

Report



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JOINT REPORT OF THE PORTFOLIO HOLDERS FOR FINANCE AND PROPERTY AND CULTURE AND REGENERATION

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES ON TITCHFIELD PARK, HUCKNALL – REQUEST FOR DRAW DOWN FUNDING

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To seek approval for the release of a grant to Ashfield District Council (ADC) to enhance the leisure and recreational facilities at Titchfield Park, Hucknall. The value of the grant is £238,200

Background

- 2 Approval was given in a DDR in July 2005, to support a request from Ashfield District Council to support a range of leisure and recreational developments on Titchfield Park, Hucknall.
- 3 The Park has an overall 'masterplan' for redevelopment, which was approved in 2003 by ADC and to be implemented in phases.
- 4 Phase 1 was completed in 2003/4 and included the fitting of security fencing and the refurbishment of a multi-sports area. Phase 2 included the provision of a Skate Park, using section 106 funding. Further section 106 funding has been set aside by the District Council to fund improvements to the play area, upgrade of parks, footpaths and the removal of derelict buildings.
- 5 At present there are a number of redundant buildings on the park requiring replacement. A rationalisation of the built provision on site would also improve overall park management and provide a central focus for the various user groups who make use of the park setting.

Proposals

- 6 The District Council has embarked on a programme to build a new sports pavilion and new bowls pavilion on the Titchfield Park site.

- 7 The sports pavilion will include a range of meeting/social areas, sports changing rooms, disabled changing and storage facilities. The sports pavilion will also include accommodation for grounds maintenance staff and a grounds maintenance compound for safe storage of equipment.
- 8 The bowls pavilion will include a small meeting room, kitchen, changing/cloakroom area, Rangers' office and publicly accessible toilets.
- 9 Conditional planning has been agreed by the appropriate planning authority and the site development plans were approved by Ashfield District Council in November 2004.

Project costs and District Council commitments

- 10 The overall project costs for the two new buildings are estimated at £729,398 (£529,997 for the sports pavilion and £198,182 for the bowls pavilion).
- 11 £365,000 has already been committed from the 2004/05 Ashfield District Council capital programme to fund the construction of the sports pavilion. A further £125,000 is committed to support the bowls pavilion.
- 12 There is an estimated £238,200 shortfall to realise both projects.

Support for Community Schemes under powers of wellbeing

- 13 The County Council is keen to use its powers of wellbeing to support schemes which benefit the community and as such the Titchfield Park project would fit under this banner. Projects under this power are required to be aligned to the Community Strategy and deemed worthy of support by the appropriate County Council Cabinet Members.

Financial Implications

- 14 The details of the request for funding support are set out in the report and totals £238,200. The funding would be found from future capital receipts.

Statutory and Policy Implications

- 15 This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, personnel, crime and disorder and those using the service. Where such implications are included, they have been described in the text of the report.

Personnel Implications

- 16 There are no personnel implications arising directly as a result of these proposals.

Recommendation

- 1 That approval is given for the release of a grant of £238,200 to Ashfield District Council, to support the capital developments at Titchfield Park.
- 2 That an increase of £238,200 to the Capital Programme be approved.

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Legal Services' Comments (KS 12.12.06)

Under paragraph D.3.1.5 of the County Council Financial Regulations any variation to the capital programme over £200,000 must be considered by the Cabinet Member for Finance and Property and approved by Cabinet if additional capital allocations are required.

Director of Resources' Financial Comments (CC/RWK)

The financial implications are set out in the report.

Background papers available for Inspection

- Letter of request from Ashfield District Council
- DDR A766 (July 2005)

Electoral Division(s) Affected

Ashfield