

Supplementary Information

Inner North West Area Committee
16th December 2010

Agenda Item 3 Matters Arising

1. Following the publication of the Area Committee papers, additional information relating to the above report is being made available to Members.
2. At its meeting on 8th July, the Area Committee asked for consultation to be carried out with Parks and Countryside regarding the proposal to build a BMX Trail at Dobby Row, off Kirkstall Road.
3. A detailed design for the BMX Trail has been produced and submitted for planning approval.
4. Consultation with Parks and Countryside has now taken place, and the service has declined a request to accept ownership of the site. The Service is able to maintain the site for a third party at a cost of around £30,000 per year. It is highly unlikely that any other council department will agree to accepting liability and ownership of the land or new facility.
5. Councillor Illingworth and Councillor Atha were briefed on the current status of the project on the 14th December. Councillor Illingworth agreed to enter into discussions with the Kirkstall Valley Park Committee, with a view to the group taking responsibility for the site on a peppercorn lease, subject to approval by Asset Management.
6. A resolution on the future ownership of the site is required by the end of January. This is due to the timescales set by the Quality Bus Initiative project which is providing the capital funding and overburden (fill) for the project.
7. No other organisation has been identified that could be approached to accept a lease on the land within the above timescale.
8. If Kirkstall Valley Park or Asset Management do not support the proposed lease, the project will not be progressed with the funding from the Quality Bus Initiative.
9. The Area Committee has agreed to underwrite £5,000 of the Section 106 costs incurred to date, and Kirkstall Ward Members have agreed to underwrite an additional £4,000 revenue costs relating to a waste licence application from their Kirkstall Ward Well-being budget.
10. Members are asked to note the current status of the Dobby Row BMX Trail project. Should the proposal to offer a lease to Kirkstall Valley Park by the end of January 2011 not be successful, the project will not be progressed with the Quality Bus Initiative funding.