**District Investment Fund 2011-12**

**Outline Business Case**

**Corporate Objective:**
A confident place

**Corporate Priority:**
Community engagement -

**Local Priority:**
Health and well being

**District Area:**
Chadderton

**Brief Description of Works (max 200 words):**

The purpose of this application is to seek funding to improve and update the skateboard park in Coalshaw Green park, Chadderton. The existing structure has been in the Park for over 10 years. This will contribute to recreational facility for use by young people and other groups within the local community. There has been several meetings with a large group of young people aged 10-18 years who have took an active role in the discussions around the feasibility and contribute to the design and layout of the proposed improvements to the skateboard park and other facilities. The skate park's existing structure consists of two ramps with platforms which will allow the skateboarders only limited opportunity to develop their skills and abilities. The improvements and extension will present a challenge which will help to overcome boredom and frustration and improve the skills related to these activities. A youth Shelter is also being requested for those who wish to watch the activities. The young people are beginning to plan their own fund raising event's to help contribute to the scheme. It is also anticipated that young people will also help to maintain the area and become an active members of the Friends Of the Park committee, and keep the skate park free of litter.

**Summary Outcomes (max 100 words) relating to District Plan:**

Coalshaw Green Park and surrounding area is a known hotspot for anti social behaviour. The development of the facility will help to promote health and wellbeing and reduce anti social behaviour. As there is an established group of young people who access the existing facilities it is anticipated that it will help to develop stronger sense of ownership amongst young people. The skate park will provide a positive activity for young people at all times. Given the nature and extent of consultation, this facility is likely to be used extensively and should also help to reduce alcohol and drug abuse. The project will provide opportunities to engage with young people through coaching and competition in order to promote a greater degree of community cohesion. A more modern and attractive facility would help the District Partnership and our partner agencies:

- make a connection with young people;  
- show them that they count and that they are an important part of our community;  
- show that we listen to what they have to say;  
- demonstrate that we support their activities;  
- make it clear to the young people that they are important to us.

**Financial Profile:**

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**Whole Life Costs:**

Please provide details of ongoing revenue and capital implications
For e.g., Purchase of gates for alleygating scheme. Gates may need to be replaced in 10 years time.

Ongoing maintenance of the skate park will be negligible during the initial period but will gradually increase over a period of time. The skate park may eventually need to be replaced, remodelled or the slopes etc extended with in a given period, say, ten years. Self help will be essential to carry out daily risk assessments and to keep the area free of litter. Any difficulties or dangers will be reduced by ensuring that the users have proper kit and equipment etc.

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