
REPORT TO:	ETWALL JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (JMC)	AGENDA ITEM: 11
DATE OF MEETING:	26TH JANUARY 2009	CATEGORY: DELEGATED
REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	ETWALL SPORTS DEVELOPMENT GROUP	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ETWALL, FINDERN, HATTON, HILTON, NORTH WEST, REPTON & WILLINGTON	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS08

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members approve the approach identified in the report as the appropriate way forward for the development of a sporting infrastructure for the new facility and the surrounding community

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To set out the reasons for the above recommendations.

3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 The provision of a new leisure facility provides an excellent opportunity to develop an infrastructure for the development of sport across the Etwall, Hilton and surrounding area, which will ensure maximum usage and community involvement in the new Centre.

4.0 Detail

Background

- 4.1 The original application to the Sports Lottery Fund included a draft Sports Development Plan and proposal for Leisure Centre Sports Development Group. Although the actual application was not successful the Plan was considered to be an ideal vehicle for establishing the new Centre within the community and maximising its potential to increase participation and volunteering above existing levels.
- 4.2 It is proposed that the same process is undertaken for the new facility with the development of a Sports Development Plan and the formation of a multi agency Sports Development Focus Group that will support the Centre Management and the JMC in achieving its Business Plan and the LAA target of increasing participation in sport.

- 4.3 The initial work on developing the Plan and pulling together a Focus Group would be led by the Councils Sport and Youth Development Manager with the assistance of a project team including the current Centre Manager, School Sport Partnership Manager, School representative, South Derbyshire Sports Club Development Officer, Club and local community representatives and others who have an interest in the new facility.
- 4.4 A draft Plan will be prepared and subject to community consultation before being brought back to this Committee for approval.
- 4.5 It is hoped that the process may be eligible for external funding, as the creation of a 'community sports hub' approach has already caught the attention of the county sports partnership as innovative thinking.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

6.0 Corporate Implications

- 6.1 The proposal will assist the District in achieving its target of increasing participation in sport by at least 1% a year.

7.0 Community Implications

- 7.1 The new leisure centre will be an important and strategic facility in a fast growing area of the District, providing a host of sport and recreational activities for participants, volunteers and spectators.

8.0 Conclusions

- 8.1 To maximise the financial and community benefits of the new Centre there needs to be an infrastructure in place prior to the 'doors opening'. This proposal will ensure that these benefits will be achieved and firmly place the new facility as a community sports hub for the north west of the District.

9.0 Background Papers

- 9.1 None