

11. Area North Community Grants (Executive Decision)

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Purpose of the Report

For Members to consider the request for a grant towards a local project(s), under the Area North Community and Leisure Grants Scheme.

The report contains one application from Stoke-sub-Hamdon Recreation Trust, assessed by the Senior Leisure Facilities Officer.

Recommendation(s)

- 1) Members are asked to approve £11,677 to Stoke-sub-Hamdon Recreation Trust project to be allocated from the Area North Capital Programme allocation for “Improving Community Halls and Facilities” towards the construction of a new two-team changing pavilion, subject to the standard terms and conditions for SSDC Community and Leisure Grants, and the following additional terms and conditions:
 - a. The Football Clubs who will benefit from this project agree to work with the Council’s Senior Sports Development Officer and/or the FA County Development Manger, to produce a satisfactory Football Development Plan for the project.
 - b. The Trust demonstrates that they are able to develop a repairs and renewal fund strategy for the new pavilion, and work with Stoke-sub-Hamdon Parish Council to ensure the future revenue costs of the recreation ground can be met.
 - c. Stoke-sub-Hamdon Sport and Recreation Trust use their best endeavours to find additional volunteers to serve on committee to support the running of the Stoke Recreation Ground.
- 2) Members are asked to note that a recent application from Fivehead Playing Field Committee has been deferred for further information

1. Application Details

Name of Applicant	Stoke-sub-Hamdon Sports and Recreation Trust
Project	Construction of a new two-team changing pavilion
Project description	Construction of a new two-team changing pavilion to replace existing dilapidated, and non-DDA compliant, portakabin.
Total project cost	£121,777

Amount requested	£11,677
Special conditions	See above recommendations
Application assessed by:	Lynda Pincombe, Senior Leisure Facilities Officer, SSDC Sports, Arts and Leisure Service
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2. Community Grants Assessment score

The table below shows the grant scoring for this application. Applications need to meet the minimum score of 20, required for SSDC funding under the Community and Leisure Grants Scheme to be considered.

Category	Score	Maximum
A Eligibility	Y	
B Target Groups	2	6
C Project	4	5
D Capacity of Organisation	11	15
E Financial need	5	5
F Innovation	1	3
Total	23	34

3. Background information

Stoke-sub-Hamdon Sports and Recreation Trust was established in 1995 and oversees the running the village recreation ground and provides facilities for 7 youth football teams and 2 senior football teams and also provides a cricket wicket. In addition, the Trust oversees the maintenance of the skate and BMX facilities at the site.

There is currently a very dilapidated second hand Portakabin that serves as the changing facility for teams and officials using the recreation ground. The temporary building does not meet DDA requirements or National Governing Body recommended standards for team or official changing and is nearing the end of its lifespan.

4. About the project

Stoke-sub-Hamdon Sports and Recreation Trust have applied to SSDC to part fund the capital costs of building a new two-team changing pavilion, the installation of external pathways plus professional fees.

Given that there will be a large number of beneficiaries from this project, the Senior Leisure Facilities Officer has been working with the Trust for some months in order to bring this project to fruition. The Senior Sports Development Officer has also provided some assistance to the youth team to develop an up to date football development plan.

The Trust do need to do some further work on ensuring that they have adequately budgeted for all future maintenance costs of both the pavilion and the recreation ground

itself. However, assuming that the Parish Council is willing and able to provide a small amount of additional revenue support to the Trust, the Senior Leisure Facilities Officer is confident that the Trust will be able to cover the future running costs and also budget for repairs and renewals.

The Trust has demonstrated through their documentation that they have good governance arrangements, however, their current membership stands at only five people. It would therefore be prudent to attempt to secure additional volunteers to support the work of the Trust in order to ensure that the burden of managing the facilities does not fall to the same few people.

The view of the Football Association Facilities Officer has been sought in relation to this project. In principle he is supportive of the requirement for new changing provision at the village Recreation Ground and has been providing arms length support to the Trust in order help them to develop a bid to the Football Foundation.

5. Fit with national, corporate and local priorities of this project

This project supports the achievement of SSDC corporate objective 11 – Work in partnership with others to improve the health prospects for all.

(a) Strategy for Sport and Active Leisure in South Somerset 2006-2012

- To support the development of new and existing sports clubs to increase participation, improve junior performances and achieve National Governing Body quality accreditation standards.
- The project could also contribute to the Sport, Arts and Leisure team's aim to achieve a 1% increase in participation year on year and eventually to improve junior performance standards.

(b) Draft South Somerset Sport and Recreation Built Facilities Assessment Report 2006

This draft report recommends for recreation ground pavilion changing accommodation:

- That there should be 'sufficient, accessible changing accommodation on multi-pitch sites'
- That 'accommodation should be in at least good condition' (segregated, well decorated, well maintained, well lit etc.)

(c) Stoke sub Hamdon Village Plan

The Stoke-sub-Hamdon village plan includes the objective to support the Sports and Recreation Trust with the development of the Sports Pavilion on the big Recreation Ground.

6. Costs and match funding

Just over 30% of funding for the project is already secure; a full breakdown of the funding secured for this project is detailed in the table below.

The cost of the work is estimated to be £121,777 (This includes capital costs of building a new two-team changing pavilion, the installation of external pathways plus professional fees.)

Funding sources are as follows:-

Funding Sources	% Funding of Total Scheme Cost (approx.)	Amount of Funding £	Status
Parish Council	8.21	10,000	Secure subject to an award from the Football Foundation
Awards For All	4.15	5,000	Secure
Local Fundraising/ Own Funds	16.42	20,000	Secure
Wellbeing of Yeovil	1.64	2,000	Secure
Football Foundation	60	73,100	To be applied for Feb 08
SDDC	9.59	11,677	Applied for
Total Scheme Cost	100%	121,777	

Conclusion

Changing/toilet facilities are essential to support formal football provision. If a new pavilion cannot be built at the Stoke Recreation Ground, there is a strong possibility that existing teams will seek to move to a new ground or more likely fold such is the state of the existing changing rooms.

In recognition that there are a high number of potential beneficiaries of this project, over 30% of project costs are already secure and that it helps to fulfil a number of corporate and service priorities, full support is recommended.

It is recommended that this project is supported by a grant of £11,677.

Financial Implications

Area North Capital Programme (2007-10) allocation for "Improving Community Halls and Facilities" currently has £47,000 uncommitted. Awarding this grant of £11,677 to the Stoke-sub-Hamdon Recreation Trust will leave £35,323 remaining.

Corporate Priorities

Supporting local community projects help to meet the following Corporate objectives:-

1. Increase to 75% by 2012 the residents who feel the Council gives good value for money
2. Maintain above 75% the people satisfied with the way the Council runs the district
9. Identify and address the particular issues affecting rural areas
11. Work in partnership with others to improve the health prospects for all
16. Maintain above 80% the people satisfied with their neighbourhoods as a place to live

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Other implications

Supporting local community projects help to meet the following Area Priority of:-

3.3 – Work with young people to provide things to do, places to go

3.6 – Support communities to maintain and develop facilities and activities

Background Papers: *Community Grant Application Number AN/07/037*
