

COUNCIL CABINET
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Report sponsors:

Councillor Baggy Shanker Leader of the Council
and Cabinet Member for Strategy, Governance
and Finance

ITEM 15

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Compliance with Contract and Financial Procedure Rules

Purpose

- 1.1
 - Bid for and acceptance of new funding £0.510m from the Football Foundation to develop a 3G Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) at Moorways Stadium
 - Addition of a new scheme to the 2024/25 Property Capital Programme of £0.825m to develop a 3G ATP at Moorways Stadium
 - Acceptance of £0.500m from the 2023-2025 Department for Education Local Skills Improvement Fund – LSIF and delegated authority to spend/delivery within the scope of the bid

Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve a bid for and acceptance of funding subject to acceptable terms and conditions, for the total sum of £0.510m from the Football Foundation to develop an ATP at Moorways Stadium as outlined in section 4.1.
- 2.2 To delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Director of Financial Services and the Cabinet member for City Centre Regeneration Culture and Tourism to spend within the scope of the Football Foundation funding and add to the capital programme as appropriate as outlined in section 4.1.
- 2.3 To approve acceptance of funding from the DFE of £0.500m LSIF funding as outlined in section 4.2.
- 2.4 To delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Peoples in consultation with the Director of Financial Services and the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills to spend within the scope of the DFE funding and add to the capital programme as appropriate.

Reason

- 3.1 To comply with Financial Procedure Rules.

Supporting information

4.1 Football Foundation - Artificial Turf Pitch

Derby's Playing Pitch strategic supply and demand assessment identified, in 2018, an insufficient supply of full-sized Artificial pitches of four, with a future projected shortfall of six by 2028. Coupled with this shortfall, the number of football teams across all age groups and genders is increasing year on year.

- 4.1.1 The impact of this shortfall and increasing demand for pitches for play is resulting in an over-demand and putting strain and wear on the existing grass pitch stock. The overuse is negatively impacting on the quality of the pitches as they become more susceptible to cancellation due to the condition, particularly when affected by weather.
- 4.1.2 Developments since 2018 including a new ATP at Mickleover Sports (1 x pitch) and the Derby Racecourse Hub (3 x pitches) has meant that the future 2028 shortfall has reduced.
- 4.1.3 There is existing capital budget of £0.315m allocated to Moorways Sports Village contingency pot on the 2023/24 Property Capital programme, this budget was planned for the 3G pitches at Moorways Stadium and will contribute towards the scheme costs in 2024/25 if the bid for further funding is successful.
- 4.1.4 Working in partnership with Everyone Active (Sport and Leisure Management) Moorways Sports Village & Stadium operator, Derbyshire County Football Association; partner sport clubs (football, rugby, and athletics) a project scope has been developed to enhance the facilities utilising the £0.315m to lever in an external grant from the Football Foundation.
- 4.1.5 The full scope of the grant application is to convert the current sand dressed pitch into a larger footprint 3G surface with a rugby compliant shock pad, to allow the pitch to be used for rugby and it also includes replacement of all surrounding fencing, new efficient LED floodlighting and resurfaced athletics straight.
- 4.1.6 Planning has been approved for the scheme and the total project cost is £0.825m with a grant of £0.510m from the Football Foundation (if successful) and £0.315m existing capital budget required to fund the project.
- 4.1.7 It is proposed that the project will be delivered through the Football Foundations ATP framework. This is a mandatory framework to be used and is a grant condition when applying for a Football Foundation grant.
- 4.1.8 It is recommended to approve a bid for and acceptance of funding subject to acceptable terms and conditions, for the total sum of £0.510m from the Football Foundation to develop an ATP at Moorways Stadium.
- 4.1.9 It is recommended to delegate authority to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Director of Financial Services and the Cabinet member for City Centre Regeneration Culture and Tourism to spend within the scope of the Football Foundation funding and add to the capital programme as appropriate.

4.2 Local Skills Improvement Fund – Acceptance of Funding £0.500m

The Local Skills Improvement Fund (LSIF) has been made available to enable collaborations of Further Education - FE providers to respond to the skills priorities identified in the Local Skills Improvement Plans (LSIPs).

