

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 6</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE – FACILITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>REF: SB</b>
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## **1.0 Recommendation**

1.1 To authorise officers to progress plans for the development of facilities at Etwall Leisure Centre.

## **2.0 Purpose of the Report**

2.1 To update Members on the development of new facilities at Etwall Leisure Centre and gain approval for continuing work on other proposed developments.

## **3.0 Detail**

3.1 Since the opening of the new centre officers of the School, Council and latterly Active Nation have been continually developing projects and funding bids for enhancements to Etwall Leisure Centre. Following the successful Artificial Grass Pitch project the next major project is now progressing.

### **A Legacy for Etwall Project**

3.6 Officers have reviewed the opportunities that the Leisure Centre and School site offers and evaluated the potential of financial benefit, ie. increasing income and increasing participation for school pupils and the community. The result of this review is the following list of projects:

3.7 Gym Extension: the extension of the existing fitness gym into adjacent space, potentially achieving a significant increase in the size of the current facility to provide for an area for daytime curriculum use and increased strength and conditioning and cardio-vascular space for school and community use.

3.8 Foyer Partition Wall: the provision of a removable partition wall in the main foyer area to improve the environment for instructor led classes and spectators.

- 3.9 Dance Studio: the redevelopment of a school gym into a fully equipped dance studio available for curriculum and community use.
- 3.10 Tennis/Netball Courts – the refurbishment and floodlighting of a minimum of 2 tennis/netball courts.
- 3.11 Whilst these projects are not ranked in absolute priority they are in order of financial/participation impact with the gym being the most advantageous.
- 3.12 In developing these projects officers have discussed opportunities with National Governing Bodies of Sport to identify if the development of sporting ‘excellence and performance’ can be further promoted from the John Port School/Etwall Leisure Centre site. This opportunity exists most with badminton where the above projects could release space in the sports hall so that more time/courts can be released for a county level Badminton Performance Centre.

#### Sport England – Inspired Facilities Fund

- 3.13 In December an application for the project was submitted to the Sport England Inspired Facilities Fund for £90,000. A decision on this application will be made around April/May and meantime work will continue to further develop the above in terms of design and business plans. An update report will be brought back to this Committee for approval of what the final project will entail.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 Whilst the financial aspects of the projects are still being confirmed it is estimated that if external funding bids are successful the total budget will be £400,000. Already there is a potential allocation of £150,000 from the District Council and the School has provisionally indicated support dependent upon the business plan for the final project. Active Nations will provide significant capital linked to the confirmation of the 3-year extension to their management contract available within their current contract.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 The development of Etwall Leisure Centre meets the corporate/strategic objectives of all partners in that it enhances the facilities for school pupils and the community. They will also support the ongoing financial viability for the partners in operating a very successful community and educational establishment.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

- 6.1 Etwall Leisure Centre is a very successful dual-use leisure facility which has the capacity to become even more popular providing quality facilities for education, participation and performance by the local community.

#### **7.0 Conclusions**

- 7.1 The provision of the new Artificial Grass Pitch continued to show how well the partners work together and the list of new projects will continue this ambitious partnership.