

Capital Programme Application Form



Corporate Priority	A Green Borough – To remain a clean and beautiful place to live, work and visit, as a result of the continued effort put in to protect the quality of the local environment.
Proposed Scheme	Crematorium Woodland Walk
Outline of Proposal, including timescales	<p>This proposal relates to the paved woodland walk located in the Crematorium woodland scatter area. The footpath is currently of concrete paved construction and provides access for relatives to attend the scattering of ashes or to visit the area to remember loved ones. The footpath is extremely uneven as a result of tree roots and changes in levels. This choice of paving is unsuitable given the woodland setting and presents significant trip hazards and risk of injury from falls.</p> <p>The proposal is the installation of 1.2m wide boardwalk including side rail 50mm tall and 50mm wide for the length of the boardwalk all made from recycled plastic formed to resemble wood planks. The width and the handrail will allow access for visitors with mobility difficulties and present more pleasing surrounding for the crematorium staff to sell opportunities for woodland scattering.</p> <p>It is proposed to carry out the work in early spring of 2020.</p>
Sources of funding	Capital & Revenue Initiatives Reserve
Objectives	A Green Borough – To remain a clean and beautiful place to live, work and visit, as a result of the continued effort put in to protect the quality of the local environment.
Benefits	Maintaining the asset and providing safe access to the woodland. Reduced risk of accidents and claims against the Council. Reduced maintenance costs. The footpath will not need any further maintenance for the next 15 – 20 years. Reduction in the number of complaints from relatives visiting the area.
How will the proposal contribute towards: Corporate Priority?	A Green Borough – To remain a clean and beautiful place to live, work and visit, as a result of the

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<p>Local Area Agreement?</p> <p>Asset Management Plan?</p> <p>Other plans and strategies (please specify)?</p>	<p>continued effort put in to protect the quality of the local environment.</p>
<p>Constraints (e.g. time, reliance on external funding, legal or technical factors)</p>	<p>Weather and ground conditions.</p> <p>Availability of a suitably qualified contractor.</p> <p>Working within the Crematorium grounds and the timing of services.</p>
<p>Is this scheme already in the Capital Programme? (If so, has the work started or has the contract been let?)</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Does this scheme create new assets, which the Council will need to replace in due course? If so, please give the asset</p>	<p>No</p>

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life expectancies.	
Have Accountancy agreed that the proposed expenditure should correctly be treated as capital?	Yes
Implications of proposal being rejected	Increased complaints from relatives to the Crematorium office and the risk of possible insurance claims. Failure to carry out the work may lead to negative publicity for the Council via social media and the press. Risk of lost income to the Council from relatives declining the opportunity to scatter ashes in a woodland setting.
Implications of proposal being delayed	Continued complaints from visitors and risks for injuries from trips and falls . Risk of the footpath being closed for periods of time during wet weather when paving slabs become slippery.
Alternative solutions (If capital funding not available)	Given the need to provide access to visitors with mobility difficulties or wheelchair users no alternatives are possible.
Risks (outline risks and action required to meet them)	Risk to the Councils reputation, accidents and insurance claims.
How does this proposal impact on equalities?	Improved access for wheelchair users and those with mobility difficulties.
Are there any VAT implications?	None

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Capital Costs				
Expenditure	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Site Acquisition	0			
Construction	£18,500			
Structural Maintenance	0			
Fees	0			
Vehicles, Plant, Furniture and Equipment	0			
Grants and Contributions	0			
Other expenditure	0			
Total	£18,500			
Less external grants and contributions	0			
Less sales of related fixed assets	0			
Net cost to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council	£18,500			