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SUBJECT:	CHANGING ROOM PROVISION – EX MOD FOOTBALL PITCHES - HILTON	REF: exmodpitches
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	HILTON	TERMS OF REFERENCE:HCS08

1.0 Recommendations

1.1 That Members approve the allocation of an additional £30,000 from Section 106 monies towards a project to provide changing rooms to service the ex MOD Football Pitch site.

2.0 Purpose of Report

2.1 To outline progress made with the project and the reasons for seeking the allocation of this additional funding

3.0 Executive Summary

3.1 Good progress has been made in the development of this scheme and the project team are now in a position to submit their bid for external funding. Project budget estimates indicate that if the bid is successful there will be a gap in the partnership-funding element of the project. Other partners will be making every effort to increase their contribution but to support the viability of the bid an additional financial contribution in the region of £30,000 is required.

4.0 Detail

Background

4.1 As part of this year's Capital Programme, £40,000 has been allocated as a contribution towards the development and delivery of a project to provide changing provision for the ex MOD Football Pitches, located off the Mease. The pitches have been transferred for community use as part of the section 106 agreement that has been negotiated for this phase of development in the Village. The £40,000 has been allocated from a capital sum of £456,000, provided by the developer, again under the terms of the section 106 agreement. This money is intended to be spent on

meeting the leisure and community needs of the Village.

- 4.2 At present, at the suggestion of this Council, community groups in the village, supported by Groundwork Erewash Valley, are in the process of producing a Village Plan. This plan will identify local priorities and provide the basis for allocating the remainder of the section 106 monies.
- 4.3 The football pitches, including the land on which the changing rooms will be located, is now in the ownership of the Parish Council. The project has been developed by a partnership comprising the Parish Council, representatives of Hilton Harriers, who will be the main end users of the site, and this Council. If funding bids are successful Hilton Parish Council will own the asset.
- 4.4 The need to provide additional football pitches in the Hilton area has been identified in the South Derbyshire Facilities Strategy and the Derbyshire Football Strategy. In order to try and meet this demand successful efforts were made to release the pitches as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, the absence of changing provision means that the full benefit of this provision cannot as yet be maximised. Hilton Harriers FC, currently field 10 teams and have 200 (boys and girls) registered players.

The Project

- 4.5 To date, the Council's capital allocation has been utilised in the appointment of architects to undertake feasibility work at the site. This work has now been substantially complete and the partnership have agreed on the scheme that will form the basis of a funding bid to the Football Foundation seeking 65% of total project costs.
- 4.6 The Derbyshire Football Partnership, who comment on bids to the Football Foundation, and officers from the Football Association (FA), have been consulted at key stages of the feasibility work and they are happy with the way the project is being developed. They have indicated that there is a need however to progress the project as quickly as possible while Derbyshire's allocation from the Football Foundation is still available.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1 A summary of the cost elements of the project, together with the current secured and unsecured funding contributions is identified in Annexe A. A key element in any application for external funding is being able to identify the financial commitment from all partners and, just as importantly, having more funding 'secured' rather than unsecured.
- 5.2 If approved by Members, the additional £30,000 would only be released if the bid to the Football Foundation were successful.
- 5.3 Because the Parish Council will own the asset there are no revenue implications arising from this project. Maximising the financial benefit of the section 106 money to the local community has always been a major objective of all stakeholders. Clearly, if this bid is successful it will make a major contribution to this objective.

6.0 Corporate Implications

6.1 The delivery of this project is a Key Task in the Technical Services Service Plan

8.0 Community Implications

8.1 Junior football makes a major contribution to both leisure and social development in a community. Clearly, in a village such as Hilton, that is experiencing fairly rapid development, the support of a club providing sporting opportunities for 200 youngsters is important.

9.0 Conclusions

9.1 The project to provide changing provision for the football pitches at the Mease has reached a key stage of development. There is a fairly significant shortfall of funding that all partners are working towards reducing. Committing an additional amount from the section 106 monies will significantly reduce this shortfall and make the project a more attractive proposition for the attracting of external funding.

10.0 Background Papers

10.1 None

