

Report of: Outdoor Recreation Officer, Parks and Countryside, Communities and Environment

Report to: Chief Parks and Countryside Officer

Date: 22nd February 2021

Subject: Street Lane Recreation Ground, Gildersome – New Floodlit Multi Use Games Area and link path

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s): Morley North	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open 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

Approval from the Chief Parks and Countryside Officer is sought to:-

Inject £137,000 from various funding sources for the installation of a new floodlit Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and link path at Street Lane Recreation Ground in Gildersome. This is shown as:

- £80K Sport England
- £40K Section 106 Greenspace
- £17K Gildersome Action Group

Grant authority to spend £155,659 (this includes £18,659 for the commuted sum which will be held in Parks and Countryside revenue) for the installation of a floodlit MUGA and link path at Street Lane Recreation Ground in Gildersome.

Best Council Plan Implications (click [here](#) for the latest version of the Best Council Plan)

Providing this new facility meets the Best Council Priorities of:-

- Supporting healthy physical active lifestyles
- Being responsive to local needs, building thriving resilient communities

It also supports the outcomes of:-

- Enjoy healthy, happy active lives
- Enjoy greater access to green spaces, leisure and the arts

The Council's KPIs which this could be measured against are:-

- Percentage of physically active adults

Resource Implications

- Due to capacity issues and estimated scheme costs, Parks & Countryside do not have the resources to deliver this project within budget and the timeframe required. Parks have therefore commissioned NPS to facilitate the scheme which will go out to Tender.

Recommendations

1.1 The Chief Officer Parks and Countryside is requested to:

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1. Purpose of this report

1.2 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to inject £137,000 and incur expenditure of £155,659 (this includes £18,659 for the commuted sum which will be held in Parks and Countryside revenue) from a range of funding sources for a new floodlit MUGA and link path.

2. Background information

2.1 Due to a lack of accessible sport and recreational facilities in Gildersome, ward members and the Gildersome Action Group have been working closely with the Parks & Countryside Service to develop a new floodlit MUGA on the playing fields at Street Lane Recreation Ground and planning for the scheme was approved in 2020, though some planning conditions still need to be discharged.

3. Main issues

3.1 Design proposals and full scheme description

The proposal is for a new Floodlit MUGA with adjoining link path, so the facility can easily be accessed by members of the public from the main roadside footpath. The MUGA is designed to meet Sport England requirements in terms of dimensions and layout, of which floodlighting was a requirement in order to access their grant funding.

It is anticipated the Parish Council will liaise with the Gildersome Action Group in terms of programming when the floodlights will come on and go off during the evenings. The lights will be controlled via a timer switch and should be turned off by 9.00PM Monday to Saturday and by 7.00PM on a Sunday.

Programme

The project will be managed by NPS with the scheme delivered by a chosen contractor following a full Tender evaluation. The site works are anticipated to begin no earlier than June 2021.

4. Corporate considerations

4.1 Consultation and engagement

4.1.1 Consultation on the project was carried out with Morley North ward Councillors and the Gildersome Action Group who are in support of the plans.

4.2 Equality and diversity / cohesion and integration

4.2.1 A screening document has been prepared and an independent impact assessment is not required for the approvals requested. The screening document has been sent to the equality team to be approved and published.

4.2.2 The new facility will be open and accessible to all and will be free to use.

4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan

4.3.1 The new floodlit MUGA contributes to the Best Council Plan 2020 - 2025 priorities by supporting health and physical active lifestyles contributing towards the targets to reduce childhood obesity and for a greater percentage of children to participate in regular physical activity.

4.3.2 Climate Emergency

Whilst there will be some removal of the grass surface to be replaced by the MUGA and link path, the design will ensure that adequate drainage is installed to avoid any flooding. The lamps for the floodlights will be low energy LED's and will be controlled by a timer switch. There is a proposal to plant some additional trees in all parks which would support the plan for Leeds to achieve carbon neutral status by 2050. Trees can consume up to 48 pounds of carbon dioxide per year (among other greenhouse gases like ozone), and can release enough oxygen for one person to breath for around two years.

