

 Executive Meeting 13th November 2013.		Agenda Item No. <h1>12</h1>
Title	Access to Kingfisher Pools, Warwick	
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Wards of the District directly affected	Warwick South	
Is the report private and confidential and not for publication by virtue of a paragraph of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006?	No	
Date and meeting when issue was last considered and relevant minute number	---	
Background Papers	None	

Contrary to the policy framework:	No
Contrary to the budgetary framework:	No
Key Decision?	No
Included within the Forward Plan? (If yes include reference number)	Yes 557
Equality & Sustainability Impact Assessment Undertaken	No
No but the scheme makes Kingfisher Pool more accessible than is the case at the moment.	

Officer/Councillor Approval		
Officer Approval	Date	Name
Chief Executive/Deputy Chief Executive	23 rd Oct	Bill Hunt
Head of Service	19 th Oct	Ian Coker
CMT		
Section 151 Officer	22 nd Oct	Mike Snow
Monitoring Officer		
Finance		
Portfolio Holder(s)	22 nd Oct	Cllr Shilton
Consultation & Community Engagement		
Final Decision?		Yes
Suggested next steps (if not final decision please set out below)		

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The report highlights issues relating to access to Kingfisher Pools, Myton Fields highlighted by Junior Angling Committee (JAC) and how these issues can be resolved.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Council approve funding of £10,000 from the Corporate Property Improvement Budget for the construction of an improved access route and parking for use by Junior Angling Club users and Disabled Members, with a further £3,500 provided by the Junior Angling Club.

3. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The facility is well used and the Club has seen a steady increase in usage since it was formed in 1997. The development of facilities for more users is important for the Club if it is to develop further and the provision of improved access down to Kingfisher Pool will allow this to happen.

4. POLICY FRAMEWORK

- 4.1 **Policy Framework** – This project will not affect the Policy Framework
- 4.2 **Fit for the Future** – This project delivers on various aspects of the Fit for the Future programme.
- a) It will encourage young and disabled people to interact whilst enjoying a healthy past time, part of the Safer Communities aim in the Sustainable Community Strategy
 - b) It will open up a community facility to wider range of users than are currently using, part of the Health and Well Being aim in the Sustainable Community Strategy

5. BUDGETARY FRAMEWORK

- 5.1 The initial cost of project as outlined previously will be £13,500 this can be broken down as detailed below:

GrassProtecta Matting including pegs	£9,937.50
Topsoil	£602.50
Labour	£2,960.00

The impact on future revenue costs is unknown but it is anticipated that any future work could be covered with in the existing Grounds Maintenance budget as this will only involve minor work.

- 5.2 The JAC have always indicated that they would be able to support the cost of the scheme. Having discussed the proposal with JAC they are able to provide £3,500 towards the cost of the work. The funding required from the Council is therefore £10,000 to undertake the works.
- 5.3 Officers have considered various options and concluded that the scheme should be funded from the Corporate Property Improvement Budget. Currently there is

over £24,000 unallocated. The matter was discussed at the CPIB Board on 31st October and it is recommended that this item be added to the projects to be funded in this financial year.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTION(S) CONSIDERED

6.1 Alternative options have been looked into and these are outlined below:

- a) The use of a product called fibre sand, this would involve excavation and the laying of a re-enforced sand access road. Rejected on the basis of a cost £17,960.
- b) The use of a stone path, this would involve excavation and the laying of Type 1 material for a permanent access path. Rejected on the basis of a cost of £20,000, the need for planning consent and cause potential disturbance for park users.
- c) The use of a permanent plastic grid system Ground Gridz, this would involve the laying of a sub base, then the grid system, then soil and seed infill. Rejected on the basis the cost of £28,060, the need planning consent and potential disturbance to existing park users.
- d) The use of a permanent concrete grid system, this would involve the laying of a sub base, then the concrete grid system, then soil and seed infill. Rejected on the basis of a cost of £60,000, the need for planning consent and disturbance to existing park users.

7. BACKGROUND

- 7.1 Since the facility opened in 1997 there have been issues regarding access to Kingfisher Pool. This is particularly the case in bad weather when the site can become water logged. This has resulted in vehicle ruts and site not being accessible for periods of the year.
- 7.2 The facility has now been opened up to Disabled Anglers so access and parking is more of a concern. The parking area holds maximum of 5 cars due to space constraint.
- 7.3 Ongoing small scale repairs have taken place within existing repair budgets but the situation is such that a more permanent solution is required which take the works outside what can be funded from the repair budget.
- 7.3 The preferred option is to lay a heavy duty purpose made product called Grassprotecta from the entrance off Myton Road to the proposed parking area close to the site. The existing ruts will need to be filled with topsoil and consolidated before this product is laid. This is expected to provide an access solution for around 5 years.
- 7.4 The product allows the grass to grow through and will not be visible once installed, however the track way can be demarcated by the use of coloured fixing pegs. The same method will be used for the temporary parking bays.
- 7.5 The cost for the above work has been priced at £13,500 this includes materials and labour costs for the laying of the material. See 5.1 for breakdown of costs.