

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 13TH JANUARY 2016 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant :**Warwick Sports Club****Description of scheme:**

This project, which is the last phase of a 4 year plan of improvement works, will refurbish the ladies toilets, both the men's and the ladies' showers and the bar/kitchenette area, as well as; improve lighting, increasing energy efficiency, ensuring the safety of all the electrics of the club, increasing safety on the veranda and increasing the security monitoring provisions.

Evidence of need:

The current toilet and shower facilities at the club were built in the early 1960's and since then only minor repairs have been carried out to provide some improved functionality. There is a visible Health & Safety need; most of the showers don't work, the shower drainage is extremely poor, quite regularly there are very unpleasant smells, the tiles are old and cracked, the hot water tank is old and uninsulated, and the ladies' toilets need replacing and repositioning to provide better use of space. Evidence of need has also come from members/visitors' comments and the Sports Sections' requests. Letters of support for the project have also been provided:

- Kimberley Dougherty (Sky Blues in the Community) - dated 22nd October 2015
- Cllr Noel Butler (Aylesford Ward - Warwick) - dated 22nd October 2015
- Cllr Sue Gallagher - dated 21st September 2015
- Cllr Martin Ashford (Aylesford Ward - Warwick) - dated 21st September 2015
- Chris White MP - dated September 2015
- Warwick Cricket Club (section of the sports club) - dated 9th September 2015
- Warwick Tennis Club (section of the sports club) - dated 8th September 2015

3 years accounts received?

2013 - 2015 accounts have been received, along with a recent bank statement covering the October 2015 period which evidences the reserves for the club's contribution to the project

Financial Performance; minus figure = deficit

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
31/3/15	31/3/14	31/3/13
-£102	£8,378	-£2,651

Available Funds (cash and reserves)

Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
31/3/15	31/3/14	31/3/13
£3,862	£4,052	£3,787

Details of membership, fees etc:

The Club currently has 229 adult members, 305 junior members and 19 social members; the membership fees vary between sports sections. Hockey Club; from £12pa for social membership to £300pa for full adult membership. Cricket Club; £70pa. Tennis Club; £145 pa. Junior fees; range from £35pa to £135pa depending on the sport and age. Members also pay a match fee of up to £8 to cover League costs, pitch hire, equipment and teas.

Details of usage:

Warwick Sports Club is primarily a club for the provision of Hockey, Cricket and Tennis to the local community, however, over the last 4 or 5 years it has started to widen the scope of its activities to become more of a community club. Various activity classes are held for the local community to get involved in and it's also used for parties, meetings and courses, for example:

- The SafeLine Charity for their 2 day a week, 8 week courses, as well as their school holiday time week-long courses
- Slimming World use the club for two sessions a week
- Westgate School use it twice a week during the school summer term
- Sky Blues in the Community use the club for some of their courses
- Warwick Warriors (boys and girls football) use the club and field at weekends for 10 weeks each during Autumn/Winter
- Members of the local community hire the club for meetings and functions at least once or twice a month

In all, the club caters for more than 500+ people a week aged from 2yrs to 80+yrs, male and female. In general the Hockey members use the clubhouse from September to April, the Cricket members use it from April to September and Tennis members use it all year round. However the clubs' social events, darts, table tennis, training and meetings mean that members of Hockey and Cricket will use it outside of their playing season as well. All the adult and junior members and their families, as well as visiting teams, use the clubhouse and it is in use every day of the year.

Details of Organisations equalities policies:

Warwick Sports Club and its three sections of Hockey, Cricket and Tennis are all registered as Community Amateur Sports Clubs, in addition the three Sections have been awarded ClubMark status to show that their policies of opportunity, equality, safety and child protection all conform to the required standards. The Club's primary overall policy is to offer people of all ages in the local community the opportunity to play hockey, cricket and tennis in a safe environment at a reasonable price, as well as to provide the opportunity for them to learn and improve their sporting skills.

3 quotes provided:

Yes - three quotes have been received for all aspects of the project.

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

Reduce anti-social behaviour

Being involved with or a member of a sports club can re-channel people's energies into something positive; it provides a sense of purpose, of well-being and a belonging to the local community. Warwick Sports Club is situated in the Warwick West ward, a recognised income deprived area, and the residents (especially the youngsters) in this area need to have such a facility that this club offers them, for example; cricket, hockey and tennis activities for both adults and juniors. The club house and facilities are also used for other activities, for example:

- Westgate School use it twice a week during the school summer term
- Sky Blues in the Community use the club for some of their courses
- Warwick Warriors (boys and girls football) use the club and field at weekends for 10 weeks each during Autumn/Winter
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This undoubtedly helps to reduce any tendency for anti-social behaviour and therefore leads to a safer community more generally.

Reducing obesity, particularly in children

The more the club can do to encourage people to come to the club, especially to take part in sporting or its physical art activities, the more it will do to help people with their health and fitness. Half the membership is under 18 years of age and they are encouraged by the coaches to eat and drink sensibly as well as to be active. This encouragement for a healthy lifestyle will provide long term benefits, not only to them but to the already over-burdened health services. The clubhouse is also used for two sessions of Slimming World every Tuesday and they have links with the tennis club to encourage them to participate in sport at the same time as controlling their calorie intake. Likewise, SafeLine have incorporated tennis lessons into their programmes as well. Additionally;

- Westgate School use the facilities twice a week during the school summer term
- Warwick Warriors (boys and girls football) use the club and field at weekends for 10 weeks each during Autumn/Winter

This all contributes to reducing obesity, including in children.

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

The project will further improve the facilities at the club and provide a cleaner and safer environment which will attract and encourage more usage of the clubhouse by members of the wider community.

Engaging and strengthening communities

Warwick Sports Club and its three sections of Hockey, Cricket and Tennis are all registered as Community Amateur Sports Clubs and they are all run by a wide range of volunteers from across the local community. Additionally, the club house facility is utilised by various organisations such as Slimming World, SafeLine and Sky Blues in the Community to run activities and courses as well as being hired out by members of the community for events such as birthdays, weddings and christenings. This all helps to engage and strengthen the community.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate)

£60,860 Excluding VAT (the club are VAT registered and will be reclaiming VAT on this project)

Funded by:

Status

Town Council £1,000 Approved

WREN £28,750 Request made

Own Funds £3,500 Approved

Total RUCIS **£27,610**

equates to **45.4%**