

**TRUSTEE BOARD OF THE GILSTRAP AND WILLIAM EDWARD KNIGHT CHARITIES**  
**19 OCTOBER 2021**

**NEWARK R&M CRICKET CLUB PROJECT - UPDATE**

**1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update on progress made by Newark R&M Cricket Club in respect of their Ground Development Project.

**2.0 Background Information**

- 2.1 The Board will be aware that the redevelopment of the former RHP Sports & Social Ground resulted in the loss of the cricket pitch. In order to satisfy Sport England's Planning Policy requirements it was agreed to provide a replacement pitch in a timely manner to mitigate this loss.
- 2.2 The District Council has been working in partnership with Newark R&M Cricket Club (the Club), the English Cricket Board (ECB) and Newark Town Council to develop a phased scheme, which would deliver the replacement pitch and associated infrastructure at the Club's Kelham Road site.
- 2.3 Phase 1 of the project is complete and Phase 2 involves the provision of new changing rooms. The changing rooms have been designed in accordance with the technical requirements of the ECB and Sport England in order to ensure that the building is both accessible and compliant with current regulations.
- 2.4 In terms of funding Phase 2 of the project, the Trustee Board has previously approved grant funding of £100,000 towards this from the WE Knight Charity. The rest of the funds required to deliver Phase 2 is made up of a mix of funding from Newark Town Council, NCC, other funding partners and Club funds.
- 2.5 At its meeting of 2 October 2020 the Trustee Board resolved to approve a request for further funding of £13,134 towards the installation of a lift for the changing room building.

**3.0 Update**

- 3.1 A progress update was received from the Club on 3 October 2021 and is attached as the **Appendix** to this report.
- 3.2 The letter confirms that an invitation to tender for the development works is being issued, with a target date of completion in time for the 2022 cricket season.
- 3.3 Further reports will be brought to the Trustee Board as updates are received from the Club.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

4.1 Following the approval of the additional grant of £13,134 at 2 October 2020 Committee it was also reported that the balance of the unallocated reserve was £25,819.65. The unallocated reserve balance has now increased to £26,612.29, due to in year investment interest income, as per the financial performance report for year ended 31 March 2021 which is elsewhere on this agenda.

#### **5.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**That the Trustee Board notes the report.**

#### Background Papers

None

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