

REPORT TO	ON
CABINET	21 st June '17

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TITLE	PORTFOLIO	AUTHOR	Agenda item No.
City Deal : Completion of St.Catherine's Park	Regeneration & Leisure	Howerd Booth	

Is this report a KEY DECISION (i.e. more than £75,000 or impacting on more than 2 Borough wards?)	Yes
Is this report on the Cabinet Forward Plan ?	Yes
Is the request outside the policy and budgetary framework and therefore subject to confirmation at full Council?	No

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To allocate a capital budget of £92,000 for the completion of St.Catherine's Park, to authorise procurement according to Council's Contract Procedure Rules and spend of budget to allow works to commence.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To allocate a capital budget of £92,000 for the completion of St.Catherine's Park and to authorise spend of budget to allow works to commence.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

The report relates to the following corporate priorities *(tick all those applicable)*:

Clean, green and safe	X	Strong and healthy communities	X
Strong South Ribble in the heart of prosperous Lancashire	X	Efficient, effective and exceptional council	

4. BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT

City Deal has accelerated the rate of capital projects being undertaken. We are now progressing :

- a) Bamber Bridge regeneration.
- b) Master planning for regeneration areas in Leyland, Penwortham and Lostock Hall
- c) Leyland gateway features
- d) Completion of Central Park Masterplan

And this reports seeks to progress the completion of St.Catherine's Park (Phase 2).

5. Completion of St.Catherine's Park (Phase 2)

The Council celebrated opening St.Catherine's Park, its first new park, and the first park of our Central Parks vision, in Summer 2016 to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and the anniversary of South Ribble Borough Council. The first phase of Park works included the South Ribble War Memorial and peace garden along with new footpaths, the Inglis bridge and nature trail through St.Catherine's ground to link into the car park and the Mill café. This was a partnership project, with both SRBC and St.Catherine's Hospice contributing to make a unique project happen. Extreme winter flooding caused problems with the build - reinstating footpaths and creating additional new drainage, which was

originally unforeseen, was required. This meant certain works were not completed but deferred to a second phase.

To maintain progress and complete the park, in line with the aspirations in our current corporate plan, we now aim to complete the second (final) phase of St.Catherine's Park works during 17/18. The second phase comprises events space around the War Memorial, linking footpaths and a natural landscaped play area. Finance for this project has been previously approved by City Deal Executive.

The Borough War Memorial has received many plaudits. The landscaping around the memorial requires completion to enable commemorative events to run properly. Works include creating more hardstanding, seating and electrical power for temporary stage and PA equipment. The other main element of works will be the creation of a natural play area. The park requires a play element/amenity for local children. Therefore our engineers have designed a natural play area comprising of landscaping which fits with the overall theme of the park. The landscaping uses the WW1 theme and has created a 'trench' to provide a natural area for play, hiding, jumping, running and balancing.

In addition, we have been working with a local school to introduce an arts trail through the Park. Lostock Hall Academy is leading this community initiative to create an arts trail through the park for visitors to enjoy. This is another example of community and young people participation in building a better borough.

The total cost estimate for these works is £92,000 including a contingency of 10%. It is intended to reclaim this from City Deal because the park contributes to local communities, improving housing take-up and enhancing overall value and attractiveness of the borough as a location to live and work.

Cabinet approval includes establishing the capital budget and spend within said budget to allow the project to start and complete in a timely manner.

6. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Options for alternative forms of design and construction are always considered. This is value engineering. Engineers always evaluate different designs, materials, quantities, construction techniques and maintenance requirements during the design and build of all schemes in order to give the 'best' all round result balancing cost, safety, design, various user needs and maintenance requirements.

7. WIDER IMPLICATIONS AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION

7.1 Comments of the Statutory Finance Officer

If approved, these capital works will be procured by the Council and the costs will be reclaimed from the City Deal Community Infrastructure budget.

8.2 Comments of the Monitoring Officer

A procurement exercise in accordance with Contract Procedure Rules will be carried out. A contract with the successful tenderer will then be entered into to protect the council's position.

Other implications:	There is an extensive risk management system in place for City Deal. All procurement will follow Council CPR regulations.
• Risk	
• Equality	Projects described are designed to be inclusive, accessible and bring communities together. There are no potential negative impacts on any of the protected groups. The recent improvements in Bamber Bridge and St.Catherine's Park have been designed to follow Alzheimer's Society guidelines so that our improvements can be said to be both disability and dementia friendly designs.