

LEISURE & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

13 NOVEMBER 2018

PROGRESS REPORT: NEWARK & SHERWOOD YMCA COMMUNITY AND ACTIVITY VILLAGE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide Members with an update report in respect of building progress at the Newark & Sherwood YMCA Community and Activity Village.

2.0 Background Information

- 2.1 On 6 April 2017, Policy & Finance Committee agreed that specified S106 monies held by the Council, as detailed in the report, be allocated to the YMCA in respect of the Community and Activity Village. These monies were subsequently added to the Council's Capital Programme. On 25 January 2018, a progress report detailing the funding arrangements was presented. Members will be aware that the YMCA commenced Phase 1 work at the above site in May 2018 and have made good progress to date.

3.0 Progress Report

Phase 1

- 3.1 Phase 1 included the construction of two full size floodlit Three G pitches, a floodlit 6 lane synthetic athletics track and field facility, full perimeter security fencing, temporary changing provision and car parking to facilitate the early operation of the site. The Three G pitches are now fully operational and the feedback from local football club users has been extremely positive.
- 3.2 This phase of the project will be completed by mid-November along with enabling infrastructure for Phase 2, which includes advanced works such as mechanical and engineering aspects associated with the main village building and will expedite construction and reduce future installation costs associated with each part of the project.
- 3.3 It was agreed at Policy & Finance Committee in January 2018 to pass-port S106 monies held by the District Council to the YMCA to contribute to the project as per below:

S106 Receipts	Money Held	Paid to YMCA	Amount Remaining
Community Facilities	£306,182.79	£150,000.00	£156,182.79
Off Site Sports Provision	£166,068.49	£166,068.49	£0
Maintenance of Sports Facilities	£146,967.42	£146,967.42	£0

- 3.4 The final £156,182.79 will be paid to the YMCA in two instalments; on completion of ground works in relation to the changing facilities, and on practical completion of the hub building.

- 3.5 The maintenance of Sports Facilities is the responsibility of the YMCA, and the agreement states that the £146,967.42 will be pass-ported to the YMCA to enable this.
- 3.6 It was also agreed that the District Council would collect the funding from Nottinghamshire County Council for the unilateral undertaking relating to the Newark Academy site. To date, the District Council has received £850,000 of the £1m agreed, which has been transferred to the YMCA as per the agreement.

Phase 2

- 3.7 The YMCA is currently on track to commence Phase 2 works in autumn 2019 with the construction of the main village building and its immediate surrounds. Other elements of the project including tennis, cycling, boating, MUGA and skate park facilities are likely to be delivered throughout the period as funding is secured.

Land at Elm Avenue (the Stadium)

- 3.8 Following the meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee on 30 November 2017, the land at Elm Avenue has now been transferred to the District Council and work is progressing to secure external planning consultants to develop a scheme to seek to secure outline planning consent for residential development and if planning approval is secured, to market and dispose of the site.
- 3.9 A sum of £50,000 was set aside to meet the costs of securing consent and subsequently marketing the site.
- 3.10 On the disposal of the land 50% of the net capital receipt will be retained by the Council subject to it being ring-fenced to the Community and Activity Village. The remaining 50% will be transferred to the County Council under the terms of the land transfer.

4.0 Equalities Implications

- 4.1 The YMCA is a fully inclusive organisation and will be responsible for ensuring that all operational aspects of project are Equalities Act 2010 compliant.

5.0 Financial Implications (FIN18-19/6048)

- 5.1 As detailed in section 3 above, the S106 receipts for Community Facilities and Off Site Sports Provision have been included in the Capital Programme and payments have been made as stated. As per paragraph 3.5, the Maintenance of Sports Facilities is the responsibility of the YMCA. This payment has been made through general fund revenue (due to its nature) and the associated budget has been transferred from the S106 provision.
- 5.2 Within the Elm Avenue Land Purchase report to Policy & Finance on 30 November 2017, it was agreed that £50,000 be made available from reserves to pay for incidental costs associated with the sale of the land at Elm Avenue, Newark. After deducting allowable disposal costs, the Capital receipt generated from the sale will be split 50% to the YMCA for the Community & Activity Village and 50% to the County Council.

6.0 RECOMMENDATION

That Members note the content of this report.

Reason for Recommendation

To keep Members updated of progress made to date.

Background Papers

Nil

For further information please contact Andy Hardy on Ext 5708.

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