

**Report of:** Director of Communities and Environment

**Report to:** Executive Board

**Date:** 16 October 2019

**Subject:** Proposal for road-safety park, family cycle trails and new event space at Temple Newsam

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s): Temple Newsam	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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## Summary

### 1. Main issues

- Temple Newsam golf course covers 104 hectares of the well-known heritage estate in East Leeds.
- Reflecting a national decline in the number of people playing golf, user and income figures for golf at the Temple Newsam golf courses has steadily declined over the last decade. As a consequence, managing the golf course is now costing the council over £200k a year.
- To increase the popularity of the area for estate visitors and reduce costs, it is proposed that the section of Temple Newsam estate currently used for golf is transformed into a family cycling centre including road-safety park, family cycle trails and small BMX pump track that is managed and operated by the Temple Newsam estate team.
- It is also proposed that the potential to create an events space in the area is explored with the aim of increasing income from commercial events, whilst reducing the impact that some events can have on the estate visitor hub and local residents.
- And lastly it's proposed that, where suitable, the area is landscaped to reflect its original, historic design (by famous landscape architect, Capability Brown) to complement the rest of the heritage estate and benefit local wildlife and the environment with significantly increased tree planting.

## **2. Best Council Plan Implications** (click [here](#) for the latest version of the Best Council Plan)

- The proposals in this report will support the Best Council Plan, particularly the following priorities: Health and Wellbeing; Child Friendly City; Sustainable Infrastructure and Culture.

## **3. Resource Implications**

- The net cost to the council of Temple Newsam golf course was £220k in the financial year 2018-19.
- The capital cost of the project described below which includes cycle trails, BMX pump-track, road-safety park, café, heritage landscape restoration and event space, is estimated at £1.35 million.
- Capital funding of £350k has already been set aside for the creation of a road safety park.
- It is proposed that the rest of the project is funded by prudential borrowing, offset against the savings made from the closure of the golf course.
- Once the scheme is in place, it is anticipated that the financial outcome will be a net contribution to the medium term financial plan of £60k per annum.

## **Recommendations**

- a) Executive Board is requested to give consent for Parks and Countryside to commence a public consultation on the proposed closure of the golf course and the proposed developments outlined in this document.
- b) (Subject to the outcomes of the consultation) For Executive Board to delegate the decision to close Temple Newsam golf course and develop the area for recreation, conservation and education as described to the Chief Officer, Parks and Countryside.
- c) For the Chief Officer for Parks and Countryside to be made responsible for the implementation of the recommendations (including seeking necessary approvals).

## **1. Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 This report sets out proposals for a family cycling scheme, events space and new approach to landscape management at the current location of Temple Newsam golf.
- 1.2 A decision is required on whether to move forward with a public consultation with a view to implementation of the proposals.

## **2. Background information**

- 2.1 Golf is in decline locally and regionally, and the 2 courses at Temple Newsam are currently running at a net cost to the council of approximately £220k a year. In total 6,710 pay and play, and 116 season tickets were sold there last year.
- 2.2 As a result, the Parks and Countryside Service have been looking at options for alternative uses for the site, with the aim of increasing visits to the area whilst reducing costs.

- 2.3 At the same time, capital funding has been made available for the creation of a road safety park in the area. The idea of the road safety park is to provide an educational attraction where children can ride their bikes, play, exercise, and have fun whilst learning how to use roads safely.
- 2.4 Cycling is something that Leeds City Council is keen to promote for its benefits to health and the environment (it's a sustainable form of transport). Leeds Cycling Strategy sets out our aim to '*inspire more people to cycle more often*' through expanding the Leeds cycle network; providing access to bicycles and providing accessible training at all skill levels.
- 2.5 Temple Newsam hosts around 60 events a year, ranging from large scale music concerts to sponsored charity walks. Over 70,000 people attend the events annually. The income to the council from the commercial events at Temple Newsam is over £40k per annum. Currently, most of the events take place in the main visitor area near the House and farm.
- 2.6 The team at Temple Newsam estate are currently delivering a 'Resilient Heritage' project, funded by Heritage Lottery Community Fund. The aim of the project is to make the valuable heritage of the site more sustainable through various means, including increasing visitor numbers and community engagement.
- 2.7 Leeds City Council recently declared a climate emergency which has required the Parks and Countryside Service to look into alternative management approaches for parks (such as tree planting), to help control and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

