

North East Locality Committee

5.00pm, Tuesday 4 September 2018

Dean of Guild Court Room, City Chambers, High Street, Edinburgh

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Recent news	Contact
<p>Motion by Councillor Staniforth – Powderhall Railway Path</p> <p>At its meeting on 19 February 2018, the Committee approved a motion by Councillor Staniforth requesting a feasibility study be undertaken regarding opening the Powderhall Railway Path as a walking and cycling route, with an update to be provided in September 2018.</p> <p>An officer working group has been established to progress the various aspects of this project, including undertaking a feasibility study. The group are meeting regularly and initial discussions have been held with Sustrans.</p> <p>The group has contacted Network Rail and is seeking to establish an agreed scope for a feasibility study, which is critical</p>	

if the study is to proceed. This has not yet been achieved and it is anticipated that agreement may still take some time.

Unfortunately it will only be possible to provide a scope and timeline for a feasibility study once discussions with Network Rail are at a more advanced stage.

An update meeting with the Powderhall Railway Group is being arranged.

It is proposed to report back to the Committee once sufficient progress has been made in establishing the scope and brief for the Feasibility Study, or in any case by March 2019.

Leith Links Play Park Improvement Works

Leith Neighbourhood Partnership committed funding at their meeting of 10 August 2017 to improve Leith Links Play Park.

A public consultation for the re-design of the play area at Leith Links was undertaken in February / March 2018. There were three open events that enabled local residents to give their views on what they'd like to see in the new play area.

As a result of the events, three themed designs were developed and publicised widely with local schools, community organisations and local residents to get their views on their preferred design. Further consultations events were held to gain feedback on these designs and residents were also able to be submit comments online.

The consultation drew a total of 261 returns, which is believed to be the highest consultation return for a play park improvement in Edinburgh.

All of the designs received positive feedback, with no clear favourite from the consultation with all three options receiving almost equal support. As a result, Officers looked in more detail at all of the plans and the comments received to pull together an amalgamation of all of the designs, incorporating the most favoured equipment. The final design was presented to the Leith Neighbourhood Partnership on 14 June 2018, and a funding application submitted to WREN (Waste, Recycling, Environmental Heritage Fund) based on this design. Officers will move forwards with a procurement process for the supply and installation of the new play park, once the outcome of the application process is made known. It is expected that the improvements will be delivered for summer 2019.

Forthcoming activities:

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