REPORT TO:

Housing and Community Services

AGENDA ITEM:

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DATE OF MEETING:

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DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY

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SUBJECT:

Youth Facilities Plan

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1.0 Recommendation

1.1 Members approve the Youth Facilities Plan and support its delivery over the next three years.

2.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 To inform members on the Youth Facilities Plan and gain their approval for its delivery.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The 2004 Youth Facilities Plan has been developed from the recommendations of the Youth Needs Survey (2003/04). These recommendations stated that facilities should be delivered in specific communities, such as areas with anti-social behaviour problems.
- 3.2 The Plan will be used as a guide to support the development of new facilities and will be adopted by both the Council and the Crime and Disorder Partnership to prioritise projects and secure increased funding from external sources.
- 3.3 The Plan aims to develop a range of youth orientated facilities across the whole of South Derbyshire. It will also identify the facilities that are appropriate for certain villages and towns across the District. To do this three areas will be considered; existing facilities, population, and cases of antisocial behaviour.
- 3.4 Criteria for the delivery of the Youth Facility Plan were established as follows:
 - Reports of ASB according to Police Beat (subject to additional Police consultation)
 - Equipment reports as performed by Parish Councils
 - The number of 13-19 year olds living in each Ward
 - The strategic position within the District for the proposed facility

Using this criteria and taking into account the South Derbyshire Facilities Plan a proposed list of locations and potential facilities has been developed. This list will be used as a guide for the delivery of facilities as ownership, funding availability and local consultation will all be issues, which will influence a projects implementation.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.
- 4.2 The delivery of the Plan will be subject to successful bids for funding from the Councils Capital Programme, the Home Office Building Safer Communities scheme, the Community Partnership Scheme and a host of other sources.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The provision of youth facilities across the District will contribute towards objectives in the Corporate Plan as well as meeting some of the weaknesses identified in the CPA review of lack of facilities for young people.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The successful Youth Needs Survey identified the demand and need for dedicated facilities for young people and the delivery of this Youth Facilities Plan will show that the Council and its partners do listen.
- 6.2 The facilities will provide diversionary activities, which will improve the health of young people and also reduce nuisance and disorder.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The Youth Facilities Plan will support the development of facilities across the District providing the Council, Parish Councils and community groups with the strategic backing to secure external funds with which to engage their young residents.

10.0 Background Papers

10.1 Youth Engagement Through Sport files.