



Frodsham Town Council
Options Appraisal - update July 2020

Decisions made by Councillors (to date)

1. Overall project outcome agreed as the provision of a recreational greenspace for children, residents and visitors to Waterside ward.
2. Options agreed for consideration are:
 - Green Gates land as a play area funded by Frodsham Town Council and community group funding (over a five-year period)
 - Green Gates land as a community hub funded by Frodsham Town Council
 - Green Gates land sold and revenue used to re-develop Salt Works Playing Fields (in partnership with Cheshire West and Chester Council)
 - Do nothing
3. Working group agreed to prepare information about each identified option and develop an assessment system.
 - Cllr Caroline Ashton
 - Cllr Judith Critchley
 - Cllr Helen Hayes
 - Cllr Debra Mostyn-Jones
 - Cllr Mallie Poulton
 - Cllr Lucy Sumner
 - Cllr Bernie Wade
4. Independent evaluation panel members identified as:
 - a. Anne Boyd, Chief Executive – Active Cheshire
 - b. Jackie Weaver, Chief Officer – ChALC
 - c. Alison Chandler, Lead Officer – Prevent
 - d. Martin Hill, Headteacher – Helsby High School
 - e. Rev. Angela Askwith, Curate – St Laurence Church
 - f. Nikki Miloleizik, Youth Leader – Frodsham Youth Association

Positive responses received from Martin Hill and Nikki Miloleizik. Negative responses received from Jackie Weaver and Rev. Angela Askwith.

5. Assessment criteria – themes of investigation agreed as:
 - a. Desirability – the degree to which each option meets the strategic objective and priorities of stakeholders
 - b. Viability – the degree to which each option is financially viable and sustainable
 - c. Feasibility – the degree to which each option can be implemented

- d. Social Value – the degree to which each option impacts people’s lives (social return on investment)

Desirability – stakeholders agreed as residents of Frodsham, Frodsham Town Council and Cheshire West and Chester Council.

Viability – whole life costs to be taken into account (25 years).

Feasibility – full project implementation to be considered.

Social Value – both positive and negative impact assessment.

Discussion / decisions for Councillors at subsequent meetings (tbc)

6. Agree assessment questions, including weightings to be used.
7. Agree information required for each option and presentation format.
8. Agree timescales and milestones for completion.
9. Review independent evaluation panel members.