

Report to Executive



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Former Towneley All-Weather Pitch

PURPOSE

1. To seek approval to release funds allocated in the Capital Programme 2012-13.

RECOMMENDATION

2. That the Executive:
 1. Approves the release of £48,375 set aside in the Capital Programme 2012/13 for the development of a pay and display car park on the site of the former all-weather pitch, Towneley.
 2. Authorise the Head of Green Spaces and Amenities to tender the proposed works in accordance with Standing Orders and accept the most economically advantageous tender

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. Approval of the Executive is required to release funds that are allocated in the Council's capital programme.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

Background

4. The former all-weather pitch in Towneley is owned by the Borough Council and was therefore not included in the County Council's scheme to demolish and landscape the former Unity College, which was completed in April 2011
5. Planning consent has been obtained to develop the former all-weather pitch as a 170 space pay and display car park, which will be known as Woodgrove car park.
6. During the daytime the new car park will be used by people attending training events and conferences at the City Learning Centre, for which the Council will receive an annual fee of £5,000. The car park will also be available as a 'pay and display' car park for school visitors, match-day parking for Burnley F.C. matches and as an overspill car park for large

events in Towneley Park.

7. An hourly charge of 70 pence has previously been agreed and income from the car park will contribute towards the maintenance of Towneley. Park Rangers will manage the car park, including emptying pay and display machines and issuing of Penalty Charge Notices.
8. The new car park will help to manage problems caused by parents and carers who currently park on the Towneley Holmes Clearway whilst waiting to collect children from school. These drivers will be able to purchase season tickets for Woodgrove car park and the no-waiting restriction on the clearway will be more strictly enforced.

Release of Budget

9. Full Council on 23rd February 2012 agreed a capital budget allocation of £48,375 for this project and approval is now sought to release this budget to allow the scheme to be implemented in time for the start of the 2012/13 football season.

10. Procurement of Capital Works

The project will be procured in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders for Contracts.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

11. The Council's Capital Programme 2012/13 contains provision of £48,375 for this project.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

12. This project will contribute to implementing the Towneley Park Management Plan 2010-2015.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

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BACKGROUND PAPERS

14. Project file held at Cemetery Office, Rossendale Road, Burnley, BB11 5DD

FURTHER INFORMATION

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