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SUBJECT:	SPORT AND RECREATION FACILITY DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGY UPDATE	REF: SB
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the progress on Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy and project development.
- 1.2 To approve the allocation of Section 106 Funds to the identified projects.
 - £31,588 to Etwall Leisure Centre
 - £213,000 to Cockshut Lane Recreation Ground, Melbourne
 - £20,000 to Skatepark project at Newhall Park
 - £6,669 to Grove Active Zone project
 - £10,000 to Overseal Recreation Ground
- 1.3 To recommend to Finance and Management Committee that £213,000 be provided from reserves in lieu of identified Section 106 funds.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To update Members on the progress made on the Sport and Recreation Facility Strategy and progress on individual projects.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Over the past four years the Council has been focussed on the delivery of a significant programme of facility development across the District. This

development has been enabled through the proactive use of Council capital receipts and successful but often speculative funding applications. Whilst this programme of development has been very successful it is becoming increasingly important that we have an up to date Sports and Recreation Facilities Framework in place that will help to shape and contribute to the delivery of its Sport, Physical Activity and Health Strategy.

3.2 The Framework is important in its self to direct the provision of facilities in the District but it is also an important contributor to the Local Plan. To ensure new communities are built with the required sport, recreation and physical activity options then the Local Planning Authority will be reliant on having a robust and evidence based Strategy/Framework. Particularly relevant in terms of justifying the case for developer contributions towards local community facilities such as playing pitches, multi-use games areas, village halls and significantly their quantity, quality and spatial distribution.

3.3 The proposed South Derbyshire Sport and Recreation Facilities Framework will set the ambition and underpinning principles for three Action Plans / Supplementary Planning Documents:

- Built sports facilities
- Playing pitches
- Open space

3.4 The approach to this work needs to build on existing strategies and studies, where they are still valid, and reflect Sport England's guidance with the timescales for the work allowing for an accurate and high quality assessment. The anticipated completion date is December 2015.

Sport England Guidance

3.5 Sport England's Guidance ([assessing-needs-and-opportunities-guidance](#)) recommends undertaking three basic steps which are provided in Annexe No.1:

Project Update

3.6 Etwall Leisure Centre – current redevelopment taking place with the gym extension, dance studio and tennis court floodlighting to be completed in the coming months. The next phase of works will be to redevelop the remaining outdoor tennis courts and multi-use games area, plus surface the overflow car park and refurbish the wet and dryside changing areas. This work will partly be funded from Section 106 payments for built recreational facilities linked to developments around the Etwall area. These total £31,588 and have been received.

3.7 Melbourne Sporting Partnership – this £2.5m multi sports club project has been enhanced with the provision of £1million from SDDC, £250,000 from Derbyshire County Council, £600,000 from the Football Foundation and £200,000 from Sport

England and £100,000 from the Rugby Football Union. The first phase of pitch levelling and drainage works has been completed and tenders have been received for the main building phase. There is a current shortfall £100,000 to enable the building contract to be signed. To enable this to happen Finance and Management Committee are to be requested to provide borrowing from reserves in lieu of Section 106 funds from the Kings Newton Lane development that are available for indoor and outdoor sports provision in Melbourne which should be allocated to the Cockshut Lane project. These are detailed as follows:

- (i) £145,000.00 for open space to serve the Development and the wider locality,
- (ii) £44,000.00 for outdoor recreational facilities within Melbourne Parish; and
- (iii) £24,400.00 for built recreational facilities within Melbourne Parish;

- 3.8 Melbourne Assembly Rooms – Since the Council agreed to handover the management of the former Melbourne Leisure Centre from Melbourne Parish Council to a local community group now known as MARS Ltd significant improvements have been made. These include successful grant applications, local fund-raising, improved financial management, voluntary support, increased participation and physical improvements to the building.

Despite the above and ongoing dialogue with the HLF about the possibility of a significant capital grant major changes to the building have not been possible. Whilst dialogue continues the MARS Board are now keen to utilise the remaining capital monies still held by the Council to implement smaller scale priority projects that will continue the momentum of improvements to date, support their development priorities and meet the aspirations of the Melbourne community. It is envisaged a more detailed report will come forward to the next HCS committee.

- 3.9 Grove Active Zone – the £1million redevelopment and refurbishment of the Council's principal leisure facility in Swadlincote has started with the transformation of the Grove Hall into an indoor climbing centre and exercise studio. A new sports hall floor and retiling of the swimming pool area will follow in the summer. The project is supported by a £500,000 grant from Sport England, £15,000 from Badminton England and a combination of borrowing and capital reserves from the Council. Section 106 funding for built recreation facilities from urban core developments of £6,669, already received, to be allocated to the project.
- 3.10 Wheeled Sports projects – the Grove Active Zone project included the provision of a skate park in the urban core. Newhall Park has been identified as the initial site for this provision and work is continuing with the Friends of Newhall Park to develop the project. An application is to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner and a number of other sources. Section 106 funds for outdoor recreational facilities from developments in the urban core of £20,000, already received, to be allocated to the project.
- 3.11 Eureka Park Outdoor Gym - the Grove Active project also identified the provision of an outdoor gym in Eureka Park. This project will be funded with Health funding and targeted at increasing physical activity amongst older people.

- 3.12 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 centre, 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.
- 3.13 Swadlincote Town Hall – the Grove Active project identified the Town Hall as a ‘hub’ for the provision of street dance and martial arts and £20,000 has been allocated for the provision of new flooring, sound system and associated equipment.
- 3.14 Overseal Recreation Ground – The Council has been working with Overseal Parish Council to improve facilities on the recreation ground site. The Parish has been successful in securing a grant of £65,000 from the Sport England Protecting Playing Fields programme as well as £25,000 from the Community Partnership Scheme. Section 106 funds of £10,000, already received for outdoor recreation from schemes in the Overseal area to be allocated to enable the project to progress.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no increased financial implications currently from this proposed programme of activity and facility developments, although the earmarking of Section 106 funding against General Reserves will reduce the balances available in lieu of the funding being received. This will need to be considered by the Finance and Management Committee.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The Framework development and the projects being progressed are a 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 programme will continue the success of 2012 and prove to have a lasting impact on the District.

7.0 Conclusions

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