

**TO: COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 1ST APRIL 2003**

**SUBJECT: RURAL INITIATIVES SCHEME – “RACING AHEAD”**

**FROM: POLICY SERVICES**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 In accordance with a request made at an earlier meeting of this committee, to present members with further background information as to the nature of this project.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 At the meeting of this committee in January last, members scrutinized a report due for consideration at the next following Executive meeting relating to an application for funding out of the Rural Initiatives Scheme received from Racing Club (Warwick) FC for its “Racing Ahead” project. A copy of that report is annexed at Appendix 1.

2.2 Members will recall that funding for the majority of the project had already been secured from the Countryside Commission in the sum of £67,000, and that the balance requested from the Rural Initiatives Scheme amounted to £3,000.

2.3 Also annexed at Appendix 2 are extracts from the funding application filed with the Countryside Commission. The “Project Overview” confirms broad details of the scheme and members will note the significant number of references to the intention of providing services to rural communities within the district.

2.4 Also included with the application were letters of support making reference to the importance of the project’s key aim of reaching out to residents in outlying rural locations. Correspondents writing in support included James Plaskitt, MP, Warwickshire Rural Community Council, Warwickshire County Council, Warwick District Council, Warwick Town Council and Warwickshire College.

**3. OUTCOME REQUIRED**

3.1 That members note the contents of this report.

**Nigel Roberts**  
**Strategic Director (and Monitoring Officer)**

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Correspondence between Warwick District Council and Racing Club (Warwick) FC, previous report to Executive on 13 January 2003 and various funding applications.

**Areas in District Affected:**

Predominantly rural areas to the north, south and west of Warwick Town.

**Executive Portfolio Area and Holder:** Customer Services and Community Development (Councillor David Kohler)

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