



1. Background:

- a. The Skate Park is one of the Council's priority projects.
- b. Previous Committee approved resolutions include committing £10,000 from the Council's 21-22 budget towards project costs, and a signed project delivery partnership agreement with the Wheels & Skate Park Community Group (WASP).
- c. The site is owned by North Somerset Council.
- d. WASP selected a preferred bidder company Maverick, with an open tendering process to construct the site. Maverick is extremely experienced in community Skate Park development and construction, including the project at Clevedon.
- e. It is expected that a Skate Park of this calibre would cost around £250,000 & VAT to construct, plus ongoing maintenance costs.

2. Objectives:

- a. To design and construct a high-quality Skate Park at the Lake Grounds, suitable for all levels from beginners to highly proficient users.
- b. To engage with the community throughout the process to ensure the site provides maximum social, wellbeing, and leisure benefits to the town and minimises any anti-social behaviour and crime concerns.
- c. To manage the project efficiently to deliver to date and budget.
- d. The project delivers within the Council's Wellbeing theme.

3. Delivery plan:

- a. A Council project plan details all stages project from consultation to opening, in summary:
 - i. Negotiate, agree, and sign a lease for the site (the full area within the blue fencing including some green space and the play area) from North Somerset Council to Portishead Town Council.
 - ii. Raise the required funds including from crowd funding, grant funding, and if approved a Portishead Town Council contribution.
 - iii. Sign a contract with the preferred bidder.
 - iv. Design, consult, amend and agree the final Skate Park design.
 - v. Engage more residents and businesses in the project.
 - vi. Apply for planning permission.
 - vii. Construct.
 - viii. Open, operate, maintain, and maximise community engagement.

4. Recent delivery update:

- a. The original design was published, and public consultation resulted in design tweaks.
- b. The Council is contracting a Project Manager for this project from its original financial contribution.
- c. A Heads of Terms document has been received from North Somerset Council for the site and a recommendation to approve is scheduled for Full Council on 16th March 2023.
- d. North Somerset Council has advertised disposal of the land.
- e. Once the Council receives the draft lease, a recommendation to approve signing will be scheduled for a Full Council meeting.
- f. Maverick is working on the planning application on behalf of Portishead Town Council; a review of the application and approval for submission will also be scheduled for a future Council meeting.
- g. A crowdfunding page has been launched by WASP and already raised over £10,000.
- h. A design and crowdfunding launch event is booked for 12th March at Portishead Youth Centre.

5. Council resources:

- a. The August 2021 Community Matters Committee approved £10,000 contribution from 21-22 budget towards the project.

- b. A proposal to contribute up to £50,000 additional project contribution from the Council's 22-23 budget is scheduled for 16th March 2022, with the condition that is match funded by the WASP campaign.
- c. The Council's Programme & Wellbeing Manager oversees the project and contract manages the external project manager.
- d. Goods and services purchased by the Council will follow the standard procurement process.
- e. Long-terms costs to maintain the site are yet to be determined.

6. Risk assessment:

a. Risks of doing the activity / project:

Risks	Mitigation	Resulting risk level
Delays / inability to raise sufficient construction funds	All parties are focused on fundraising. A number of national grants have recently been awarded to community Skate Parks around the UK. Construction will not begin until the full budget has been achieved.	Amber
Planning permission is delayed or not approved	Previous planning permission was obtained for a Skate Park in this area, which sets a precedent. Many residents' concerns could be addressed with practical examples of projects elsewhere, where antisocial behaviour have been reduced by similar developments, noise is screened by design and planting, which also makes the sites aesthetically pleasing.	Amber

b. Risks of not doing the activity / project:

- i. Portishead residents have called for this development for many years to provide outdoor leisure activity for all and particularly for young people.
- ii. Previous time, effort and funding would be wasted.
- iii. Not delivering the project could damage the Council's relationship with the community.
- iv. Continued lack of leisure options for young people does not address social problems.

7. Impact analysis:

	Potential impacts (positive / negative)
Wellbeing & health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Positive impacts on young peoples' mental and physical health.
Equality, diversity, inclusion & safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social projects could include training for disadvantaged youngsters • The site must be inclusive as a community facility.
Crime, disorder & transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antisocial behaviour and crime have been reduced in other areas with high quality Skate Parks, as they attract a mix of ages to self-police the site.
Transparency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Council decisions about the project are approved by Council or Committee with update reports published.
Council / community finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council is contributing to the total project costs. • Residents and businesses are being asked to contribute through the crowd funding page.
Scale (number of residents benefitted)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All interested in the activity and their families will feel the benefits