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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
CABINET MEMBER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

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Report of the Executive Director for Children's Services

ALL-WEATHER PITCH AT HIGHFIELDS SCHOOL, MATLOCK

1. Purpose of Report

To advise the Cabinet Member for Young People of the plans for an all-weather pitch at Highfields School Matlock (Upper Site) and request approval for the allocation of Section 106 Developer funds towards the project.

2. Information and Analysis

Highfields School, Matlock has developed a scheme for an all-weather pitch and associated facilities which include improved changing rooms and toilet facilities for visitors to the site. The total cost of the scheme is £873,351.25. The Authority secured £400,000 in Section 106 funding from a housing development at Bentley Bridge (reference 15/00861/FUL) which was index linked and a total of £442,352.94 has now been received. The School is making a contribution and is submitting an application for Football Foundation funding. The proposed breakdown of funding is therefore as follows:

Section 106 Funding	£442,352.94	Secured
School Contribution	£20,000.00	Secured
Football Foundation Grant	£413,999.25	Application Submitted
Total	£876,352.19	

As the Authority is the landowner of the school, it will be a party to the Football Foundation application.

3. Financial Considerations

The financial considerations are outlined in Section 2 of the report. As the Authority will be a party to the application, it will have a shared responsibility for on-going maintenance and repair. As school funding is delegated to the school, the Authority is not in a position to commit to that on-going revenue responsibility therefore if the Football Foundation Grant is approved, the Authority will enter into an indemnity agreement with the school to pass those revenue responsibilities to the school. The Section 106 funding will also be covered by a legal agreement to ensure that it is used in line with the agreement.

4. Social Value Considerations

This funding is to improve the facilities at the school and ensure that there are sufficient school places and facilities of a good standard to meet the need generated by the new housing. It will also provide valuable sport facilities for the community.

5. Legal Considerations

Under Section 13 of the Education Act 1996 Local Authorities have a duty to secure efficient primary and secondary education are available to meet the needs of the population in their areas. Legal agreements will be put in place to indemnify the Authority against the revenue implications of the Football Foundation Grant agreement and to ensure the correct use of the Section 106 funding. Under the terms of the Football Foundation Grant, a restriction will be placed on the site for 21 years to protect its investment.

6. Property Considerations

Derbyshire County Council is the landowner for the school. The work on the All-Weather pitch will be procured through the Football Foundation Framework. The work associated with the changing rooms and toilets will be procured through County Property.

7. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered:- prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity, environmental, health, human resources and transport considerations.

8. Key Decision Yes

9. Call-in

Is it necessary for the call-in period to be waived in respect of the decisions being proposed in the report? No

10. Background Papers

These are held on file in the Children's Services Development Section.

11. Officer Recommendation

It is recommended that the Cabinet Member:

10.1 Approves the allocation of £442,352.94 Section 106 funding towards the all-weather pitch and associated facilities at Highfields School subject to the successful granting of Football Foundation funding.

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