

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: LEISURE COMMITTEE - 11TH JANUARY 2000

SUBJECT: SHRUBLAND RECREATION GROUND (FORD'S FIELD)

FROM: HEAD OF LEISURE AND AMENITIES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Councillors of the outcome of a public consultation exercise on Shrubland recreation ground (Ford's Field) and to seek approval to implement the community's aspirations for the open space resulting from the consultation.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As Members may recall, two public design workshops were held in the Westbury Centre in March and October this year, to consult the local community around the Shrubland recreation ground on their future wishes and aspirations for the area. Plincke Landscapes facilitated the first workshop aimed at generating ideas for the area. The second workshop held in October 1999 confirmed the priorities for action. A summary of the comments received at this event is attached as Appendix 'A' and will be the subject of a presentation at the meeting.
- 2.2 The Old Town Working Party Environmental Improvement Budget funded the public workshops. Resources exist within this same budget to fund up to £70,000 of the works. Additional resource has been offered from Fords in the form of voluntary labour to help with the creation of a pocket park on the north side of the canal with the potential of some capital. An opportunity also exists to apply for SRB5 funding to enable all the priority works to be implemented, subject to Councillors' approval for the work to be undertaken in the first place.
- 2.3 SRB 5 funding is available for works to be implemented and completed by March 2000 so requiring a decision by Councillors now to approve the works to be undertaken.

3. KEY ISSUE STRATEGIES

- 3.1 Key Issue EC6 seeks to continue the work of the Old Town Partnership which this proposal would help to achieve.

4. DECISIONS REQUIRED

- 4.1 Members are asked to agree to improvement works being undertaken to Shrubland recreation ground.

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Background Papers: Report to Old Town Working Party 17/11/99

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