SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL

Subject : Access Audit Pinewood Way Play Area & Folly Nature Reserve

Committee : Environmental & Climate Committee

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1. Report Summary:

1.1. This report provides the estimated costs to action the recommendations made in the Access Audit for Pinewood Way Play Area & Folly Nature Reserve.

2. Background:

- 2.1. In May 2023, Evans Jones, a Disabled Access Consultancy were commissioned to audit three of Salisbury City Council's sites; Pinewood Way Play Area & Folly Nature Reserve, Victoria Park and Bishopdown Sports Field & Pavilion.
- 2.2. The main purpose of the audit reports was to ensure that the sites meet with the requirements of Section 3 of The Equality Action 2010 and so does not discriminate against anyone with a disability.
- 2.3. The following documents have been used as the criteria against which the premises will be audited:
 - Equality Act 2010 (Replaces Disability Discrimination Acts 1995 & 2005)
 - Equality Act 2010- Code of Practice on Services, Public Functions and Associations (2011 edition).
 - BS8300-1-2018 -Design of an accessible inclusive built environment Part 1External Environment Code of Practice
 - BS8300-2-2018 Design of an accessible inclusive built environment Part 2 Buildings Code of Practice
 - The Building Act 1984, Approved Document M 2015 Edition Volume 2 Access to and use of buildings, volume 2: buildings other than dwellings
 - BS9999:2017 Code of Practice for fire safety in the design, management and use of buildings.
 - PAS6463:2021 Design for the mind Neurodiversity and the built environment
 - A Good Practice Guide for Disabled People's Access to the Countryside -Published by the Fieldfare Trust
- 2.4. In order to achieve this the audit reports identified where the site does not meet current best practice standards and recommends ways to overcome these issues.
- 2.5. As a Public Body, the Disability Equality duty applies to all of Salisbury City Council's functions.

3. Estimated Costs:

3.1. The estimated costs to complete all of the recommendations attributed to Salisbury City Council for Pinewood Way Play Area & Folly Nature Reserve is £100,920. The most significant costs relate to:

- Forming a linkway path from the approach to Pinewood Way £35,000.
- Resurfacing the play area with a rubber playground safety flooring system -£30.000.
- Install level access play equipment (roundabout and trampoline) £21,000.
- 3.2. The full breakdown of items and estimated costs can be found in Doc 92090 Pinewood Way and Folly Nature Reserve Access Audit Estimated Costs
- 3.3. Given the scale of costs for this site, costs for Victoria Park and Bishopdown Field & Pavilion have yet to be calculated.

4. Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 4.1. Agree a a recommendation for Council to consider the budgetary requirements outlined in this report when setting its capital budget programme for 2024/25.
- **5. Wards Affected:** Pinewood Way Play Area & Folly Nature Reserve is located in Bemerton Heath Ward but any investment to this area would benefit all residents visiting or using this site.

6. Background papers:

- 6.1. Doc 90813 Access Audit of Pinewood Way Play Area & Golly Nature Reserve
- 6.2. Doc 92090 Pinewood Way and Folly Nature Reserve Access Audit Estimated Costs

7. Implications:

- 7.1. **Financial:** As outlined in this report.
- 7.2. **Legal:** As outlined in this report.
- 7.3. **Personnel:** Nil in relation to this report.
- 7.4. **Environmental Impact**: Nil in relation to this report.
- 7.5. **Equalities Impact Statement**: As outlined in this report.