

RAUNDS TOWN COUNCIL



Report to: Environment, Leisure & Recreation Committee Youth Services

Summary:

To consider youth services in Raunds

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Background Information:

At the September meeting of ELR it was agreed that the future of youth services/facilities in Raunds would be placed on the agenda for the October meeting.

There are three main considerations.

1) Supporting young people affected by the pandemic

A possible short/medium-term need to support young people during the Covid Pandemic.

Young people may need support especially with their mental health. The council may wish to consider how they can facilitate some specialist support for young people.

2) Youth Club

The medium-term need to provide youth services.

This committee had previously agreed to work with the Northamptonshire Association of youth clubs to set-up a volunteer run youth club in Raunds. This was paused due to the Covid pandemic. (no venue had been agreed)

3) Youth facility

The potential long-term requirement to provide a dedicated youth facility.

The town council has previously considered the provision of a dedicated youth facility in the town, locations at Millfield and Bassfords were previously considered but not progressed. With ever increasing housing development in the town the council may wish to consider if the provision of a dedicated youth. A number of funding streams may be available for this.

Recommendation:

- To consider the short, medium and long term requirements for youth services in Raunds.

Implications:

Council objectives:	To provide high quality sustainable facilities.	x
Equalities & Human Rights	There are no equalities and human rights issues	x
Financial	There are no financial implications at this stage	
	There will be financial implications –	x
	There is provision within the budget	
	Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure	x
Legal	Decisions may have potential for income generation	
	Power: Local Government Act 1972	x
Risk	Other considerations: None	
	Material risks exist	x

Management	- Inherent risk score: - Residual risk score:	
Person originating this report: Kate Houlihan Town Clerk		
Date: 15 October 2020		