- 4.2.1 This funding comes from central government Department for Education to support the costs of delivering against the Local Skills Improvement Plan across D2N2. The main focus is on Level 3 (A level) and above in digital skills. Derby Adult Learning Service will be developing short higher level digital skills modules that support the needs of employers and their skills gaps.
- 4.2.2 The overarching aim of the fund is to build the capacity of the FE sector to meet the local skills priorities set out in their respective LSIP. It will support changes in provision and facilities and enable providers to develop the expertise of teaching staff, college leaders and governance across an area.
- 4.2.3 Derby Adult Learning Service have been included as a strategic partner in the LSIP and therefore have been included as beneficiary of the associated funding.
- 4.2.4 The majority of the funding - £0.400m is capital and must be spend on digital technology and equipment. The remaining funding is revenue and must be spent on employer engagement, project, and qualification design. This report asks cabinet for delegated authority to spend this allocation within the scope of the funding and add to the capital programme as appropriate.
- 4.2.5 It is recommended to approve acceptance of funding from the DFE of £0.500m LSIF funding.
- 4.2.6 It is recommended to delegate authority to the Strategic Director of Peoples in consultation with the Director of Financial Services and the Cabinet Member for Children's Social Care, Learning and Skills to spend within the scope of the DFE funding and add to the capital programme as appropriate.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 **Football Foundation ATP** - A consortium of partners led by Derby City Council have developed the project and have led engagement with key stakeholders and the public to understand and demonstrate the need and demand for the development of the proposed facility.
 - 5.1.1 **Football Foundation ATP** - Consortium partners are Derby City Council (lead applicant), Everyone Active (Sport and Leisure Management), Derbyshire County FA, Allenton United FC, Derby Athletic Club, Field Lane FC, Rolls Royce RUFC and Pride Park FC. All consortium members have detailed the opportunity for growth and development that the facility would create, and this has developed a proposed usage plan and site development plan.

- 5.1.2 **Football Foundation ATP** - The public have been engaged by:
- Everyone Active – conducted a facility user survey to understand how the facility development would be used and the types of activities that users would engage with. This information has informed the usage and development plan.
 - Derby City Council – have engaged with priority audience groups in the surrounding neighbourhoods of the site to understand physical activity behaviour to help inform the types of programmes that will be delivered from the facility.
- 5.1.3 **Football Foundation ATP** - Statutory consultees have been engaged during the planning process including Sport England and National Governing Bodies of sport including England Hockey. Consultation with England Hockey and Sport England confirmed that there is an adequate supply of sand dressed artificial turf pitches to support hockey in Derby should Moorways be converted. Further, England Athletics confirmed that the benefits from a full refurbishment of the athletics straight so the facility can be used are satisfactory for the reduction in lanes from 6 to 4.
- 5.2 **LSIF** - Federation of Small Business FSB led the consultation process within the Local Skills Improvement Plan with local business.

Other options

- 6.1 **Football Foundation ATP - Do nothing:** The sand dressed pitch was installed in 1987 and refurbished in 2001 and so the surface carpet is 22 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. The usage and ongoing maintenance of the pitch was meant that it has been able to be used for a longer period.
- 6.1.1 **Football Foundation ATP** - Resurface the sand dressed pitch: Consultation with England Hockey and Sport England during the planning process confirmed that there is an adequate supply of sand dressed artificial turf pitches to support hockey in Derby should Moorways be converted.

