

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

CABINET - 23 MARCH 2009

PCT FUNDING FOR TELFORD SPORTS, LEARNING & ENTERPRISE COMMUNITY (TSLEC)

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL PROGRAMMES & EXTERNAL FUNDING MANAGER

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To inform members of the offer by the PCT of combined capital and revenue funding totalling £586,000 for works associated with the extension of the Learning Centre and the TSLEC Men's Health & Vascular Screening Project.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Cabinet **RECOMMENDS** to full Council that the offer of capital and revenue funding from the PCT ("the Funds") is accepted subject to a) future approval of the business case for TSLEC and b) approval of the grant conditions
- 2.2 that the Funds are held by the Council in trust for the PCT pending consideration and approval of the business case for TSLEC and approval of the grant conditions
- 2.3 that Cabinet **RECOMMENDS** to full Council that subject to approval of the business case and grant conditions the Special Programmes & External Funding Manager is granted delegated authority to enter into funding agreements for the Funds in consultation with the Head of Legal Services, and that the Head of Legal Services be granted authority to execute the funding agreements and/or affix the Council seal if necessary.

3.0 Summary

- 3.1 This report summarises the offer of funding by Telford & Wrekin Primary Care Trust to support the Men's Health & Vascular Screening Project along with funding towards the proposed extension to the AFC Telford United Learning Centre.

4.0 Previous Minutes

- 4.1 Cabinet 10th December 2007 (Borough Sports & Leisure Facility Strategic Framework 2007-27)
- 4.2 Council – 6th March 2008 (Service & Financial Planning 2008/09 – 2010/11: Capital Programme)

5.0 Information

- 5.1 TSLEC is the development, delivery and management of a sports, learning and enterprise hub to address multiple social, physical and economic needs across Telford. TSLEC would meet regional and national targets for the development of community and performance sport using a self sustainable model. TSLEC is being considered by Sport England as a national pilot for their “Sustainable Community Sport Hub” strategy.
- 5.2 TSLEC is proposed to be a unique collaboration of four neighbouring sites and nine sports including Tennis, Football, Basketball, Cricket, Netball, Dance, Gymnastics, Rugby Union and Rugby League. The sites are: AFC Telford United; Telford College of Arts and Technology (TCAT); Hadley Learning Community (HLC) and Wrekin College. It is identified in the Council’s Community Strategy as a project which supports the Council’s Community Priority of Transforming Telford & Wrekin. It is anticipated that TSLEC will contribute directly and substantially to all of the Council’s Community Priorities.
- 5.3 A key component of TSLEC covers health initiatives, two of which are proposed to be funded or part funded through two PCT grants, namely:

TSLEC Men’s Health & Vascular Screening Project.

The development of a programme of health screening and physical activity/sports activities across all TSLEC sites using the existing NHS Fit for men model which links with primary care. We will strategically promote the programme with men across Telford and Wrekin, linking with workplaces to engage with men at risk of cardio-vascular disease

Extension of the Learning Centre: This proposed extension will allow the additional provision of various health programmes such as a screening/drop-in centre for men’s health, screening/drop-in centre for families and children, and a one stop shop for health promotion- focusing on families and children. The promotion of sport has proved to be a very powerful tool, encouraging people to attend health sessions that they would not normally be inclined to take part in.

6.0 Equal Opportunities

- 6.1 As proposals develop a wide ranging consultation with all groups will be carried out. An Equality Impact Assessment will be carried out and a resulting action plan embedded as the programme develops.

7.0 Environmental Impact

- 7.1 Central Government policy is promoting that sustainability be at the top of the agenda for all those involved in construction/development. Sustainable construction is increasingly becoming important and will be considered throughout all TSLEC’s developments.

8.0 Legal Comment

- 8.1 The Council has powers to undertake the work described in this report pursuant to Section 19 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and Section 2 of the Local Government Act 2000 (power to promote the economic, environmental and social well being of the area).

9.0 Links with Corporate Priorities

9.1 This project supports all corporate priorities.

10.0 Opportunities and Risks

10.1 The Council's risk management strategy, which has been endorsed by Cabinet, is embedded throughout the TSLEC project. Its function is to help the authority achieve its corporate objectives, and to protect the assets and resources of Telford & Wrekin against risk in the most efficient way.

11.0 Financial Implications

11.1 A capital funding allocation of £1.5m to support the development of the TSLEC project is included within the 2008/09 -2010/11 Capital Programme.

11.2 A business case for the TSLEC project is currently being prepared by consultants funded by Sport England (Sportoptima) with the support of officers from the Council. The business case will include a full financial and commercial viability appraisal. Upon finalisation of the business case the financial implications, both revenue and capital, of the project will be assessed and presented in a future report. Any final decisions on the project and additional funding requirements identified will be subject to Member approval through the Service and Financial Planning framework.

11.3 The Authority have received notification from the Primary Care Trust that they are willing to allocate £300,000 of capital funding in 2008/09 to the TSLEC Project to fund building works associated with the extension of the Learning Centre. This funding must be accepted by T&W by the 31st March 2009, in order to comply with conditions set by the PCT. Should T&W not meet the grant conditions set by the PCT it is likely that this capital funding will have to be refunded.

11.4 The PCT have also allocated £286,000 of revenue funding over a three year period, subject to the appropriate legal agreements. The funding will be used to develop a health and vascular screening project for men, and T&W are required to demonstrate outputs and delivery within the conditions of the grant. Any revenue funding not used for the delivery of these outputs within the three year period will be repayable to the PCT.

11.5 The PCT funding available to support these projects is through a non-recurrent funding stream which is only available to be offered to the Council prior to the end of the 2008/9 financial year. This funding has not previously been included in the budget strategy 2009/10 – 2011/12. The funding offered by the PCT is ring-fenced for the specific projects

12.0 WARD IMPLICATIONS

12.1 All wards.

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