**Appendix - Project Plan name: Greenhill Beach access improvements**

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**Project**

**Project outline**

What is being done?

* Installing two types of beach matting along Greenhill beach to help members of the public with impaired mobility get to the water’s edge.
* The project will look to purchase a beach wheelchair to help get along the beach

What are the key outcomes and outputs?

* Increase disability accessibility to the Greenhill beach area. One section will be located at the rock groyne to create a platform for access. The second section will be a walkway from opposite Greenhill Garden entrance down towards the high tide park. This will provide stability for people to walk down.
* Provide a wheelchair for members of the public to use along Greenhill beach. This will help people access areas of the beach that they may struggle to get to.

**Project justification**

What problems does the project seek to address?

* No matting along the beach
* Limited wheelchair access on the beach
* Increase use of Greenhill beach to disabled people

Who are the target communities?

* Disabled
* Elderly
* Restricted mobility

What evidence is there of need?

* Effective use of the current matting at Weymouth central beach
* Residents have approached councillors
* Other pebble beaches have implemented a type of matting already

**Partners**

Who are the delivery partners?

* RNLI service at Greenhill Beach.

**Planning**

**Milestones**

List and describe the key project milestones within the following table:

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| **Milestone** | **Description** | **Delivery Date** |
| Project to be approved by services | Once the project has been approved by services, officers can then present to full council for project funds to be released.  | 18/01/23 |
| Project funding to be requested from Full Council | Full Council to consider the release funds from the Project Support Reserve for New Initiatives to enable officers to start the project. | 15/02/23 |
| Ordering of equipment | Officers to purchase access matting and beach wheelchair and start to plan installation. | 16/02/23 |
| Deployment on site | Deployment on site is depending on supply timescales but will ideally be in May/June depending on weather conditions. | 01/05/23 |
| One week review | Officers will check the stability of the matting every day once it has been installed and keep a log of any problems from the first week to review | 07/05/23 |
| One month review | After being in for one month and staff checking the matting on a daily inspection, a monthly review will be had by Senior Resort Officer on the issues that have arisen. | 07/06/23 |
| End of season review | Once the matting has been in place for a whole season, Resort Manager and Senior Resort Officer will review all issues that have been logged throughout the year and provide a small information report back to services. | 01/11/23 |

**Phases**

List and describe the major project phases within the following table.

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| **Phase** | **Description©** | **Sequence** |
| Phase 1  | The project to be approved by both services and full council for officers to go ahead with the project.Officers to install matting. Order all matting, beach wheelchair, and install matting | Phase 2 |
| Phase 2  | Officers to order all matting, beach wheelchair, and install matting on both locations. Once it is in place, the casual members of staff will check all matting at Greenhill every day on their morning inspections.Photos will be taken weekly to see any change in the levels of the matting/beach. | Phase 3 |
| Phase 3  | Launch beach wheelchair at Greenhill once RNLI lifeguards are operational. Resort team will create a small signing out sheet for lifeguards to use when members of public would like to use it. | Phase 4  |
| Phase 4  | The last major phase of the project consists of a monthly and seasonal review on how the matting has worked and if there were any operational problems regarding the beach wheelchair. |  |

**Risks**

* The matting could become uneven due to the pebbles moving along Greenhill beach which may cause trips or falls. Staff members will be inspecting the matting daily to ensure no hazards are found.
* If there is a strong eastly wind with a spring tide, the higher tides may make the matting slippery or damaged.
* There is a risk that the access matting could be damaged due to anti-social behaviour however there has not been any along Weymouth main beach.

**Monitoring**

**Monitoring responsibility**

* Resort staff to check all matting at Greenhill daily as part of morning inspections.
* Photos will be taken weekly to see any change in the levels of the matting/beach.
* Officers will install the matting as it works identically to the matting at Weymouth central
* If officers consider it is not successful and unsafe, the matting will be redeployed to the main resort beach.

Photos will be taken weekly to record any change in the levels of the matting/beach.

**Financial**

The budget needed for this project is as follows:

* £2,000 to purchase Supa Trac (£59.60 + VAT per m2)
* £2,900 + VAT - Sand Cruiser Beach Wheelchair

The total project cost: £4,900 + VAT

Approximately 20 hours of officer time to install all matting and create a booking e-form for the beach wheelchair.

**Recommendation**

The officer's recommendation is that the project can be implemented for summer 2023 if funding is agreed.