

Report to: Meeting of the Trustees of the Gilstrap and WE Knight Charities  
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Report Summary	
<b>Report Title</b>	Newark R&M Cricket Club Project - Update
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To update the Trustee Board on progress since the Board's last meeting on 5 May 2022.
<b>Recommendations</b>	That the report is noted.
<b>Reason for Recommendations</b>	To keep the Board appropriately updated on progress, no further action is required at this time.

## 1.0 Background

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 The District Council has been working in partnership with Newark R&M Cricket Club (the Club), the English Cricket Board 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.
- 1.3 The Trustee Board initially approved grant funding of £100,000 towards the ground development project from the WE Knight Charity. 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 platform lift for the changing room building to make it accessible.
- 1.4 On 5 May 2022 it was reported to the Trustee Board that an urgency decision had been taken, in consultation with all Members of the Trustee Board, to offer the balance of the unallocated reserve of £27,000 to the Club in respect of the project to ensure the development could proceed within the current costing envelope as any delay would result in additional costs.

## 2.0 Proposal/Options Considered

2.1 The entire allocated spend has now been paid to the Club as follows: -

Agreement of funding per board meetings

09.10.18	100,000.00	
02.10.20	13,134.00	
05.04.22	27,000.00	
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	140,134.00	Budget

Release of Payment

03.10.19	- 5,000.00	Progress report requested £5k advancement, paid 19.12.19
	- 41,609.17	Paid 26.08.22
	- 12,734.03	Paid 27.9.22
	- 60,020.71	Paid 28.10.22
	- 20,770.09	Paid 7.12.22
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	- 140,134.00	Spend

- Budget Allocated Remaining

2.2 A verbal update on the project itself will be brought to the meeting. A further report will be brought to the Trustee Board in due course about the winding-up of the WE Knight Charity.

## 3.0 Implications

In writing this report and in putting forward recommendations, officers have considered the following implications; Data Protection, Digital and Cyber Security, Equality and Diversity, Financial, Human Resources, Human Rights, Legal, Safeguarding and Sustainability, and where appropriate they have made reference to these implications and added suitable expert comment where appropriate.

### **Background Papers and Published Documents**

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972. Any documents that contain confidential information or personal information about individuals should not be included in this list.

[5 May 2022 report to the Trustee Board – Newark R&M Cricket Club Report](#)