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SUBJECT:

ACTIVE SPORTS YEAR 2

REF: SB/LJW

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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REFERENCE: CS3

1.0 Recommendations

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

To agree the offer of office accommodation for the Active Sport Officer supporting Active Sport in South Derbyshire.

2.0 Purpose of Report

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

3.0 Detail

- 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.
- Last year the Leisure Services Committee approved the selection of cricket and basketball as Active Sports for Year 1 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 2 of the Active Sports scheme, the sports of girls' football and hockey have been added to the Year 1 sports of swimming, basketball and cricket. The selection process of the sports to be delivered in South Derbyshire for year 2 remains the same as Year 1 with an analysis of the 'readiness factors' for a sport and then an application to the Sports Forum for approval.

- 3.4 The 'readiness factors' relate to he 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. Taking these factors into consideration, Officers recommend that swimming is added to the sports.
- 3.5 The approval of swimming would mean that South Derbyshire would be receiving funding for the delivery of basketball, cricket and swimming. Girls' football would still receive support in the form of club and coach development. Hockey will come on board in year 3.
- 3.6 The Sports Forum has also decided to appoint three Active Sports Officers who will assist districts in the delivery of the Active Sports programme.
- 3.7 Each Active Sport Officer will be attached to three authorities with South Derbyshire sharing an Officer with Derby City and Erewash.
- 3.8 Negotiations are currently taking place as to where the Officer will actually be located. Your Officers would welcome the opportunity to offer a desk and support within the Community and Leisure Development Department.

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 £24,505 of work delivered in the District.
- 4.2 This £24,505 would be made up of £9,780 direct expenditure delivering the Active Sport programme and £14,725 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 2001/2 is £10,311. The means the difference between what is paid in and what is received back to the District is £14,196 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.