

**Report of Head of Sport & Active Lifestyles**

**Report to Chief Officer Culture & Sport**

**Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2015**

**Subject: Design & Cost Report for Sports Equipment Leasing**

**Capital Scheme Number: 32003 / SPT / COM**

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**Summary of main issues**

1. The Best Council Plan 2015 – 2020 sets Council objectives of:
  - Supporting communities and tackling poverty – involving people in shaping their city and tackling the challenges of poverty, deprivation and inequality – with a focus on supporting healthy lifestyles and getting people active. This is also reflected in the breakthrough project of ‘Reducing health inequalities through healthier lifestyles.’
  - Becoming a more efficient and enterprising council – with a focus on generating income for the council
  
2. Customers look for a good standard of sports and fitness equipment and when equipment falls below standard, the number of active users reduces. This will in turn result in lower customer satisfaction and therefore lower income levels for the leisure sites and a lower level of people participating in active lifestyles.
  
3. On 14<sup>th</sup> February 2014, Executive Board approved £300.0k injection of funding for parent scheme 32003/SPT/000. In August 2014 the Sport & Active Lifestyles Service obtained authority to spend £131.9k in 2014/15 of the £300.0k total on scheme 32003/SPT/COM. The service would now like to obtain authority to spend the remaining £168.1k.

## **Recommendations**

4. The Chief Officer for Culture & Sport is recommended to approve the authority to spend of £168.1k is on sports and fitness equipment in 2015/16 from scheme 32003/SPT/COM.

## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to ask the Chief Officer for Culture & Sport to give approval to spend £168.1k on sports and fitness equipment in 2015/16 from scheme 32003/SPT/COM.

## **2 Background information**

- 2.1 In February 2014, Executive Board approved £300.0k injection of funding for equipment at leisure facilities in 2014/15 for parent scheme 32003/SPT/000.
- 2.2 In order to best manage the revenue budget in the medium term, Sport limited expenditure to £200.0k in 2014/15, being £131.9k for scheme 32003/SPT/COM in this report plus £68.1k on scheme 16777/SPT/COM. This amount was approved in August 2014.
- 2.3 The service now has a requirement to source further equipment to enhance provision in the leisure centres and therefore would like to seek authority to spend the remaining £168.1k in 2015/16.

## **3 Main issues**

### **3.1 Design Proposals and Full Scheme Description.**

### **3.2 Programme**

The programme of replacement of equipment for the Bodyline Gyms will take place in 2015/16, utilising the contract reference YORE-9A5PQA for the provision of cardiovascular and strength equipment for leisure centres.

## **4 Corporate Considerations**

### **4.1 Consultation and Engagement**

- 4.1.1 Customer opinion has been catalogued through the annual customer survey which concluded:
- 4.1.2 *'If the impact of capital investment has a favourable impact on customer satisfaction, then the opposite can be said of the lack of investment. All centres occupying the bottom five places could argue that there is a need for significant investment in those sites.'*

### **4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration**

- 4.2.1 An equality screening has been carried out with regard to the Vision for Leisure centres.
- 4.2.2 High level positive findings include:
  - Opportunity to improve disability access

- User friendly facilities
- Siting facilities to serve the wider communities

4.2.3 High level negative findings, which officers will take into consideration when developing the new facilities include:

- Perceived loss of services while improvements are made
- Resistance to change

### **4.3 Council policies and City Priorities**

4.3.1 The Best Council Plan 2015 – 2020 sets Council objectives of:

- Supporting communities and tackling poverty – involving people in shaping their city and tackling the challenges of poverty, deprivation and inequality – with a focus on supporting healthy lifestyles and getting people active. This is also reflected in the breakthrough project of ‘Reducing health inequalities through healthier lifestyles.’
- Becoming a more efficient and enterprising council – with a focus on generating income for the council

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#### 4.4 Resources and value for money

##### 4.4.1 Full scheme estimate £168.1k

##### 4.4.2 Capital Funding and Cash Flow.

Funding Approval :	Capital Section Reference Number :-						
Previous total Authority to Spend on this scheme	TOTAL	TO MARCH	FORECAST				
	£000's	2015 £000's	2015/16 £000's	2016/17 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019 on £000's
LAND (1)	0.0						
CONSTRUCTION (3)	0.0						
FURN & EQPT (5)	131.9	98.6	33.3				
DESIGN FEES (6)	0.0						
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>131.9</b>	<b>98.6</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Authority to Spend required for this Approval	TOTAL	TO MARCH	FORECAST				
	£000's	2015 £000's	2015/16 £000's	2016/17 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019 on £000's
LAND (1)	0.0						
CONSTRUCTION (3)	0.0						
FURN & EQPT (5)	168.1		168.1				
DESIGN FEES (6)	0.0						
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>168.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>168.1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Total overall Funding (As per latest Capital Programme)	TOTAL	TO MARCH	FORECAST				
	£000's	2015 £000's	2015/16 £000's	2016/17 £000's	2017/18 £000's	2018/19 £000's	2019 on £000's
Departmental USB	300.0	98.6	201.4				
Total Funding	300.0	98.6	201.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Balance / Shortfall =</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

Parent Scheme Number : 32003/SPT/000

Title : Equipment 2014/15 Sports (Uncttd)

#### Revenue Effects

The annual equipment leasing repayments are fully included in the current revenue budget for Sport and its 3 year medium term strategy 2015-2018.

#### 4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 This decision is not subject to call-in.

#### 4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 As highlighted in the 2013 customer satisfaction survey and from experience in leisure centres, to do nothing will reduce the attractiveness of the Council leisure centres and therefore the continued reduction in user numbers and income.

## **5 Conclusions**

- 5.1 The new equipment will protect income and enhance the facilities for users.
- 5.2 The equipment will be procured under tendered arrangements to ensure the costs come within the available budget.

## **6 Recommendations**

- 6.1 The Chief Officer for Culture & Sport is recommended to approve authority to spend £168.1k on sports and fitness equipment in 2015/16 from scheme 32003/SPT/COM.

## **7 Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

- 7.1 Equality Impact Assessment (Sports maintenance programme)

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available for download from the Council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.