

POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

27 JUNE 2019

BLIDWORTH LEISURE CENTRE - STEAM & SAUNA PROPOSAL - ACTIVE4TODAY

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To seek approval to grant permission to Active4Today (A4T), as per the terms and conditions of the current lease, to build an extension on Blidworth Leisure Centre to accommodate a steam and sauna facility.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 A4T is proposing a small extension to the Blidworth Leisure Centre to accommodate a steam and sauna facility. The proposal will improve the local offer for centre users and will be funded from a combination of A4T reserves and Section 106 monies secured from a housing development scheme (AG1040) for the improvement of leisure facilities in Blidworth. Currently the cost envelope for the proposed work is estimated to be £75,000 and £30,973.15 Section 106 has been committed and allocated to the project proposal.

2.2 However, the current lease does not make provision for A4T as tenant to extend the existing buildings therefore approval is sought to enable this investment in the centre and local offer to users to proceed. The business case for the proposal is outlined in the A4T report attached as Appendix A.

3.0 Proposal

3.1 That Policy & Finance Committee notes the recommendation of Leisure & Environment Committee that permission is granted to Active4Today (A4T), as per the terms and conditions of the current lease, to build an extension on Blidworth Leisure Centre to accommodate a steam and sauna facility.

3.2 That the Capital Programme includes a budget of £30,980 to make the transfer of Section 106 monies to A4T towards the work.

4.0 Equalities Implications

4.1 There are no equality implications in respect of the various protected characteristic groups in connection with this proposal. If approvals are secured as requested the leisure facilities provision will be enhanced for the benefit of the whole community. A4T offers leisure opportunities, on behalf of the District Council, to the whole community and it is anticipated that the investment in a sauna and steam facility will improve the existing leisure offer.

5.0 Impact on Budget/Policy Framework

5.1 A4T will be responsible for the ongoing operational costs of the new sauna and steam facility and this will be factored into the annual business case that is presented to Leisure and Environment for approval each year.

6.0 Comments of Business Manager – Financial Services (FIN19-20/8406)

6.1 The Section 106 money referred to in paragraph 2.1 has been received, therefore available to be committed subject to approval of this report.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS that:

(a) Active4Today be granted permission to extend Blidworth Leisure Centre for the purposes of a steam and sauna facility; and

(b) appropriate budget provision be made in the Council's Capital Programme, financed from the relevant Section 106 monies.

Reason for Recommendations

To enable Active4Today to deliver a steam and sauna facility at Blidworth Leisure Centre which will enhance the service offer to the community.

Background Papers

Active4Today Proposal Report

For further information please contact Andy Hardy, Senior Health and Community Relations Officer, on Ext 5708.

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