

Appendix 1 - Place Based Investment Programme.

Northfield Youth Hub – Building a Brighter Future For Our Young People

Aligned with an ongoing diversionary activity provided by StreetSport and improvement works being carried out by Sport Aberdeen, it is proposed to adjoin two 20ft containers that have been donated by local companies, and a large disused brick building in the area between Northfield Academy and the AstroTurf pitch to provide a youth hub following engagement with local young people. The three items will be adapted to provide one large space, clad internally to assist efficiency and fitted out in collaboration with the young people in the area. This will include interior and exterior decoration to give the young people that sense of place and will be facilitated by a Street Artist who will co-design and help paint the mural with the young people. From lessons learned at the previously opened hub at Tesco, Rousay Drive, this approach has worked well in preventing any vandalism to the structure and giving the young people a sense of pride, community and learning new skills. Our hub at Tesco, Woodend has seen the changes lead to the area being a better place to live, work, visit and play; enhancing wellbeing and driving down anti-social behaviour related crime as per the attached analysts' report comparing the youth related trends at the Tesco site and in Northfield. This report shows a downward trend in the Woodend/Sheddocksley area since the hub was built and a rise in youth related calls across Northfield.

The constituted Northfield Youth Hub Steering Group comprises of Northfield Academy, Police Scotland, community members, an industry expert and partners; who are working together to provide young people in the Northfield area with their own youth hub. The space will be designed by the young people for the young people by linking in with the academy and attending community events to garner ideas.

The young people who attend the hub will have the opportunity to engage with adults in their community and youth workers who will mentor them on a journey to a positive destination through access to physical and artistic opportunities, by building positive relationships with adults who offer support and guidance. In addition Sport Aberdeen are keen to collaborate to integrate our young people into their facilities including the swimming pool, gym, tennis courts and upgraded outdoor facilities that are in the planning stage and on the doorstep of the hub.

It is intended that the space will be opened up to the wider community for use during the day, such as our older people and mothers and toddlers in the area. Interest has been expressed by Northfield Academy who wish to engage with non attenders in a less formal setting in the hope they can work towards returning to education. This approach has seen three young people from the Tesco hub return to education.

Printfield Community Project - Including Printfield

Printfield Community Project is based in 2 ground floor flats (11a/11b) Printfield Walk. Both of these flats have small front gardens which have been converted for community use by the instillation of fixed play equipment and protective fencing and hedging.

These play resources were installed by Aberdeen City Councils Design and Development department some 12yrs ago and require a complete refurbishment of the play surfacing. The (wet pour) surface has become an environmental hazard as the surface is peeling and moss is growing in some of the cracks. (See photographs).

This proposal, seeks to refurbish both of the community play areas, so as to enhance and make more environmentally friendly both of these settings. These settings will provide open and inclusive spaces for local residents and children to have a bit of family time. As well as providing a safe and challenging outdoor environment for the Community Projects 'Play room' children.

The proposal is supported by both the Printfield Community Projects management committee and the Printfield/Forum. We also work closely with Aberdeen City Councils Operations and Protective service team (March 2023).



**Existing play resources on site.*

Scottish Women's Institute – Archive Room Project

The Scottish Women's Institutes is over a century old. The Aberdeenshire Federation has 70 institutes across Aberdeen and Aberdeenshire and has had many more which have closed over the last century. When institutes close, they return their papers to our office for safe keeping. These include financial records, minute books, photographs and trophies which can date back over 100 years. As part of ongoing renovations to our premises we had planned to line the basement to safely house and protect many historical papers and items including art works and tapestries. The purpose of lining the basement is to protect the items from damp and ensure they are preserved for posterity. It is planned that professional archivers will properly sort and organise these items to ensure correct storage. However, when receiving a quotation for lining the basement it was discovered that there is asbestos in the ceiling of the basement. This will require to be removed for health and safety reasons. After removal the whole basement would require to be tanked and lined. This has significantly increased the work involved and cost of, what should have been, a straightforward job. We therefore find ourselves in the position of having to apply for separate funding in the hope that we can achieve our goal of having a safe, dry environment to house our historical paperwork and items. We are lucky enough to own our premises which has great scope for storage if it was sufficiently upgraded to ensure safety and preservation. The basement is accessed by a fairly steep set of wooden steps. We would also like to install a handrail for safety reasons to ensure safe descent and ascent from the area for our employees.

We hold and host events both locally and nationally and many of the historical items, such as tapestries, which we hold are displayed at these events. Some of these events are 2 days events, in large venues like the Beach Ballroom. These events are open to the public as well as our members. We are passionate about preserving these historical items to strengthen and preserve cultural ties and provide access to them to a wider demographic than just our members. It is therefore vital that these items are stored safely and correctly in a dry environment in order to preserve them for as long as possible.