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REPORT TO:	HOUSING & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM: 9
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REPORT FROM:	DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES	OPEN
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SUBJECT:	AGREEMENT FOR THE MANAGEMENT OF THE ALL-WEATHER TRAINING PITCH (ATP), THE PINGLE SCHOOL	REF:
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Swadlincote, Church Gresley, Newhall & Stanton, Midway, Woodville, Seales, Hartshorne, Ticknall & Linton	TERMS OF REFERENCE:HCS07

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## 1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members note the progress being made in the delivery of the ATP at The Pingle School
- 1.2 That approval in principle is given to the Chair of the Council to sign the agreement on behalf of the Council subject to no significant changes to the draft agreement being requested by The School
- 1.3 That a Member be nominated to attend the Strategic Management Group once this is formally constituted.

## 2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To update Members on progress with the project to provide an ATP at The Pingle School.
- 2.2 To outline the importance and main elements of the agreement that is intended to formalise future management arrangements for the facility.

## 3.0 Detail

### **Background**

- 3.1 The provision of an ATP in the Swadlincote urban area was, for sometime, a key objective in South Derbyshire Facilities Strategy. The Pingle School was selected as the most appropriate location for the facility and the project to date has been developed in close partnership with the School. In September 2005 the excellent news was received that the Football Foundation were prepared to contribute approximately 50% of total project costs with the remainder being funded with equal contributions from the School and this Council

- 3.2 Contractors are on site and it is anticipated that work will be completed, on schedule, by this September.
- 3.3 An important factor in formalising future management arrangements for the site and meeting the commitments the School made to the Football Foundation when accepting their grant offer is the production and signing of a legally binding agreement. A draft agreement has been produced and this is attached at Annexe A. The School Governors will also be considering the document in the next couple of weeks but it is important that both parties, prior to the site being opened to the public, approve it.

### **Main Points**

3.4 The key elements of the draft agreement are as follows:

- The asset is the Schools
- The Council's interest is in developing and safeguarding community use of the facility.
- The agreement sets out when the facility will be available to the School and when it will be available to the community.
- The School will have responsibility for the 'day to day' management of the site details of which are identified in the agreement.
- The School will retain all income from the direct hire of the facilities, the majority of which will be used to fund the requirements of 'day to day' management.
- However, a proportion of this needs to be set aside as a 'sinking fund' to cover the eventual replacement of the carpet.
- An operational management team will be established to oversee the management and development of the pitch. This team shall include the Council's Youth Engagement Through Sport Officer
- Overseeing this group will be a strategic management group comprising senior representatives of the main stakeholders, including a Member representative from the Council

### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 At the meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2005 Members approved, subject to the approval of Finance & Management Committee, the allocation of an additional £31,000 (on top of the £70,000 already allocated) towards the project. This was to meet a shortfall in anticipated grant aid from the Football Foundation. The School is matching the Council's total contribution of £101,000, against estimated total project costs of £406,000, equally. The Council's contribution is included in the Capital Programme.

### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

5.1 The delivery of the ATP at The Pingle School is a key task in the Leisure & Community Development Division's Service Plan.

## **6.0 Community Implications**

6.1 The completion of this project and its availability to the community will make a significant contribution to sport and its development in Swadlincote urban area and immediate surrounds. Hopefully, the partnership that has been developed for this project will extend to include more community use of other facilities at the School

## **7.0 Conclusions**

7.1 Work on providing a full size, floodlit ATP at The Pingle School has progressed well and is on schedule to be completed by this September. It is important, for both key stakeholders and the grant awarding body, that arrangements for the future management and development of the pitch are set out in a legally binding agreement. Although some work still needs to be undertaken in refining the draft agreement and The School need to make their comments it is likely that the main principles contained in the draft will remain unchanged

## **8.0 Background Papers**

8.1 Draft agreement for the management of the Full Size Floodlit All-Weather Training Pitch at The Pingle School

