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REPORT FROM:	Director of Community Services	OPEN/
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SUBJECT:	Barclays Spaces for Sport Innovative – Coton Park & Maurice Lea Memorial Park	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Linton, Castle Gresley, Swadlincote & Church Gresley	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07

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### **1.0 Recommendations**

- 1.0 That Members approve the submission of applications to the Barclays Spaces for Sport (BSS) programme to fund sporting facilities for teenagers at Coton Park and Church Gresley

### **2.0 Purpose of Report**

- 2.1 To apprise Members of the BSS programme
- 2.2 To seek approval from Members to submit applications for funding for the two projects as outlined in this report.

### **3.0 Detail**

#### **Barclays Space for Sport**

- 3.1 BSS aims to create or improve sports facilities in communities. The programme will run for three years from September 2004 and will be delivered in partnership with Barclays, the Football Foundation and Groundwork. BSS projects will create or enhance more than 100 new sports facilities each year. Facilities will depend on the needs of the local community and could include basketball courts to kickabout areas, multi-use games area (muga) and bike tracks.
- 3.2 Groundwork Erewash Valley will submit and manage the applications on behalf of the Council, with assistance from Officers where needed. Applications to the programme must meet specific criteria in order to obtain funding.
- 3.3 Applicants can submit two projects for funding up to a maximum value of £25,000 for each project. Schemes must be delivered by September or October 2005.

## **Projects**

- 3.4 Maurice Lea Memorial Park and the new Badger Hollows Leisure Park at Coton Park have been identified as sites that require facilities for teenagers and meet the programme's criteria and timetable.

### **Badger Hollows Leisure Park**

- 3.5 Phase 1 work has now been completed at Badger Hollows Leisure Park (former Coal Stacking site). This work included access and ground works, new football pitch and a network of paths. Funding is now needed to complete Phase 2 work, which includes the provision of toddler play equipment and facilities for teenagers.
- 3.6 An application is to be submitted under the BSS programme for the provision of a Multi Use Goal End and associated hard surface. The need for this type of facility at this location has been identified from consultation with local groups and also the Youth Needs Survey.
- 3.7 Monies towards this project had already been allocated in the Youth Engagement budget. If this application is successful this money could be reallocated to other projects identified in Youth Needs Survey and subsequent 2004 Youth Facilities Plan.

### **Maurice Lea Memorial Park**

- 3.8 Members will be well aware of the project to restore Maurice Lea Memorial Park and the fact that the funding received from The Heritage Lottery Fund did not include any funding for sports facilities.
- 3.9 Under the BSS programme funding will be sought to finance a full size MUGA. The area identified in the park for the MUGA is currently used as a basketball court. Utilising this area represents excellent value for money, as the current surface is in good condition and perimeter fencing would only need to be financed.
- 3.10 If the bid is successful it will allow community sports coaches and other agencies to establish coaching sessions for a range of sports and activities that will, amongst other things, act as a diversion away from possible anti social behaviour.

## **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 It is envisaged that neither project will exceed the maximum amount of funding so no further capital monies will be required as match funding. Future maintenance of the facilities will be covered within the current and future maintenance budgets for these sites

## **5.0 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 A key aim of the Councils Corporate Plan is to 'reduce crime and disorder along with the fear of crime' with a priority theme of tackling anti social behaviour, with a secondary key aim of improving access to leisure activities and facilities especially for children and young people. The delivery of these projects meets these aims.
- 5.2 The provision of these facilities also addresses actions identified in the proposed 2004 Youth Facilities Plan and the recently completed Youth Needs Survey 2003/04

## **6.0 Community Implications**

- 6.1 In addition to providing much needed community recreation facilities for local people, the projects will enhance the sites and their current facilities.

## **7.0 Conclusions**

- 7.1 The BSS programme offers the Council an excellent opportunity to develop and enhance current leisure sites and specifically provision for teenagers within them,

