

## **Report to Portfolio Holder: Lifestyles, Health and Wellbeing**

**Subject:** Approval of UKSPF Sports Facility Fund Grant Allocations 2024/25

**Date:** 18<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**Author:** Health Development Officer

**Wards Affected:** All

### **Purpose**

To request approval on the proposed financial allocations to local sport and physical activity projects, from the UKSPF Sports Facilities Fund and the establishment of relevant community grant agreements.

**Key Decision** This is not a key decision.

### **Recommendation(s)**

#### **THAT:**

1. The Portfolio Holder for Lifestyles, Health and Wellbeing approves the proposed financial allocations to local sport and physical activity projects from the UKSPF Sports Facilities Fund.
2. The portfolio Holder for Lifestyles, Health and Wellbeing approves the establishment of community grant agreements with Mellish Rugby Club, Paviers Rugby Club and Calverton Miners Welfare Football Club

## **1 Background**

- 1.1 The need for investment into Gedling's Sport and Leisure facilities has been highlighted through the strategic recommendations from the recent Built Facilities Strategy and Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy. These strategic recommendations are also supported through local insight from community partners and external organisations.

- 1.2 The UKSPF Sports Facility Fund provides the opportunity to invest into Sport and Leisure Facilities across the Borough. £300,000 has been secured towards the investment of Sports Facilities through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. To date £100,881 has been allocated, to support priority sites operated by the Council, with the remaining £199,119 (£189,119 capital) to be allocated by March 2025.
- 1.3 In order to allocate the Sports Facility Fund in a transparent and equitable way a Scoring Matrix (see Appendix 1) with a criteria has been devised. This has been used to score the potential projects. The Scoring Matrix scores the individual projects against the following: 1. Strategic Outcomes Planning Model and Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sport Strategy interventions met. 2. Feasibility of capital spend during 2024/25 3. Shared Prosperity Fund interventions met. 4. Affordability. 5. Gedling Plan 2023-27 priorities. The scoring matrix also includes the 2023-24 projects that have been delivered.
- 1.4 A review group has been set up to score and review the projects throughout the 2024/25 timeframe. The review group consists of the following: Leisure Business Strategy Manager, Health Development Officer and Principal Finance Business Partner.
- 1.5 High priority sites that have been listed in the Scoring Matrix have been identified through the Built Facilities Strategy Strategic recommendations and Playing Pitch Strategy Action Plan.
- 1.6 In order to explore these high priority projects further and to understand their deliverability, extensive engagement has taken place with external partners including, sports clubs and national governing body representatives. These conversations enabled a shortlist of deliverable projects to be identified and scored through the scoring matrix.
- 1.7 Progress on spending allocations and monitoring will be undertaken through the UKSPF Working Group. The Health Development Officer will act as lead officer for this programme. All progress will be reported to the UKSPF Partnership Group.

## 2 Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Portfolio Holder for Lifestyles, Health and Wellbeing approves the allocations of the Sports Facilities Fund Grants (in relation to the capital budget) set out in the table below.

Project Name	Total Project Cost	Amount proposed from UKSPF	Project shortfall/match funding

		<b>allocations</b>	
Arnold Leisure Centre: Plant room improvements	£27,556	<b>£26,119</b>	Identified through internal Leisure budget.
Mellish Rugby Club: 2 <sup>nd</sup> pitch floodlighting	£34,683.35	<b>£31,500</b>	Internal funds raised and allocated to this project.
Paviors Rugby Club: Borehole and portable floodlights	£43,150	<b>£31,500</b>	Internal funds raised and allocated to this project
Calverton Miners Welfare Football Club: 3G pitch project	£889,102.29	<b>£100,000</b>	The club are currently raising funds and are submitting a Football Foundation grant application July 2024.

- 2.2 It is proposed that the Portfolio Holder for Lifestyles Health and Wellbeing approves the establishment of community grant agreements with Mellish Rugby Club, Paviors Rugby Club and Calverton Miners Welfare Football Club.

Further information on each project is included in appendix 2

### **3 Alternative Options**

- 3.1 To not approve the funding allocations towards the outlined projects.

These projects have been selected based on a need highlighted within Gedling Borough Council's strategic documents, and the feasibility of those projects being delivered by March 2025. If these projects were therefore not approved there is a high risk that the UKSPF Sports Facilities Fund would not get spent within the timeframe. Without the funds the community clubs will struggle to increase or sustain their current offer which will restrict the number of members and participants taking part in

sport and physical activity.

#### 4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 The Sports Facility Fund relates to the £300,000 UKSPF allocation for Sports Facilities. The following table shows the budget breakdown for the project. There is an allocation of £189,119 of capital budget, under the E10 intervention which relates to the projects outlined in this report.

	Intervention	Capital 22/23	Capital 23/24	Revenue 23/24	Capital 24/25	Totals
Sports Facilities	E10: Local sports facilities, tournaments, teams & leagues	£10,881	£50,000		<b>£189,119</b>	£250,000
	E14: Relevant feasibility studies			£40,000	<b>£10,000</b>	£50,000
	Total	£10,881	£50,000	£40,000	<b>£199,119</b>	£300,000

#### 5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Funding agreements will need to be in place with any organisation that is successfully awarded a financial contribution from the fund. Where appropriate a community use agreement may also need to be in place.
- 5.2 The organisations included in the proposals have informally confirmed that under the Subsidy Control Act 2022, the proposed subsidy will not cause them to exceed their Minimum Financial Assistance threshold. They have all confirmed that they will be willing to formally sign the appropriate MFA notification document to this effect once a formal offer has been made.

#### 6 Equalities Implications

- 6.1 Proposals have the potential to have a positive equalities impact in the Borough. On awarding the allocations consideration has been given towards the projects and the organisation's ability to provide equal opportunities, including those individuals and groups identified as having protected characteristics in the Equalities Act 2010. Criteria for additional match funding awarded for some projects from bodies such as Football

Foundation and Sport England would have a significant emphasis of delivering greater equality for those sports.

## **7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications**

- 7.1 Carbon Reductions and Environmental sustainability implications has been considered when reviewing the projects. Details can be found at Appendix 3.

## **8 Appendices**

- 8.1 **Appendix 1: UKSPF Sports Facilities Fund Scoring Matrix.**

**Appendix 2: UKSPF Sports Facilities Fund project information.**

**Appendix 3: Climate Impact Assessment**

**Appendix 4: Equalities Impact Assessment**

## **9 Background Papers**

- 9.1 None

## **10 Reasons for Recommendations**

- 10.1 To enable financial contributions from the UKSPF Sports Facilities Fund to Sports and Physical Activity projects, that have strategic support and meet the interventions outlined within the UKSPF framework.

### **Statutory Officer approval**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

**On behalf of the Chief Financial Officer**

**Approved by:**

**Date:**

**On behalf of the Monitoring Officer**