

**Culture, Leisure & Recreation Committee**

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<b>Date:</b>	<b>4 June 2013</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Parliament Road</b>
<b>Purpose of the Report:</b>	<b>To consider laying a footpath to improve the appearance of a grassed area.</b>
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	<b>Helen Stewart, Town Clerk</b>

**Background**

Lea Park Resident's Association has been working hard to improve the visual appearance of the whole estate. One area of concern is Parliament Road where although there is a footpath, pedestrians still choose to cut the corner and walk across the grassed area. The amount of foot traffic has worn away the grass and does not add to the visual appearance of the area.

**Proposal**

The option to plant the area has been discussed but may still not deter people taking this "shortcut". The conclusion therefore is that since pedestrians have created this path then it would be best to actually install one.

The cost to install a tarmac path with all necessary works is £3000.

The suggestion is that the cost of the path could be funded from some of the receipt received from the sale of the land at Lenthall Green, (£30,000). Thus one area of the estate benefiting another.

**Risk Assessment**

There are no perceived risks identified with this proposal.

**Resource Appraisal**

Total cost of project £3000.

**Legal Powers:** Highways Act 1980, ss43 and 50

**Recommendation:**

***The Committee is asked:***

- i) To consider the installation of the path and if in agreement,***
- ii) To recommend the installation of the path to Full Council and that it be funded from the Capital Receipts Reserve.***