

## 12. Area North Community Grants - Enhancement of Cricket Facilities at Huish Episcopi (Executive Decision)

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### Purpose of the Report

For members to consider an application for financial assistance to Huish Episcopi and Langport Cricket Club for enhancement of cricket facilities.

### Public Interest

Huish Episcopi and Langport Cricket Club have applied for financial assistance from the Area North community grants scheme. The application has been assessed by the Community Development Officer who has submitted this report to allow the Area North Committee to make an informed decision on the application.

### Recommendation

- 1) Approve the award of £3,000 to Huish Episcopi & Langport Cricket Club towards Enhancement of cricket facilities, allocated from the community grants budget subject to the SSDC standard conditions for Community Grants (Appendix A) and the following special condition:

Applicants must make provision for future maintenance and replacement of the facilities. SSDC recommends the applicant set up a sinking fund to achieve this condition.

### Application Details

<b>Name of Applicant</b>	Huish and Langport Cricket Club
<b>Project</b>	To Enhance Cricket Facilities
<b>Project description</b>	To supply and install an all weather fully carpeted double bay practice facility. This facility will allow virtually all year round practice, increased coaching and the ability to improve talent and skill levels.
<b>Total project cost</b>	£22,474
<b>Amount requested from SSDC</b>	£3,000 13%
<b>Application assessed by:</b>	Les Collett, Community Development Officer (North)
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### **Background Information**

Langport is one of the four market towns in area north with a population of 1050. The parish of Huish Episcopi with a population of 1900 borders Langport. The cricket club attracts members from both communities and other surrounding villages.

### **Project development**

This is a natural progression for the club to enhance the facilities and coaching needs of the players for out of season practice as well as normal in season training.

### **Project description**

To install a fully carpeted double bay practice facility size 26mx7.3 with associated safety netting

### **Anticipated benefits and outcomes**

As with any community sport and coaching plays a major part in improving the skills and achievements of individuals and enhancing team performance. This facility will allow all year round training and coaching to take place across the entire membership.

### **Business Plan**

A sinking fund for repair and replacement is to be set up

### **Risks**

No risk apparent

### **Management and ownership**

The club is affiliated to the England and Wales Cricket board. All sections of the club have representatives on the management committee who have a sound constitution and good financial control. There is 21 years left to run on the lease.

### **Consents and permissions**

The land is leased from the parish council who have no objections to the project and planning permission is not required.

### **Project Costs**

The table below shows the breakdown of the project costs.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost £</b>
Supply and install fully carpeted double bay practice facility	£18,452.00
Supply and install double bay cricket cage	£4,022.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£22,474.00</b>

## Match funding

Funding Source	Amount £	Status
Lord Taveners	£3,000.00	confirmed
Somerset's grassroots	£2,500	confirmed
Sport England Small Grants Scheme	£10,000	confirmed
Own funds	£2,000	confirmed
Parish and town council	£2,000	Applied for
<b>Total</b>	<b>£19,500</b>	

## Parish information

Parish	Huish Episcopi	and	Langport
No. of Households	874		529
Precept 09/10	£30,000		£43,000
Band D Charge 08/09	£39.95		£116.77

## Evidence of support for the project / consultation

The Community Health and Leisure Service (formerly Sport, Arts and Leisure) fully supports the community grant application submitted by Huish and Langport's Cricket Club for funding towards a 2-lane practice facility. The club has developed from one U13 junior team in 2004 to eight junior teams in 2009, including a new girls team. They have been awarded with the English Cricket Board Clubmark accreditation. Clubmark is a nationally recognised club development scheme run by Sport England in partnership with sporting National Governing Bodies (NGB's) to recognise high quality sports clubs with junior sections.

The club is extremely pro-active in linking with local schools to increase the number of young people being guided into clubs, including its head coach delivering four hours of coaching at Huish Primary School in the Summer Term. The club is an active member of the South Somerset Cricket Development Group, which is overseen by SSDC to lead the development of Cricket across the district.

Our Strategy for Sport and Active Leisure in South Somerset 2006-2012 adopted by full council clearly sets out policy areas to increase participation in sport and improve junior performance levels by increasing junior representation at county, regional and national levels. In order to achieve this it is essential that local people and sports clubs are able to access adequate and affordable facilities within a reasonable distance. This all-weather facility will enable the club to offer further coaching sessions to junior members and provide an affordable option for training, which will improve the performance of players at the club.

Indoor training facilities are an option, which are often too expensive for cricket clubs to train all year round, this facility is therefore crucial to deliver an all year programme of cricket and ensure young people have access to opportunities to take part in sport and physical activity.

### Community Grants Assessment Score

The table below shows the grant scoring for this application. In order to be considered, applications need to meet the minimum score of 22, for SSDC funding under the Community Grants policies.

Category	Score	Maximum
A Eligibility	Y	
B Target Groups	3	6
C Project	5	5
D Capacity of Organisation	15	15
E Financial need	5	5
F Innovation	1	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>34</b>

This project has scored 29 out of a possible 34.  
Highlighting the good governance a financial control of a well run group

### Summary and Recommendation

The Senior Sports Development Officer is fully supportive of this application and looks forward to supporting the club to develop coaching programmes with local schools and at the proposed facility.

The club has a sound management involving all sections of the club with a successful fundraising record and the ability to complete the project

### Recommendation

To support this application for the full amount requested

### Financial Implications

The Community Grants budget for 2009/10 is £35,900. If the grant award of £3,000 towards enhancement of cricket facilities at Huish Episcopi is approved, and this months grant report for Martock Youth Project SLA was approved the uncommitted balance will be £10,607 for the remainder of the financial year.

### Corporate Priority Implications

- 3.19 support to develop a long term (20 year) action plan to reduce obesity in children and adults by 2012
- 3.20 Increase children and young people's satisfaction with parks and play areas and adult participation in sport and active recreational.
- 4.1 Deliver positive activities for children young people (especially those at risk of exclusion or offending)

### **Other Implications:**

Supporting local community projects help to meet the following Area North priorities of: -  
Promote and enhance activities and informal facilities for children and young people

### **Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)**

None

### **Equality and Diversity Implications**

Will promote involvement from younger people.

**Background Papers:** Grant application file AN09/23

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