

**Otley Town Council**

**Environment & Sustainability Committee**

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Report: Outdoor Gym**

**Report by: Executive Officer**

**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 To inform members of costs received to carry out necessary repair works to the outdoor gym equipment located in Wharfemeadows Park.

**2. Background**

2.1 The outdoor gym was installed in 2013 as a result of the Voice Your Choice project. The choice of location was determined by Leeds City Council, the Town Council had wanted an alternative location but were unsuccessful in their request.

2.2 The equipment was installed by Hags SMP who recommended the surfacing beneath the equipment. Unfortunately the location and the subsequent flooding has eroded away the soil underneath the surfacing leaving it in an unsafe condition. There are voids underneath the matting meaning that someone could put their foot through and injure themselves resulting in a claim against the Council.

2.3 There are two alternative solutions to the problem;

- Relocate the equipment – this would be costly and it is doubtful LCC would agree to this
- Replace the surfacing with a more appropriate material

2.4 Costings have been collected from three providers, details are itemised below.

Company	Options	Cost
HAGS SMP (RPGS)	Geotextile Membrane & Tarmac	£11,243

LCC	Hardcore Sub Base & Golden Gravel	£7,249
MANT LEISURE	Concrete bases	£8,874
	Artificial Grass	£9,865
	Rubber Mulch	£6,960

2.5 When looking at the various options, it must be borne in mind that the area may flood again and the choice of surface is important. It is likely that the problems will recur if the solutions from LCC or Hags SMP are selected.

2.6 It is suggested that the best solution would be concrete bases. The quote obtained is for a large area around each piece of equipment which would not be washed/eroded away. As the equipment does not involve working out at any height, the use of concrete would not be an issue from a safety point of view.

### **3. Legal and Financial implications**

3.1 There are no immediate legal implications arising from this report. If approved, the cost of works would have to be taken out of reserves as there are insufficient funds in the 2015/2016 budget and the maintenance budget for 2016/2017 stands at £1,000.

### **4. Recommendations**

4.1 Members are asked to note the content of this report and approve the appointment of Mant Leisure to carry out works to the outdoor gym – the provision of concrete bases at a cost of £8,874 to come out of reserves.