

LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL

PARTNERSHIP COMMITTEE

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GREEN GYM FUNDING

1 Outdoor Gym at Pages Park

- 1.1 A 'green gym' is an area of outdoor gym equipment enabling people to keep fit who would not normally attend a conventional gym or sports centre.
- 1.2 The approximate cost of installing a green gym with, for example, 10 items of equipment on a play surface is £30,000
- 1.3 A number of funding options have been identified from Sports England :
 - 1.3.1 £20,000 - £50,000 – partnership funding either in cash or in-kind is preferred but not essential.
 - 1.3.2 £50,000 - £250,000 – 1/3 partnership funding essential
- 1.4 In Big Plan II, the green gym was identified under Sports and Leisure - Planned Developments.
- 1.5 A requirement for a green gym in one of the Town's parks was identified in the Parks Master Planning consultation.
- 1.6 The Master Planning Report highlighted a number of issues residents and groups had with the Park and a survey carried out with suggestions for improvements. This report highlighted the benefits of keeping young people in sport and ensuring there was a range of facilities available to them locally. The proposal was for a green gym to be developed in Pages Park.
- 1.7 The improvements that were suggested were to provide more facilities within the Park including an outdoor gym and play equipment for older children.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 **To consider allocating up to £10,000 (20% match funding) from the Big Plan Projects budget (900/9028) to increase the likelihood of a successful outcome to the application to Sport England for grant funding for a green gym.**

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