
REPORT TO:	HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES	AGENDA ITEM:	10
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REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	OPEN	
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SUBJECT:	PROVISION OF A FLOODLIT ALL WEATHER TRAINING PITCH (ATP) AT THE PINGLE SCHOOL, SWADLINCOTE	REF: ATPOct7	
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	SWADLINCOTE, CHURCH GRESLEY, NEWHALL & STANTON, MIDWAY, WOODVILLE, SEALES, HARTSHORNE, TICKNALL & LINTON	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07	

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members approve the submission of a bid to the Football Foundation (FF) to obtain funding to assist in the delivery of this project.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To update Members on the current status of the project and outline the bid process to the FF

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Members are aware of the need to provide an ATP within the Swadlincote Urban area as identified in the South Derbyshire Facility Strategy and the Derbyshire Local Football Partnership priority list. Members will also be aware that approval has been given for Officers to work with The Pingle School as the preferred partner.
- 3.2 At the meeting on the 11th March 2004 approval was given to a select list of specialist consultants to provide professional services to assist in the delivery of the project. From this consultants were appointed on the basis of the lowest tender received.
- 3.3 The project has progressed well with project team members preparing business, sports development, maintenance and management plans for the facility, all of which are required for the FF bid.
- 3.4 In accordance with their appointment, consultants have carried out the initial feasibility and design works. The next phase of the work will be dependent on the outcome of the FF bid
- 3.6 Following guidance received from the FF and representatives of the Football Association (FA) the partnership intend to apply to the FF for 65% of total project costs. It is felt that in the current climate this request is both realistic and achievable.

- 3.7 Preparation of the FF bid is in its final stages and Project Team members are proposing to submit the bid in October 2004. The partnership expects to know the outcome of its bid by March 2005, following a 20-week decision period.
- 3.8 If the funding bid is successful, a tender process will be undertaken, with a main contractor being appointed mid April 2005 with completion of the facility during August 2005. A full project programme can be found at Annexe A.
- 3.9 A Planning Application for the facility will be submitted in October 2004

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Consultant, based on previous projects and experience, has produced a budget estimate of £493,174 for the project. The Council's capital contribution of £70,000 to this project has already been approved and allowed for in budgets. School Governors have also approved their capital contribution.
- 4.2 A draft programme of use is currently being prepared; this will predict the income and expenditure of the facility. Long term it is anticipated that the facility will operate without revenue support funding from this Council. However, in the short term, it is likely that some revenue support may be needed as the programme of community use at the site is gets fully established. Officers will report back to Committee as soon as the business planning process for the project is completed.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.0 Given that the project will be sited on school land all orders and contracts will be with The Pingle School rather than this Council. This Council will be invoiced for its contribution as the scheme progresses.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The provision of this facility will have a major impact on local sports clubs and the wider community. At present local clubs have to travel out of the District to train at similar facilities. This facility will ensure the future development of local clubs and also provide an opportunity for a wider range of sports development initiatives.
- 6.2 It also demonstrates the Council's commitment to form external partnerships to deliver leisure and facility projects.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 Good progress has been made in developing this project which is now at a key stage. In order to successfully deliver the project the partnership now need to submit the funding bid to the FF. Members will be informed when the outcome of the bid is known

8.0 Background Papers

Housing and Community Service Committee Reports 20th November 2003 and March 11th 2004