### **3. Main issues**

#### **3.1 Temple Newsam Golf**

- 3.2 Temple Newsam has 2 golf courses (one 9-hole and one 18-hole). They are supported by a range of facilities including a shop and a car park. There is also a club house which is rented by the Golf Club through a company it set up called Temple Newsam Golf Club Limited.
- 3.3 The lease of the club house provides a modest rent to the Council of £12.5k per annum. The club house also has a residential steward who currently lives in a flat in the club house. The original lease term expired on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2014 but the lease has the benefit of a statutory right to a renewal lease; discussions have previously taken place to grant a renewal lease but have not been resolved.
- 3.4 The figures below demonstrate the decline in use of the golf courses at Temple Newsam in recent years, despite increased efforts to promote them. This decline reflects a national reduction in the number of people playing golf.

### 3.5 Temple Newsam golf course tickets sold and income:

\*Income became VAT exempt which accounts for approximately £30k 'additional' income that year.

Financial year	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019
Play and play tickets	19,100	9,908	12,854	8,554	6,839	4,470	6,325	6,710
Season tickets	287	272	215	226	213	163	128	116
Income	£275,275	£184,897	£198,438	£171,634	£162,633	£119,604	£159,037*	£144,738

3.6 When income is set against costs, the net cost of Temple Newsam golf to the council was just over £220k in the 2018/19 period (which is representative of the costs for previous years).

	Actual £'000
Total income (from tickets, retail, rents)	-157.2
Expenditure (staff, utilities, horticultural machinery, re-saleable food, drink etc)	377.8
<b>Estimated Overall Net Position</b>	<b>220.6</b>

3.7 In the context of these costs, set against the low usage of course, it makes sense to consider options for closing the golf course to reduce the cost to the council and get more people using this part of the estate for wider recreational activities.

3.8 With regards the impact of closing the course on golfers at Temple Newsam, there are over 30 other golf courses in the Leeds metropolitan district, many of which offer pay and play and/or season tickets comparable with those available at Temple Newsam. Leeds City Council aims to continue providing golf at Roundhay Park, which is around 15 minutes' drive from the Temple Newsam course. If the decision to close the golf course is taken, officers will be made available to assist golfers in identifying alternative golf provision if required.

### 3.9 Proposal for community cycling scheme

3.10 If a decision is made to close the Temple Newsam golf course, it is proposed that it be replaced with a community cycling scheme including:

- family cycle trails and walkways – appendix 1
- a road safety park – appendix 2
- a BMX pump-track
- a shop
- a café
- bike hire
- cycling workshops for schools and groups (depending on levels of interest)

3.11 It is likely that developing such a scheme will result in a dramatic increase in the use of the historic landscape there, as well as providing a new visitor attraction for the local and wider community.

3.12 A similar transformation at the former Middleton Park golf course went from 6,873 pay and play golf sessions (+42 season tickets) in 2013/14 financial year to an estimated 300,000 rides on the cycle trails and 100,000 café customers (previously there wasn't a café at that location) in their first year of operating (2018). Additionally, the new bike hub at Middleton has proved to have many other benefits to the local community such as provision of healthy activities, a chance for children to learn how to cycle in safe environment, job opportunities and things for young people to do in their spare time.

### **3.13 Family cycle trails**

3.14 The vision for Temple Newsam is slightly different to Middleton Bike Hub. The idea is to create cycling facilities for families and younger children to use, developing around 8km of trails (which will also be accessible for walkers), a bit like those you can find at Forestry Commission or CentreParks sites (see appendix 1 for a draft plan, and picture below), to take advantage of the large and beautiful landscape there. These trails would be in addition to (an linked to) the current 'Temple Trailway' which circumnavigates the whole 600 hectare estate.

