LEISURE & COMMUNITY SERVICES: PROGRESS ON CAPITAL SCHEMES 2012/13

Green Bank Leisure Centre

Following the successful wet side changing accommodation project an application was made to Sport England for £150,000 towards further refurbishment works. This application has now been successful.

This grant will support a £499,000 package of works which will include refurbishment of public areas and provision of exercise studio space, extension of the gym and replacement of the current sauna. The design of the refurbishment and the Procurement Framework are being finalised.

A further issue for determination on the Green Bank works is to settle on the compensation figure for the loss of income during the completed and future refurbishment works. The Council is responsible for this compensation payment and historical usage patterns are being used to agree a figure.

Etwall Leisure Centre

The project to install a full size Artificial Grass Pitch has been completed following a successful application to the Football Foundation. The cost was approximately £490,000 with £239,000 from the Football Foundation - John Port School and the District Council each providing £100,000 with the Centre's sinking fund and Hilton Harriers providing the balance. Full community use will start in May and an official opening will follow.

Following the initial unsuccessful application to the Sport England Inspired Facilities Fund a new project is being developed that will look at the potential of a larger gym area along with minor enhancements to other areas of the Centre. Over £200,000 has already been secured for this project and further options are being looked at.

Rosliston Forestry Centre

The Forestry Commission is undertaking a revised tendering process to build toilet facilities adjacent to the 'Glade in the Forest Arena'. Work will commence in autumn after the summer wedding and performance season is complete.

In addition, Derbyshire County Council Aiming High funds of £87,710 have been secured for improving facilities and opportunities for young disabled users. Plans are advanced for a number of improvements by end of August including new play equipment, an access friendly archery shelter, a nursing bed, an improved hide, new laser games equipment and a revamped crazy golf facility. The total project spend will be £193,000.

Eureka Park

The Project is to restore and repair the heritage features of Eureka Park and deliver a community engagement programme for which a successful Heritage Lottery Fund application has received £547,316 towards a scheme with a total value of £828,830. This includes revenue funding for a Community Engagement post.

Melbourne Sporting Partnership (MSP)

This £2.5m multi sports club project has been enhanced with the provision of £250,000 from Derbyshire County Council and £50,000 from Sport England so that work can begin on drainage works to provide quality football, rugby and cricket playing areas and a pavilion. Further applications for funds in excess of £600,000 are being developed with the Football Foundation and Rugby Football Union. A further application has been made in April to the Sport England Inspired Facilities Fund.

Melbourne Leisure Centre

An initial lease for the Centre now known as Melbourne Assembly Rooms has been transferred to Melbourne Community Group who is developing funding bids with a view to enhancing and developing the facility for increased community use. Discussions are underway in relation to a longer lease that would support additional grant applications where a long lease is a prerequisite.

Gresley Old Hall

The refurbishment of the grounds and outdoor recreational facilities at the Hall has been completed, including the successful relocation of the bowls pavilion from Maurice Lea Memorial Park to the Old Hall site. The capital works have cost £480,000 to date, which were funded from a developer contribution.

Hilton Village Hall

Phase one of the extensions to Hilton Village hall commenced in December 2012. Footings are in and brickwork has commenced although adverse weather has delayed progress slightly. Nevertheless it is still anticipated that works will be complete in May 2013 thereby utilising all outstanding Growth Point funding for the project.