

Title of Report:	Inclusive Cycle Project
Committee Report Submitted To:	The Leisure & Development Committee
Date of Meeting:	18 th February 2020
For Decision or For Information	For Decision

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, healthy & engaged communities
Outcome	Citizens will have access to Council recreational facilities and protected natural environments which help them to develop their physical, emotional and cognitive health.
Lead Officer	Head of Sport & Wellbeing

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£27,500
Included in Current Year Estimates	YES/NO
Capital/Revenue	Capital
Code	n/a
Staffing Costs	n/a

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	Yes/No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	Yes/No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	Yes/No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to seek Members approval to develop an inclusive cycle route stretching 2.6km between the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre and Riverside Park in Ballymoney; provide safe and accessible storage for specialist equipment currently owned by Council; and provide one additional Van Raam Velo Plus Wheelchair Transporter Bike.

2.0 Background

Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council teamed up with Disability Sport NI to introduce inclusive cycling sessions in January 2019 following an investment of £30k in 2015 and additional monies provided in 2018 providing 16 specialist bikes, including track bikes, tandems, sports chairs, tricycles and hand cycles.

The sessions provided an opportunity to 'have-a-go' on specialist cycling equipment including, side by side tandems, hand cycles and wheelchair platform cycles. Following the success of the pilot session on the 20th January 2019 and to facilitate the cycles being used as widely as possible within current constraints the following sessions took place at JDLC, Ballymoney:

- 24th March 2019
- 28th April 2019
- 26th May 2019
- 16th June 2019
- 7th July 2019
- 28th July 2019
- 18th August 2019

Photos of the sessions can be seen at **Annex A**.

3.0 Moving Forward

The success of the Inclusive Family Cycling Days identified the need to provide an accessible provision similar to specialist bike rental schemes within other areas. However Council does not currently have a pedestrianised area, with footpaths which would enable the specialist bikes. Additionally Council only owned one Van Raam Velo Plus Wheelchair Transporter Bike which has created waiting times for severely disabled children to use the service

After meetings with service users; Council's Sport & Wellbeing Development Unit, Outdoor Leisure and the Capital Projects Team initiated a scoping exercise to investigate the possibility of linking the Disability Hub Project at the Joey Dunlop Centre with the footpaths at Riverside Park, Ballymoney.

The Inclusive Cycling Route is along the current shared path network that runs from the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre to Riverside Park and onto Bravallen Road and Armour Avenue. The route is approximately 2.6 km in length.

Following the assessment it was agreed that the proposed route is considered acceptable as an Inclusive Cycling Route subject to a number of minor alterations to some key features on the route to accommodate the width and turning circles associated with the specialist bikes.

The Project will provide an opportunity for families to access the bikes (by appointment) independently within facility working hours at JDLC and will enable service users to utilise the controlled area at Riverside Park.

3.1 Cycle Storage

The inclusive cycles are currently stored with limited access during peak operating times in Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre some 100 metres away from the route entrance and would require service users to navigate safe passage across the busy leisure centre car park. Operationally this situation would not be sustainable to encourage increased numbers using the cycle route. To enable safe and timely access to the specialist bikes and cycle route, it is essential that a storage unit for the specialist cycling equipment is provided in an overflow carpark adjacent to the start of the proposed accessible route.

4.0 Current Funding Position

A funding application / business case on behalf of Council for this project was submitted to the Department for Communities; Access and Inclusion Programme 2019/20 on the 3rd October 2019.

The funding requested was £27,500 (100% of the total project cost). Details of the costs can be found in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Description or breakdown of item cost (add lines as necessary)	Net cost (incl. OB provision 10%)	VAT (if applicable)	Gross cost	Total requested from this grant
Capital Works to Cycle Route as per Scoping Study	14,500	2,900	17,400	14,500
Storage Unit (40x8 ft.) with roller door, lock and lining	7,500	1,500	9,000	7,500
Van Raam Velo Plus Wheelchair Transporter Bike	5,500	1,100	6,600	5,500
Total				27,500

The funding application / business case was successful with Council receiving the Letter of Offer for the full £27,500.00 on 11th November 2019.

Council Officers' have already scoped out the technical feasibility of this project and consulted with partners in DSNI and Mae Murray Foundation and are at an advanced state of readiness to complete this project by 31 March 2020.

5.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that the Leisure & Development Committee recommends to Council to approve the development of an inclusive cycle route between the Joey Dunlop Leisure Centre and Riverside Park in Ballymoney; provide safe and accessible storage and acquire one additional Van Raam Velo Plus Wheelchair Transporter Bike.

Annex A



Disability Sport



Pictorial of the all inclusive Disability Cycle sports event held at Ballymore's Joey Deering Leisure Centre in conjunction with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Sport and well Being Department and Disability Sport NI. PICTURES BY KEVIN MCAULEY/MCAULEY MULTIMEDIA



Robin Taggart with John Nichol...Adrian the UK's only deaf and Blind Archer



Deirdre and Theo Tucker

Disability Cycle sports event

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Gerard Catherine and Julia Lohan from Coleraine



Larry Douglas pictured at the all inclusive Disability Cycle sports event



Sarah Fleming from Coleraine



John Fall, Laurence Scott, Peter Scott, John Nichol, Rodger Swainey and Robin Taggart



All the all inclusive Disability Cycle sports event held at Ballymore's Joey Deering Leisure Centre in conjunction with Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council Sport and well Being Department and Disability Sport NI



Holly and Ben Logan from Ballymore