4.4 Resources, procurement and value for money

4.4.1 Full Scheme Estimate – NPS will undertake a full tender process and contractor services procured in line with Corporate Procedure Rules to ensure best value for money. A full tender process and a minimum 3 quotes is a requirement for Sport England to ensure best value when awarding grants.

S106 Greenspace Developments and funding amounts

Planning reference: 12/03346 £26,250.23 FMS 484

Planning reference: 10/02675 £13,749.77 FMS 436

Other funding amounts

- £80K Sport England

- £17K Gildersome Action Group
- £23K Outer South Community Committee from **capital scheme 16934/GSM** which has its own approvals.
- There is a 10 year commuted sum of £18,659.00 to cover basic maintenance of the facility. This will be paid from S106 Greenspace Developments as follows:

Planning Reference : 23/508/03/FU	£44.00	FMS 247
Planning Reference: 13/01640	£126.31	FMS 494
Planning Reference: 12/03346	£8,710.93	FMS 484
Planning Reference: 13/00625	£9,777.76	FMS 570

4.4.2 Capital funding and cash flow

Previous total Authority to Spend on this scheme	TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2020 £000's	FORECAST				
			2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2023/24 £000's	2024 on £000's
LAND (1)	0.0						
CONSTRUCTION (3)	0.0						
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0						
DESIGN FEES (6)	0.0						
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0						
TOTALS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Authority to Spend required for this Approval	TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2020 £000's	FORECAST				
			2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2023/24 £000's	2024 on £000's
LAND (1)	0.0						
CONSTRUCTION (3)	122.0			122.0			
FURN & EQPT (5)	0.0						
DESIGN FEES (6) NPS	15.0			15.0			
OTHER COSTS (7)	0.0						
TOTALS	137.0	0.0	0.0	137.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total overall Funding (As per latest Capital Programme)	TOTAL £000's	TO MARCH 2020 £000's	FORECAST				
			2020/21 £000's	2021/22 £000's	2022/23 £000's	2023/24 £000's	2024 on £000's
LCC Supported Borrowing	0.0						
Revenue Contribution	0.0			0.0			
Capital Receipt	0.0						
Insurance Receipt	0.0						
Lottery	80.0			80.0			
Gifts / Bequests / Trusts	0.0						
School Fundraising	0.0						
Private Sector	17.0			17.0			
Section 106 / 278	40.0			40.0			
Government Grant	0.0						
Corporate USB	0.0						
Any Other Income (Specify)	0.0						
Total Funding	137.0	0.0	0.0	137.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Balance / Shortfall =	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

4.4.3 Revenue Effects

REVENUE EFFECTS	2019/20	2020/21
	£000's	SUBSEQUENT YEARS £000'S
EMPLOYEES	0.0	0.0
PREMISES COSTS	0.0	0.0
SUPPLIES & SERVICES	0.0	18.7
EXTERNAL INCOME GENERATED	0.0	0.0

Parks and Countryside will receive a one off commuted sum of £18,659.00 to cover a period of 10 years in order to maintain the MUGA. This will come from S106 Greenspace Developments as follows;

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4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in

4.5.1 This is classified as a significant operational decision. No Call In period applies as this scheme does not meet the Call In threshold of £500,000 and does not affect more than one Council Ward

4.6 Risk management

4.6.1 A full risk assessment will be undertaken prior to commencement on site. The appointed contractor will be responsible for all on-site Health and Safety matters.

5. Conclusions

5.1 The local community have shown a great enthusiasm to construct a floodlit MUGA, and as a result a large number of people from all ages and backgrounds will benefit from the opportunities it provides, to engage in a range of sport and recreational activities throughout the year.

6. Recommendations

6.1 The Chief Officer Parks and Countryside is requested to:

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7. Background documents¹

7.1 None.

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