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REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	OPEN:
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SUBJECT:	PLAY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	ALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE:HCS07

1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 Members authorise the Strategic Sports Group to develop a Play Development Strategy and develop and deliver a process for the allocation of Big Lottery Play funds in South Derbyshire.
- 1.2 The Strategy is brought back to the Committee for its approval.

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To inform and get the agreement of Members for the Strategic Sports Group to develop a Play Development Strategy and process for allocating Big Lottery funding for play.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Big Lottery has allocated £200,000 to South Derbyshire but requires the development of a Play Strategy and multi-agency co-ordination group to enable this funding to be allocated.
- 3.2 The provision of a further £100,000 per year for 3 years capital funding from the District Council, added to the £30,000 per year from the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership for youth play provision means that play has become a major issue for the District.
- 3.3 To deliver this funding in an effective and co-ordinated manner requires a 'capacity' not currently available to the District.

PROPOSAL

- 3.4 To ensure that the development of play is recognised at a strategic level and has appropriate representation it is proposed that the Strategic Sports Group manages the process and reports to the Lifelong Learning and Culture Theme Group of the South Derbyshire Local Strategic Partnership.

The structure is illustrated below:



3.5 The Play Development Partnership will consist of organisations who have an interest in play. These could include:

South Derbyshire District Council	Children Services	CVS
School Sport Partnership	Early Years	PCT
People Express	Forestry Commission	Parish Councils
Voluntary Sector	Private Sector	Libraries
Sport and Leisure Management	Environ' Education	Sure Start
Get Active in the Forest	Lifelong Learning	

3.6 To provide the capacity to pull the above group together, develop the Strategy and procure projects, Groundwork Erewash Valley (GEV) have been commissioned. They will undertake the following:

- Facilitate establishment of group
- Review strategies, surveys etc
- Facilitate consultation event
- Complete draft Strategy and action plans
- Develop procurement process for projects
- Establish monitoring and evaluation process

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report as it is intended that the hours required for GEV to complete this work will be provided as part of the District Council's Service Level Agreement with GEV.

4.2 The Big Lottery funding of £200,000 can be spent on both capital and revenue projects and the Council's and Safer South Derbyshire Partnerships £130,000 must be used on capital. It is expected that all of the funds will generate significant matched funding.

4.3 A further funding stream has been announced by the Big Lottery for innovative play. The process identified above will enable bids to this fund to be encouraged.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The development of the Strategy and procurement of projects will assist the Council in achieving its Corporate and Community Plan targets and consequently support the Best Value Review of Cultural Services and CPA inspection.

6.0 Community Implications

6.1 The proposed Play Development Strategy and creation of a Play Partnership will ensure that childrens play is at the forefront of Council service delivery and contribute to improved health of young people and reduction in youth related nuisance and crime.

9.0 Conclusions

9.1 The Big Lottery has put Play on the strategic agenda of local authorities and will stimulate a co-ordinated and exciting programme of activities and facilities which will support the development of young people across the district

10.0 Background Papers

10.1 Play Development File

