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SUBJECT:	Igniting the Legacy – Facility Development Update	REF: SB
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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the progress on Sport and Cultural Facility development.
- 1.2 To approve the submission of the Sport England Improvement Fund Application for the redevelopment of the Grove Hall and Green Bank Leisure Centre.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To update Members on the progress made on the Legacy Project Plans from London 2012 to provide improved sports and cultural facilities across the District and gain members support for a funding bid to Sport England for the redevelopment of the Grove Hall.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 **Green Bank Leisure Centre** – a £668,000 refurbishment programme has started which has been supported with £150,000 from Sport England following a successful Inspired Facilities Fund application. It includes upgrading of public areas such as the entrance, toilets, reception, café and dry side changing as well as provision of additional dance/fitness studio space. Active Nation will invest approx. £185,000 in this refurbishment including £100,000 for equipment and additional funding of £50,000 has been gained from Derbyshire Sport towards improvements in the building and fitness equipment for disabled people.
- 3.2 **Etwall Leisure Centre – Artificial Grass Pitch** – The £500,000 full sized floodlit Artificial Grass Pitch has now been successfully operating for a year and has achieved the usage projections that were originally made.
- 3.3 **Etwall Leisure Centre – Facility Improvements/Developments** - an application to the Sport England Inspired Facilities Fund for £93,000 has been successful which will provide a £400,000 package to create a dedicated dance studio, larger fitness studio and refurbished and floodlit tennis/netball courts. Over £200,000 has

already been confirmed to this project from the Council, Active Nation and others and the final project is currently being confirmed with an expected completion date of Spring 2015.

- 3.4 **Melbourne Sporting Partnership** – this £2.5m multi sports club project has been enhanced with the provision of £250,000 from Derbyshire County Council, £600,000 from the Football Foundation and £200,000 from Sport England so that work can begin on drainage works to provide quality football, rugby and cricket playing areas and a pavilion. It is expected that building works will commence in September with the works being completed within 12 months.
- 3.5 **Rosliston Forestry Centre** – works have been completed on the building of toilet facilities adjacent to the 'Glade In The Forest'.
- 3.6 **Eureka Park** –The Project to restore and repair the heritage features of Eureka Park and deliver a 5 year community engagement programme is progressing to schedule, with the capital works project due for completion at the end of August 2014. A Heritage Lottery Fund grant of £547,316 is contributing to the scheme with a total value of £828,830.
- 3.7 **Melbourne Assembly Rooms** – the management of the Assembly Rooms has been successfully transferred to a community group who are submitting funding bids which will help enhance and develop the facility for increased community use.
- 3.8 **Wheeled Sports projects** – working with local young people to develop new and improved skate/bmx/scooter facilities at Woodhouses Skate Park, Newhall Park and Hilton. Work on the Woodhouse Skate Park has started and the £40,000 project will be completed by the School Summer Holidays. Funding is being sought for the Newhall project with the Friends of Newhall Park and pupils from William Allitt School.
- 3.9 **Outdoor Gym projects** – following the successful pilot project at Maurice Lea Memorial Park to provide a six station outdoor gym supported by a grant from the Choosing Health fund, a second gym is being planned for Newhall Park. Financial contributions have been pledged from the Clinical Commissioning Group and an application to Awards for All is being prepared.
- 3.10 **Chestnut Avenue Community Facilities** - the redevelopment of community and leisure facilities on the site, including the provision of two new football pitches – one adult, one junior. A new-build community facility, incorporating changing rooms, kitchen, community meeting space and a badminton-court sized main hall will be built. New play equipment, car parking and landscaping will all be provided as part of the scheme. The project is being funded by the sale of part of the land for private housing, and the Council is closely working with the housing developer, Strata Homes, to ensure the timely delivery of the community facilities.
- 3.11 **Grove Hall Extreme Zone and Youth Engagement** – In March Sport England announced that their 'Improvement Fund Programme' would be prioritized towards capital projects to increase participation by 14 – 25 year olds as this age group as relatively low levels of participation in sport and physical activity. The available

funding was announced as being for grants between £150,000 and £500,000 with partnership funding of 25%. In view of the continuing need to refurbish and upgrade the aging Green Bank Leisure Centre and the principle agreed by this Committee on 19th April, 2012 that when considering the 'Sports Facility Strategy Framework' that 'Indoor extreme sports facilities to be planned into major developments – i.e. indoor multi sports facilities to include space for extreme sports such as climbing, roller and cycling activity' then an Expression of Interest (EOI) Application was submitted as a speculative bid. The EOI was mainly based around the conversion of the Grove Hall into an 'Extreme Zone' providing skate boarding, bmx, bouldering and climbing activities, plus the enhancement of Swadlincote Town Hall for dance, the further renovation of Green Bank Leisure Centre and lastly the potential provision of outdoor facilities in the urban parks.

- 3.12 The 'EOI' was successful and Sport England has invited the Council to submit a full application which will request £500,000 towards a £700,000 project. It is anticipated that the partnership funding will be financed by a series of funding bids to partnership bodies such as Safer South Derbyshire partnership, South Derbyshire Sport, Police and Crime Commissioner and pooled Section 106 funds.
- 3.13 A full application will involve a consultation process, feasibility study and a draft business plan to consider the financial benefits of the project. Previous research into this type of development indicates that there would be significant income earning potential from the proposed activities and the underused and deteriorating facilities would be refurbished and enhanced through externally sourced capital. Officers have met with Sport England and this project is considered to be innovative with the potential to deliver significant increases in participation by the whole community.
- 3.14 Sport England has given a mid August deadline to submit the full application and subject to confirmation by this Committee work will continue to meet this timetable.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no increased financial implications currently from this proposed programme of activity and facility developments. .

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The programme of developments linked to the 2012 Olympic Legacy links with the Councils Corporate priorities and the key action within the 'Promoting Healthy Facilities and Lifestyles' objective and the 'promotion of cultural events' in the 'Lifestyle Choice' priority. The project would also contribute to supporting the 'Safer Neighbourhoods' objective of the 'Safe and Secure' priority in that it would provide significant opportunities for youth engagement

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The 2012 London Olympics gave the community of South Derbyshire an ideal opportunity to become more physically active, support emerging local talent and benefit from external investment. This proposed programme will continue the success of 2012 and prove to have a lasting impact on the District.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 As promised by the Council the legacy of the 2012 London Olympics for South Derbyshire will be increased physical activity levels and opportunities for continued involvement in sport. The proposed programme of facility development is fulfilling that promise.