Financial and value for money issues

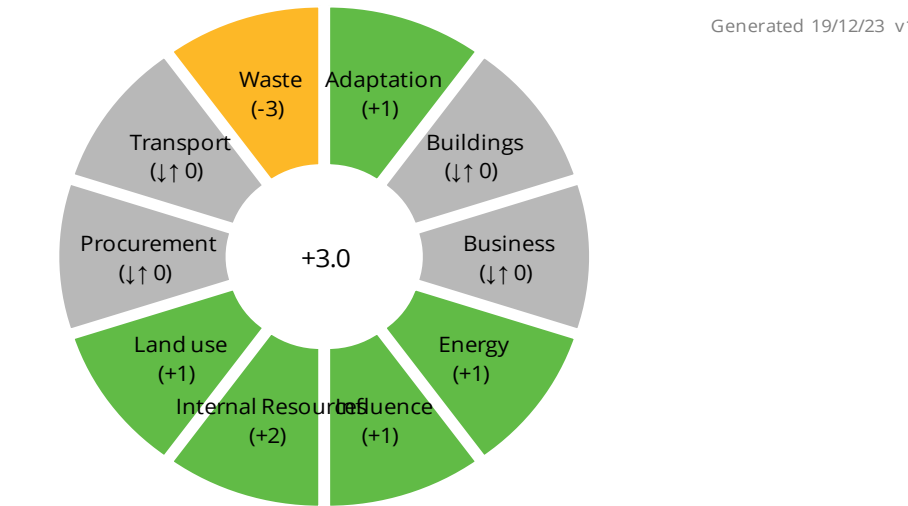
- 7.1 **LSIF** - Defrayed expenditure. With funding secured on receipt of spend.

Legal implications

- 8.1 **Football Foundation ATP** - The current Leisure Operating Contract with Everyone Active (Sport and Leisure Management) will have to be updated to reflect the Football Foundation requirements linked to their funding.

Climate implications

- 9.1 **Football Foundation ATP** - A climate impact assessment has been completed, as shown below.



- 9.1.1 **Football Foundation ATP** - The waste segment shows a negative climate impact. This is predominantly due to the replacement of the existing facility and the main construction elements unable to be reused due to 1) their condition and 2) exceed their lifespan. The main elements to be replaced are: Floodlights; perimeter fencing; artificial turf pitch; and athletics running straight. In addition the conversion of the surface type from a sand-dressed pitch to a 3G rubber crumb infill will require ongoing maintenance and rubber crumb replacement instead of sand.
- 9.1.2 **Football Foundation ATP** - The main positive climate impact is the opportunity to upgrade the flood lighting with new, more energy efficient LED lighting. It is anticipated that the floodlighting will be used more than currently however, the improved efficiency will result in lower electricity usage. In addition, the upgraded lights will be more focused with reduced light spill to mitigate any impact of the habitations, wildlife and surrounding properties.

Socio-Economic implications

- 10.1 **Football Foundation ATP** - The project will positively support priority audiences to become more active through targeted activities and programmes. The priority audiences for the project are:
- Culturally Diverse Communities
 - Disability and Long-term Health Conditions
 - Lower socio-economic groups
 - Women and Girls
- 10.1.2 **Football Foundation ATP** - A key requirement and criteria for submitting a grant application to the Football Foundation is ensuring that the priority audience groups have been engaged in the process of developing a project and that activities and programmes planned to take place at the facility engagement and reach these audiences.
- 10.1.3 **Football Foundation ATP** - A draft programme of use has been developed to submit with the grant application that aligns to Move More Derby, Derby's physical activity & sport strategy and Everyone Active's Health & Wellbeing plan that explicitly focus's actions to engage with under-represented groups, marginalised communities, and those furthest away from physical activity. The programme

includes a range of activities and sessions that will be free to access and or low cost in support of growing participation within lower-socio economic groups and part of the leisure Services Agreement between Derby City Council and Everyone Active (SLM)

- 10.2 **LSIF** - Improved access to higher level digital skills that meets employers skills gaps. Employer engagement dialogue will support the design and delivery of digital skills that adds value to economic growth improving opportunities for local people to improve skills and employment progression. Improving opportunities for local employers to fill vacant posts with local people who can progress within their organisations.

Other significant implications

- 11.1 None arising from this report

- 11.2 **LSIF** - A welcome opportunity to invest in laptops, software, and other essential equipment. An opportunity for Derby Adult Learning to develop capacity to design and deliver higher level qualifications.

This report has been approved by the following people:

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Background papers:

List of appendices: