

Committee:	Executive	Agenda Item No.:	6.
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Category			
Subject:	Section 106 Funding Requests for Formal Leisure/Sports Provision by Elmton with Creswell Parish Council		
Report by:	Head of Leisure		
Other Officers Involved	Special Projects Officer		
Director	Director of Neighbourhoods		
Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor A. Syrett, Portfolio Holder for Arts & Leisure and Member Champion for Equalities		

RELEVANT CORPORATE AIMS

REGENERATION – Developing healthy, prosperous and sustainable communities

Contribute to improving the health of the District. Develop vibrant town centres. Develop flourishing rural communities.

SOCIAL INCLUSION – Promoting fairness, equality and lifelong learning

Ensure all our services are provided in a fair and equitable manner. Promote the development of skills and learning within communities.

ENVIRONMENT – Promoting and enhancing a clean and sustainable environment

Protect, enhance and improve the natural and built environment in a sustainable way.

CUSTOMER FOCUSED SERVICES – Providing excellent customer focused services

Strengthen community consultation and involvement. Design and deliver services to meet the needs of customers.

COMMUNITY SAFETY – Ensuring that communities are safe and secure

Tackle Anti Social Behaviour (ASB) and its causes.

TARGETS

The facilitation of this project will contribute directly to the delivery of Community Safety, Environment, Regeneration and Social Inclusion priorities and targets within the Council's Corporate Plan.

VALUE FOR MONEY

Working collaboratively is a guiding principle running through the Council's Sports Development and Sports Facilities Strategies. This approach will enable partners to deliver economies of scale by pooling resources and enabling partners to work more efficiently together by avoiding duplication and waste as well as improving overall effectiveness by working to shared aims and adding value to each others work.

THE REPORT

Background

Elmton with Creswell Parish Council have committed to undertake a number of projects, one of them being a ***Sports and Arts in the Community*** project. The Parish Council have conducted consultation in the community to establish the local needs and requirements. Amongst the consulted were – Schools & teachers, youth club, village forum and general public. The Parish also discussed their ideas with the Youth Service, PCT, Derbyshire Sport and the Police who have all made supportive comments.

The project's aim is to 'increase a desire to excel in sports & arts activities within the young people of the community'. The Parish proposed to achieve this by bringing facilities up to a high standard, provide coaching across a number of activities and create clubs/groups with a view to them ultimately becoming self sustaining activities.

The Parish hoped to create & deliver this programme of activities and coached sessions at various venues on a partly funded basis i.e. the 1st year activities would be free in order to generate interest and maximum attendances, the 2nd year activities would be partly funded and in year 3 the activities would be paid for by the customers fully.

The Parish felt that this is a long term project and will take around 5 years to come to full fruition. It was hoped that the youngsters being coached in years 1 & 2 of the project will become the coaches in subsequent years – it was felt by the Parish that this approach not only benefits sustainability of the project but also adds to a sense of community pride.

Bolsover District Council's support of the project

Members may recall the report taken to Executive on 16th June 2008 – Creswell Miners Welfare Sports Ground – a report was presented to Members

and asked Members to consider the reassignment of the lease of the former Creswell Miners Welfare Cricket Ground to the Parish Council to provide sports & recreation facilities and activities on the land as part of their ***Sports and Arts in the Community*** project – this was approved.

Since the original 2008 report was presented, Elmtown with Creswell Parish Council have pursued the renovation/development of the Old Colliery Sports Ground as part of their '***Sports and Arts in the Community***' programme. To date works have taken place levelling and seeding the field, removal of shrubbery and the installation of fencing around the cricket field which is now played upon. Other works have included the drainage works at Fox Green which will facilitate junior football matches to take place on the site. These works have been funded from a variety of sources including an amount of £18,830 from S106 funds held by the District for the benefit of the Parish. In addition widespread participation in various activities have and are taking place around the village.

More recently following a report to Executive on the 2nd August 2010 which asked Members to consider the transfer of the former Markland Campus site Creswell, approval was given to hand over the newly developed changing facilities, play area and pitches to Elmtown with Creswell Parish Council as part of their ***Sports and Arts in the Community***' programme.

Current situation

As part of their ***Sports and Arts in the Community*** project, Elmtown with Creswell Parish Council are seeking to build a new cricket pavilion on the newly restored Creswell Cricket Ground that is described earlier in the report. This facility will add to and enhance the current site and ultimately the experiences of the users of the site and the wider community.

Funding for the project has been sought from various bodies/agencies mainly Landfill Tax, totalling approx. £240k so far, leaving a shortfall of £60,000.

ISSUES/OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

Both the District Arts Development Strategy and the District Sports Development Strategy along with the Building Schools for the Future Programme, place great emphasis on:

- collaboration,
- increased opportunity,
- improved access,
- better facilities,
- increased participation,
- development of a network of facilities,

This proposal fits well with the District Council's approach to working in partnership to achieve common objectives:

- Increase participation in Sports and Cultural activities.
- Help develop a network of good quality and locally accessible neighbourhood sports facilities.
- Help our sport clubs to become stronger.
- Use sport to deliver neighbourhood renewal and regeneration priorities.
- To enhance the quality of life for people living and working in the District.

Our Authority has shown considerable support for the Creswell **Sports and Arts in the Community** programme in recent years.

There are currently monies available generated through the Skinner Street development at Creswell which are held for the 'provision and improvement of formal sports and recreation facilities within the Parish of Elmton-with – Creswell' - the 'Sports and Arts in the Community' programme fits the criteria to access the monies held.

Delays in securing the £60k shortfall could jeopardise the other funding secured to date.

IMPLICATONS

Financial: The amount requested is £60k to complete the funding package for the development of the new cricket pavilion. However this is a £300k scheme which is a part of the wider 'Sports and Arts in the Community' programme.

Bolsover District Council received £78,750 contribution to Formal Sport and Recreation from the Skinner Street development in Creswell. This was paid in 3 instalments of £26,250, the last instalment being paid in July 2007. £60,220 remains available in this account at present.

There are no other alternative proposals for this funding at present.

There is no time limit specified within the S106 agreement with regard to spending the £78,750 contribution to Formal Sport and Recreation.

Legal: None

Human Resources: None

RECOMMENDATION

Executive approves the use of the section 106 monies gained via the Skinner Street development to the value of £60,000 to support the development of a new cricket pavilion and the wider 'Community Sports and Arts' programme.

**REASON FOR DECISION TO BE GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
CONSTITUTION**

To take advantage of the section 106 funding held by the district Council and determine whether it should be used to help deliver this Parish Council recreation facility.

ATTACHMENTS: N
FILE REFERENCE: None
SOURCE DOCUMENT: Background papers held by the Head of Leisure.