

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 12th FEBRUARY 2020 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant : **Leamington Cricket Club**

Description of scheme: The existing toilets were installed in 1983 making them 36 years old and have had no real remedial work for over 20 years; the project is to refurbish both the gents and ladies' toilets with modern up-to-date facilities which will be more appealing and functional for all users such as club members, guests and anyone in the community wishing to hire the ground for community/social functions. The work will involve:

Men's Toilets

- Remove existing toilet and replace with new water saving toilet
- Removal of existing porcelain urinal
- New water saving urinals x 3 to be installed
- Replace taps on the 2 existing sinks with new eco models
- Replace existing mirror
- Replace the existing hand dryer with new energy saving eco model
- Remove existing vinyl flooring and replace with new non-slip flooring
- Paint throughout

Ladies Toilets

- Remove two existing toilets and replace with new water saving toilets
- Replace the hand dryer with new energy saving eco model
- Paint throughout

Evidence of need: It is visually obvious; the existing toilets are 36 years old and have had no real remedial work for over 20 years. Due to the age of the toilet facilities the club also has problems with drainage and plumbing on a regular basis which is expensive and something that the club cannot afford. Additionally, discussions with club members have unsurprisingly highlighted that there is a need to improve the standard of toilet facilities at the club. The Club Chairman has provided a written note; "with over 44 adult players using the toilet facilities every Saturday with many others during the week and 200+ children attending evening coaching sessions the facilities are not a pleasant place."

3 years accounts received? 2016 - 2018 accounts have been received along with a recent bank statement for all accounts held (current account 9th October 2019); this evidences sufficient cash reserves to meet the contribution stated on the application form.

Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	31/12/18	31/12/17	31/12/16
	-£1,415	£102,745	£25,239

Available Funds (cash and reserves)	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	31/12/18	31/12/17	31/12/16
	£19,318	£21,804	£24,030

Details of membership, fees etc: The club has a membership scheme broken down into three groups:

- Senior members = £90.00 per season
- Junior members = £40.00 per season
- Social members = £25.00 per season

The ground can also be hired for cricket games at a reduced rate of £50.00 per match.

Details of usage: Leamington Cricket Club plays a big part in the local community and allows the ground to be used by a vast array of teams, community groups and schools. The club also host disability festivals and allow use of the ground for Warwickshire coaching camps and Warwickshire age group matches; the club doesn't charge any money for the use of the ground for the school's festival, or the visually impaired or disabled games, and offer reduced rates for Warwickshire and university games. For example;

- 9 junior teams during the cricket season April to September, playing 4-5 games a week with each game involving approximately 22 children
- 4 adult club teams during the same period, playing 3-4 games a week with each game involving 22 adults
- International games for the England Blind and visually impaired which involve 22 players are bid for; the club has been successful in being chosen over the last two years for the Australia and India games and will be again asking for games next season
- Warwick and Coventry University play on average every couple of weeks in the season involving 22 students in each game
- Two local pub teams, the Oak and the Railway, use the ground on a weekday night where 22 non-members can play cricket who otherwise would not be able to as they have no pitch themselves
- The club host coaching nights on a Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Friday where over the course of the week over 250 children attend
- Indoor training in the winter runs from October through to March and involves around 70 children each week
- A schools' festival is held in July each year involving 6-7 schools where 70 children who are not members use the ground for free
- Coaching camps are held at the ground for three weeks in July and August each season, involving approximately 50 local children some of which will be members and some not
- The club hold community days; this season we held one for a local company, Building and Plumbing Supplies
- The club have a skittles team that play in the local league in the winter ensuring club facilities are used all year round
- For the first time the club are linking in with the new Austin Heath retirement homes with a view to putting on some mixed age cricket/sport activities

Details of Organisations equalities policies: The club has an equality policy which is accessible through the club website and it is forwarded to all members at the start of each season; we are a fully inclusive club offering facilities to all and have been awarded Clubmark status by Warwickshire Cricket Club for the way the club is run. A copy of the policy has been provided, highlights include:

- The club respects the rights, dignity and worth of every person and will treat everyone equally within the context of their sport regardless of age. Ability, gender, race, ethnicity, religious belief, sexuality or social/economic status
- All club members have a responsibility to oppose discriminatory behaviour and promote equality of opportunity

3 quotes provided: Yes

Which of the Council's Corporate Priorities are met? **Evidence**

Reduce anti-social behaviour

Whilst the project doesn't directly impact on this:

- 9 junior teams and 4 adult teams currently use the facilities
 - The club host coaching nights on a Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Friday where over the course of the week over 250 children attend
 - Indoor training in the winter runs from October through to March and involves around 70 children each week
 - The facilities are used by other teams for matches, for example; schools, universities, disabled, blind, and local teams
 - Improved facilities will potentially encourage more members to join to take part in sport and live a healthy lifestyle and also more usage/hire by community groups and individual members of the community
- There are a number of different groups/organisations that use the ground and by having more children and young adults able to play cricket and attend events/activities regardless of their social standing, it will further help to reduce anti-social behaviour.

Reducing obesity, particularly in children

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 - Indoor training in the winter runs from October through to March and involves around 70 children each week
 - Coaching camps are held at the ground for three weeks in July and August each season, involving approximately 50 local children some of which will be members and some not
 - The ground is used by other teams for matches, for example; schools, universities, disabled, blind, and local teams
 - An annual schools' festival is held with approximately 70 children involved
- Playing cricket is an energetic sport that will help people, including children, to get fitter, lose weight and keep healthy in the best condition possible. This all helps to reduce obesity including in children.

Increase opportunities for everyone to enjoy and participate in sports, arts and cultural activities

The project will deliver clean, modern toilet facilities enabling access to all members of the community which will potentially encourage further usage of the clubhouse and increased membership.

Engaging and strengthening communities

- The club holds a yearly schools' festival so that all local children can experience the game and hopefully then join the club
 - The club is involved with all groups in the community and has strong links that continue to expand each year with the different initiatives that the club does, the latest one being the setting up of a junior committee to run extra games for all age groups and also organise the schools' festival
 - The club allows all groups regardless of race, disability, age or gender to play at the club, for example; universities, schools, disabled groups and children from 5-16 years playing the game
 - The club also have over 70 volunteers who are from all aspects of the local community ranging from 15 to 70 years and is run by a committee of volunteers
 - Families come and watch their children play which encourages other members of the family to get involved and by holding community events, the schools' festival etc, this encourages more community involvement and helps strengthen the links
 - The project will deliver clean, modern toilet facilities enabling access to all members of the community which will potentially encourage further usage of the clubhouse and increased membership
- This all helps to engage and strengthen the community.

Targetting disadvantage in rural / urban areas:

Whilst the project doesn't directly impact on this:

- The club do not turn anyone away offering discounts and free places to under privileged children so they can be involved in sport.
- The schools' festival is free to everyone and the club offer reduced membership costs along with free or reduced cost places for coaching camps in the summer and indoor training in the winter.
- For example; a family which has three children only have to pay for two children for winter and summer coaching, and the same for families with two children involved where prices are reduced.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate) £5,620

Funded by:

Status

Organisations Own Funds £624 Approved

Leamington Town Council £500 Awaiting a decision

Total RUCIS £4,496

equates to 80.0%