



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
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Report of the Director of Education

## **Football Foundation Bid – Derby Moor and Lees Brook Community Sports Colleges**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. To approve the submission of a bid to the Football Foundation for Artificial Turf Pitches (ATPs) and changing rooms at Derby Moor Community Sports College and Lees Brook Community Sports College.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 There is a shortfall in ATP facilities in Derby City as identified by the Derbyshire Local Football Partnership (LFP).
- 2.2 Current provision at Moorways Leisure Centre, Derby College and Woodlands Community School is unable to support the demand of local sports clubs requiring provision for training, coaching and local competitions.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Derbyshire Local Football Partnership (LFP) has identified a deficit of one full size ATP in the city, as outlined in their strategic plans. The Sport England guidance indicates that there should be at least one ATP per 60,000 of population.
- 3.2 The LFP is responsible for interpreting and implementing the national strategy into local priorities supported by partners from the Football Association (FA) and the Football Foundation. The Derbyshire LFP Facility Strategy works in partnership with the Derbyshire County Football Development Plan in identifying common objectives and ensuring that quality facilities are supporting quality development programmes.
- 3.3 The LFP membership includes representatives from Local Authorities, Football in the Community, Derbyshire Football Association, the Football Association, Local Education Authorities, Schools FA and other county partners.
- 3.4 The LFP has identified nine strategic priorities (no priority order):
  - development of pitches to support junior football development
  - support for multi pitch sites for all types of football for all groups
  - changing room improvements to support junior and women and girl participation
  - projects that allow greater access to school and parish council sites
  - full sized ATPs and training areas in identified locations

- projects to assist the development of Charter Standard Clubs and Schools and Charter Standard Community Clubs
  - projects to support football development at Specialist Sports Colleges
  - changing rooms to sustain senior football
  - pitch improvements including drainage to sustain senior football.
- 3.5 The LFP identified Lees Brook Community Sports College and Derby Moor Community Sports College as priority development sites for synthetic turf pitches and new changing rooms.
- 3.6 Lees Brook and Derby Moor are designated Specialist Sports Colleges working with other schools in the City, sports clubs and community sports organisations to:
- extend the range of sporting opportunities to young people through school and community sporting activity
  - raise the standard of teaching and learning in PE and school sport
  - improve standards of achievement in and through PE and school sport
  - share resources and develop and spread good practice
  - help to provide a structure through which young people can progress to careers in sport and PE
  - develop the potential of talented young performers.
- 3.7 There are currently significant football activities running at both Derby Moor and Lees Brook Community Sports Colleges. The Community Football League uses Lees Brook for weekend junior league matches. Derby Moor hires out pitches to football clubs in Littleover and Mickleover for weekend fixtures and also hosts Derby Boys matches. Derby Moor is an FA Charter Standard School and Lees Brook are currently working towards this. Both schools are in the process of applying for FA Development Status and are actively involved in developing girls' football and are entering girls' teams in this year's Derbyshire Youth Games.
- 3.8 The proposal is to submit two bids to the Football Foundation for capital funding for new sports facilities at both schools. These bids will be developed in accordance with the Football Foundation guidance and in accordance with the bidding criteria. Should these be successful, the new facilities would have a significant impact on the pressing and long-standing sports needs in Derby.
- 3.9 The proposed project at Derby Moor Community Sports College is for a 7 a side ATP with new changing rooms, a teaching room and reception area. The facility is expected to serve the west of Derby and South Derbyshire. The estimated cost of this project is £817,850. The Football Foundation is likely to only fund 60 per cent with the school required to fund the balance of £327,140. Derby Moor is proposing to fund this using £150,000 specialist sports status funding and £177,140 from NDS devolved capital funding, including future years' funding. See Appendix 2.
- 3.10 The proposed project for Lees Brook Community Sports College is for an 11 a side ATP with new stand-alone changing rooms. The facility is expected to serve the east of the city and parts of Erewash. The estimated total cost of the project is £1,144,600. Again, the Football Foundation are likely to only fund 60 per cent and the school would be required to fund the balance of £457,840. Lees Brook are currently considering

how to fund this. One option is to use accumulated devolved capital funding and bring forward future years funding. See Appendix 2.

