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SUBJECT:	RESTORATION OF MAURICE LEA MEMORIAL PARK	REF: e:\leisure\committee reports\mlp.doc
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	GRESLEY	TERMS OF REFERENCE: CS07

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That Members approve the process outlined in the report for taking the project forward.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To outline the way forward in completing the development work identified by the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF).

3.0 Executive Summary

3.1 Because of the time constraints imposed by the HLF, it will be necessary to progress the project as quickly as possible. To facilitate this it is intended to establish a small project team. Amongst others, this team will involve a community representative and a local Member. One of the prime objectives of this involvement will be to prioritise and shape options for consideration by this Committee.

4.0 Detail

4.1 Members will recall that the project has been awarded a Stage 1 pass by the HLF. This involves the award of a maximum of 75% of total development funding of £43,943. The ultimate aim is a Stage 2 award for full restoration proposals valued in the region of £500,000

4.2 At the meeting of the 6th June 2002, Members approved an ad hoc list of landscape consultants to be invited to tender for the work. Members also resolved to give officers authority to award the work to the lowest tenderer.

4.3 Following the competitive process the work has been awarded to Faulks Perry Culley and Rech (FPCR). FPCR's timetable for completing the work identified in the brief is attached at Annexe A.

4.4 Key issues identified in the brief are option appraisal for distinct project elements and community involvement in the general development of the project. This scheme

began in November 1997 and to date there has been fairly limited community involvement, mainly because of the lengthy timescale of the application process. Perhaps the most important factor now is the involvement of Members, and particularly local Members, in the development of the project.

4.5 To address these issues the following way forward is proposed:

- the establishment of a small project team to work with the landscape consultant.
- team to also involve a local Member, a community representative and officers.
- part of the role of the project team would be to prioritise and shape options prior to consideration by this Committee.
- further reports to Committee at key stages.
- presentation to the October 2002 meeting of the Swadlincote Area Committee outlining progress with the project.
- This will form part of the process of trying to establish a 'Friends of Group' for the site

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 None from this report

6.0 Corporate Implications

6.1 None

7.0 Community Implications

7.1 Feedback from a public meeting held at the beginning of the application process indicates that this project will generate a great deal of community interest and support

8.0 Conclusions

8.1 The report identifies a way forward for the delivery of the development work while at the same time obtaining the necessary Member and community involvement

9.0 Background Papers

9.1 Submitted Tenders/ File 68 Tech Services