BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Special Environment Committee Tuesday 26 March 2024 Decision Report

CHANGE OF USE OF EXISTING ISABELLA SKATE PARK PAD Recommendations

The Committee RESOLVE to reinstate this area in keeping the existing hard surface for a variety of leisure/social activities.

Ward

Isabella

Risk Management

There is budget provision, in the Play Area programme, for this area to be reinstated as part of the new skate park scheme. The remedial work required should not affect the newly installed drainage work by NCC.

<u>Objective</u>

To promote the environmental, social, and economic wellbeing of the town and its community. One way this can be done is by the provision of Play/Sports Areas to create a facility for all, to both learn, play and meet within a pleasant environment.

Report

Members agreed that Officers consult with various groups that use this field as to what type of facility would be more beneficial, after the current skate park facilities are removed.

Officers have liaised with a Councillor, linked with groups using this location, who has met with the groups regarding some potential uses of this area.

The groups would like the pad to be cleared of all equipment and the surface made safe. This work will involve removal of the steel ramps which are there and make good/level by additional materials and be of a lesser risk to affecting any of the recent drainage work carried out by NCC. Groups will use this for street sports, exercise and an area for supporters to stand to watch teams play football.

M Wilkinson Deputy Town Clerk 7 March 2024