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SUBJECT:	ACTIVE SPORTS YEAR 3	REF: SB/LJW
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1.0 Recommendations

1.1 Members approve the application to the Derbyshire and Peak Park Sports Forum of tennis, rugby union and hockey to join swimming, girls' football, cricket and basketball as Active Sports in South Derbyshire.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To inform Members of the progress of the Active Sport programme and gain their agreement for the addition of new sports to the South Derbyshire programme.

3.0 Detail

3.1 The Active Sport programme is Sport England's Lottery Funded scheme aimed at developing pathways which ensure that young people have every opportunity to reach their potential in sporting performance.

3.2 Last year the Community Services Committee approved the selection of swimming and girls' football as Active Sports for Year 2 of the scheme. An application to the Derbyshire and Peak Park Sports Forum for these sports was successful and coaching activity and support has been delivered across the District.

3.3 In Year 3 of the Active Sports scheme, the sports of tennis and rugby have been added to the Active Sports programme. The selection process of the sports to be delivered in South Derbyshire for Year 3 remains the same as previous years with an analysis of the 'readiness factors' for a sports liaison with clubs and then an application to the Sports Forum for approval.

3.4 The 'readiness factors' relate to the strength of local clubs to provide a 'home' for the participant, the number and level of qualification of available coaches and the competitive network that is available.

3.5 The approval of these new sports would mean that South Derbyshire would be receiving funding for the delivery of tennis, hockey and rugby union. Athletics and netball would also receive support in the form of club and coach development with them being Active Sports in Year 4.

3.6 The Sports Forum has also decided to appoint two further Active Sports Officers who will assist districts in the delivery of the Active Sports programme. This will mean South Derbyshire will share an officer with one other District not two others.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 The Active Sport scheme is funded by the Sports Forum and Sport England's Sports Lottery Fund. If the sports identified are selected, the funding from the above sources would result in over £28,000 of work delivered in the District.

4.2 This £28,000 would be made up of £10,000 direct expenditure delivering the Active Sport programme and £18,000 indirect spend in the form of the time spent in the District by the Active Sport Officer and other Forum Officers.

4.3 The Council's contribution for 2002/03 is £10,311. This means the difference between what is paid in and what is received back to the District is £17,689 to the good and that does not take into account the other work of the Sports Forum which includes the production of a Facility Strategy, TOPS Programme and Derbyshire Youth Games.

5.0 Community Implications

5.1 The Active Sport programme allows young people to gain an interest in sport and supports clubs and schools to develop a safe and enjoyable environment in which people will stay and enjoy a life in sport.

5.2 Consequently the programme will help to reduce the problems of youth nuisance and disorder, promote healthy lifestyles and develop the capacity of the voluntary sector.

6.0 Conclusions

6.1 The identified sports, if confirmed, will compliment the work already undertaken in the District in Active Sports and result in a significant flow of money into the District to benefit young people.

7.0 Background Papers

7.1 Derbyshire and Peak Park Sports Forum File.