3.15 Example of a family cycle trail:



### **3.16 Road-Safety Park**

3.17 The idea of a road-safety park is to create a scaled-down model of a road network including typical road markings and road signs so children can learn how to use highways, and key aspects of the highway code in a safe space – they are fun to play on too! Appendix 2 shows a draft plan for a road safety park, and examples of other road safety parks are show in the images below.

### 3.18 Example of a road-safety park



### 3.19 BMX pump track

3.20 A pump track is an area of undulating ground designed to be ridden completely by cyclists "pumping"- generating momentum by up and down body movements, instead of pedalling or pushing. They are very popular, good exercise and help young people develop their cycling skills. The one proposed for Temple Newsam is aimed at younger age groups.

3.21 Example of a BMX pumptrack (below):



### 3.22 Other visitor facilities

3.23 The facilities currently located at the site provide the perfect opportunity to develop the scheme - the clubhouse could be turned into a café with fantastic views, the shop could be used for bike hire and other buildings for storage of bikes, and perhaps even a classroom/workshop space. Toilets and car parking facilities are already available on site.

3.24 It is proposed that the Road Safety Park is placed near the building in the picture overleaf which could be used as a community café.



3.25 The image below shows the current view from the potential café building. The Road Safety Park could be based to the right of the picture, so parents can sit outside the cafe with refreshments and watch their children cycling.



3.26 The benefits of the proposed community cycling scheme are:

- Increased use of the area currently covered by the golf course
- More opportunities to explore the heritage landscape
- Attraction for local families to use, within walking distance of large residential area
- Promoting healthy activity
- Complements Leeds Cycling Strategy.
- Provides opportunities to learn how to ride a bike, and use highways, in a safe environment
- Increased awareness, and use of, current cycle trail that circumnavigates Temple Newsam estate (see leaflet attached)
- The current facilities at the site including the golf clubhouse, the shop and the buildings will be given a new lease of life.
- Opportunities to generate a new income through café, shop and bike hire.
- Increasing visitor numbers from the local community, across the city and further afield to the wonderful Temple Newsam estate.

- The facility can be managed and operated by the existing, in-house estate team.

### 3.27 Proposal for investigating potential new events space

3.28 If the golf course does close there is also potential for some of the land to be used as an alternative events space which would reduce pressure on the area of the estate most popular with visitors in general (the House, courtyard and farm). It would also reduce the impact of large events on local residents in terms of noise and traffic.

3.29 As described above, Temple Newsam hosts around 60 events a year ranging from sponsored walks to rock concerts, not all of which require the historic House as a backdrop. Most of the events take place in the areas marked in yellow on the image overleaf.



3.30 It is proposed that the areas highlighted in red are investigated as potential locations for future medium to large scale events. Events that currently take place at in front of the House that would fit on the proposed site include *Let's Rock*, *Cocoon* and *Slam Dunk*. The area highlighted in blue may be suitable for event-related car parking.

3.31 The benefits of creating a new events space at this location are:

- Easy access for event organisers and attendees from M1 and Pontefract Lane rather than through local residential areas and the historic core of the estate.
- Events taking place on this space will be further away from residential areas so would cause less of a disturbance to local people in terms of noise and traffic.
- Visitors will be able to continue to enjoy the most popular areas of the estate (café, shop, House, farm) without disturbance while ticketed events are taking



place – currently, visitor numbers to the rest of the estate drop when large events are on.

- It will reduce any impact of events on the land in front of, and surrounding the House, such as damage to grass, paths etc.
- It presents an opportunity to generate an income from new commercial events.

