



Portfolio Holder Report

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Report of:	Portfolio Holder	Date of publication
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Thornton Leisure Centre Car Park Improvements

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To gain retrospective approval to re-allocate budgets to allow improvement works to the Thornton Leisure Centre car park utilising budget savings from 2015/16 revenue accounts.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 The Thornton Leisure Centre car park will be resurfaced to allow surfaced parking for 150 vehicles.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 That retrospective approval be given to support improvements to the Thornton Leisure Centre car park noting the re-allocation of budgets as set out in the report.

4. Background

- 4.1 Following the significant investment by the Council at Thornton Leisure Centre, the facility now offers the following:
- ✓ State of the art health and fitness facilities including one of the largest gyms in the region with 100+ stations
 - ✓ Purpose built spinning and fitness class studios
 - ✓ YMCA Bowl 10 pin bowling and family entertainment centre
 - ✓ Air Skate Park - indoor ramp experience for boards, blades, BMX and scooters
 - ✓ Cafe Diner

- ✓ Outdoor 3G Pitches
- ✓ Squash Courts & Outdoor Sport Pitches
- ✓ Creche Services

4.2 The investment in the centre has substantially increased user numbers and demand for car parking spaces. The unsurfaced rear car park was badly pot holed and posed a risk of damage to car users and a safety risk to pedestrians.

4.3 In February 2016 a contract was let to Wyre surfacing for a 5 year term contract for resurfacing works, following an open tender through the CHEST.

4.4 The works have progressed well and were completed on 13 May with the exception of re-lining the front car park which is due for completion in early June.

5. Key issues and proposals

5.1 The extension to the Thornton Leisure Centre car park will provide additional capacity and an improved layout at an estimated cost of £60,000. The works were commissioned from Wyre Surfacing who successfully won the Council's surfacing contract for a 5 year period of which these works formed part. They have previously undertaken works to a high quality for the council.

5.2 Existing car parking maintenance budgets and savings made within the 2015/16 financial year from other Engineering maintenance budgets will fund the works undertaken in 2015/16 and 2016/17.

6. Delegated functions

6.1 The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the Neighbourhood Services and Community Safety Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3 of the council's constitution): To exercise all powers in relation to the provision and operation of off-street car parks which are not ancillary to another Council building the management of which is undertaken by another portfolio holder."

6.2 The matters referred to in this report are considered under the following executive function delegated to the Resources Portfolio Holder (as set out in Part 3.03 of the Council's Constitution): "To approve the transfer of funds (in accordance with Financial Procedure Rules) within the approved estimates insofar as they are within the Council's budget and policy framework and subject to any limitations set by the Council within the budget framework".

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	The cost will be partly borne by existing car park revenue budgets with the additional £45,627 being covered by savings made in other revenue budgets in 2015/16. The overspend in 2015/16 of £29,917 can be met from savings in the Sea Defences Private Contractors budget and the overspend in 2016/17 will be met by slippage of 2015/16 underspends in the following areas: Maintenance of Unadopted Assets £6,640 Naming of Streets £2,790 Metered Car Park Maintenance £6,280.
Legal	Formal legal agreements were entered into with Wyre Surfacing in compliance with the Council's Financial Procedure Rules.

Other risks/implications: checklist

If there are significant implications arising from this report on any issues marked with a ✓ below, the report author will have consulted with the appropriate specialist officers on those implications and addressed them in the body of the report. There are no significant implications arising directly from this report, for those issues marked with a x.

risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	✓

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	✓
climate change	x
data protection	x

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None		