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## Report To Resources Committee

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<b>Subject</b>	<b>Wheelspark coaching Opportunity</b>

### PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update Members on an opportunity to take forward further coaching on the Wheelspark installed by Todmorden Town Council.
2. To consider the Wheelspark coaching opportunity.
3. To approve , under the Resources Committee delegated authority, taking forward the opportunity for coaching at the Council’s wheels park.

### BACKGROUND

4. Todmorden Town Council installed a Wheelspark in 2021.
5. Todmorden Town Council wanted to encourage the use of the Wheelspark with additional an additional coaching session.
6. An opportunity has a risen for TTC to work with Active Calderdale to have multiple coaching sessions on the Wheelspark with Skate It Yourself.
7. Skate It Yourself who deliver outreach and skating training and support in Calderdale.
8. Active Calderdale have funding for support and opportunities which enable priority reach areas and groups to move more in a way that they chose. We also work to improve environments such as parks and green spaces to make it easier for people to be active.
9. Insight and observation have highlighted that the skate park is primarily used by boys/young men. Very few girls use the skate park but can often be seen hanging around the edge. A shared proposal was met favourably by local assets supporting young females. Working with target schools, community groups and local services the aim is to offer skateboard training and support for girls and young women who fall within our priority groups in the Todmorden (Cornholme /Walsden) area. To ensure places are

based on need, places will be allocated on a referral basis by partners who support girls and young women.

10. The aims of the project are to:

- Demonstrate that when opportunities are put in place girls will use park facilities and become more active.
- Engage the girls in providing insight and action to make local green spaces more accessible to them.
- Volunteering opportunities. Provide skills and peer support/mentoring for girls involved to provide opportunities for peers to skate, support others and potentially organise events with support from SIY after the project ends.
- Supportive building of community - see Rolling With the Girls Leeds
- Encourage and support organisations involved to embed activity into their delivery.
- Girls move more, build confidence and broaden horizons.

11. Skate it Yourself will provide up to 3 months of weekly hour long training sessions at the skate park on a Monday evening for up to 32 girls/young women. This can be extended depending on attendance level and impact of the sessions. Two SIY instructors will be present at all sessions. SIY can provide lighting for winter sessions and this could be increased with funding from TTC.

12. Incentives/Rewards - It has been agreed that ways in which girls can 'earn' boards and helmets will be explored so girls and young women can practice outside sessions. If necessary, these can be part funded by AC. SIY/Active Calderdale hoodies will be provided to help girls feel part of group and to keep them warm during winter evenings.

## **FINANCIAL**

13. Todmorden Town Council have put a budget of £1000 to provide coaching at the Wheels park.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

14. That the Committee approve the collaboration with Active Calderdale to take forward this opportunity to provide training sessions.

15. That the committee agree that the £1000 budget provision be contributed to the project and that the Town Clerk take the operational side of this project forward.

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

16. To encourage the use of the Wheelspark by a more diverse group

17. To allow more extensive coaching and a fraction of the costs as they are shared by Active Calderdale.

## **POLICY IMPLICATIONS:**

18. None.

## **CLIMATE CHANGE:**

19. None.

**SUPPORTING PAPERS:** None

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