

Report to the Town Hall and Facilities Committee, 5th July 2017

Adult Gym Proposal

1. Purpose of the report

1.1 To advise the committee of outline proposals to create one or more adult gyms on Town Council owned land in Malmesbury and secure the necessary actions to make progress on this proposal

2. Background

2.1 The first meeting of the Town and Facilities Committee set-up a working group to explore the location, equipment provision and likely purchase and installation costs of the provision of an outdoor gym in Malmesbury

2.2 The Councillors appointed to the working party were Cllrs Catherine Doody, Julie Exton and Gavin Grant

2.3 Research work was undertaken to contact potential suppliers to find-out about equipment and likely costs. Local sites where such gyms exist were also examined.

2.4 The Working Party met to exchange information and agree a potential range of equipment list suitable for use by disabled and able bodies people of a variety of ages.

2.5 Contact without commitment was made with one equipment provider to find-out likely costs.

2.6 The Working Party also discussed the benefits and risks of potential locations

3. Proposals

3.1 The Town Clerk is asked to seek three quotes from appropriate companies for the provision of the following equipment:

- Hand Bike / Tai Chi Spinners
- Static Pedal Bike/Spin Bike
- Monkey Bars or Cross Trainer
- Leg Bench
- Table Tennis Table

3.2 Discussions are held with the White Lion Residents Association to find-out their view of locating this adult gym equipment at the White Lion Play Area

3.3 Discussions are held with Wiltshire Council to explore whether the Section 106 funding attached to the Filands Play Area would be available to fund all or part of this equipment purchase, or seek the necessary budget from the Town Council's Policy and Resources committee to buy and install the equipment on a suitable surface.

4. Financial implications and risks

4.1 The likely purchase and installation costs of the range of equipment set-out above and the installation of a suitable safe surface in which it will stand is likely to be of the order of £15,000 plus VAT.

4.2 A request be made to Policy and Resources for a budget of up to £15,000 to enable this project to go ahead.

4.3 Applications for grant support for the project are made to:

- Malmesbury Area Board
- Malmesbury Carnival Committee
- other local funding bodies

4.4 Should the White Lion Residents Association support the location of the adult gym in this area then it would be the first-choice location

4.5 Should Section 106 money be available for the purchase and installation of such equipment at the Filand's Play Area location then consideration should be given to a second adult gym in this area once it's asset transfer to the Town Council from Wiltshire Council has been concluded.

4.6 Given the specialist nature of this equipment and the need for its safe installation the Town Clerk to obtain three quotations from experienced companies in this field.

5. Recommendations

5.1 The committee is asked to note the report and approve the actions as set out above.

Julie Exton

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