

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 10</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE – OVERFLOW CAR PARK</b>	<b>REF: SB</b>
<b>WARD (S) AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ETWALL, HATTON, HILTON, WILLINGTON</b>	<b>TERMS OF REFERENCE:</b>

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## **1.0 Recommendation**

- 1.1 To agree that John Port School is reimbursed the Councils share of the cost of capital works from Section 106 funds received for that purpose.

## **2.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 2.1 To inform Members of the project to upgrade the overspill car park at Etwall Leisure Centre which is being undertaken by John Port School and subject to the receipt of Section 106 funds previously identified for this project to contribute the Councils share of the cost to the School at a future date.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 Since the opening of the Etwall Leisure Centre there has been a year on year increase in visitor numbers. In 2010 a gravel based overspill car park was commissioned by John Port School to accommodate increased car use amongst the student body. The car park also provided valuable parking for Leisure Centre users.
- 3.2 Since that provision an adjacent Artificial Grass Pitch has been built and the Leisure Centre has been expanded meaning there has been a significant increase in Centre users. Whilst the School has provided further overspill space in the 'coach car park' there is significant congestion in the evenings and at weekends. At the same time the School has experienced a further increase in car use and congestion during the day in and around the School site.
- 3.3 The School wish to enlarge, tarmac and provide drainage on the gravel over spill car park and want to start this work this term. They are prepared to fund the works upfront if the Council will commit to paying a proportion from Section 106 funds identified for this specific project.
- 3.4 The Section 106 Agreement for houses on the New House Farm site provides the following:

"Built Recreation Facilities Contribution" - £91,500 and

"Outdoor Recreation Facilities Contribution" - £165,000.

- 3.5 These contributions must be spent on undertaking improvements to Etwall Leisure Centre. When these amounts were agreed a number of projects were identified for the funds to be allocated to and the car park upgrade was the priority project. Consequently using this share of the funds towards the community use part of the cost is appropriate.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The estimated cost of the car park works is £72,000. The proportion that would be provided by the Council, in line with the Joint Management Committee arrangements is 62%. Consequently an amount of approximately £44,640 would be payable when/if the agreed Section 106 funding is received from the New House Farm development. If the funding is not received the School accepts that they will have to cover the whole cost.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 The continued success of Etwall Leisure Centre supports the achievement of Place and People actions within the Corporate Plan.

#### **6.0 Community Implications**

- 6.1 The project will offer a significantly improved car parking facility for the increasing numbers using the Leisure Centre.

#### **7.0 Conclusions**

- 7.1 .The proposal by John Port School to initiate the capital works and take the risk of Section 106 funds not being received is an acceptable offer for the Council to accept.