### 3.32 Image of one section of potential events space:



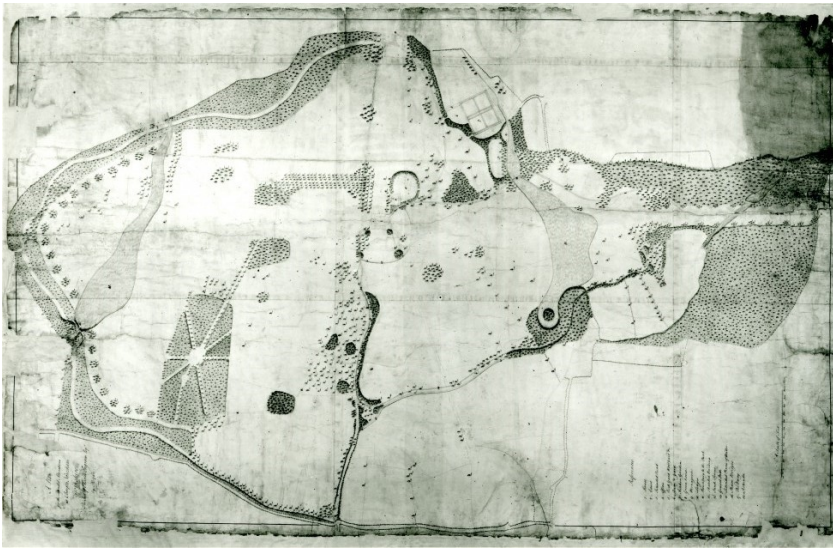
3.33 The golf course site is also a potential new location for other types of events such as the West Yorkshire Cross Country Championships which are held annually at Temple Newsam, and activities such as orienteering.

### 3.34 Proposal for managing the landscape – restoring heritage

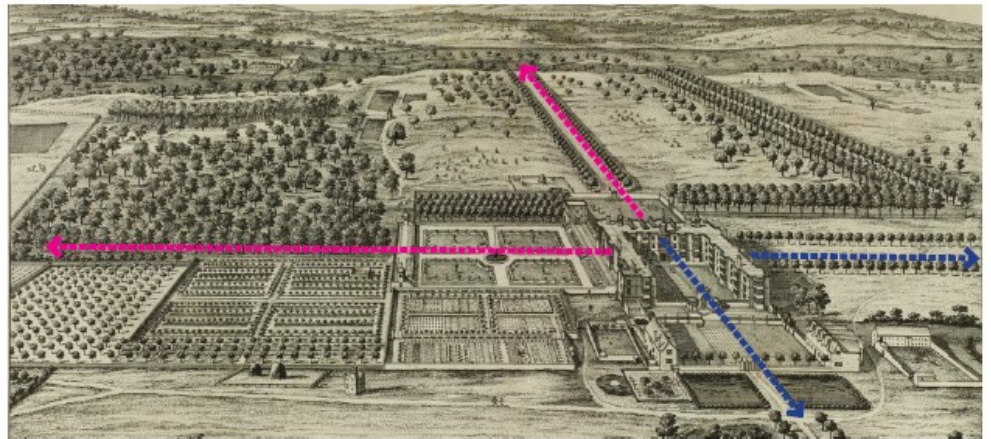
3.35 Even with the cycling facilities and event space, there is a lot of land at the site that won't be impacted by those developments.

3.36 It is proposed that this area is landscaped to reflect the form designed by famous landscape designer Capability Brown in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century, and which includes meadows, woodland with rides, and views across the estate. This will add interest and educational value, make it more distinctive and complement the other fantastic heritage on the estate.

3.37 Original Capability Brown plan for Temple Newsam estate:



3.38 Proposals to open up historic vistas from visioning document for the estate:



Knyff and Kip Plan

**Obscured Views**  
The landscaping of Capability Brown removed the original formal gardens leaving open views to each aspect of the House. Views and vistas form key elements in the design of the landscape.



Present day - Drone Photography

**LEGEND**  
—→ Obscured views  
—→ Existing key vistas

3.39 Restoring the heritage landscape, and making it more accessible to visitors, is consistent with the work of the Resilient Heritage project which has recently launched at Temple Newsam to help safeguard the historic aspects of the site for the long term. It will also boost a potential funding bid to the Heritage Lottery Community Fund for over £5 million to help restore and protect various aspects of the historic estate.

