

Warwick District Council

To : LEISURE COMMITTEE - 21 SEPTEMBER 1999

SUBJECT : OUTDOOR BASKETBALL INITIATIVE

FROM : HEAD OF LEISURE AND AMENITIES

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To consider a report from the Head of Leisure and Amenities about four proposed sites for Outdoor Basketball goals.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Outdoor Basketball initiative from the English Basketball Association began in 1997 with the aim to give and install 10,000 vandal-proof basketball goals across England.

2.2 The goals have provided, for many young people across the country, a new and constructive way to spend evenings and weekends leading to more young players moving onto play for clubs. Therefore as Warwick District has basketball as a priority sport and have done much work to strengthen basketball and club development within the district there is a strong pathway for young people to continue in the sport.

2.3 Funded by lottery money to increase basketball participation particularly by young people the scheme provides free goals (worth £1000) to local authorities if an average of 40 hours free access can be ensured.

2.4 The following sites have been granted goals already within the district

- Stoneleigh Village Hall 1 goal installed early 99
- Kenilworth Community Centre 2 goals installed August 99
- Aylesford School, Warwick 5 goals installation Sept 99

It is anticipated that through sports development and Aylesford Basketball Club, that the Aylesford School baskets will become the inter-district venue during summer competitions.

2.5 The other sites identified are

- Guy Road Recreation Ground Kenilworth - 1 goal
- Beauchamp Sq Tennis Courts - 1 goal behind fence into tennis courts
- St Nicholas Park - 1 goal to right of all weather pitch on tarmac

- Abbey Fields Tennis Courts - 1 goal to gooseneck over fence on putting green side

Abbey Fields site subject to WCC Archaeological Department approval, but basket will fall outside of Scheduled Monument Site.

2.6 The cost of installation etc. will be covered by existing Grounds Maintenance Budgets.

3.0 Key Issue Strategies

3.1 The Key Issues addressed are CO2, ED6 and JW3.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 Members are asked to comment upon the scheme and the proposed sites and suggest other appropriate sites

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Background Papers: NIL

Areas of District Affected : Kenilworth, Warwick, Leamington Spa