

INFORMATION NOTE: BANCROFT RECREATION GROUND

THE HEAD OF LEISURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

PARKS FOR PEOPLE LOTTERY APPLICATION**Background**

On the 28th January 2014 Cabinet approved delegated authority to the Strategic Director of Customer Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Leisure, for the final submission of the Stage 1 Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) bid for the refurbishments of Bancroft Recreation Ground. The bid was submitted in February 2014.

The table below summarise the anticipated financial contributions and highlights the value of the Parks For People grant.

Summary of Funding Sources			
Council Resources	Value	External	Value
<i>Capital programme,</i>	£370,000	Section 106	£119,000
Hitchin Area Committee	£30,000	Volunteer hours	£10,000
		80% Parks For People Lottery Grant	£2,118,000
Total NHDC investment	£400,000	Total External investment	£2,247,000
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On the 24th June 2014 the HLF Board met to consider the outcome of our Stage One Lottery Submission for Bancroft Recreation Ground. Unfortunately we have received news that they have decided to reject the Councils application.

Officers are due to meet with representatives from the HLF to discuss their decision in greater detail.

Next Steps

A short report is being presented to Cabinet on the 5th August to formally notify it of this decision.

Based on the information received from discussions with the HLF officers will report back to a future meeting of Cabinet listing a range of options for Bancroft Recreation Ground.

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