

**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL
DOWNS COMMITTEE
22nd April 2013**

Report of: Richard Gwyn, Area Environment Officer

Title: FKPro Suspended Bodyweight Outdoor System

Ward: The Downs

Officer Presenting Report: John Knowlson, Childrens Play and Youth Officer

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RECOMMENDATION

That the Downs Committee

- (1) approves the concept of an Outdoor Training System for the Downs in principle
- (2) agrees to receive further information about the FKPro Suspended Bodyweight Outdoor Training System and any other similar products on the market, together with funding options

Summary

Peter Faulkner's proposal for an Outdoor Training System for the Downs. There may be other providers, however, the concept could have a number of benefits for the Downs. The area is already well used by personal trainers, physiotherapists and people exercising. The Outdoor Training System could encourage more personal trainers and physiotherapists which would have an impact on the revenue stream from the required license fee. This in turn could increase physical activity and improve health of the local population and wider community.

The significant issues in the report are:

The FKPro Suspended Bodyweight Outdoor Training System may not be the only product on the market for this type of purpose. It may be worth investigating to see if there are other products or systems.

Funding has not been agreed for this training system, therefore, further work is required to ascertain which funding streams are appropriate and relevant funding applications will need to be made, if the scheme is approved.

Policy

1. Not applicable

Consultation

2. **Internal**
Estates Business Development Manager
Downs Ranger
Children's Play & Youth Officer
Festival & Events Licensing Officer
3. **External**
Not applicable

Context

4. Peter Faulkner has approached a number of Councillors and Officers within the Council about FKPro's proposal for a Suspended Outdoor Training System for the Downs. Please see Peter Faulkner's proposal for further details.

Proposal

5. Please see Peter Faulkner's FKPro proposal for a suspended bodyweight outdoor training system.

Other Options Considered

6. None

Risk Assessment

7. Risk assessment has not been carried out.

Public Sector Equality Duties

- 8a) Before making a decision, section 149 Equality Act 2010 requires that each decision-maker considers the need to promote equality for persons with the following "protected characteristics": age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation. Each decision-maker must, therefore, have due regard to the need to:

- i) Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Equality Act 2010.
- ii) Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to --
 - remove or minimise disadvantage suffered by persons who share a relevant protected characteristic;
 - take steps to meet the needs of persons who share a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of people who do not share it (in relation to disabled people, this includes, in particular, steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities);
 - encourage persons who share a protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.
- iii) Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it. This involves having due regard, in particular, to the need to –
 - tackle prejudice; and
 - promote understanding.

8b) An equality impact assessment has not been carried out, however, Peter Faulkner has close links with Help for Heroes and other disability organisations. The FKPro Suspended Bodyweight Outdoor Training System is designed so that it is fully inclusive so that disabled people and non-disabled people can use it.

Environmental checklist – see attached.

Legal and Resource Implications

Legal

The Clifton and Durdham Downs (Bristol) Act 1861 provides that the Downs should remain as a place for the resort and recreation of the citizens of Bristol, and that a committee should be appointed to manage them. The recommendations of this report are within the powers conferred by this statute.

Financial

(a) Revenue

None directly arising at this stage of the report

(b) Capital

None directly arising at this stage of the report

Land

The land is under the control of the Downs Committee.

Personnel

N/A

Appendices:

None

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985
Background Papers: None