Progress Update – Review of Security at Preston Park

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1.	That the types and incidence of antisocial behaviour and key vulnerabilities within Preston Park be noted.				
2.	That the range of potential solutions to deter and reduce the incidence of anti-social behaviour within Preston Park be noted.				
3.	That enhanced CCTV, vehicle controls, improved signage and lighting are acknowledged as the main means by which the key vulnerabilities within Preston Park can be addressed.				
4.	That the Select Committee report informs the development and implementation of the Masterplan for the Park.	PPMG Development and Operations Manager	To be determined by resource availability	Work is progressing towards the Masterplan delivery and the Select Committee work is informing this. The main focus has been sourcing capital funding. First stage, expression of interest document was put into Tees Valley Combined Authority and we are awaiting decision. In order to support funding bids the existing Masterplan is being strengthened with the visual concepts. These will be ready by late March. The areas of focus within the plan such as toilets, cafes, car parking and paths are all being developed with the consideration of	1

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				improvements to the safety and security of the park and the visitors.	
5.	That a business case is developed for implementing appropriate safety and security measures from the range of measures highlighted in the Select Committee report.	PPMG Development and Operations Manager	January 2019	The introduction of the new ranger team with varied hours has assisted with the reduction of ASB in the park due to more regular patrols. There has also been an uptake in voluntary activity which is building on the sense of community pride and respect. This is growing further with weekly work parties and monthly litter picks which are well attended. Significant work has been carried out to improve paths, cutting back areas which have overgrown and general repairs. This work is important as it is contributing to a reduction in ASB as areas are better maintained therefore respected and also areas which were overgrown and attracted unwanted behaviour are now more open and less attractive for them. A new gate has been fitted at the rear overflow carpark which is locked earlier on an evening before the main gates. This has stopped cars in the area on an evening which was previously an issue. Rangers now have on a site a utility vehicle which enables them to react quicker and go to any issues. They also have radio contact with the museum, café and external partners such as Rivershack. They also have a shared mobile with its number clearly displayed on site near the	1

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				toilets/café in case of issues / incidents. The rangers have built a good relationship with both the enforcement team and the PCSOs Feasibility works and costings was carried out early Autumn for the installation of three new CCTVs in the Park. The work for CCTV installation will be picked up again early Spring as work couldn't be carried out over Winter. A business case for other potential security measures highlighted in the Select Committee report will be considered alongside the implementation of the Masterplan.	
6.	That the business case sets out the actual costs taking into account the likely savings in ongoing repairs and maintenance to enable Cabinet to make appropriate financial provision and/or consider the means by which income can be generated towards the costs of the improvements.	PPMG Development and Operations Manager	July 2019	Costings for further safety and surveillance measures will be included in capital bids where relevant and the savings associated with reduced incidence of ASB will be referenced in support of the funding request.	1

Assessment of progress:

1	Achieved (Fully)
2	On Track but not yet
	due for completion
3	Slipped
4	Not Achieved