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SUBJECT:	OPEN SPACE, SPORT AND COMMUNITY FACILITY STRATEGY UPDATE	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To seek approval for the adoption of the South Derbyshire Open Space, Sport & Community Facilities Strategy.
- 1.2 To approve the principle of the use of £30,000 additional Planning income for the production of site development plans for strategic facilities.
- 1.3 To refer to Finance & Management Committee on 28th April the use of additional Planning Income for the production of site development plans for approval.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To present the Open Space, Sport and Community Facility Strategy and Action Plan to Members for adoption and seek approval for its implementation. The Action Plan is located at Annexe A, and the Strategy is located at Annexe B.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The strategy process has concluded following a second round of consultation with stakeholders, land owners, National Governing Bodies, Parish Councils, community groups and sports clubs and local communities.
- 3.2 There has been a high level of support for the strategy and the strategic priorities across the consultees and partners.
- 3.3 The Strategy sets out the ambition for the adequate provision of open space, sport and community facilities to meet current and future demand.

3.4 The consultation process has also invited partners to submit details of projects in their area for inclusion on a Facility Development project list. This will form the basis for local action plans and provide evidence of need for negotiation in Section 106 agreements. This will be finalised and brought to H&CS Committee in June.

3.5 The Strategy focuses on three strategic objectives to drive forward its delivery:

SO1 Planning for future growth

- Satisfy future demand from residents
- Residents have access to basic provision close to home and a choice of activities within their sub areas and across the District

SO2 Strengthening the infrastructure

- Village and neighbourhood communities are actively engaged and are growing their assets
- Connected network of high quality facilities and places to be active
- Improved and co-ordinated provision in District and across boundaries

SO3 Widening the reach and social impact

- Inactive residents are engaged and aware of local opportunities
- Evidence of social impact of interventions

3.6 Priority actions have been identified for each of the three strands of the Strategy:

Built facilities

- Address shortfall for Sports Halls (equivalent to 14 courts), Gyms and an Artificial Grass Pitch
- Cater for future supply of community infrastructure created by high population growth
- Understand the current offer and future needs of community buildings
- Address future shortfall of pool space by increasing provision at existing site

Playing pitches

- Additional Artificial Grass Pitch required to meet future need
- Current and future shortfall for junior football pitches and training areas identified
- Future shortfall of cricket pitches identified
- Future shortfall of Rugby pitches identified

Open space

- Ensure all Play Facilities are graded at “Good” standard as minimum
- Support the development of youth/extreme sport facilities in each sub area

- Address issue of habitat loss and fragmentation as a result of development and lack of management
- Support the development of a South Derbyshire Greenways strategy
- Develop and promote outdoor activity hubs with connections through Greenways

3.7 The Strategy Action Plan is located at Annexe A.

3.8 Profiles have been produced for each of the five sub areas. Each contains an action plan which relates to local priorities within the locality. This information is currently being compiled, to be complete by Summer 2016 and brought to Committee for approval in June.

3.9 An important next phase of the strategy is the production of site development plans for facilities of district significance, and which have been identified as recipients of Section 106 (developer contribution) monies. In order to secure the Section 106 funding under the CIL regulations, these facilities require the investment of professional services (e.g. engineers, designers, architects) to produce an itemised and costed scheme.

3.10 On 16 March 2016, the Finance & Management Committee approved the principle of setting aside £30,000 from excess Planning Fee income for the establishment of a Capital Facility Investment fund.

3.11 The proposal is to use this money to commission a series of site development plans/studies for priority projects, e.g. Rosliston Forestry Centre; Woodhouse Sports Ground; Etwall Leisure Centre; Community Facility Audit.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no increased financial implications currently arising from this strategy. If the strategy is not adopted then the Council is vulnerable to challenge from developers when entering into s106 negotiations, as there is no firm and robust evidence base. This source of funding is potentially at risk without this Strategy in place.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The Strategy is a key action within the emerging Corporate Plan and contributes towards both the 'Place' theme but also 'People' and 'Progress' theme areas. The implementation of the Strategy and its action plan will be important in ensuring the Council's own stock of facilities remain well maintained and fit for purpose for an increasingly sophisticated and growing community.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 The ongoing consultation and engagement with local people, community sports groups and Parish Councils throughout the development and delivery of the

strategy will identify opportunities for significant investment and improvement in sport, recreational and community facilities across the District.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 South Derbyshire is continuing to plan for and provide its growing community with quality sport and recreation facilities which will promote health and wellbeing as well as enabling people to achieve their sporting potential.