
REPORT TO: HOUSING AND COMMUNITY
SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM: 10

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REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY
SERVICES

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SUBJECT: YOUTH AND PLAY FACILITY
PROVISION

REF:

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

TERMS OF REFERENCE: (HCS07)

10 Recommendations

- 1.1 That Members approve the proposed programme of facility provision.

20 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To provide Members with an update on the progress of the Youth Facility Plan and to gain their approval for the proposed programme of provision for 2005/06 and 2006/07.

3.0 Detail

- 3.1 Following the approval of the Youth Facilities Plan by this Committee on 18 November 2004, work has progressed on confirming a programme of facility provision over the forthcoming years.
- 3.2 To enable this programme to be delivered, the Council and the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership have committed significant resources which, along with grant and funds from Partners, will enable a significant number of facilities to be provided.
- 3.3 As Members will recall, from the Committee of 10 March, 2005, it is proposed to enter into a contract with a preferred partner which, initially will delay the provision of facilities whilst tenders are considered, but will in the longer term bring much more value for money. To enable this process of engaging a preferred partner to be progressed a package of projects has to be agreed which will be delivered over a period of at least two years and preferably three.
- 3.4 In terms of the programme of facility delivery progress has been made with a number of sites and partners. Meetings have been held with Parish Councils and a number are keen to support initial investigations before they finally commit their own funds to the projects.

Currently Being Provided

Linton – Play Equipment
Hartshorne – Play Equipment
Melbourne – Play Equipment

Maurice Lea Memorial Park – Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)

- Phase 1 Projects (committed to): Eureka Park, Swad – Teen and Play Equipment
Coton Park – MUGA and Play Equipment
Overseal – Shelter
Coton In The Elms - Shelter
- Phase 2 Projects (2005/06): Chestnut Drive, Midway – Teen and Play Equip'
Swadlincote Skateboard Park – Shelter
Hatton Recreation Ground – MUGA
Hilton – MUGA and Play Equipment
Castle Gresley (Arthur Street) – Teen and Play Equipment
- Phase 3 Projects (2006/07): Melbourne – Skateboard Park
Rosliston – Play Equipment
Netherseal – MUGA
One Other – MUGA / Teen Equipment
- Phase 4 Projects (2007/08) Newhall – Skateboard Equip
One Other – MUGA
One Other – Play Equip
One Other - MUGA

3.5 Officers are to meet a number of Parish Councils including Netherseal and Hartshorne to discuss the potential of providing multi-use games areas next year.

4.0 Financial Implications

4.1 In terms of costs and finance each phase is analysed below. The costs are based on historical records and manufacturers estimates and the funds available include a contribution of £100,000 in the Councils Capital Programme for 2005/6 and also in that programme £30,000 a year for 5 years, specifically for the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership to use to fund youth facilities. The £100,000 a year capital allocation will be applied for each year to contribute to delivering the above programme. The funds also include Section 106 monies provisionally ring fenced for the projects, anticipated Parish Council commitments (based on 33% of project cost) and external grant aid:

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| Phase 1 Cost | £90,000 | Funds Available | £90,000 | Shortfall | Nil |
| Phase 2 Cost | £270,000 | Potential Funds | £270,000 | Shortfall | Nil |
| Phase 3 Cost | £210,000 | Potential Funds | £80,000 | Shortfall | £130,000 |
| Phase 4 Cost | £170,000 | Funds Available | £70,000 | Shortfall | £100,000 |

4.2 On the basis of the above estimates, which would still need to be confirmed on a year-by-year basis, Officers can proceed with the tendering process for identifying a preferred bidder for all the projects.

5.0 Corporate Implications

5.1 The provision of youth facilities will contribute to the corporate aims of reducing anti-social behaviour and increase in leisure facilities for local communities.

6.0 Community Implications

- 6.1 The Youth Facilities Plan was produced following the overwhelming response of young people to the Youth Needs Survey in which they identified the need for youth facilities and meeting places. This programme of provision ensures that the plan is a target for delivering physical activity and contributes towards reducing anti-social behaviour.

7.0 Conclusions

- 7.1 The commitment of the District Council and the Safer South Derbyshire Partnership to providing facilities for young people is demonstrated by the resources allocated to the delivery of this programme. Young people have requested the provision of facilities and over the next two years significant progress will be made.

