

Report

Subject : South Wilts Sports Club - Hub/Multi-Sports Project
Report to : City Area Committee (Community)
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SOUTH WILTS SPORTS CLUB - HUB/MULTI-SPORTS PROJECT

Report Summary:

To determine the level and source of financial support that City Area Committee is prepared to contribute towards South Wilts Sports Club's Hub/Multi-Sports Club Project.

1. Background:

- 1.1. Members will recall that at the City Area Committee (Community) Meeting on 25th March 2008, a report was presented regarding South Wilts Sports Club's plans to develop A Hub/Multi-Sports Club Project that would see the development of new changing and social facilities and the appointment of a sports development co-ordinator /officer that will progress sport and recreation for clubs and community. (The City Area Committee Report and supplementary information is attached as Annex A).
- 1.2. At the previous meeting Members agreed to:
 - 1.2.1. support in principle South Wilts Sports Club's visions to develop a Hub/Multi-Sports Club for the benefit of the local community
 - 1.2.2. the committee agree in principle to support the club financially with a capital contribution of between £50,000 and £100,000 subject to a further report
 - 1.2.3. that a report be prepared by officers outlining where the above sum of money could be sourced
 - 1.2.4. that the committee wish to see the provision of access between Wilton Road and Lower Bemerton investigated as part of the development

2. Development of the Project:

- 2.1. Since the last meeting the South Wilts Sports Club Hub/Multi-Sports Committee have been progressing with the project. Planning permission for the project has now been submitted. The pavilion is a two-storey building with seven changing room plus officials changing, and committee room/lounge/bar on the ground floor. Upstairs are the main social area with kitchen/bar and skittles and a committee room/social area. The planning application also includes the provision of five houses, two pairs of semi-detached and one detached house. A footpath accessing Lower Bemerton from the Wilton Road has been included as part of the project and will be subject to planning permission. (A plan of the pavilion and the footpath are

attached as Annex B and Annex C. Please note that these are not copies of the final planning submissions drawings).

- 2.2. The total cost for the project is in the region of £1.1million. This includes the pavilion, recarpeting of the synthetic pitch and the Hub Club Development Officer. The table below demonstrates sources of funding and current position.

Source	£k	Current Position
S&SWSC Fund-raising & reserves	150	£135k secured
Salisbury District Council (Community Fund)	10	£10k secured
Sport England	150	£150 subject to successful stage 2 application, but money ear-marked
Wilton Estate sponsorship	250	£250 in discussions over new lease and rents
English Cricket Board	100	Subject to further discussion
Salisbury District Council	50 - 100	Subject to Committee Area Meeting - 20/01/09
Football Foundation		Facility funding from NGB
England Hockey		Facility funding from NGB
Foundation for Sport and the Arts		
Other sources (grants and trusts)		
Total Project Cost	1.1m	

3. Financial Information

- 3.1. The Council's Community Fund committed £10,000 to the project in the first tranche of grants in June 2008. The Club is now at a stage whereby it requests further funding from the Council, as per the Minutes of the previous meeting 25/03/08.
- 3.2. In principle further funding for this project could come from one of three sources:
- 3.2.1. **From Committees Reserves.** The committee has sufficient reserves to fund this request if it so wishes although this will be at the expense of other projects. As at 1st April 2008, the Committee's Reserves include £696,450, plus an estimated contribution from 2008/-9 of £94,240. Therefore £790,690 approx. is available.
- 3.2.2. **Development Contributions utilising the R2 Policy.** £50,000 of unreserved R2 funds are available from the City Area. Further advice has been sought from both Planning and Transportation regarding the use of R2 funds for this purpose and in principle there is no reason why R2 funds cannot be used.
- 3.2.3. A combination of points 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 above.

- 3.3. It should be noted that any funding approved by this Committee will be subject to planning consent being granted to the Club and the club's ability to raise the balance of the Capital required prior to work commencing on site. Contracts should not be let prior to the club demonstrating financial viability.

4. Consultation Undertaken:

- 4.1 As per the previous report South Wilts Sports Club has had various discussions with local ward councillors with positive feedback for the project. The Club has also consulted its current member clubs and existing users regarding the project also with very positive results. The club has started to engage with other clubs and organisations that could be supported by the project, or who could be potential customers again with positive feedback. Local residents that may be directly affected have also been consulted with no adverse feedback received. The sports club has evidence of these discussions.

5. Recommendations:

City Area Committee (Community) is requested to:

- (i) Agree the amount of funding between £50 and £100k that it is prepared to contribute towards this project
- (ii) Agree the source(s) of funding listed in 3.2 above:
 - a. The full amount from Committee Reserves
 - b. The full amount from Developers Contributions (R2)
 - c. A combination of a) and b).

6. Background Papers:

Sport England SW Regional Plan for Sport 2004-08 - 'Life's Out There - Be Active'
Wiltshire and Swindon Activity and Sports Partnership Action Plan 'First Active'
Salisbury District Council's Sport, Recreation and Physical Activity Policy, 'Be Active Stay Active'
Salisbury Sport and Physical Activity Alliance Action Plan

7. Attachments:

- 7.1. **Annex A** - City Committee Report and Supplementary Information - 25/03/08
- 7.2. **Annex B** - Plan of the proposed pavilion
- 7.3. **Annex C** - Plan of the proposed football from Wilton Road to Lower Bemerton

8. Implications:

You must complete the following:

- **Financial:** Contained within the report under section 3 Financial Information. As discussed in the report, funding from committee reserves or from developer contributions is in place.
- **Legal:** Roger - please confirm that the use of R2 funds complies with relevant legal agreements
- **Human Rights:** None at this stage
- **Personnel:** None at this stage
- **Community Safety:** None at this stage
- **Climate Change:** None at this stage
- **Equality and Diversity:** None at this stage
- **Council's Core Values:** All
- **Wards Affected:** South Wilts Sports Club is situated in the Bemerton Ward. Any physical implications will only affect this ward. However the project itself will benefit a wider community, current and new users come from many wards. Greatest usage is likely to come from those within a 20 minute drive time of the facility