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| REPORT TO: | Housing & Community Services | AGENDA ITEM: 10 |
| DATE OF MEETING: | 11th June 2009 | CATEGORY: DELEGATED |
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| SUBJECT: | Leisure Pot Capital Expenditure Proposal | REF: |
| WARD(S) AFFECTED: | ALL | TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07, HCS10 |

1.0 Reason for Exempt

1.1 N/A

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That Members approve the priorities identified in the report for the allocating of 'leisure pot' funding in 2009/10.

3.0 Purpose of Report

3.1 To report on the success of the Youth/Play facilities capital programme delivered over the past 3 years

3.2 To outline proposals for the expenditure, in 2009/10, of monies currently contained in 'leisure pots'.

4.0 Executive Summary

4.1 At the last meeting of this Committee, Members approved the principle of establishing 'leisure pots' for the management & allocation of Section 106 contributions, predominantly for the 'off site' provision of improvement to play areas. A commitment was made at the meeting on 23rd April 2009 to come back to Committee with a priority list of where the identified sums could be allocated within the parameters of the 'leisure pots'. The list of priorities utilises a previous audit of the District's play sites that initially shaped the allocation of Lottery Play Improvement money. The Audit was reported to this Committee in March 2007. In addition to this the report provides an update for Members on the significant progress that has been made in improving play & youth provision across the District.

5.0 Detail

Progress To Date

- 5.1 A large capital programme of Youth/Play Facility improvements has been delivered over the past three years. A total of £547,000 has been invested in play and youth facilities across the district, and has attracted £418,500 of external/partnership funding from a wide variety of sources. See Annexe 1 for details.
- 5.2 A Play & Youth Facility Audit was undertaken to assess the quality of play provision of the 47 sites across the district. Three factors were assessed: play value of the equipment; age range catered for and general site quality. The sites have been graded and ranked according to score, and is used to provide a priority list of projects for inclusion on the capital programme. It is updated annually.

Proposals for 2009-10

- 5.3 Priority sites for 2009/10 are listed in Annexe 2. The costs listed against each site are an estimation of the funding required to bring the sites up to a 'Good' standard, and are based on consultation with the Parish Councils where appropriate.
- 5.4 External funding has already been secured against the programme. A total of £100,000 has been allocated through the Derbyshire County Council PlayBuilder programme. The programme will attract additional funding through partnership working and has the ability to demonstrate excellent added value through leverage generated by successful grant applications.
- 5.5 A funding bid has been submitted to the Heritage Lottery for Eureka Park, which, if successful, will require match funding from SDDC. The Central Area Leisure Pot would be the likely source of the Council's contribution.
- 5.6 Once the programme has been approved, full consultation will be undertaken with the Parish Councils, local residents and children and young people, to determine the design and specification for the schemes.
- 5.7 Identified in Annexe 2 for allocation from the 'leisure pot' for the Central area is £10,000. This is a contribution towards providing 1.8m high fencing around the Bowling Green in Newhall Park. This is to combat inappropriate use of the facility, which is threatening the continued presence of bowling in the Park. This is a £20,000 scheme with the balance of the funding being contributed from other sources (£5k from the Neighbourhood Risk Assessment fund & £5k from the revenue identified to deal with the issues arising from the Anti Social Behaviour in Parks Service Review).

6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 Capital implications – funding for the Programme is principally to come from Developer contributions, received through Section 106 agreements for off-site provision of open space and play facilities.
- 6.2 Contributions that are not site-specific have been organised into 'Leisure Pots' for the North, Central and South areas of the District.
- 6.3 Revenue implications – SDDC will continue to maintain the play areas as per the current arrangement. Cost of repairs to damage will be borne by SDDC and be contained within existing revenue budgets for Play Area maintenance.
- 6.4 Value for money – procurement of equipment will be undertaken in accordance with the Council's Procurement Policy and the Preferred Supplier Framework agreement.

6.5 External funding has already been identified from Derbyshire County Council (PlayBuilder £100k) and additional bids are being submitted for other funding sources.

