

HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report To: Cabinet
8 October 2019

Subject: **STOKESLEY – LEISURE IMPROVEMENTS**

Stokesley; Great Ayton and Hutton Rudby Wards
Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Communities: Councillor Mrs B S Fortune

1.0 PURPOSE AND BACKGROUND:

- 1.1 To outline the planned approach to proposed improvements at sports facilities in Stokesley and to request some additional capital finance to support these.
- 1.2 Annex A highlights a range of proposed sports facilities improvements at Stokesley, some of which the Council has previously committed to through the Capital Programme and others which require further funding. Elements 1 and 2 (3g pitch and sports hall) require joint delivery with other partners as they either belong to or are built on land belonging to others. These improvements can only be made when funds from other partners are in place. Section 106 funds have been allocated to these projects and previously supported at Cabinet via approval of Stokesley's Public Space, Sport & Recreation Action Plan (4 June 2019). Element 3 is to improve the activity room adjacent to the sports hall; whilst this is a Council facility the ideal intention is to improve it at the same time as the sports hall as this strengthens any partnership bid the Council and the school might submit for external funding. However, should the sports hall improvements take longer to expedite, then the enhancements to the activity room could be undertaken earlier. Presently £20,000 is allocated within the Capital Programme 2019/20 for this. Element 4, the reception, would also ideally be undertaken in co-ordination with the sports hall, however due to its dated appearance and operational difficulties it is proposed that this is undertaken as soon as can be programmed. £33,900 is already allocated within the Capital Programme for this.
- 1.3 The gym is a major generator of income (£205,000 in 2018/19 representing a third of the total income at the centre). Whilst opportunities exist to expand the gym room, the cost of this is prohibitive. However, at present £72,000 is allocated within the Capital Programme for gym equipment across all centres (except Northallerton) and on the basis that Thirsk is likely to be subject to a separate capital improvement scheme and Bedale Leisure Centre will be considered at a later stage, it is suggested that the £72,000 is allocated entirely to Stokesley and is supplemented by a further £73,000. This sum, £145,000, will change the entire stock of equipment in the gym, as well as enable the room to be refreshed. It is also requested that £25,000 is allocated to replace the indoor cycling bikes within the cycling studio. Delivering these improvements will have the following benefits:
- Improved customer satisfaction with the service and therefore customer retention rates;
 - Tackling declining income and create opportunities for revenue growth and
 - Enable personal health tracking and support the delivery of health intervention programmes such as the Take that Step wellbeing scheme.
- 1.4 The proposal is therefore to deliver elements 4, 5 and 6 identified in Annex A within 2019/20, whilst also progressing works on elements 1 and 2, with our sports partners in the town. The timing for delivery of element 3 can be flexible. In addition, the Capital Programme includes £60,000 for the installation of an underwater detection system, helping the safety and efficiency of our lifeguarding arrangements, as well as £10,000 for shower

works. The installation of underwater detection cameras will provide some marginal employee cost savings from 2020/21 as a key feature of the system allows for 'blended lifeguarding', whereby lifeguard patrols and the camera system will be fully harmonised to improve bather safety. Digital systems are used across many UK swimming pools to excellent effect, improving safety whilst also helping to address the shortfall in qualified lifeguards in the country.

2.0 LINK TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

2.1 Improving community leisure facilities, including those at Stokesley, is included as a 'Key Project' within the Council Plan under the Health and Wellbeing priority theme.

3.0 RISK ASSESSMENT:

3.1 There are no significant risks attached to this report.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

4.1

Element	Section 106 Funds	HDC Funds Presently In Place	Additional HDC Funds Required
i. 3g Pitch	£200,000	-	-
ii. Sports hall	£210,000	-	-
iii. Activity room	-	£20,000	-
iv. Reception	-	£33,900	-
v. Improved Gym	-	£72,000	£73,000
vi. Cycling Studio	-	£0	£25,000
vii. Improved Shower Areas	-	£10,000	-
viii. Underwater Detection Cameras	-	£60,000	-
TOTAL	£410,000	£195,900	£98,000

4.2 These proposals in total represent a £703,900 commitment of investment to sport in Stokesley.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report

6.0 EQUALITY/DIVERSITY ISSUES:

6.1 Equality and diversity issues have been considered however there are no issues associated with this report. All facility and equipment improvements will look to improve accessibility to all sections of the community.

7.0 HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES:

7.1 A full and comprehensive risk assessment has been considered and will be reviewed prior to installation of the underwater detection system. Benchmarking and review of Health and Safety Executive guidance (HSG179) has been undertaken and a programme of delivery has been scheduled.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS:

8.1 It is recommended that Cabinet approves and recommends to Council:

- (1) the planned approach to investment at Stokesley for sports and physical activity improvements highlighted within this report, and
- (2) that £98,000 is allocated from the Capital Programme to improve the health and fitness facilities at Stokesley Leisure Centre.

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Stokesley Sport Facilities Improvement Opportunities:

	Element and Description	Approx Cost	Budget Provision	Stakeholders	Potential Funders	Comments	Approx Timing	Next Steps?
1	Full-sized 3g pitch – on Stokesley Sports Club land	£700k-£800k	In place £200k* (S106) *part of £410k sum in POSS&R Action Plan	Stokesley Sports/Football Club; North Riding County FA; Stokesley School; HDC	Football Foundation £400k; HDC £200k; NRCFA £100k; School £50k; Club	Needs to include safe road crossing/access. NRCFA are lead organisation and potential operator. SSC is landowner. Community Access Agreement needed. Impact upon SLC £15k income.	2020/21	Further discussions between partners
2	Sports Hall (including PE changing rooms). Stokesley School owned.	£500k - £1.5m?	In place £210k* (S106) *part of £410k sum in POSS&R Action Plan	School; cricket clubs (Stokesley and Gt Ayton); HDC	DoE Condition Improvement Fund; School – Sugar Tax; HDC; ECB; Cricket Clubs; Sport England	School's sports hall. Refurb or rebuild? School are lead organisation. School 18/19 bid to Dept of Ed rejected. Community Access Agreement needed.	2020/21	Further liaison with school and application to other funders
3	Activity Room: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting/ceiling • Walls • Floor • Storage 	£20k - £50k?	In place £20k (within 19/20 Capital Prog)	HDC; School	DoE Condition Improvement Fund; HDC; School – Sugar Tax; Sport England	Best as part of sports hall project but can be undertaken independently. To be used as studio/classroom? Community Access Agreement needed (significant income for SLC)	2019/20 or 2020/21 (part of Sports Hall project?)	Further liaison with school and application to other funders
4	Reception	£34K	In place £34k (within 19/20 Capital Prog)	HDC	None unless part of a bigger scheme	Visual access with customers/contemporary finishes. Drawings completed	2019/20	
5	Improved Gym	£145k	In place £24K and £48K (within 19/20 Capital Prog) Additional £73K request from Capital Prog	HDC	None	New equipment and room refresh	2019/20	
6	Cycling Studio	£25K	£25K requested from Capital Prog	HDC	None	New indoor cycling bikes and room refresh. Links with #5	2019/20	

POSS & R - Public Open Space, Sport and Recreation Action Plan (previously approved by Cabinet 4 June 2019)