

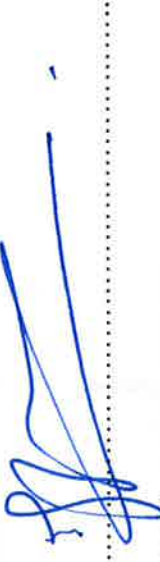
NOTICE OF DELEGATION OF DECISION TO CABINET MEMBER BY STRONG LEADER

Section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, the senior executive member may discharge any of the functions that are the responsibility of the Cabinet or may arrange for them to be discharged by another member of the Cabinet or Officer. On 1st December 2010, the Council adopted the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance 2011 as required under Part 3 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act).

I, J-P Campion, as Strong Leader, delegate the decision regarding the use of section 106 monies for Springfield Park entrance improvements to the Cabinet Member below:

Cabinet Member for Community Well Being, Councillor I Hardiman

Dated: 6th December 2013



Signed:

Leader of the Council

NOTICE OF DECISION OF CABINET MEMBER


Pursuant Section 15(4) of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended by section 63 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, the senior executive member may discharge any of the functions that are the responsibility of the Cabinet or may arrange for them to be discharged by another member of the Cabinet or Officer. On 1st December 2010, the Council adopted the Strong Leader Model for Corporate Governance 2011 as required under Part 3 of The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (The 2007 Act).

In accordance with the authority delegated to me by the Leader, I have made the following decision:

Subject	Decision	Reason for decision	Date for Decision to be taken
Renovation of the entrance of Springfield Park, Kidderminster.	The Cabinet Member for Community Well-being and Environment is recommended to approve £56,804.66 of Section 106 monies to be spent on providing a new and renovated entrance to Springfield Park.	The main entrance to the park is looking old and worn out, which is not very inspiring or welcoming. As a result renovation works are proposed to improve the appearance and function of the entrance and also address health and safety issues.	10 th December 2013

I confirm that the appropriate statutory officer consultation has taken place with regard to this decision.

Dated:

Signed: 

Councillor: **IAN HARDIMAN**

Cabinet Member

To: Cabinet Member for Community Well-being

From: Director of Community Well-being and Environment

Date: 6th December 2013

RENOVATION OF THE ENTRANCE OF SPRINGFIELD PARK.

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide key issues and information for consideration by the Cabinet Member for Community Well-being and Environment for the renovation of the entrance to Springfield Park.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 **The Cabinet Member for Community Well-being and Environment is recommended to approve £56,804.66 of Section 106 monies to be spent on providing a new and renovated entrance to Springfield Park.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Over that last 3 years the Council has been working closely with the Friends of Springfield Park to identify improvements that are needed for the park. These discussions have lead to a 10 year management plan that has been guiding the improvements within the park over that period.
- 3.2 One of the actions in the 10 year management plan is for the main entrance to be improved as it's looking rather old and worn out and not a fair representation of the beauty of the overall park.
- 3.3 As a result renovation works are proposed to improve the appearance, safety and function of the entrance.
- 3.4 This will be done by changing the levels of one of the banks of the pool, remove an old grass create driveway, which gets flooded every year, and the installation of a new access road.
- 3.5 It is anticipated that the Contract will cover a period of 10 weeks only with the target date for completion the 31st March 2014.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 It is proposed that the funds to finance this project will be taken from the £180,000 Section 106 monies, acquired from the residential development of the former Churchfields Business Park, Clensmore, Kidderminster, planning consent - ref 11/0163/FULL, of which Parks and Open Spaces were allocated £100,000.

- 4.2 The budget set for this project was set at a maximum of £70,000; however the preferred bidder has priced the job at £55,804.66 plus £1000 for the provision of health and safety during the works. The tender exercise for this project was undertaken in line with Standing Orders – although Cabinet approval through this Strong leader process needs to be obtained before the tender can be awarded. The successful tender came within budget and has been reviewed by the Procurement Section to ensure that it represents good value to the Council.

5. LEGAL AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Planning permission for the project is not required as all of the works fall within Local Authority Permitted Development under Part 12 of the GPDO.
- 5.2 The works will be procured under the Council's contract procedure rules.

6. CONCLUSION

- 6.1 The main entrance to the park is looking old and worn out, which is not very inspiring or welcoming. As a result renovation works are proposed to improve the appearance and function of the entrance and also address health and safety issues. This would be a very worthwhile use of section 106 monies and is supported by the local community.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 The project to improve the entrance of Springfield Park is not just aesthetic. There are a few health and safety issues that the improvements will address.
- 7.2 One of the elements of the project is to resurface the access to the car park entrance which currently is extremely potholed with the potential for minor damage to cars and a trip hazard for pedestrians.
- 7.3 The current levels to the side of the pool where installed some time ago to prevent ducks and geese causing minor erosion to the bank, however by doing this there is a considerable drop into the pool which local people have voiced their concern about should a child play in the area and slip into the pool. A significant part of this project is to lower the levels to a gentile slope into the pool to form a beach style treatment to the side of the pool.
- 7.4 Next to the tarmaced duck feeding area, on the edge of the pool, there are a number of gabion baskets that are exposed, which again local residents have mentioned their concerns in case a child was to play on them, get their foot trapped and fall into the pool. To deal with this issue there is to be a new decking area constructed over the top of the gabion baskets so they are hidden from view and inaccessible.
- 7.5 The final issue that the improvements will address is the flooding of the current access road during wet weather periods. The removal of the current access drive and change in levels will push the rain water into the pool.

7.6 The Risk Management for the construction of the project will be the responsibility of the company that provide the winning tender.

8. EQUALITY IMPACT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

8.1 None needed for this project.

9. CONSULTEES

9.1 The Friends of Springfield Park have been closely consulted throughout this project and are in favour.

9.2 A site notice was installed in the Park with a plan of the proposed improvements. No objections were received.

9.3 The three Ward Members have been consulted.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 There are no background papers.