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To: Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Ground Charity – Board of Trustees
Date: 19th April 2023
Head of Service: Andy Blaszkowicz, Director – Housing & Operations
Subject: Radnor Park – Community group funding for pétanque court

Summary: This report provides the Board with a summary of a proposal for a pétanque court at Radnor Park and its proposed maintenance in the future.

Recommendations:

1. To receive and note report FPPG/22/10.
2. To agree that the funds raised by the Radnor Park Community Group can be used to install the Pétanque Court at Radnor Park.
3. To request that Full Council consider adding the funds raised by the Radnor Park Community Group to the Medium Term Capital Programme.
4. To agree that annual maintenance of the proposed pétanque court at Radnor Park be funded by the Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Ground Charity and added to the revenue budget for 23/24.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Folkestone & Hythe District Council ('FHDC'/the 'Council') act as trustees on behalf of the Folkestone Parks and Pleasure Grounds Charity ('FPPG'/the Charity') in managing the Charity's assets.
- 1.2 A local community group has secured funding to provide a pétanque court at Radnor Park. In principle permission has been agreed for the installation of the court, however further funding is required to maintain the court into the future. It is recommended that this maintenance is funded by the Charity.

2. PÉTANQUE COURT - INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE

- 2.1 The Radnor Park Community Group (RPCG) has developed a project to install a pétanque court at Radnor Park, adjacent to the bowls club, to be available free to use by the public.
- 2.2 RPCG has been successful in its fundraising for the project, with awards from Active Kent, The Tory Family Foundation, Councillor Ward monies and Folkestone Town Council totalling around £11,000.
- 2.3 The Council as freeholder, and the Folkestone Estate which has the benefit of restrictive covenants affecting Radnor Park, have agreed permission in principle to the installation of the pétanque court.
- 2.4 RPCG is now ready to proceed with the project, however, does not have the additional funds available to maintain the proposed court, estimated by the Council as c.£250pa. It is therefore recommended that this future cost is funded by the Charity.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 It is recommended that ongoing maintenance of the pétanque court proposed for Radnor Park be funded by the Charity to ensure the upkeep of the proposed public facility.

4. LEGAL/FINANCIAL AND OTHER CONTROLS/POLICY MATTERS

- 4.1 **Legal Officer's Comments (NM)** All legal related issues are covered within the report.
- 4.2 **Finance Officer's Comments (JS)** The ongoing financial implications arising out of this pétanque court are covered within the main body of the report. Should the recommendations be approved, an expenditure budget of £250 will be added to the 2023/24 revenue expenditure budget. For 2023/24, this expenditure, if incurred, will need to be funded from the Charity's reserves. Future maintenance costs will be built into the budget from 2024/25.
- 4.3 **Diversities and Equalities Implications (AB)** There are no diversities and equalities implications arising from this report.
- 4.4 **Climate Comments (AB)** There are no Climate implications arising from this report.

5. CONTACT OFFICER AND BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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The following background documents have been relied upon in the preparation of this report:
None.