

FULL COUNCIL

1. BMX Working Party Update:

- 1.1 The Parish Council has been working through the process of securing a design and contractor for a bmx pump track at Rivermead. A copy of the Committee decisions relating to the BMX pump track is attached as **Appendix A**.
- 1.2 Following a public tender process, the Parish Council received six skate park submissions. The Leisure & Amenities Committee received these designs and the pricing schedules at its meeting in November 20, and, resolved to set up a Working Party to consider the information in more detail. The BMX Working Group reviewed these costings and designs, and, conducted a site visit to the pump track in Wroughton.
- 1.3 The Working Group determined all the designs had merit and price was not a significant differential and in order to identify a preferred contractor, it would be helpful to seek external feedback on the designs from experienced pump track users.
- 1.4 Feedback forms and copies of the designs (anonymised) were circulated to groups including BMX Wroughton, BMX riders, the ATB shop and our internal team. The feedback shortlisted two preferred designs and was considered by members of the Working Group. A summary report was submitted to the Leisure & Amenities Committee on 10 February 21. The Committee considered the information as detailed in the Minutes. A copy of the final two designs and pricing schedule appears as **Appendix B** (private and confidential). It was recommended that Clark Kent Ltd be considered as the preferred provider and invited to make a presentation to Council.

2. Key Considerations

- 2.1 Clark Kent is a nationally recognised company for the design and build of bmx pump tracks. They are experienced in ground works necessary for a stable track and managing the challenges of the build phase. A copy of their tender proposal is attached as **Appendix C** (private and confidential). The Parish Council requires all external contractors to complete a JCT Minor Works with Contractors Design 2011 contract document to ensure that there is a standardised response that covers the essential questions regarding the contractor's financial stability, history, and viability.
- 2.2 Selecting a contractor will enable the process of external funding applications to gain momentum as there will be a single, costed design and permissions processes can begin.

- 2.3 Once a Contractor and design is selected, the Working Party has recommended that this design be publicised in social media and comments be invited from local residents.
- 2.4 Subject to a presentation by the Contractor, the Leisure & Amenities Committee has highlighted that the following should be considered
- early engagement with other BMX groups on options for assisted participation or sessions for users with mobility issues
 - the addition of a beginners/warm up zone
 - consideration of access routes to the site
 - the appointment of a project manager

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The Parish Council's play renewal fund for 2021, £90,000, has been allocated to the BMX project. This will cover the costs for the installation of the pump track. It is hoped that external funding applications will add to the fund and thereby release part of this funding for other play area works. £90,000 represents around 10% of the Parish Council's annual precept income.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 That Council considers the Leisure and Amenities Committee recommendation to progress the appointment of Clark Kent Contractors Ltd as detailed in their tender submission and pricing schedule.