



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**COUNCIL CABINET**  
**18 MAY 2004**

Report of the Director of Education Service

## **Boulton Lane Park Community Centre – Development Project**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

1. To approve the commencement of the capital project for the development of Boulton Lane Park Community Centre.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

2. Funds have been secured through Transforming Your Space and Small Change to extend the building, make the toilets accessible to disabled people and carry out capacity building with the current management committee.

### **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1 Boulton Lane Park Community Centre is a very well used building with a wide range of community groups. There is pressure on the current space and some groups have to be turned away because they cannot be accommodated. This project will pay for an extension to the community centre, which will provide additional space for existing and new user groups.
- 3.2 The existing toilet facilities do not comply with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act. This will be rectified and the facilities made accessible for disabled people.
- 3.3 The community centre is well managed by a small voluntary committee. Part of the fund will be used to cover the cost of employing a community development consultant. The consultant will work with the committee to increase the number of active members and help them apply to become a registered charity.
- 3.4 The funds have been secured in partnership with Boulton Lane Park Community Centre's voluntary management committee who fully support the project.
- 3.5 The building work is scheduled to start at the end of June 2004, with an estimated completion date of September 2004.
- 3.6 The total project cost is £136,390 funded by £106,390 from Transferring Your Space and £30,000 from Small Change. Of the total cost, £26,390 is revenue and £110,000 is capital cost. A full breakdown of scheme costs is detailed in Appendix 2.

3.7 We were notified of the £106,390 funding from Transforming Your Space in August 2003, and of the £30,000 funding from Small Change in March 2004.

#### OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4. This project could not be funded by Property Services given the current maintenance backlog.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	Applications and funding confirmations from TYS and Small Change,
<b>List of appendices:</b>	committee report of Community Regeneration and Co-ordination Committee. Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 - Breakdown of Scheme Costs

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

- 1.1 The capital funding streams are as set out in the report and Appendix 2. There are no revenue implications for Derby City Council.
- 1.2 As the building is owned by the City Council, the maintenance is carried out by Property Services. Every effort has been made in the design of the extension to include low maintenance features. Property Services has been consulted in detail at the design stage to ensure that both the design of the building and all materials used are of an acceptable standard.

**Legal**

2. Service providers have a responsibility under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 to make facilities accessible to disabled people.

**Personnel**

3. None

**Equalities impact**

4. The Community Centre is open for use by all sections of the community. Improvements to the accessibility of the toilet will ensure that the toilet complies with the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 5.2 The proposal comes under the Council's Objectives of **strong and positive neighbourhoods** and **shops, commercial and leisure activities**.
- 5.3 The proposal further develops the priority of **enhancing our community leadership role through partnership working and listening to, and communicating with, the public**.

### Boulton Lane Park Community Centre Development Project Costings

<b>Project</b>	<b>Year One</b>	<b>Year Two</b>	<b>Year Three</b>	<b>Totals</b>
	<b>From: July 03 To: June 04</b>	<b>From: July 04 To: June 05</b>	<b>From: July 05 To: June 06</b>	
<b>REVENUE</b>				
Salaries, NI and pensions				£0
Recruitment				£0
Fees for freelance workers				£0
Rent				£0
General running expenses		£3,000	£3,000	£6,000
Producing information				£0
Training for staff and volunteers	£2,800	£2,800		£5,600
Travel for staff and volunteers				£0
Consultancy and advice	£6,000	£3,000	£5,790	£14,790
Other				£0
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>£8,800</b>	<b>£8,800</b>	<b>£8,790</b>	<b>£26,390</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>				
Building construction		£90,200		£90,200
Building and land purchase				£0
Refurbishment		£6,000		£6,000
Professional fees		£13,800		£13,800
Office equipment				£0
Vehicles				£0
Other				£0
<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>£110,000</b>		<b>£110,000</b>
<b>Whole Scheme Cost</b>	<b>£8,800</b>	<b>£118,800</b>	<b>£8,790</b>	<b>£136,390</b>
<b>Funding Sources</b>	£106,390	Transforming Your Space		
	£30,000	Small Change		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£136,390</b>			