7.0 Corporate Implications

7.1 The programme delivers against Theme 1 of the Corporate Plan “Safer & Healthier Communities”, under the priority “Providing more things for young people to do”. This states the target of providing 4 new facilities for young people, and delivers the outcome of reducing police calls to service. Under “You at the Centre” theme, the improvements to play and recreation facilities are carried out in consultation with parents, children and young people to ensure that the new provisions meet the needs of the community, and seek to improve satisfaction with the quality of the service.

7.2 The programme also delivers against the Leisure & Community Development Service Plan 2009-10; South Derbyshire Play Strategy 2007-10; Sport, Recreation & Physical Activity Strategy 2007-10; Safer South Derbyshire Partnership Plan 2008-11.

7.3 Legal implications – N/A

7.3 Employment Implications – N/A

7.4 Communication issues – the programme will be delivered, marketed and publicised in line with the Corporate Communications Strategy. Key audiences are: Parish Councils, Council Members, Partner agencies, Parents, Children and Young People and Play Providers.

8.0 Community Implications

8.1 The programme contributes to the following Community Strategy themes: Children & Young People; Safer Communities, Healthy Communities.

8.2 The programme also delivers against requirements laid out in the governments’ Every Child Matters policy and meets Best Practice Guidelines suggested by Play England and other advisory bodies.

8.3 The main outcome is to deliver the vision set out in the South Derbyshire Play Strategy “To improve the quality, range and provision of play opportunities for every child and young person in South Derbyshire”.

9.0 Conclusions

9.1 The report identifies a basis for continuing the excellent progress that has been made in bringing play sites across the District up to current standards

10.0 Background Papers

10.1 None

ANNEXE 1

Play Facilities Improved 2005-08

| SITE | COST £ | EXTERNAL FUNDING £ |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|---|
| Fabis Close Play Area | 40,000 | 20,000 SSDP |
| Rosliston Children's Play Area | 35,000 | 25,000 Big Lottery |
| Stenson Fields Children's Play Area | 33,000 | 25,000 Big Lottery |
| Salisbury Drive Children's Play Area | 40,000 | 25,000 Big Lottery |
| Repton Play Area | 17,000 | 6,000 Parish Council |
| Netherseal MUGA | 33,000 | 11,000 Parish Council |
| Goseley Rec MUGA | 85,000 | 25,000 Parish Council 25,000 Sport England 25,000 SSDP |
| Salisbury Drive MUGA | 70,000 | 25,000 Parish Council 25,000 Sport England 25,000 SSDP |
| Overseal MUGA | 68,000 | 30,000 DCC 15,000 Community Partnership 8,000 Sport England 11,000 SSDP |
| Woodville MUGA | 74,000 | 6,000 DCC 15,000 Community Partnership 42,000 Sport England |
| Woodhouse Skate Park | 15,000 | 15,000 DCC |
| Melbourne Pitch Drainage | 23,000 | 2,000 Parish Council |
| Maurice Lea MUGA Floodlights | 9,000 | 9,000 DCC |
| Willington Play Area | 5,000 | 3,500 Parish Council |
| TOTALS | 547,000 | 418,500 |

ANNEXE 2

NORTH AREA

| | Site | Description | S106 | Other |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Weston-on-Trent | new under 12's play area | £5k | £25k Play Builder |
| 2 | Scropton Play Area | new climbing frame and swings | £5k | |
| 3 | Coronation Close, Melbourne | replacement equipment | £5k | |
| 4 | Pilgrims Way, Stenson Fields | half-sized MUGA/Goal wall | £15k | £10k SSDP (tbc) |
| TOTAL NORTH AREA | | | £30k | £35k |

CENTRAL AREA

| | Site | Description | S106 | Other |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| 1 | Newhall Park | bowling green improvements | £10k | £10k |
| 3 | Maurice Lea Park | play equipment upgrade | £30k | |
| 2 | Eureka Park | play equipment upgrade | £50k | £50k Play Builder |
| TOTAL CENTRAL | | | £90k | £60k |

SOUTH AREA

| | Site | Description | S106 | Other |
|--------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1 | Walton-on-Trent | new under 12's play area | £10k | £25k Play Builder |
| 2 | Mount Pleasant Play Area, Castle Gresley | replacement toddler/junior equipment | £10k | £15k via Parish Council |
| TOTAL SOUTH | | | £20k | £40k |