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Subject: Development Opportunity Cutts Close Shelter

Strategic Aims. 1 Ensure that Oakham remains a viable and pleasant environment in which to live, work and play. 2 Improve and increase facilities within the town. 3 Maintain and improve OTC land and buildings for the benefit of the community. 4 Promote the town as an attractive place to visit and stay.

A recent paper to Council involved replacing and upgrading the Cutts Close shelter. A Task and Finish Working Group was agreed as part of the larger parks plan to explore a potential future design of a brick structure with a tile roof, demolitions cost of the existing shelter, installation of mains sewage (Station Road or Burly Road), planning guidance, public consultation. Explore budget requirements to include, engagement of a designer and surveyor.

To ensure that this initiative is not lost I have produced some indicative costing and design layout to help that Committee/Working Group and more importantly the Budget Process plan the next stage.

Looking at Demolition, Build Cost the Council could now allocate reserves for the benefit of the Town on a Project that could be delivered in 2020.

Indicative costs of demolition are £8000. Rebuild are £40000. The final design and planning cost have not been checked, however this could be estimated at around another £5000.

The proposal is that the Council allocate a budget during the 2020 /21 budget of £60000 made up of reserves already held and shortfall either from a Public Loan or Precept Increase.

If agreed the Committee/Working Group would be able to progress the project with more purpose.

Proposal: (i) Council create a New Shelter Capital Expenditure heading.

(ii) Council allocate reserves to the new Shelter, (up to £60000).

(iii) Council Park Working Group explore a design.