

## **POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**28 JUNE 2018**

### **PROGRESS REPORT ON THE PROVISION OF A SECOND PITCH AT NEWARK R&M CRICKET CLUB**

#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To update Policy & Finance Committee on progress with the project.

#### **2.0 Background Information**

2.1 Members will be aware that the redevelopment of the former RHP Sports and Social Ground resulted in the loss of the cricket pitch and in order to satisfy Sport England's Planning Policy requirements it was agreed that a replacement pitch would be provided in a timely manner to mitigate this loss.

2.2 Accordingly the District Council has worked in partnership with Newark R&M Cricket Club, the English Cricket Board (ECB), Newark Town Council and the William E Knight Trust to develop a three phased scheme which would deliver the replacement pitch at the Club's Kelham Road site as phase 1.

2.3 Phase 2 involves the development of suitable changing facilities for the new pitch and Phase 3 the refurbishment of the existing club house will follow and work is ongoing in respect of phase two currently.

2.4 Contractors were appointed through the Council's Procurement process to undertake the work which commenced on Monday, 4 June 2018 at a cost of £89,700.00 inclusive of fees and project contingency and it is anticipated that the main works will be completed by September 2018. Thereafter there will be a year's maintenance delivered through the contract to ensure that the required quality standards for the pitch are achieved prior to handover to the Club.

2.5 The costs associated with Phase 1 of the scheme are covered by £40,000 Section 106 funding from Newark and Sherwood District Council (as detailed in the report to Policy and Finance Committee of 25 January 2018), £30,000 grant funding from the ECB and the balance of £19,700 from Newark Town Council.

2.6 Further information in respect of the development of Phase 2 will be provided to members in due course when further information is available in respect of design and costs elements of the scheme. However funding has already been secured of £100,000 from the WE Knight Trust and £80,300 from Newark Town Council and it is anticipate that there will be further grant investment from the ECB which has intimated that it views the proposal as a priority project to support as a future scheme.

#### **3.0 Proposals**

3.1 That the Policy & Finance members note the progress of the scheme.

#### **4.0 Equalities Implications**

4.1 Newark R&M CC is an inclusive ECB Clubmark accredited Cricket Club which is determined to improve access for all to engage in cricket and cricket related activities. The development of the new provision at the club's existing site will have a positive impact in respect of meeting its challenge of being inclusive and is to be welcomed.

#### **5.0 Impact on Budget/Policy Framework**

5.1 There is no impact on the budget policy framework in respect of this project as all costs are contained as detailed in paragraph 2.5 above.

#### **6.0 Comments of Director**

6.1 Phase 1 of this scheme is included in the current Capital Programme as per paragraph 2.5 above. Phase 2 will not include a monetary commitment from the District Council as this phase is funded in full by the ECB and the Town Council.

#### **7.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**That the report be noted**

#### **Reason for Recommendation**

**To ensure Members are aware of the progress being made in respect of this project.**

#### **Background Papers**

Nil

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