

ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

IMPLICATIONS/CONSULTATIONS

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives <i>(delete as appropriate):</i>	Priority 1 – Improve the health and wellbeing of our communities Priority 2 – Enhance the quality of people's lives Priority 3 – Enable a flourishing local economy
Consultation:	<i>A wide range of public engagement initiatives will contribute to community cohesion bringing together local groups and creating a new Friends Group. This develops on the work already undertaken through the stakeholder group representing:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Town, district and county council councillors and officers</i>• <i>Bishop's Stortford Civic Federation</i>• <i>Bishop's Stortford U3A</i>• <i>Thorley U3A</i>• <i>Bishop's Stortford Museum</i>• <i>Bishop's Stortford History Society</i>• <i>Chantry Community Association</i>• <i>Hertfordshire Police</i>• <i>Youth Connexions</i>• <i>Environment Agency</i> <i>The network of tennis provision and engagement with young people through the new older children's play area will strengthen sports and youth provision.</i>
Legal:	<i>Works will comply with planning conditions and recommendations from the Environment Agency and Historic England.</i>
Financial:	<i>The main report focuses on the relevant financial issues. Additional capital funding of £124k is required in order</i>

	<i>for the project to proceed.</i>
Human Resource:	<i>The HLF funding includes budget for the employment of a part time project officer and community engagement officer. Additional resource is required to deliver the single customer services team and HLF Castle Park. It is proposed that these funds are combined with the existing Improvement and Insight budget to recruit an additional full time project manager to enable the delivery of these two projects.</i>
Risk Management:	<i>Without the required contribution, the Council would risk losing the allocated grant.</i>
Health and wellbeing – issues and impacts:	<i>People will have a strong and direct involvement in the park, building a sense of ownership and engagement across the age ranges. In addition to the collaborative approach taken with the community during the design work, this will also include the volunteering, research and events organised by the friends group and the ambassador scheme for the teenage space. Health walks and parkrun will both be supported through the improvements along with better all-weather footpaths for short walks and wheelchair access. Better access to the riverside will encourage water activities such as canoeing.</i>
Equality Impact Assessment required:	<i>N/A</i>