

WARWICK DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO : LEISURE COMMITTEE - 11TH JANUARY 2000

SUBJECT : SINGLE REGENERATION BUDGET FUNDING BID - SPORTS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

FROM : HEAD OF LEISURE AND AMENITIES

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To request members' approval to submit a bid to The Single Regeneration Budget Funding (Round 5) for the appointment of a full - time sports development officer for Leamington Old Town.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Transforming Old Town is a community led SRB bid based on the real need and opportunity for regeneration In Leamington Old Town. The area currently exhibits all the symptoms of urban deprivation.

2.2 The Brunswick ward, which forms the heart of the Old Town area targeted for this bid has high levels of children with special needs in schools, significant unemployment, poorest physical and mental health indicators in Warwickshire, and almost half the households do not own a car. There are relatively few leisure opportunities for local residents at present.

2.3 Whilst officers currently target work in Old Town as part of their overall remit to develop opportunities for residents of Warwick district, the impact is limited by the need to provide a service to the entire district. It is envisaged that a full time post would provide significant benefits for the area.

3. THE PROJECT

3.1 A project bid is to be submitted to The Regenesi s Board requesting funding for a full - time officer to be appointed on a three year contract as of 1st April 2000. Additional revenue funding will also be requested from The Single Regeneration Budget for after year three which will be used by the unit through a part-time employee to support the sustainable projects which will have been set up in the three years of the post (see appendix one - financial projections).

3.2 Funding of 80 % is to be requested, with the officer being based in Old Town (SRB offices). The 20 % in - kind contribution towards the post by this unit will be officer supervision / management, and access to sports development equipment.

3.3 If there are accrued costs in year two or three of the post a relevant bid will be submitted as part of the Leisure Service Plan for 2001/2, 2002/3 .

- 3.4 The aim of the post will be to develop a wide range of local sport development activities for people of all ages in the SRB target area, in partnership with key agencies (police, youth services, schools, leisure centres, community groups, governing bodies of sport etc). The activities would aim to develop sustainability, reduce crime, improve health, and provide employment opportunities for local residents.
- 3.5 The post will have a particular emphasis on providing training opportunities for adults, involvement in major Sport England and national lead initiatives, working with target groups, and attaining external funding for local projects.
- 3.6 The post holder will report to The Sport, Leisure and Community Manager, with day to day supervision to be provided by the Senior Youth Sport Development Officer. A job description has been written and evaluated by the HAY panel.

4. KEY ISSUES

- 4.1 The project implement the following strategies ; EQ3, EQ14, JW8.

5. CONCLUSION

- 5.1 In summary the funding bid will provide an excellent opportunity to work in the target area and reduce barriers to participation for all ages, with a particular emphasis to working with Sport England target groups (the unemployed, ethnic minorities, women and girls, young people, and people with disabilities).
- 5.2 The requirements of the Regenis Board are unclear as of early January. A meeting on 10th January will help clarify matters & be reported verbally to members.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Members are asked to support the proposed bid for the creation of a full - time officer (3 year contract).
- 6.2 Members are asked to delegate authority to the Head of Leisure and Amenities in conjunction with Spokespersons to adjust the project bid excluding any additional resources from WDC.

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Background Papers : Financial projections.

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Areas in District Affected : Leamington Old Town

