

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

<b>ENVIRONMENT &amp; LEISURE COMMITTEE</b>	<b>16 JULY 2020</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 7(i)</b>
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**UPDATE ON SHELTER PAINTING**

**Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to provide Members of the Environment & Leisure Committee with an update on the current position in respect of the artwork commissioned for the youth shelter in the Recreation Ground.

**Detailed Information**

Members will recall that an artist had been commissioned to undertake the artwork to the youth shelter at the recreation ground following submission of a proposed design. The artist was due to commence work in April to ensure weather conditions were suitable, however with the emergence of Covid-19 this had to be put on hold for the foreseeable future.

The artist had planned to be onsite for two days, with a colleague and as he does not drive himself, they would have to travel together. However, this would not have been possible during the lockdown period with the social distancing guidelines suggesting that you should not travel in a car with anyone who was not from your household. However, now that lockdown is slowly easing the artist feels it would be possible, subject to them wearing masks, for them to travel from Cheltenham to Ledbury to undertake the work to the youth shelter and it is hoped that this work will now be undertaken on 16 and 17 July, subject to weather conditions.

Whilst considering the artwork for the inside of the shelter discussions were held in respect of the exterior of the shelter and the skate park. Following discussions with the previous chair of the committee, the Clerk provided some suggestions to the artist in respect of the back of the shelter. One suggestion that was provided was that it would be nice to have a rainbow in recognition of all those who have played a vital part in the community during the Covid-19 pandemic. This suggestion has been forwarded to the artist and we are currently waiting for some suggested designs for consideration, and it is hoped that these will be available to committee members prior to the meeting.

With regard the skate park, no suggestions have been in respect of what to do here, however the artist has provided an example of his work that he has recently carried out in Cheltenham (this will be provided via email to all members) to view. The Clerk has contacted the Chair of the Committee to discuss this and would like to suggest that Members consider inviting youngsters who use the skate park to provide some ideas of what designs they would like in the skate park and that when received these be forwarded to the artist to see what he can bring together as a design. The Clerk

would suggest that a poster be placed in the skate park and on social media platforms asking for suggestions.

#### Recommendation

1. That Members of the Environment & Leisure Committee note the anticipated start date for the artwork on the shelter to be undertaken.
2. That subject to suggestions being available for the design of the exterior of the shelter, Members give consideration to what they would like the artist to do as a final design.
3. That youngsters who use the skate park be invited to submit suggestions for the design of artwork for the skate park, and that when received these be forwarded to the artist to create a design using as many of the suggestions provided.