

Item 8 - Bradbourne Lakes - Sevenoaks

The attached report was considered by the Direct & Trading Advisory Committee on 9 October 2018. The relevant Minute extract is below.

Direct & Trading Advisory Committee (Minute 16, 9 October 2018)

The Chairman welcomed Jennette Emery-Wallis, of Land Use Consultants (LUC) who gave a [presentation](#) on the results of the Public Consultation carried out in August 2018 on 'The vision for Bradbourne Lakes'.

In presenting the report the Chief Officer Environmental & Operational Services explained that the funding for the priority works identified in the vision for the Bradbourne Lakes was outside the Council's ten year budget and therefore external funding would need to be applied for in order to wholly or partially fund the required works to implement the vision. The report therefore sought approval to commission consultants to develop a full vision costed plan in order to be able to seek external funding.

The Chairman exercised his discretion and allowed [John Ingram](#) from Bradbourne Residents' Association and Christina Rose to address the Committee. Cllrs Dr Canet and Krogdahl also addressed the Committee. All were keen, as many local residents were, to see improvements to the area as soon as possible.

In response to various points and questions raised it was explained that in order to be successful in many of the external bidding processes, a robust vision and holistic strategy was required and the Council did not have the necessary in-house expertise for making such applications. Any restoration works, if funding was sourced, would need to be carefully planned to ensure improvements were delivered in a holistic and considered manner, and prioritised to obtain the best outcomes for the funding that could be made available. Any improvements or new facilities provided would have on-going maintenance liabilities and would need to be factored in. Commercial sponsorship could be investigated however it was doubtful it would bring in the necessary funds for restoration. A Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) application was a possible part funding stream open to the project.

Public Sector Equality Duty

Members noted that consideration had been given to impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty.

Resolved: that it be recommended to Cabinet that

- a) the results of the Public Consultation be noted and the Land Use Consultants (LUC) be commissioned to develop a full vision costed plan and external funding opportunities explored, and for grant applications to fund the proposed improvement and restoration works be submitted; and

- b) the Consultancy works (at an estimated cost of £60,000) be considered as a growth item for the 2019/20 budget.