

## Record of Cabinet portfolio holder decision

Local Government Act 2000 and the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

<b>Decision made by</b>	Councillor Robert Simister
<b>Key decision?</b>	Yes
<b>Date of decision</b> (same as date form signed)	
<b>Name and job title of officer requesting the decision</b>	Peter Beer Strategic property team leader
<b>Officer contact details</b>	Email: peter.beer@southandvale.gov.uk Tel: 01235 547617
<b>Decision</b>	To approve the transfer of £45,000 from the capital contingency fund to the approved capital programme for drainage improvement works at Wallingford Sports Park.
<b>Reasons for decision</b>	<p>In May 2014 cabinet briefing supported variations (subsequently made through a delegated officer decision) to the Wallingford Sports Trust's lease for Wallingford Sports Park in order to unlock a Sport England grant of £50,000 for pitch drainage improvements at the sports park. The Trust's grant application followed the severe flooding event in 2014, when the Trust's rugby pitches were waterlogged and unplayable for many months, due to poor pitch drainage and flooding from the Mill Brook, which flows through the middle of the sports park. However, following a detailed site inspection, Sport England's pitch drainage contractor identified that the proposed pitch drainage works would only be effective if the drainage of the Mill Brook was improved.</p> <p>The council is the riparian owner of the Mill Brook, which is excluded from the Trust's lease, and is responsible for ensuring its free flowing drainage. Officers asked the council's engineering contractor, Monson, to survey the Mill Brook and Monson confirmed that it needed drainage improvement works, which would not only benefit the sports park but other parts of Wallingford as well. Monson prepared a drainage improvement scheme for the Mill Brook and obtained the necessary consents from the Environment Agency and Oxfordshire County Council for the scheme.</p> <p>When officers were considering growth bids in Autumn 2014, they did not have a clear idea of the timeline or costs associated with the proposed works. So, following discussion with the head of finance, officers recommend that rather than submit a growth bid with limited information and an estimated project cost, they</p>

	<p>would submit a bid for capital contingency funding once the timeline and costs were known.</p> <p>Monson has now requested tenders from five companies to carry out the works and received two responses from White Horse Contractors Ltd and Agripower Limited which Monson evaluated on behalf of the council. The bid from White Horse Contractors was the most economically advantageous at £44,173.96 and is recommended by Monson for acceptance.</p>																																								
<b>Alternative options rejected</b>	The alternative option is not to carry out these works which would cause continued problems for the sports park to operate and would potentially cause further problems in the future. The brook has not had any major works carried out on it since its construction and as the riparian owner, the council has a responsibility to ensure it is maintained.																																								
<b>Legal implications</b>	A formal contract will need to be drawn up and entered into prior to the works commencing and as necessary a licence for access agreed with the Sports Park																																								
<b>Financial implications</b>	The capital cost of this scheme is £45,000 which will be funded from the council's reserves. The council will lose interest of £225 a year (assuming an average rate of return of 0.5%) by spending this money rather than investing it as it does at the moment. If the council wished to replenish the reserves over the estimated life of the scheme (25 years), then the revenue cost of this scheme will increase to £1,920 per annum.																																								
<b>Other implications</b>	None																																								
<b>Background papers considered</b>	None																																								
<b>Declarations/conflict of interest? Declaration of other councillor/officer consulted by the Cabinet member?</b>	None																																								
<b>List consultees</b>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th><b>Name</b></th> <th><b>Outcome</b></th> <th><b>Date</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Ward councillors</td> <td>N/A</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Cabinet member for leisure</td> <td>Anna Badcock</td> <td>Supports this proposal</td> <td>27/08/2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Legal</td> <td>Pat Connell</td> <td>Agreed</td> <td>22/09/2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Finance</td> <td>Emma Creed</td> <td>Agreed</td> <td>21/09/2015</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Human resources</td> <td>N/A</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sustainability</td> <td>N/A</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Diversity and equality</td> <td>N/A</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communications</td> <td>N/A</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Strategic Management Board</td> <td>David Buckle</td> <td>Agreed</td> <td>22/09/2015</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<b>Name</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Date</b>	Ward councillors	N/A			Cabinet member for leisure	Anna Badcock	Supports this proposal	27/08/2015	Legal	Pat Connell	Agreed	22/09/2015	Finance	Emma Creed	Agreed	21/09/2015	Human resources	N/A			Sustainability	N/A			Diversity and equality	N/A			Communications	N/A			Strategic Management Board	David Buckle	Agreed	22/09/2015
	<b>Name</b>	<b>Outcome</b>	<b>Date</b>																																						
Ward councillors	N/A																																								
Cabinet member for leisure	Anna Badcock	Supports this proposal	27/08/2015																																						
Legal	Pat Connell	Agreed	22/09/2015																																						
Finance	Emma Creed	Agreed	21/09/2015																																						
Human resources	N/A																																								
Sustainability	N/A																																								
Diversity and equality	N/A																																								
Communications	N/A																																								
Strategic Management Board	David Buckle	Agreed	22/09/2015																																						

<b>Confidential decision?</b> If so, under which exempt category?	No
<b>Call-in waived by Scrutiny Committee chairman?</b>	No
<b>Has this been discussed by Cabinet members?</b>	
<b>Cabinet portfolio holder's signature</b> To confirm the decision as set out in this notice.	Signature ____Robert Simister_____ Date ____22 September 2015_____

**ONCE SIGNED, THIS FORM MUST BE HANDED TO DEMOCRATIC SERVICES IMMEDIATELY.**

For Democratic Services office use only		
Form received	Date: 23 September 2015	Time: 12:00
Date published to all councillors	Date: 23 September 2015	
Call-in deadline	Date: 30 September 2015	Time: 17:00