

1.0 INTRODUCTION

With most staff living locally, the Centre has always tried to promote cycling as a good way of getting to work that has several benefits over driving such as improved health, less cost and being better for the environment.

A few years ago, the Council signed up to the Cycle to Work Scheme which helps employees with the purchase of a new bike, to date we have had five employees make use of this. One of the main barriers to people cycling to work however is the lack of suitable storage that is both secure and sheltered. Our existing cycle storage is limited to the rack at the front of Gang Warily Recreation Centre. This bike rack may be suitable for people who are just popping into the centre for a short while, however it is not suitable for staff who would need to leave their bike for long periods of time.

A grant from Hampshire County Council to fund the installation of new cycle storage was identified and an application was submitted. This application was successful with £6,527 awarded to fund the installation of a new bike shelter.

2.0 INSTALLATION

Our preferred supplier to carry out this work is The Bike Storage Company whose quote formed the basis of our funding application along with two other quotes. The shelter will be constructed from galvanised steel, with FSC certified timber cladding and a sedum roof. The shelter will be situated in the first parking spaces to the right as you enter Gang Warily car park. As part of the project, we will also be looking to get the car park markings redone. The Bike Storage Company are currently assessing the location for installation and will hopefully provide us with a date to install soon. Work needs to be started by the 15 August 2022 as a condition of the funding.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the award of £6,527 from the Active Travel Fund to fund the installation of a new bike shelter at the Recreation Centre.

To note that The Bike Storage Company has been identified as the preferred supplier to install, with work to commence shortly.

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