

RICHMOND PARK
REPORT OF CHIEF OFFICER BUSINESS, STREET SCENE AND
CONTRACT SERVICES

WARDS AFFECTED: HINCKLEY TRINITY AND HINCKLEY DE
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1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

In accordance with financial procedure rules, to seek member approval for additional expenditure which can be funded from additional grant funding and existing reserves.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council agree:

1. To the increase in the project budget for Richmond Park Project to £300,000.
2. The increase of £62,880 is funded from additional FA grant funding of £49,823 and Earmarked Reserves of £13,057.

3. **BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT**

- 3.1 Work to improve the drainage of Richmond Park was initially identified in the Green Space Strategy, as a result of problems with water lying on the football pitches after periods of heavy rainfall. The building of the Hinckley Club for Young People has encouraged a bid to be put forward to the FA Football Foundation to apply for match funding to allow for a higher specification drainage scheme to ensure the quality of the football pitches at the site compliment the new state of the art facility for young people.
- 3.2 There is now a need for further funding (as specified in the financial implications) to ensure the project can be carried out as per the specification agreed by the FA in the grant application and also in line with Environment Agency conditions.

4. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [PE]**

- 4.1 The current approved project budget is £237,120 of which £100,000 was to be funded from the Football Association and £137,120 from HBBC. Tendering costs have come in well above the budget therefore the estimated project cost is now £300,000. The Football Association funding has increased to £149,823. This therefore means an additional £13,057 is required from HBBC to take HBBC's funding element to £150,177. The additional £13,057 could be met from Special Expenses Reserves.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS (AB)**

A funding agreement with the Football Foundation has been agreed in respect of the increased grant funded part of the project. Otherwise no legal implications are raised by this report.

6. **CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

This document contributes to Strategic Objectives 1, Cleaner and greener neighbourhoods, and 3, Safer and healthier borough of the Corporate Plan.

7. **CONSULTATION**

None specific for this report.

8. **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
Non approval of budget.	Budget deficit to be found from other budgets.	Michael Brymer
Not fulfilling agreement with FA. Lack of available budget will mean agreed specification for works will be unachievable.	Budget deficit will have to be found from other budgets to ensure agreed specification can be achieved and FA funding secured.	Michael Brymer

9. **KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

The recommendations contained within the report present no implications with regard to equalities or rural areas. The development will be of benefit to all groups within the community and all areas of the Borough

10. **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety
 - Environmental implications
 - ICT implications
 - Asset Management implications
 - Human Resources implications
 - Planning Implications
 - Voluntary Sector
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Background papers: None

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