

# WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

**TO :** LEISURE COMMITTEE - 21ST SEPTEMBER 1999

**SUBJECT :** KENILWORTH SCHOOL - DEVELOPMENT OF SPORTS HALL, COURTS AND PITCHES

**FROM :** HEAD OF LEISURE AND AMENITIES

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The report will update members on the lottery application for the above facilities.

## **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 Members will be pleased to note that the lottery awards panel have now considered the application on behalf of the Kenilworth School, and have decided to award the project a financial grant in principle. The scheme briefly comprises of a top class sports hall, an all weather pitch, and ancillary facilities such as the drainage of the playing pitches and revamped tennis courts. The facility would be jointly run by the school and the authority, and is a three-way partnership between the district, the school and the county.

## **3 CURRENT SITUATION**

Before the award can be converted into hard cash, there are a number issues which need to be addressed. Specifically the panel requested the following:

- 3.1 Development of more comprehensive Sports Development Plans that include clear and quantifiable outputs that can be used as a monitoring tool at a later stage, together with relevant personnel, responsibilities and key dates.
- 3.2 Development of programmes of use to enable the realisation of the aims and objectives identified in the sports development plan.
- 3.3 A review of staffing levels to ensure integrity of operational management is achieved and customer health and safety is not compromised.
- 3.4 An increased financial commitment from the local authority.
- 3.5 Marketing plans to include more specific and proactive targeting of under represented groups.
- 3.6 That the proposed design of the facility should be worked up in conjunction with and to the satisfaction of the ESC design team.
- 3.7 Confirmation that all the identified partnership funding is available.
- 3.8 Confirmation of full planning permission.

- 3.9 As can be seen, none of these requests are particularly onerous and indeed, some of them, such as 3.6 and 3.8, have already been confirmed. With regards to the development of the programmes and more proactive targeting for under represented groups, a great deal of work has already been done and is contained in the application on these issues, and it shouldn't be too difficult to work these up further into a scheme which satisfies the lottery awards panel.
- 3.10 The one outstanding issue is the request for an increased financial commitment from the local authority, and when one bears in mind that the total scheme is in the region of £1.5 million, and the participating partners are offering £415,000 (i.e. less than one third of the total cost) towards the project, one can understand the request of the panel to reduce the burden on the lottery finances. The current contributions are £40,000 from the county council, £40,000 from the district council and £335,137 from the school governors. Initial discussions with the designated lottery officer suggest that an additional contribution of £10,000 each from the county council and the district council would meet this requirement, and members are asked if they wish to include a bid for an additional £10,000 in the capital programme to supplement the £40,000 currently included. If the scheme is to proceed, there will be a windfall for the sale of a small piece of land in conjunction with the housing development of £50,000, and consequently it could be argued that the authority are getting £1.5 million worth of sports facilities for no cost at all.
- 3.11 It is anticipated that the lottery award situation can be resolved within the next two months, meaning that a start on site for March 2000 is not unrealistic. In this respect, the authority could use its contribution of £40,000 or £50,000 in this financial year, or delay it until the next financial year, or even spread it between the two years, depending on which was most advantageous to the council's financing.
- 3.12 This scheme has been a long time in the design stage, (nearly 20 years) and it is encouraging to be able to report on this development. Although there are still some issues to resolve, it is probably an appropriate time to pay thanks to all our partners in this scheme, and particularly Mike Carey who has worked as consultant on the scheme, the West Midlands region of the Sports Council, particularly John Roberts, the principal and Sandra Roden, who have been incredibly helpful, Alex Begbie, the Head Teacher at the school, and of course the various officers in the county and district councils who have had an involvement.

#### **4. KEY ISSUES**

The scheme addresses many of the council's Key Issues, and it adds much needed facilities to the Kenilworth area.

#### **5. ACTION REQUIRED**

Members are asked to note the report, and indicate if they wish to make a bid to increase the capital funding the project from £40,000 to £50,000.

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Background Papers : Files on the Kenilworth Sports Hall project scheme, letter  
from Sport England dated 9th September 1999

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Areas affected : Kenilworth

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