

REPORT TO:	HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 7
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SUBJECT:	OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND COMMUNITY FACILITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE	REF: SB
WARD (S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07

1.0 Recommendation

- 1.1 To note progress on facility development.
- 1.2 To recommend to Finance and Management Committee the allocation of up to £50,000 from the Sport and Health/Youth Engagement Reserve towards the Melbourne Sporting Partnership project to complete the fitting out prior to its transfer to the Melbourne Sporting Partnership.
- 1.3 To recommend to Finance and Management Committee to enter into a loan agreement that the Melbourne Sporting Partnership to repay the reserve fund allocation back to the Council with the loan secured against the freehold reversion of the land.
- 1.4 To progress negotiations with Sport England to secure £5,000 towards a Playing Pitch Strategy.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To update Members on the progress with the build on community and sport capital projects and gain approval for the use of reserves towards these projects.

3.0 Detail

Grove Active Project

- 3.1 This project included a number of elements within the £1million allocation. The refurbishment of the Grove Hall, renewal of the Green Bank sports hall floor and resurfacing of the swimming pool surrounds were completed last Autumn. The conversion of the Grove Hall squash courts into the Apex Climbing Centre was completed last year and opened for operation this year after the management contract extension was completed with Active Nation. The Newhall Park Skate has also been a successful element of the project. The project was mainly funded with £500,000 from Sport England, £185,000 borrowing from the Council and £204,000

from the Youth Engagement, Community Safety, Cultural Partnership and Get Active reserves. Plus £100k capital from the 2015 bids capital funds.

Facility Development Fund

- 3.2 At the Housing and Community Services Committee of 9 June 2016, Members approved the establishment of a fund to enable the development of facility plans for priority sites and projects.
- 3.3 It is proposed to use some of this fund to undertake a Play Pitch Strategy, which will be used as an important tool in the planning process, particularly around the provision of playing pitches around the new developments on the edge of the District. It is hoped to undertake this in partnership with neighbouring authorities, particularly Derby City and with financial support of £5,000 from Sport England.
- 3.4 Facility Development Plans are also to be developed for Rosliston Forestry Centre so that plans for an improved play offer and income generating activity can be progressed and for Etwall Leisure Centre in terms of further swimming pool provision.

Cockshut Lane Recreation Ground, Melbourne

- 3.5 The Melbourne Sporting Partnership project to build a modern multisport club outdoor facility has almost completed its second phase. This is the £1.8m contract to build a 6 changing room pavilion, artificial grass training pitch and floodlit multi-use games area.
- 3.6 During the process of acquiring the funding for those works and procuring a building contractor, there had to be a significant value engineering exercise to achieve a project affordable with the contract sum. The build contract has progressed well and the facility has now been handed over to SDDC ready for a final transfer to the Melbourne Sporting Partnership.
- 3.7 This transfer is based upon the building being furnished and ready for operational use so that it is sustainable to operate. To enable the transfer a number of items are still required, these include furnishings and white goods.
- 3.8 The proposal is to allocate £50,000 from the Sport and Health/Youth Engagement Reserve to fund these items and then complete the transfer of the facility from the District Council to the Melbourne Sporting Partnership. The Melbourne Sporting Partnership would commit to paying this fund back over the period of the 25 year lease.
- 3.9 The Sporting Partnership has also submitted bids for fitting out other aspects of the building and for feasibility works for pitch improvements.
- 3.10 In terms of expanding the use of the facility wider than football, rugby and cricket, there has been good progress with establishing a community tennis club and netball development.

Chestnut Avenue Community Centre

- 3.11 The build of this impressive facility is now complete and was handed over to the Council in July for fitting out. The Centre is being initially managed by the District Council and a caretaker has been appointed and an official launch is planned for October.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 In view of the proposal in 3.8 £50,000 will be taken from the Youth Engagement/Sport and Health Reserve to support the completion of the Melbourne Sporting Partnership project. This will be repaid by the Melbourne Sporting Partnership over the period of their lease from Council and the loan secured against the freehold reversion of the land.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The projects identified above contribute to the Councils Corporate Plan in the priority areas of People and Places and in particular the provision of new facilities for sport and recreation and increased participation in physical activity. The completion of these high profile facilities also represent a successful 'Igniting the Legacy' project which the Council embarked upon in 2012.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 The capital and revenue investment in built and outreach physical activity provision is proving to be of great benefit to the health and well-being of the local community. The proposals within this report will continue to maintain that progress and give more people more opportunity engage in activity.

7.0 Conclusions

7.1 The ongoing programme of facility provision and improvement is progressing successfully and will result in the provision of quality leisure facilities across the District.