

Officer Non Key Executive Decision

Relevant Chief Officer (Decision Maker):	Diane Booth, Director of Children’s Services
Relevant Cabinet Member (for consultation purposes):	Cllr Gillian Campbell, Deputy Leader of the Council (Tourism, Economic Growth and Jobs)
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Implementation Date of Decision:	7 June 2018

RESILIENCE PATHWAY

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 HeadStart would like to seek approval to create a Resilience Pathway as part of Blackpool Town Centre’s redevelopment of Talbot Gateway. The purpose is to raise the profile of a ‘Resilience Revolution’ across Blackpool and beyond. The proposal is to create a permanent art installation for the town in the form of a ‘Resilience Pathway’ from the new tram station to the Promenade.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the Resilience Pathway scheme as described in this report.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To enable work to progress to create the Resilience Pathway.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council’s approved budget? Yes

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

- a) Not to progress with the Resilience Pathway scheme.
- b) To seek alternative locations for the creation of a Resilience Pathway.

4.0 Council Priority:

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is: “Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience”

5.0 Background Information

5.1 The aim is to create a walking route depicting the 42 resilient moves from the Resilience Framework (adapted from the work of Hart & Blincow with Thomas) onto individual paving slabs. The design has been co-produced with children and young people, and will be made by machine etching the design onto stone flags. These would be installed within the paving scheme as part of the Blackpool tramway extension scheme on Talbot Road between Blackpool North train station and North Pier. Signage explaining the Resilience Framework would be erected at each end of the Resilience Pathway.

5.2 HeadStart has been in consultation with colleagues from Highways, Planning and the Arts Service on production and technical aspects of this proposal and have enlisted their support to bring the idea to fruition. Alan Cavill Director of Place is supportive of this scheme.

5.3 The idea of a ‘Resilience Pathway’ has been shared with HeadStart’s Executive Board and the Big Lottery who are supporting this proposal to promote resilience across the town in an innovative, eye catching and sustainable way.

5.4 The Resilience Framework consists of 42 individual resilient moves, and Blackpool has co-produced an adaptation of five words or less for each resilient move, including a visual representation of each move. The designs would be etched into the paving stones using colours themed around the Resilience Framework.

5.5 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

5.6 List of Appendices:

None.

6.0 Legal considerations:

6.1 None.

7.0 Human Resources considerations:

7.1 None.

8.0 Equalities considerations:

8.1 None.

9.0 Financial considerations:

9.1 The estimated cost of the scheme is approximately £20,000. The Big Lottery Fund has indicated that they are unlikely to approve use of HeadStart funding for this purpose, as the organisation no longer supports capital schemes.

9.2 The scheme will therefore be paid for by way of fundraising. A sub-committee of the Young People's Executive Group has been formed to lead on identifying funding sources and applying for funds. A number of different avenues to pursue have already been considered and will be actively pursued in the coming months.

9.3 As a contingency, and in order to enable the scheme to progress in line with the existing works schedule, any shortfall in the amount raised by fundraising would be met from uncommitted Education capital budget.

9.4 There will be no additional ongoing revenue costs for maintaining the paving stones, as this will be part of standard street cleaning processes.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Any risks relating to the scheme will be managed as part of the existing tramway extension scheme.

11.0 Ethical considerations:

11.1 None.

12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:

12.1 Consultation has taken place with HeadStart's Young People's Executive Group, who have been instrumental in co-designing the Pathway.

13.0 Decision of Chief Officer

13.1 To approve the Resilience Pathway scheme as described in this report

14.0 Reasons for the Decision of the Chief Officer

14.1 The delivery of the Resilience Pathway will create a lasting legacy of the Resilience Framework, and help to spread a wider understanding of how people can build resilience.