

**Otley Town Council**

**Policy & Resources Committee**

**Date: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015**

**Subject: Town Sculpture**

**Report By: Executive Officer**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the support of Members (in principle) with regard to the placing of a sculpture within the town at a location to be agreed.

**2.0 Background**

2.1 Last year the Town Council received an offer from a member of the public to supply a bike sculpture to commemorate the Tour de France passing through the town and to celebrate Otley as a cycling hub.

2.2 It was intended that the sculpture be placed on the Leeds Road roundabout.

2.3 The design, construction and installation costs would have been borne by the resident.

2.4 Financial support from the Town Council was requested to cover any future maintenance and to provide insurance cover. It was envisaged that both of these costs would have been minimal and be able to be covered by existing budgets. Once installed, ownership of the sculpture would have transferred to the Council.

2.5 Unfortunately, the nature of the design and its construction methods (it was to be powder coated to lessen maintenance costs) caused an issue in that no-where was able to offer a powder coating tank large enough to accommodate the sculpture.

**3.0 Current Proposal**

3.1 The current proposal is for a sculpture to celebrate Otley as a walking venue. Pictures are attached to the end of the report. Suggested locations are the triangle of land in front of the post office (not owned by the Council) or the land owned by the Council outside what was the HSBC bank.

3.2 Again, the cost of design, construction and installation to be borne by the resident and the maintenance and insurance to be covered by the Council.

#### 4.0 Legal and Financial Implications

4.1 None initially.

#### 5.0 Sustainability

5.1 The report is compliant with Aalborg.

#### 6.0 Recommendations

6.1 Members views are sought on the principle of;

- I. the sculpture itself
- II. accepting responsibility for ownership, insurance and maintenance.





Hiker crossing