- 3.11 Both school governing bodies are carefully considering costs; particularly the need to commit a large proportion of future years' devolved capital funding, as this will limit other building priorities. The final submission to the Football Foundation would be subject to Governing Body approval of the 40 per cent matched funding. There are ongoing discussions with Lees Brook to determine whether this bid should be submitted.
- 3.12 The Education Service and the schools are continuing to work closely in developing business plans and football development plans which need to be submitted as part of this bid. Local resident and stakeholder meetings are currently being arranged. The final bid is likely to be submitted in July 2005. The outcome is likely to be known in December 2005.
- 3.13 It is inevitable that the bids submitted to the Football Foundation nationally will far exceed the funding available, and it is not certain that both of Derby's bids will be successful. However, the bids have been developed in close consultation with the Football Foundation.

#### **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 It is only possible to submit bids for Derby Moor and Lees Brook Sports Colleges as identified by the Derbyshire Local Football Partnership. This is an opportunity to bid for funding to significantly improve much needed sports facilities on school sites and maximise investment through joined up funding.
- 4.2 At this stage, there is no clear indication from the DfES when Derby City will be included in the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) initiative to replace secondary schools over the next fifteen years. The proposed schemes for Derby Moor and Lees Brook have been carefully considered in that context and the possible replacement of these schools. The facilities at Lees Brook would be stand alone and positioned so that they do not restrict the option to build a new school in future years. BSF has also been considered for the Derby Moor project. The new changing rooms will be linked to the sports hall block to form an effective sports area.

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**Background papers:**

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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial**

- 1.1 The proposal is to bid for 60 per cent funding from the Football Foundation for this project, with the remaining balance from schools funding sources. The Football Foundation has indicated submitting bids at this level. The appropriate level for each individual project will be decided on the merits of the case. The applicant is required to provide matched contributions.
- 1.2 The estimated total cost of the Derby Moor Community Sports College project is £817,850. The school's contribution will be met with £150,000 from their specialist sports status funding and the remainder from NDS devolved capital funding. See Appendix 2.
- 1.3 The estimated total cost of the Lees Brook Community Sports College project is £1,144,600. The school's contribution is likely to be met from NDS devolved capital funding. See Appendix 2

**Legal**

2. None

**Personnel**

3. None

**Equalities**

4. The ATP and associated facilities at Derby Moor Community Sports College and Lees Brook Community Sports College would increase participation amongst junior and adult participants regardless of background, age or ability. The new buildings will be accessible for disabled users.

**Corporate Objectives and priorities for change**

5. Investment in schools' sporting facilities will contribute to the corporate objective to provide a stimulating and high quality-learning environment. These are exciting projects to significantly enhance sports provision at both schools in line with one of the five outcomes for Children's Services – being healthy, enjoying and achieving.

## Appendix 2

### Proposed bid to Football Foundation / Funding Sources

School Name	Theme	Project Description	Cost of scheme	Est. Football Foundation Funding – 60% of total cost	Specialist Status Funding	*School's Devolved Contribution	Ward	Quarter
<b>Derby Moor Community Sports College</b>	Sports facilities	Artificial Turf Pitch including floodlighting for 7 a side football. New changing rooms / teaching area / reception. Additional car parking.	<b>£817,850</b>	£490,710	£150,000	£177,140	Blagreaves	2Q06
<b>Lees Brook Community Sports College</b>	Sports facilities	Artificial Turf pitch including floodlighting for 11 a side football. New changing rooms. Additional car parking.	<b>£1,144,600</b>	£686,760	-	£457,840	Chaddesden	2Q06
		<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,962,450</b>	<b>£1,177,470</b>	<b>£150,000</b>	<b>£634,980</b>		

\* Includes current devolved balances and future years' indicative devolved capital allocations. For Derby Moor, this would commit devolved funding up to 06/07 and for Leesbrook up to 08/09.