

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

27 JANUARY 2022

URGENCY DECISION

Delegation arrangements for dealing with matters of urgency

Paragraph 7.2.1 of the Council's Constitution provides that Chief Officers may take urgent decisions if they are of the opinion that circumstances exist which make it necessary for action to be taken by the Council prior to the time when such action could be approved through normal Council Procedures. They shall, where practicable, first consult with the Leader and Chairman (or in their absence the Vice Chairman) and the Opposition Spokesperson of the appropriate committee (Constitution incorporating a scheme of delegation approved by the Council on 14th May 2013)

Subject: YMCA Community & Activity Village (CAV), Newark

Appropriate Committee: Policy & Finance Committee

The Community & Activity Village (CAV)

Members will be aware of the CAV from previous update reports, notably on 26.09.19 and throughout 2020 and 2021 as part of Towns Fund progress updates. Works continue to progress at pace on-site, with the full facility scheduled for opening in Spring 2022.

The CAV is nationally important and the first of its kind in providing education (Early-years, FE, HE and Adult), recreation, sport, training, music, conferencing, offices, mental health and family-based support services in a single hub. This is in addition to an Olympic standard climbing wall.

Whilst the CAV offer is already locally, regionally, and nationally significant the Council and YMCA are continually striving to enhance the offer and ambition wherever possible. One such area is with respect to the cycling facility and associated aspirations, working with British Cycling for a pump track. There is now an ability to secure funding for these works within the funding envelope already agreed by this Council. In effect a grant funder will contribute £100,000 provided a £10,998.57 third party contribution is provided by the District Council, representing c.11% of the total grant offer.

Funding for the CAV

The CAV (phases I and II) is a £19.2m capital project. The funding is principally through the YMCA albeit grant and S106 funding is also utilised. The overall funding envelope has previously been updated via the P&F reports of 26.09.21 and various Towns Fund updates in 2020 and 2021.

For the avoidance of doubt the table below provides an overall summary:

Organisation	Contribution (£m)
Newark & Sherwood District Council	
(i) S106 Funds	0.716 (of this balance £56,189 remains to be transferred based on milestones being achieved)
(ii) Elm Avenue Receipt	0.150 (paid to date) Remainder to be 50% of land receipt minus reasonable costs
D2N2 LEP	2.2
Football Foundation	0.450
Newark Towns Fund	2
Newark Town Council	0.352
Nottinghamshire County Council	1
YMCA	c£12.4
TOTAL	£19.2

Proposal

The YMCA have been successful in an application to Entrust Landfill Communities Fund via Tarmac to secure £100,000 of funding for a new pump track at the CAV. This offer is subject to an additional match from NSDC of £10,998.57. It is proposed that this match contribution is paid for within the Elm Avenue receipt to be given to the YMCA as previously agreed.

The sale of Elm Avenue sale has now been concluded for £1,052,000. As agreed the sale receipt less NSDC costs will be split 50/50 between YMCA and NCC.

Elm Avenue Sale	1,052,000.00
NSDC Costs	49,947.94
Net Receipt	1,002,052.06
Apportionments 50/50	
YMCA	501,026.03
NCC	501,026.03

The YMCA have already benefited from £150k of forward funding from the capital receipt at Elm Avenue, this will need to be deducted from the capital receipt available to YMCA. It is also proposed that we include the £10,998.57 within the balance to be paid to YMCA as a third party contribution grant payment.

For the avoidance of doubt this will not mean any greater level of grant funding commitment to the CAV. The funding will remain within the 50% sales receipt envelope. In order to achieve this an amendment to the original agreement with YMCA will be signed by both parties, agreeing to the reduction of £10,998.57 from the Elm Avenue sale in order to be paid as match funding in relation to this project.

Financial Implications - FIN21-22/2231

As referred to within the body of the report NSDC have an agreement in place that post the sale of Elm Avenue the monies received (less any reasonable costs of sale) will be split 50/50 between YMCA and NCC.

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The £501,026.03 has already been paid to NCC in relation to the sale. This leaves a balance of £501,026.03 available from the receipt still.

NSDC have already forward funded £150,000 to the YMCA in advance of this capital receipt. Part of the remaining allocation to YMCA will include £10,998.57 specifically for 3rd party matching funding required.

The allocation to YMCA are set out below:

YMCA	
Sale of Elm Avenue	340,027.46
3rd Party Match Funding	10,998.57
Total Payment	351,026.03

Purely for reconciliation purposes, the £351,026.03 plus the £150,000.00 previously forwarded funded equals total receipt available of £501,026.03

Decision

- (a) To approve payment of £10,998.57 to YMCA from the NSDC 50% share of the Elm Avenue sales receipt to provide third party match contribution to a grant of £100,000 for a cycle pump track at the YMCA Community & Activity Village Newark. To be funded from Elm Avenue capital receipt.
- (b) To approve adjusted payment to YMCA in respect of Elm Avenue capital receipt of £340,027.46. To be funded from Elm Avenue capital receipt.
- (c) To add £351,026.03 to the capital programme to facilitate these payments

Reason for Urgency

To ensure that the grant funding is secured

Members Consulted:

Councillor David Lloyd – Leader of the Council and Chairman of Policy & Finance (09.12.21)
Councillor Paul Peacock – Opposition Spokesperson Policy & Finance (14.12.21)

Signed 

Date 14/12/2021

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