

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

19 SEPTEMBER 2012

REPORT OF HEAD OF COMMUNITIES & NEIGHBOURHOODS

LEISURE VISION

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members as required on the progress taken towards the development of the Leisure Vision for Melton Borough and to seek member's approval to recommend to the Policy, Finance and Administrative Committee the allocation of £30,000 from the working balance to provide pump priming funding for the project.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that

- 2.1 **Members note the progress taken towards the development of the Leisure Vision.**
- 2.2 **Members recommend to the Policy, Finance and Administrative Committee the allocation of £30,000 from the working balance to provide pump priming funding for the project and approve the Project Mandate and Business Case.**

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 In previous reports Members received an indication of the stages that need to be completed in order to adequately develop a full Leisure Vision for the Borough and the Town of Melton Mowbray. An early aspect of that vision is the understanding as to what local people and sports clubs and users consider being the "need" for further/better provision.
- 3.2 A consultation exercise offering as wide an involvement as possible in developing the preliminary stages was undertaken to identify the need to be assimilated into the ultimate Vision. At a previous meeting Members indicated a preference for majoring at this time on the need for "dry side" facilities, however, the consultation will be couched widely and views upon the provision of "wet" facilities will be included.
- 3.3 The consultation methods included use of the Council's website, the Melton Times, and use of Council outlets and the Councillors Surgery Stall. The results of the consultation is attached as Appendix A
- 3.4 At this stage the consultation was about gathering views from local people upon (briefly) what sports provision is considered to be needed, how this would serve the whole of the Borough, which facilities need improving to provide for these needs and in what regard are new facilities needed.
- 3.5 Following this wider consultation it is planned to hold more detailed discussions with local sports clubs together with as said more detailed analysis of data and information and a Customer Insight exercise. This information should enable a firm foundation to be developed for the needs which would be fed into the overall Leisure Vision.

- 3.6 In parallel with this work further discussions will take place with the Melton Community Partnership to ensure there is involvement/ownership with the developing activity. As indicated previously preliminary steps are being taken to secure legal advice concerning the options for a vehicle to deliver the vision in due course. It is always good practice to have relevant professionals on hand as the project is developed rather than receive their advice part or halfway through a process such as this.
- 3.7 The next steps involve targeted consultation, further analysis that will involve local sports clubs and organisations as well as follow proper processes with respect to site selection and procurement. This preliminary survey will give a better indication of views to the Council and its Partners when developing the Vision.
- 3.8 The Melton Leisure Board, which has been established to lead on this project, has developed a Leisure Consultation Plan, which will build on the initial consultation. This is attached as Appendix B. This outlines a number of activities that need to be undertaken to establish a clear understanding of need.
- 3.9 In addition the Board has developed a draft Terms of Reference; this clearly identifies the role and purpose of the board this is attached as Appendix C.

4.0 POLICY AND CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Council has decided it wishes to explore a Leisure Vision for the Borough. This report sets out the next steps to develop this approach.
- 4.2 In addition there will certainly be an expectation that this project looks to deliver an Olympic and Paralympic Sports Legacy.

5.0 FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 To properly progress this project a number of actions regarding consultation, needs and potential feasibility studies need to be undertaken. Members are asked to approve and recommend to the Policy, Finance & Administrative Committee a revenue budget allocation of £30,000 which will act as pump priming for this project from the working Balance. A Project Mandate and Business case are attached as appendices D and E respectively.

6.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS/POWERS

- 6.1 It is believed that early advice sought around the development of models to provide and run future leisure facilities will be helpful in the longer term to enable the Council to effectively and efficiently progress the developed provision.

7.0 COMMUNITY SAFETY

- 7.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report, although it is possible that some members of the Community may propose services and facilities which may improve the offer to young people and potentially reduce Anti-Social Behaviour.

8.0 EQUALITIES

- 8.1 Equalities Impact Assessments will be required as the development of the Vision progresses further.

9.0 RISKS

9.1 Probability

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Very High A				
High B			4	
Significant C				
Low D			3	
Very Low E			1, 2	
Almost Impossible F				
	IV Neg- ligible	III Marg- inal	II Critical	I Catast- rophic

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Impact

Risk No.	Description
1	Proper consideration of the Active Melton proposal or any other 'management' option
2	Adequate involvement and consultation with the Community
3	Difficulties with site selection
4	Adequate funding for proposals

10.0 CLIMATE CHANGE

10.1 There are no specific implications arising from this report.

11.0 CONSULTATION

11.1 This report proposes carrying out preliminary consultation with the Community prior to engaging with Sports Clubs and Organisations. The Project Mandate and Business case has been approved by the Council's Programme Board.

12.0 WARDS AFFECTED

12.1 All

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Appendices :
 A- Consultation results
 B- Consultation Plan
 C- Terms of Reference
 D- Project Mandate
 E- Business Case

Background Papers: None specific

Reference : X : C'ttees,Council & Sub-C'tees/CSA/2012-13/19-09-12/Leisure - Vision