



TODMORDEN TOWN COUNCIL

**Item 11 – Town Council 16th Dec
2020**

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REPORT TO TOWN COUNCIL

REPORT AUTHOR	Resources Committee
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Date	16th December 2020
SUBJECT	Wheelspark project – Selection of Contractor

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To inform Town Council that the Resources Committee met on the 14th December 2020 to consider a report from the Town Clerk, that was prepared following presentations by the two prospective contractors to a User Group held on the 9th December 2020.
2. To advise Town Council that at the meeting of the Resources Committee held on the 14th December 2020, the Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to Town Council that “Freestyle” be appointed as the preferred contractor for delivery of their Wheelspark proposal.

BACKGROUND

3. Members have been provided with regular updates on the progress of this project.
4. All Town Councillors were circulated by email a copy of the report to Resources Committee and the design layouts.
5. Since that report was circulated the Environment Agency have issued a notice requiring further information, which will see a delay of at least two months before they may be able to issue a permit.
6. Until this Permit is issued funding cannot be confirmed and work cannot start.
7. Extension to Accelerator Funding deadline/alternatives are currently being explored.
8. In the meantime further aspects of the project can be progressed (albeit always at risk) and the Resources Committee passed the necessary resolutions to enable this to still move forward - see Appendix 1.

RECOMMENDATION

9. That Town Council confirm the Resources Committee recommendation to appoint Freestyle as the preferred contractor to deliver a new Wheelspark for Todmorden.
10. That Town Council ratify the decision of the Resources Committee to draw down the Skatepark Earmarked Reserve of £5000 to enable this project to still be progressed.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

11. The approval of Town Council is required to appoint the contractor to deliver such a scheme given the initial contract value of £141,000.
12. The approval of Town Council is required to use Earmarked Reserves.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS & BUDGET PROVISION:

13. Budgets are already established to take this project forward subject to confirmation/ agreement being entered into by Calderdale MBC in an amount of £150000/£165000.
14. The additional £5000 requested in respect of design work/Environment Agency Permit related work ahead of contract and used also to lever in another £15000 of grant funding, is felt to be both reasonable and a necessary risk to ensure progress continues.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS:

15. This reinforces a longstanding commitment to deliver a new Wheelspark for Todmorden

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION:

16. Two user group meetings held to date.

IMPACT EQUALITY ASSESSMENT

17. None arising from this report.

SUPPORTING PAPERS:

18. Appendix 1 – Draft Minutes of Resources Committee

FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT: Colin Hill