

<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE</b>	<b>AGENDA ITEM: 4</b>
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<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>ETWALL LEISURE CENTRE – FACILITY DEVELOPMENT</b>	<b>REF: SB</b>
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## **1.0 Recommendation**

- 1.1 To authorise officers to progress plans for the development of facilities at Etwall Leisure Centre.
- 1.2 To allocate funds from the Etwall Leisure Centre Sinking Fund towards the capital project.

## **2.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 2.1 To update Members on the development of new facilities at Etwall Leisure Centre and gain approval for delivering the capital project.

## **3.0 Detail**

- 3.1 Since the opening of the new centre officers of the School, Council and latterly Active Nation have been continually developing projects and funding bids for enhancements to Etwall Leisure Centre. Following the successful Artificial Grass Pitch project the next major project is now ready to progress.

### **A Legacy for Etwall Project**

- 3.6 Officers have reviewed the opportunities that the Leisure Centre and School site offers and evaluated the potential of financial benefit, ie. increasing income and increasing participation for school pupils and the community. The result of this review is the following list of projects:
- 3.7 Gym Extension: the extension of the existing fitness gym into adjacent space, potentially achieving a significant increase in the size of the current facility to provide for an area for daytime curriculum use and increased strength and conditioning and cardio-vascular space for school and community use.
- 3.8 Foyer Partition Wall: the provision of a removable partition wall in the main foyer area to improve the environment for instructor led classes and spectators.

- 3.9 Spin Studio: the redevelopment of class room space into a fully equipped spin studio available for curriculum and community use.
- 3.10 Tennis/Netball Courts – the refurbishment and floodlighting of a minimum of 2 tennis/netball courts.
- 3.11 Variety of minor works linked to the deterioration of parts of the Centre due to the significant levels of use experienced over the past 5 year.
- 3.11 Whilst these projects are not ranked in absolute priority they are in order of financial/participation impact with the gym being the most advantageous.
- 3.12 In developing these projects officers have discussed opportunities with National Governing Bodies of Sport to identify if the development of sporting ‘excellence and performance’ can be further promoted from the John Port School/Etwall Leisure Centre site. This opportunity exists most with badminton where the above projects could release space in the sports hall so that more time/courts can be released for a county level Badminton Performance Centre.

#### **4.0 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 The capital cost of the above works has been estimated at £600,000. Currently the funds available include:

Sport England Inspired Facility Fund	£93,000
Active Nation	£170,000
South Derbyshire District Council	£191,000
Etwall Leisure Centre Sinking Fund (proposed)	£106,000
John Port School	£25,000
Local Clubs/Partnerships etc	£4,500
 Total	 £585,000

- 4.2 The project will be procured through John Port School and value engineering will ensure that the final cost will be within budget.
- 4.3 In terms of the Leisure Centre Sinking Fund this was established upon the opening of the Centre to provide an available capital source for major item of maintenance and replacement of the fitness equipment. As the replacement of the fitness equipment is now the responsibility of Active Nation it means that the accumulated fund could be used to fund the enhancement of the Centre including works to bring it back to the condition at which it opened. This would seem an entirely appropriate way to use the funds which will then continue to accumulate in future years. The £10,000 accumulated decommissioning fund will remain unused.
- 4.4 The offer of £170,000 by Active Nation is based upon a further extension of their management contract but will include a significant reduction in their annual contract fee paid by the Council and School. This issue is dealt with by a further report.

#### **5.0 Corporate Implications**

- 5.1 The development of Etwall Leisure Centre meets the corporate/strategic objectives of all partners in that it enhances the facilities for school pupils and the community.

They will also support the ongoing financial viability for the partners in operating a very successful community and educational establishment.

## **6.0 Community Implications**

6.1 Etwall Leisure Centre is a very successful dual-use leisure facility which has the capacity to become even more popular providing quality facilities for education, participation and performance by the local community.

## **7.0 Conclusions**

7.1 The development of this project continues to demonstrate how well the partners work together for the benefit of school pupils and the community.