### 3.40 Proposal for managing the landscape for the environment

3.41 There is also an intention to ensure the landscape is made better for the environment as part of this scheme - providing a variety of habitats for wildlife, and opportunities for mitigating the impacts of climate change through significantly increased tree cover and more diverse vegetation such as grassland meadows and heathland.

3.42 The impact of the plans for the site will be a significant net increase in the number of trees there through a comprehensive tree planting scheme.

3.43 The environment will also benefit from the elimination of the use of pesticides and nitrates on site (which will no longer be required if there's no golf course).

3.44 Changes to the landscape will be promoted through the use of educational materials such as information panels, so visitors can learn about the rich history and wildlife of the area while they visit.

3.45 Because the management of the landscape will be less intensive as part of the new scheme, it will be possible to make a financial saving on maintenance each year.

### 3.46 Financial considerations

3.47 The cost of proposed developments is estimated to be £1.35 million.

Description	Cost £'000
BMX pump track	125
Road-safety park	350
Cycle Trails	300
Other landscape related costs	75
Fees / project development	100
Building costs	400
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,350</b>

3.48 Capital funding of £350k has already been set aside for the creation of a road-safety park.

3.49 The 'spend to save' business plan for the project suggests that the remaining £1 million can effectively be funded by prudential borrowing, offset against the savings made by the closure of the golf course, and income from the café, retail, bike hire and commercial events. The facility will be managed and operated by the in-house (Leeds City Council) estate team.

3.50 The potential for external funding to enhance the capital works will also be investigated (e.g. from British Cycling and The Woodland Trust).

3.51 Once the scheme is in place it is anticipated that the financial outcome will be a net contribution to the medium term financial plan of £60k per annum.

## 4. Corporate considerations

### 4.1 Consultation and engagement

4.1.1 If the recommendations in this document are approved, a public consultation on the proposals for the current site of Temple Newsam golf will be undertaken in autumn 2019.

4.1.2 Proposed consultation plan:

Audience	Means
Temple Newsam Golf Club and Temple Newsam Golf Club Limited	Meeting
Friends of Temple Newsam	Meeting
Relevant Leeds City Council teams such as Active Leeds & Road Safety	Meeting
Local community organisations e.g. Residents' Association, Community Forum	Meetings
General public	Online survey
General public	Public event on site

4.1.3 The public consultations will be promoted on the Temple Newsam web pages, social media and on site.

## **4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration**

4.2.1 An equality screening has been undertaken for this scheme, and a full Equality Impact Assessment will be undertaken if Executive Board give approval to move ahead with the proposals.

4.2.2 One of the aims of the scheme is to get more people using the golf course area so a larger number of people can enjoy the great views, fresh air and heritage landscape there. All will be welcome and the facilities will be free to use.

4.2.3 The proposed scheme will make the site more physically accessible – it will all be open to the general public (rather than golfers only) and involves the installation of new, wide cycling and walking routes for use by people of all abilities. Facilities will be available for children, teenagers and adults.

4.2.4 Accessibility will also be taken into account when designing all other aspects of the development such as the Road Safety Park and the café.

4.2.5 If the proposed cycle-hire is implemented, accessible bikes will be available for hire.

4.2.6 It is very likely that the changes will result in more people visiting the site, simply because the number of people using the golf course is currently so low, and golf is in decline locally and nationally. By contrast, off-road cycling and family visitor attractions have proved very popular in Leeds in recent years.

## **4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan**

4.3.1 The proposals in this document can make a contribution to the following Best Council Plan priorities:

4.3.2 Health and wellbeing through supporting healthy, physically active lifestyles through cycling and walking.

- 4.3.3 Inclusive Growth through using the commercial potential of a cycling centre café and shop to provide free cycling facilities for all.
- 4.3.4 Safe, strong communities through providing a new, all-inclusive community resource for local people and visitors from further afield too.
- 4.3.5 Growing the cultural sector through restoring and promoting the heritage of the site, and ensuring that it can be experienced by anyone. Providing a new, large events space facilitates enhancing the image of Leeds through major events and attractions.
- 4.3.6 Child Friendly Leeds through improving health and wellbeing and enhancing the city now and for future generations.
- 4.3.7 Sustainable infrastructure through promoting the sustainable transport option of cycling.
- 4.3.8 Age friendly Leeds through making public spaces and buildings safe, clean and welcoming, and promoting opportunities for older people to be healthy, active and included.
- 4.3.9 The scheme help achieve the Key Performance Indicator of allowing more people to enjoy greater access to green spaces.

