

Report To:	CABINET
Date:	17TH JUNE 2024
Heading:	RURAL LEISURE PROVISION
Executive Lead Member:	CLLR CHRIS HUSKINSON, EXECUTIVE LEAD MEMBER FOR LEISURE, HEALTH AND WELLBEING
Ward/s:	ALL RURAL WARDS
Key Decision:	NO
Subject to Call-In:	YES

Purpose of Report

To update Cabinet regarding Rural Leisure Provision.

Recommendation(s)

To note the contents of the report.

Reasons for Recommendation(s)

Rural leisure provision is a key priority for the Council.

Alternative Options Considered

None – the report is for information only.

Detailed Information

Rural leisure provision is a key priority for the Council and we are working with partners including Selston High School and Selston Parish Council to establish community leisure provision in the Rural area in the short and longer-term.

In the short-term as part of Phase 1 we are exploring opportunities to provide activities within the school's existing sports hall for public use on evenings and at weekends. The small synthetic pitch will also be opened up to further community use, once some renovation work has taken place.

In the medium-term the small synthetic pitch will be replaced with new carpet and fencing and will be open for community use outside of school hours. The Council is submitting an application to the Football Foundation's Playzone programme for funding, this site is one of seven planned across the District which are due to be installed next year.

Phase 2 will see the school invest in a new four court sports hall with studio space as part of a comprehensive programme to transform the school's facilities. The leisure facilities will be run by an operator on behalf of the school at evenings and weekends for community use. Works are aimed to be started in 2027.

The Council is also working with the school, parish council, Notts. FA, the Football Foundation and Selston Football Club to develop a funding application for a full size 3G pitch which will provide training and match facilities for local teams as well as daytime use for the school.

Implications

Corporate Plan:

The project supports the Council's corporate priorities as follows:

Health and Happiness: Best Start

- Increasing access to leisure services and activities for children, and young people
- Ongoing enhancement and continuing transformation of our leisure provision and health offer across the District.

Cleaner and Greener: Parks and Green Spaces

- Delivering our five-year green space improvement programme
- Developing and delivering our transformation programme for outdoor sports facilities and visitor centres/ cafés.

Legal: No specific comments. Legal Services will provide advice and assistance as necessary to ensure any transactions are formalised by way of the correct legal documentation. [LE 31.05.24]

Finance: A budget for this provision will be created and will be funded through the Leisure Reserve. [PH 29/05/2024].

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	Costs for the activities programme in the short-term can be met through the Leisure Reserve.
General Fund – Capital Programme	N/a
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	N/a
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	N/a

Risk:

Risk	Mitigation
No risks identified at this stage.	Not applicable.

Human Resources:

No implications identified.

Environmental/Sustainability:

Providing leisure facilities in the Rural area will provide improved access and reduce car travel to facilities outside of the Rural area.

Equalities:

The programme will provide better quality and more local and accessible facilities for all.

Other Implications:

Not applicable

Reason(s) for Urgency

Not applicable

Reason(s) for Exemption

Not applicable

Background Papers

Not applicable

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