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SUBJECT:	IGNITING THE LEGACY - FACILITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE	REF: SB
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	All	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To note the progress on Sport and Cultural Facility development.
- 1.2 To enter into the National Lottery Funding Agreement with Sport England for a grant award of £500,000
- 1.3 To note the overspend on the Green Bank Leisure Centre repair and maintenance budget.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To update Members on the progress made on the Igniting the Legacy plans from London 2012 to provide improved sports and cultural facilities across the District and in particular details of the successful Sport England funding bid and the overspend at Green Bank Leisure Centre.

3.0 Detail

Completed

- 3.1 **Green Bank Leisure Centre** – The £602,830 refurbishment programme was successfully completed in 2014 and has transformed much of the community use area of the Centre. The old kitchen and bar area has been transformed into a Spin Studio, Gym extension and meeting room whilst the reception, toilets and café area has been redesigned and modernized. A new sauna has been located on pool side and automatic doors installed to replace the original heavy metal doors. The project was financially supported with contributions of £150,000 from Sport England following a successful Inspired Facilities Fund application, £85,000 from

Active Nation and £56,000 from Derbyshire Sport specifically towards access improvements in the building and fitness equipment for disabled people.

The total cost of the refurbishment and allied works exceeded original estimates. Whilst the main contracted modernization works were largely as estimated there were additional items of expenditure uncovered as the works were underway that arose due to the age and condition of the building. These works were either outside the refurbishment contract or couldn't be fully absorbed within the general centre repairs revenue budget. Nonetheless they either couldn't be ignored for legal and safety reasons such as the discovery of asbestos or were longstanding issues identified in condition surveys and a Council contractual responsibility that it made sense to tackle when highlighted by the refurbishment works.

In terms of a more detailed breakdown of these costs the discovery of broken asbestos in a wall cavity incurred costs of £25,132 for safe removal and replacement of contaminated heaters. The longstanding items that needed attention included replacement of external windows at £12,933, upgrading of fire alarm system at £34,192, upgrading of intruder alarm at £9,718, replacement of hot water valves and sensors at £1,497 and replacement of café roof glazing at £1,069.

This cost over-run will be reported to Finance and Management Committee in order for the expenditure to be taken into account in the Medium Term Financial Plan.

- 3.2 **Etwall Leisure Centre** – Artificial Grass Pitch – The £500,000 full sized floodlit Artificial Grass Pitch has now been successfully operating for over a year and has achieved the usage projections that were originally made. The Council's contribution to this project was £100,000.
- 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 restoration of the heritage features was completed in October 2014, on time and within budget. The "Invisible Heritage" project, which is a community engagement programme to get more people involved in the management of the Park will run until May 2018.
- 3.7 **Outdoor Gym projects** – following the successful pilot project at Maurice Lea Memorial Park, a second gym has been installed at Newhall Park and launched in February 2015. Seven pieces of equipment have been installed, funded by Choosing Health (Wellbeing fund), Bretby Rotary Club and SDDC, to a project value of £15,000.
- 3.8 **Wheeled Sports projects** – following extensive consultation with local young people the existing skate/bmx/scooter facilities at Woodhouse Skate Park were improved and extended in May 2014. The project received £50,000 funding from Police & Crime Commissioner, Derbyshire County Council and s106.

- 3.9 **Protecting Playing Fields Project - Woodville** - guidance given to Woodville Parish Council to produce a feasibility study and report to support an application to Sport England Protecting Playing Fields, which was awarded in 2013. The works included levelling and draining the main adult football pitch and the installation of a ball stop fence. The site is currently in the establishment phase and should be ready for use for the 2015/16 season.
- 3.10 **Protecting Playing Fields Project - Melbourne** - Melbourne Sporting Partnership received a grant from Sport England of £50,000 to provide final levelling and drainage works to create two football pitches (one full size adult, one full size junior) with the potential to include a second cricket pitch with artificial wicket.

In Progress

- 3.11 **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 £500,000 package to create a dedicated dance studio, larger fitness studio, revised reception 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 has now been confirmed with works starting in April.
- 3.12 **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. Work is progressing on the procurement process with the aim of site works starting in April.
- 3.13 **Melbourne Assembly Rooms** – the management of the Assembly Rooms has been successfully transferred to a community group who are developing funding bids which will help enhance and develop the facility for increased community use.
- 3.14 **Protecting Playing Fields Projects - Overseal** - support given to Overseal Parish Council to assist in the production of a feasibility study and report to submit with an application to Sport England, which was submitted in February 2015. The report gives costed options on leisure and sports facility improvements for the main recreation ground in the village, including football, cricket and youth facilities.
- 3.15 **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.

- 3.16 **Grove Active Zone and Associated Projects** - Members will recall previous reports seeking their approval for a submission to the Sport England Improvement Fund for a grant of £500,000 which would be a major contribution towards a £1million scheme of refurbishment and development within the Green Bank Leisure Centre/Grove Hall and other sites within the urban core.

Sport England has confirmed that the final application submission has been successful and they are satisfied that the project will provide significant increases in physical activity participation by the community in general but specifically young people aged 14 to 24 years.

The project will include the following elements:

- Refurbishment of the Grove Hall with the conversion of the squash courts into an 18 station climbing centre, state of the art group exercise studio, party rooms, reception and community areas.
- Replacement of sports hall floor in Green Bank Leisure Centre and development of badminton and gymnastics.
- Resurfacing of tiled area and refurbishment of spectator area in the Green Bank Leisure Centre swimming pool hall.
- Redevelopment of the old sauna area into a Cycle Studio.
- Provision of a skatepark into one of the urban parks
- Enhancement of Swadlincote Town Hall to provide facilities for street dance and martial arts.
- Provision of an outdoor gym in Eureka Park.

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Green Bank Leisure Centre refurbishment and repairs budget will be considered by Finance and Management Committee with other projects having already been managed or those in progress being delivered with identified resources. In terms of the Grove Active Project the Committee needs to authorize the signing of the contract with Sport England to confirm the £500k grant.

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 programme of facility development is fulfilling that promise.