Climate Emergency

- 4.3.10 It is proposed that the close-mown golf course grassland is replaced with a more biodiversity-rich habitat including grassland meadows and more trees.
- 4.3.11 This will reduce the city’s contribution to climate change and its impact through using less machinery (for mowing); a net increase in trees on site absorbing carbon, cooling the air and providing shade; denser vegetation reducing the risk of local flooding and a greater diversity of habitats improving the resilience of local wildlife.
- 4.3.12 The proposal is also about promoting cycling, road-safety education and basically encouraging and inspiring people to use more sustainable forms of transport, more often.

**4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money**

- 4.4.1 The cost to the council of Temple Newsam golf course was £220k in the financial year 2018-19 (which is representative of costs in previous years).
- 4.4.2 By closing the golf course, it is estimated that a saving of £67k per annum can be made on maintaining the site less intensively.
- 4.4.3 The cost of proposed developments at the site is estimated to be £1.35 million.

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- 4.4.4 Capital funding of £350k has already been set aside for the creation of a road-safety park.
- 4.4.5 A suitable 'spend to save' business plan has been developed and it is proposed that the remaining £1 million is funded by prudential borrowing, offset against the savings made by the closure of the golf course, and income from the café, retail, bike hire and commercial events.
- 4.4.6 The potential for external funding to supplement the capital works will also be investigated (e.g. from British Cycling and The Woodland Trust)
- 4.4.7 Once the scheme is in place it is anticipated that the financial outcome will be a net contribution to the medium term financial plan of £60k per annum.

#### **4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in**

- 4.5.1 There is no legal obligation for the Council to provide municipal golf provision.
- 4.5.2 If, following consultation, a decision to close and redevelop the golf courses and associated facilities is made, Temple Newsam Golf Club Limited's lease off the club house will need to be terminated before a café can be developed in the building. The lease will not automatically terminate if the golf courses are closed and the lease has the benefit of a statutory right to a renewal lease pursuant to the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954. The lease does permit Temple Newsam Golf Club Limited to terminate the lease if the golf courses are closed but they do not have to do so.
- 4.5.3 If Temple Newsam Golf Club Limited do not choose to terminate their lease voluntarily then the Council, as landlord, will only be entitled to terminate the lease if it can demonstrate one or more prescribed grounds for doing so as set by the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954. One of the prescribed grounds is that a landlord intends to redevelop the property and so the Council will be able to rely on this ground (the Council may be entitled to rely on additional grounds subject to what any final proposals are).
- 4.5.4 The Council will also be required to follow a statutory process in order to terminate the lease in accordance with the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954. the Council will be required to serve Temple Newsam Golf Club Limited with a formal notice to terminate the lease which needs to be served not more than twelve months and not less than six months before the proposed termination date.).
- 4.5.5 If the Council has to terminate the lease under the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954 procedure and relies on the ground that it intends to redevelop the property then Temple Newsam Golf Club Limited will be entitled to a statutory compensation based upon the rated value of the club house.
- 4.5.6 The Council does not yet know the specific legal basis for the residential steward's occupation of the club house's flat and will not have further details (and any relevant documentation) until consultations with Temple Newsam Golf Club Limited start. However, there are two likely scenarios:
- The steward occupies the flat under a service occupancy agreement. If this is the case, then the steward's right to occupy the flat would end if and when the lease is terminated; or
  - The steward occupies the flat under a form of sub-lease granted by Temple Newsam Golf Club Limited. If this is the case then the steward's sub-lease of

