb 2019).

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To request that the committee agree to the use of the Cloister Garden on Tuesday 19th of Feb from 11 am to 3:30 pm for outdoor activities for young people, which will be run by a professional organisation and paid for by the Local Youth Network.

2. Background

2.1 the Local Youth Network had some funding to spend at the end of this financial year, and wanted to use it to provide an activity during the half term, which some youngsters have asked about since C&TP haven't scheduled an Art and Craft activity this year. Linking it with Abbey Skate seemed sensible, though not necessarily holding it the same days. Doing something 'active' has also been of interest to young people.

2.2 There is a youth work company who lead this outdoor work in Chippenham every year. They provide the equipment, the insurance and the leadership/supervision. They put up the equipment and take it down, and deal with everything.

2.3 The outdoor sports company is the Wiltshire Outdoor Learning Team, and the activities are archery and something called axe throwing, which they would like to do in partnership with MTC and put in the Cloister Garden. They will also do what they call tree climbing (a mobile climbing wall), which will be elsewhere.

3. Proposals

3.1 That TH&F agree to work in partnership with WOLT and let them use the Cloister Garden for this free activity for young people.

4. Financial implications and risks

4.1 There don't appear to be any, other than perhaps a final tidy up after the event.

5. Recommendations

5.1 That members agree to the usage.