

EXECUTIVE BOARD

13 MARCH 2017

3G Pitch at Richmond Park, Carmarthen

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

It is recommended that the Executive Board considers supporting the implementation of a 3G pitch at Richmond Park, part of a community project by approving a grant of £150k.

REASONS:

Richmond Park is situated in one of the more socially and economically challenged areas of Carmarthen and the new 3G pitch, part of a community project would see a great number of local groups and organisations benefiting, being able to provide improved facilities for both children and adults, including those with disabilities.

Relevant Scrutiny Committee Consulted	NO
Exec Board Decision Required	Yes
Council Decision Required	NO

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Cllr D.M. Jenkins (Resources)

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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Background

Carmarthen Town AFC are looking to replace their existing ground with a new 3G all-weather football pitch at Richmond Park, as part of a community project to help and support the more socially and economically challenged areas of Carmarthen. The total cost of this installation looks to be in the region of £560k with funding of £410k already been secured from:

- Football Association of Wales (FAW) £350k
- Grantscape £30k
- University of Wales Trinity St Davids (UWTSD) £30k

This leaves a shortfall of £150k, the club is trying to obtain alternative funding but are unable to secure any at present. Any additional costs above the £560k will be met by the club.

This installation needs to take place during the summer months of 2017 in order for the 3G pitch to be installed on time with the hope of contracts being signed during the first few weeks of April. If the implementation does not take place this summer, the £420k funding from FAW will be withdrawn.

The club's intention is to help create a wider community benefit by helping and supporting young people to reach their full potential and live fulfilled lives through increased use of their facilities and working in partnership with local groups and organisations including primary schools (one of which has a special needs unit), family centres, youth clubs and UWTSD, most of which either have inadequate or no outside facilities.

Community Benefits

- Schools - there are 2 schools situated within the area, one of which includes a special needs unit. This facility could be used:
 - Sports' days, enabling sports days for the whole school to be held on one day, encouraging parents involvement.
 - Provide a safe venue for physical education lessons, offering schools sport skills clubs including athletics and disabled sporting activities.
 - Allow parents and children to engage actively with each other, at least 100 parents have expressed an interest in increasing events with their children as part of the Parenting Engage activity (PEAS) on weekends.
 - Provide additional facilities for hard to reach pupils
 - Provide coaching for able and talented pupils who currently can not engage in academies due to cost and lack of transport facilities.
- Family Centres – use of both the 3G pitch for parents and children games, the Community Centre being an extension to their present facilities for the activities including Dads Group, Cookery, Well being and healthy eating, adult educational classes and parenting classes.

- University Trinity St Davids – have agreed to undertake a number of initiatives:
 - SKIP intervention and parental engagement to target parents of young children to promote FMS (Fundamental Movement Skills) to develop an understanding of how young children learn their physical skills, includes holding workshops, intervention sessions, coffee mornings with parents, after school sessions and providing parents the necessary equipment to participate in physical activity at home.
 - CIRCUS skills – hold training sessions with local school teachers and coaches on CIRCUS skills which are inclusive activities to motivate young people to try and succeed with new physical activity challenges.
 - Healthy eating programme, engaging with local schools and family centres, in particular parents.
 - Physical activity programmes devised to measure and assess a wide range of health and fitness factors within family centres and schools with a concentration on parents and children.
- Dr M's Youth Club – allow use for their activity days, pamper days and charity fundraising events
- Disability Sport Wales Officer for Carmarthenshire – the pitch is suitable for disabled sport, it has accessible changing rooms and a community learning centre. The pitch would be used for training and matches by the local disability team, Elfed United, used for hosting West Wales Disability League tournaments and hosting Welsh Colleges Pan disability football tournaments.
- CCC – offer summer play schemes and after school clubs for disabled children and holiday activity camps.
- Menter Gorllewin Sir Gar – a Welsh language development project operating up to 20 miles from Carmarthen, using the facility to hold various activities for nursery age children and football skills groups, netball club and rugby sessions for children aged 4-7 years

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- The club will offer free 3G usage for all activities undertaken by club partners, including free use of the on-site Community Centre, anticipated an average of 20 hours per week
- Will initiate an Over 50 league
- Will identify the need for any additional activity e.g. for the blind, youth clubs etc
- Will introduce senior and junior ladies/girls teams
- Will despatch 200 free tickets to Family Centres and Schools within the area in respect of the Club's Senior Football matches
- Will initially employ two posts

The club has received great support / responses from local groups and organisations, explaining how much this facility would benefit them, including from the Headteacher of Myrddin Primary School, Headteacher of Richmond Park Primary School, Town Councillor and Chairman of the Town's Family Centres. A letter of support has also been received from the Police and Crime Commissioner Dyfed Powys Police, giving his assurance that his Community officers will work closely with the Club.

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DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

No

INTEGRATION

I confirm that the Community Strategy Integration Tool has

Not been used to appraise the subject of this report as it is not appropriate to do so.

Signed **Chris Moore, Director of Corporate Services**

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed **Chris Moore, Director of Corporate Services**

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

1. Finance

As stated in the report there is significant community benefit on an ongoing basis from the contribution of £150K

Funding can be provided from within the 2016/17 budget resource.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed **Chris Moore, Director of Corporate Services**

- 1. Local Member(s): N/A**
- 2. Community / Town Council: N/A**
- 3. Relevant Partners: N/A**
- 4. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations: N/A**

**Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information
List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

THERE ARE NONE