the flat would not terminate automatically with Temple Newsam Golf Club Limited's lease of the club house building. If the steward did not choose to voluntarily end the sub-lease then there would need to be a separate notice process to terminate the flat sub-lease. The notice period required and notice process would depend upon the terms of any sub-lease and whether termination is instigated by Temple Newsam Golf Club Limited prior to the end of their own lease of the club house or by the Council after the end of the club house lease. If any sub-lease is not terminated by Temple Newsam Golf Club Limited then the Council would become the landlord for the sub-lease and the sub-lease would likely become subject to the provisions Housing Act 1985 which apply to secure tenancies. The Council would still be able to terminate the sub-lease but it would need to show a relevant ground for doing so (again the Council's intention to redevelop the building will meet one of those grounds) and the steward may be entitled to compensation. The Council would also have to show that suitable alternative accommodation would be available to the steward, which may mean the Council re-housing the steward.

- 4.5.7 As noted above more specific information on the legal basis for the steward's occupation of the flat will be known after consultations with Temple Newsam Golf Club Limited have taken place and copies of any relevant sub-lease or other agreement has been obtained. The Chief Officer for Parks and Countryside will then seek further legal advice from Legal Services.
- 4.5.8 Subject to the outcome of the consultation, given that the land is designated as Green Belt, planning permission will be needed for those elements of this proposal requiring consent. Those discussion will commence after the results of the public consultation are known and properly considered.

#### **4.6 Risk management**

- 4.6.1 If a decision is made to keep the golf course open the council will need to manage the costs and acknowledge that the site will only be used by a limited audience.
- 4.6.2 If the decision is made to close the golf course but not implement the proposed developments, there will still be a cost to the council of maintaining the area but no opportunities to generate an income, and limited prospects for increasing visitor numbers and sharing the heritage landscape.
- 4.6.3 The risks of going ahead with the proposed golf course closure and developments are that the income generating aspects of the scheme are unsuccessful and the costs to the council are higher than anticipated. This has been considered as part of the business plan which, at a conservative estimate, suggests the risk of such a failure is small.
- 4.6.4 Other risks of the proposed development include anti-social behaviour and vandalism. These risks will be taken into consideration at the design stage. For example, CCTV will be installed by the buildings, robust materials will be used for the road safety park and vehicle barriers could be used to restrict access for motorised vehicles to the cycle trails.
- 4.6.5 The experience of the Parks and Countryside Service suggests that lack of use of the proposed facilities is an unlikely risk.
- 4.6.6 Consultation with Planning through a pre-application process will minimise risk with regards to Planning matters.

## **5. Conclusions**

- 5.1 Use of the golf course at Temple Newsam has been decreasing for several years reflecting a national decline in golf. As a consequence the golf course there is operating at a significant cost to the council.
- 5.2 To make the most of the current site of Temple Newsam golf by increasing visits to the area, it is proposed, subject to the outcome of the public consultation, that consideration be given to transforming the land into a family cycling centre including road-safety park, family cycle trails and a small BMX pump track.
- 5.3 Subject to the necessary planning approvals, developing a shop, café, bike hire and new events space as part of the scheme will generate an income to contribute to site maintenance costs
- 5.4 Restoring the landscape to reflect the original design will complement the rest of the heritage estate, improve the visitor experience and make the area better for the environment.

## **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1 Executive Board is requested to give consent for Parks and Countryside to commence a public consultation on the proposed closure of the golf course and the proposed developments outlined in this document.
- 6.2 (Subject to the outcomes of the consultation) For Executive Board to delegate the decision to close Temple Newsam golf course and develop the area for recreation, conservation and education as described to the Chief Officer, Parks and Countryside.
- 6.3 For the Chief Officer for Parks and Countryside to be made responsible for the implementation of the recommendations (including seeking necessary approvals).

## **7. Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

- 7.1 None

## **8. Appendices**

- 8.1 Draft proposed cycle trails, road-safety park and pump track plan – appendix 1
- 8.2 Draft proposed road-safety park plan – appendix 2
- 8.3 Temple Newsam Trailway leaflet – appendix 3

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.