

Title: Outdoor Sport Review – Proposed Revised Delivery Models for Council Owned Facilities - Addendum

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Portfolio Holder: Councillor Alan Rhead and Councillor Liam Bartlett

Wards of the District directly affected: Main Report: All of Warwick District. This Addendum: Leamington Clarendon

1. Addendum

1.1. It is proposed to add a new recommendation to this report as follows –

(7) That up to £20,000 is made available from relevant s106 funds that have been received by the Council in order to begin the preparation of a grant application to the Football Foundation for a new full-size artificial turf football pitch and new changing rooms at Newbold Comyn, on the understanding that a full report will be submitted to the February meeting of this Committee that explains the strategic need for this facility, that seeks additional funding to complete the application process and to provide match funding for the application itself and that seeks permission to apply for Planning Permission for this facility.

1.2. Recommendation 6 of this report is that further work is undertaken by officers to identify the optimum model for service delivery of the grass and synthetic pitches on a site-by-site basis. Officers to bring a further Cabinet report for consideration when proposals are defined.

1.3. Members will also be aware that the Masterplan for Newbold Comyn that was presented to Cabinet on 17 November 2020 included a full-size artificial turf football pitch (ATP) as part of the new facilities.

1.4. Members are reminded that the Council has decided that each element of the Masterplan for Newbold Comyn will be brought forward as a discrete package of work, as and when the funding opportunities arise. The football pitch is therefore a discrete package of work within the Masterplan. It is not funded other than as described in this Addendum.

1.5. An opportunity has arisen to prepare an application to the Football Foundation for grant aid to assist with the financial cost of installing the ATP and new changing rooms at Newbold Comyn. In order to make such an application, it is necessary to prepare the design of the new facility, to carry out surveys of the land concerned and to apply for Planning Permission. These steps all take time, and the initial design work and site surveys are the first steps in the process.

1.6. If an application to the Football Foundation is successful and the facility is built, it will represent a valuable source of income for the Council, regardless of the

model for service delivery that is selected. It is important, therefore, that the process is begun as soon as possible.

- 1.7. This Addendum seeks to take advantage of the opportunity that has arisen in order to get on with the initial steps in preparing such an application. These include initial design work and site surveys. The work is proposed to be funded from s106 funds that have been received by the Council for the development of outdoor sport. The amount of money requested by this Addendum has been deliberately kept as low as possible, consistent with getting on with this important project.
- 1.8. It is proposed that a full report is submitted to the February meeting of the Cabinet that explains the strategic need for this facility, that seeks additional funding to complete the application process and to provide match funding for the application itself and that seeks permission to apply for Planning Permission for this facility.
- 1.9. The additional funding to complete the application process and the application for Planning Permission will be sourced from identified s106 funds that have already been received by the Council. The match funding for the application itself will also be sourced from s106 funding. The full details will be provided in the February report.
- 1.10. There is a risk that the money spent on the initial steps of this project would be wasted if the Cabinet did not agree to the recommendations in the report in February to continue with the project and with the application to the Football Foundation. That is why these project development costs have been kept to a minimum. This risk will be mitigated by only spending what is necessary to get the application underway and to progress it between the dates of this Cabinet and the meeting in February.
- 1.11. There is a risk that the application to the Football Foundation may not be successful. However, the fund to which we are proposing to apply is a solicited fund, meaning that the Football Foundation invite specific applicants to apply for funding. They also assist such applicants in ensuring their application is appropriate to receive funding. The risk of an application failing in these circumstances is small.

Officer/Councillor Approval

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Officer Approval *required	Date	Details of consultation /comments received
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Financial Services *	01/12/21	Mike Snow
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Monitoring Officer	02/12/21	Phil Grafton
CMT (WDC)	30/11/21	Chris Elliott
Leadership Co-ordination Group (WDC)		
Other organisations		None
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