
REPORT TO:	HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM:
DATE OF MEETING:	23rd NOVEMBER, 2006	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	THE PROVISION OF A NEW LEISURE CENTRE WITHIN 5 MILES OF HILTON	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	THE NORTH WEST PARISHES	TERMS OF REFERENCE:

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members approve the use of Section 106 monies negotiated for leisure development within 5 miles of Hilton, as a contribution to the cost of the construction of new Community leisure facilities on the site of John Port School, Etwall.
- 1.2 Should the recommendation at 1.1 be approved, then the Development Control Committee to be advised accordingly.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To gain Members approval for the delivery of a Leisure Centre within five miles of Hilton as per the approved Section 106 Agreement.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 There is an identified strategic need for a Sports Hall for the north west part of South Derbyshire. For many years it has been the aspiration of South Derbyshire District Council to provide a Leisure Centre for the residents of that area. A previous lottery grant bid was unsuccessful and, for some years, no identified funding was available to progress the project.
- 3.2 The District Council successfully negotiated a Section 106 Agreement with developers at Hilton for the provision/extension/enhancement of sport and leisure facilities to serve the former MOD site's redevelopment, lying within a 5 mile range of Hilton.
- 3.3 The District and County Council, together with John Port School, already jointly run a swimming pool with squash courts on the school site.

- 3.4 The school is prepared to make land available on its site for the provision of a jointly funded Leisure Centre and swimming pool. Jointly running such a development will result in much lower revenue costs to the Council than trying to develop the project on its own. The Council would also have insufficient funds on its own to deliver on a Leisure Centre suitable for the community.
- 3.5 John Port School, Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council are prepared to enter into a partnership to provide modern leisure facilities for the area. The Centre will provide modern sports facilities for all local schools and residents.
- 3.6 Committee is being requested to approve the site at John Port School as the most suitable in that it allows the formation of a partnership between the School, Derbyshire County Council and South Derbyshire District Council thereby enabling sufficient funds to be generated to secure the provision of necessary leisure facilities to better meet the needs of the area.
- 3.7 The details of the project, if approved, will be brought back to Committee for further scrutiny and approval.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 Depending on the final specification, a modern Leisure Centre with swimming pool will cost in the region of £6 - 7.5M. Currently South Derbyshire District Council has just over £3M available. Funding from others sources is being actively pursued.

5.0 Community Implications

- 5.1 If Members approve the delivery of a new Leisure Centre and swimming pool on the John Port School site the community will have the best opportunity of being provided with a modern Leisure Centre and swimming pool, fulfilling the strategic need of the area.
- 5.2 Residents lives will be enhanced by the opportunity to take exercise in a modern "fit for purpose" Leisure Centre.

6.0 Conclusions

- 6.1 By working in partnership with the County Council and John Port School, the District Council are able to achieve the provision of facilities of a scale that would better meet the needs of the people in that area.