



**Area Committee 3 Meeting
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RECOMMENDATIONS. The Committee is asked:

1. Approve the request to allow Parks to use the £14,000 CIL and S106 funding approved by Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership on 23rd March 2017 to deliver the Hillfields Skate Park to support the amended project to deliver a training and warm-up BMX track

1. Background: what the **Greater Fishponds Neighbourhood Partnership** approved and when

Greater Fishponds NP agreed the following on 23rd March 2017 - On being put to the vote the following was unanimously agreed:

- a. A £10K CIL and £4K S106 agreed contribution to project management of skateboard park at Hillfields Park.
- b. The Hillfields Park skateboard park funding being subject to having appropriate governance status.

2. What's changed – the new situation

- a. The governance status of the Fishponds Local Action Group (FLAG) was clarified with the submission of their Memorandum and Articles of Association and Certificate of Incorporation in February 2020 before the COVID-19 pandemic lockdown came into effect, a significant factor that has stalled the progress of this project
- b. The original concept of a skate park has been amended to include a training and warm-up BMX track to enhance the facility at Hillfields Park, and provide a new and unique facility for the city, allowing for a safe track for young children to learn and enjoy the skills of BMX track riding as well as cater for skaters and other wheels riders
- c. FLAG have raised the match funding and more to allow for this facility to be built once confirmation of the design has been confirmed and procurement documentation has been completed

3. How Parks now want to use the £14,000

- a. An additional facility to the existing BMX track to cater for beginners and as a warm-up track for the BMX club
- b. The new facility will be designed and constructed to include elements for skaters, scooter riders and other wheels sports

4. Timescale for delivery

The design for the new facility has been commissioned by FLAG and will inform the tender specification. This will be finalised in a Zoom video call organised by FLAG. Confirmation of the finalised design is expected by end of July 2021

Based on this, the draft timetable for procurement and installation is as follows:

- a. Going out to tender – subject to drafting of specification and other supporting documents, it is anticipated that this project will go out to tender by early September 2021;
- b. Tender returns – by mid October 2021 to allow for post COVID-19 resourcing issues with potential contractors that have affected tender return times on may parks projects;
- c. Award Contract – mid to end November 2021 at the latest;
- d. Construction Start – realistically January 2022 but this is subject to negotiation and confirmation with the successful contractor at the contract pre-start stage

Recommendation: that the Area Committee approves the re-purposing of the £10,000 CIL and the £4,000 106 contribution to support the development of the BMX track instead of the skate park originally approved