

RURAL/URBAN CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GRANTS APPLICATION FOR 26TH JULY 2017 EXECUTIVE :

Applicant : Leamington RFC

Description of scheme: The project is split into 3 mini-sections of improvement:

- Project 1; Install additional floodlighting for third team training pitch to support rugby training/matches, football training and community events throughout the year.
- Project 2: Green Plan to a) install new LED lighting, b) re-location of bar storage cellar to outside the building, c) new heating system to reduce costs for the club overall as part of a RFU green plan.
- Project 3: Replacement of tractor powered mower to be able to maintain playing pitches.

Evidence of need:

- Project 1: The club identified the need due to lack of space for training and events at night, the project will also save maintenance costs by reducing the ground work needed in the summer months on existing playing areas.
- Project 2: Visible lack of storage space for all the equipment that the community groups use to help with their activities along with helping to save club funds by the introduction of outside bar cellar cooling. This is part of an overall club strategy to look at reducing costs and encouraging the use of the clubhouse within the community. This strategy is also supported by the RFU facilities group who are trying to improve and sustain playing numbers in the Warwickshire area.
- Project 3: The need for this was identified by the club's maintenance team during the end of season equipment review.

3 years accounts received? 2014 - 2016 accounts (Leamington RFC Ltd) have been received along with recent statements for Leamington RFC's (the rugby section only) two bank accounts (dated 28th April 2017 and 15th May 2017); 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
	30/04/17	30/04/16	30/04/15
	-£2,001	-£51	£85

Available Funds (cash and reserves)	Year ended	Year ended	Year ended
	30/04/17	30/04/16	30/04/15
	£17,000	£51,288	£32,359

Details of membership, fees etc:

- Cost for hiring the club for an ad-hoc event such as a birthday party = £150 per night
- Cost of hire to the jazz club is approx. £70 per night
- Players subs = £192 a year for seniors

Details of usage:

- The club currently has 400 playing members and runs 3 adult male teams (80 members) that play on a Saturday and train on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- It has a vibrant u16s (20 members), along with growing mini and junior sections for girls and boys from Under 7 to Under 16 (300 members), who play on a Sunday. The mini and junior festival hosts teams from around the country annually with approx. 200 people attending.
- This is incorporated with the ground and clubhouse being used by other rugby clubs such as South Warwickshire RFC and by representative sides twice a season and approx. 50 people from the community.
- Leamington Hockey and Netball also use the clubhouse as a social base whilst playing their matches elsewhere, and are now an integral part of Leamington RFC with 150 members using the clubhouse.
- Leicester Tigers use the ground and clubhouse every year for a week long coaching course for junior players from the area with approx. 300 people taking part.
- There is a gym on-site which besides being used by players also has approx. 20 of its own members.
- Car boot sales are held at the club every week during the summer and an annual bonfire and fireworks display is held which attracts up to 400 people from the local community and beyond.
- The clubhouse is also used on an ad-hoc basis by Leamington Jazz Club who hold bi-monthly evenings for the local community to enjoy.
- The clubhouse is also available for hire from members of the community for events such as birthdays, weddings and funerals with varying amounts of people.

Details of Organisations equalities policies: The club has an equal opportunity policy which is based on the RFU policy which has helped the club gain it's RFU Club Accreditation. The club also has a safeguarding policy.

3 quotes provided: Yes - for all aspects of the project work (18 quotes in total)

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

Reduce anti-social behaviour The rugby club provides a contribution to reducing anti-social behaviour by involving all areas of the community and giving young people a place to meet new people and gain friendship for life. The club currently has 400 playing members and runs 3 adult male teams (80 members), a vibrant u16s (20 members), along with growing mini and junior sections for girls and boys from Under 7 to Under 16 (300 members). In addition to this there are regular group activities and events that are held in the clubhouse, an annual bonfire & fireworks display, an annual rugby festival, regular car boot sales throughout the summer and ad-hoc hire for parties. By providing things to do for the community and opportunity to be involved within teams and groups all helps to reduce anti-social behaviour.

Reducing obesity, particularly in children

The club currently has 400 playing members and runs 3 adult male teams (80 members), a vibrant u16s (20 members), along with growing mini and junior sections for girls and boys from Under 7 to Under 16 (300 members); the sporting activity (i.e. regular rugby matches and training sessions) provided by the club helps to keep people fit and healthy and reduces obesity, including in children. In addition to this there is a small gym which has its own small membership as well as regularly being used by the players.

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

Installation of additional floodlighting (project 1) will enable night time activities throughout the year which will increase opportunity for members of the community to participate in sporting and physical activity.

Engaging and strengthening communities

The Club is run by a wide range of volunteers from across the community and the members of teams that are based at the club across a range of sports (rugby, hockey, netball) who use the clubhouse facilities are also made up from a wide range of members of the community, across a wide range of ages. Appropriate and well maintained facilities also enable members of the community to come together for events and activities. This all helps to strengthen and engage the community.

Total cost of scheme (including VAT where appropriate) 43,051

Funded by:

Status

Organisations Own Funds £2,952 Approved

Warwickshire RFU £500 Approved

Rugby Football Foundation grant £2,500 Approved

Rugby Football Foundation RFF Green Deal loan £15,573 Awaiting signed agreement

Total RUCIS **£21,525**

equates to **50.0%**