

REPORT TO:	FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 8
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SUBJECT:	COCKSHUT LANE RECREATION GROUND, MELBOURNE SPORTS FACILITY PROJECT	REF: SB
WARD (S) AFFECTED:	MELBOURNE, ASTON, TICKNALL	TERMS OF REFERENCE: HCS07

1.0 Recommendation

- 1.1 To approve the allocation of up to £50,000 from the Sport and Health/ Get Active Reserve towards the Melbourne Sporting Partnership project to complete the fitting out of the clubhouse building prior to its transfer to the Melbourne Sporting Partnership.
- 1.2 To approve entering into a loan agreement that the Melbourne Sporting Partnership repay the reserve fund allocation back to the Council over the period of the lease with the loan secured against the freehold reversion of the land.

2.0 Purpose of the Report

- 2.1 To gain Members approval for the use of reserves towards the Melbourne project and a loan agreement with the Melbourne Sporting Partnership.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 The Melbourne Sporting Partnership project to build a modern multisport club outdoor facility has almost completed its second phase. This is the £1.8m contract to build a 6 changing room clubhouse, artificial grass training pitch and floodlit multi-use games area.
- 3.2 During the process of acquiring the funding for those works and procuring a building contractor, there had to be a significant value engineering exercise to achieve a project affordable with the contract sum. The reduced build contract has progressed well and the facility has now been handed over to SDDC ready for a final transfer to the Melbourne Sporting Partnership on a 25 year lease.
- 3.3 This transfer is based upon the building being furnished and ready for operational use so that it is sustainable to operate. To enable the transfer a

number of items are still required, these include CCTV, benching, furnishings and white goods.

- 3.4 The proposal is to allocate £50,000 from the Sport and Health/Youth Engagement Reserve to fund these items and then complete the transfer of the facility from the District Council to the Melbourne Sporting Partnership. The Melbourne Sporting Partnership would commit to paying this fund back over the period of the 25 year lease.
- 3.5 The Sporting Partnership has also submitted bids for fitting out other aspects of the building and for feasibility works for pitch improvements.
- 3.6 In terms of expanding the use of the facility wider than football, rugby and cricket, there has been good progress with establishing a community tennis club and netball development.
- 3.7 For information the funding for the project has come from a significant number of sources to date, the breakdown is as follows:

SDDC £1,000,000 (2012/13 allocation)
SDDC £210,000 (General Fund Reserve in lieu of S106 receipts)
Football Foundation £600,000
Derbyshire County Council £250,000
Sport England £200,000
Rugby Football Union £100,000
Melbourne Parish Council £18,000
Community Donations and Contributions £23,000

4.0 Financial Implications

- 4.1 In view of the proposal in 3.4 £50,000 will be taken from the Youth Engagement/Get Active Reserve of £598,000 to support the completion of the Melbourne Sporting Partnership project. This will be repaid by the Melbourne Sporting Partnership over the period of their lease from Council and the loan secured against the freehold reversion of the land.

5.0 Corporate Implications

- 5.1 The projects identified above contribute to the Council's Corporate Plan in the priority areas of People and Places and in particular the provision of new facilities for sport and recreation and increased participation in physical activity. The completion of these high profile facilities also represent a successful 'Igniting the Legacy' project which the Council embarked upon in 2012.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The capital and revenue investment in built and outreach physical activity provision is proving to be of great benefit to the health and well-being of the

local community. The proposals within this report will continue to maintain that progress and give more people more opportunity to engage in activity.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The ongoing programme of facility provision and improvement is progressing successfully and will result in the provision of quality leisure facilities across the District.