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REPORT TO: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES COMMITTEE – 26 APRIL 2021

REPORT ON: DUNDEE SPORTS PITCH STRATEGY – FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB 3G PITCH CONSTRUCTION

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To seek committee approval for capital contributions towards the construction of 2 synthetic pitches by Dundee North West Community Sports Hub at Charlotte Street and Fairfield Community Sports Hub at Fairfield Park.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 It is recommended that the committee approves a £150,000 contribution towards the construction costs of a 9-a-side 3G pitch at Charlotte Street (Dundee North West Community Sports Hub).

2.2 It is recommended that the committee approves a £95,000 contribution towards the construction costs of a 7-a-side 3G pitch at Fairfield Park (Fairfield Community Sports Hub).

2.3 If approved, it is recommended that these contributions are released once the remainder of the funding for the proposed 3G pitches have been confirmed.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 The Executive Director of Corporate Services has confirmed that the capital contributions of £150,000 and £95,000 in 2021/22 can be met from the allowances for Parks and Open Spaces that are included in the Health, Care & Well-Being Section of the Capital Plan 2021-26.

3.2 There are no revenue implications for Dundee City Council arising from these contributions.

4.0 MAIN TEXT

4.1 Reference is made to Article VII of the minute of the Neighbourhood Services Committee of 19th August 2019, which approved the continued development of the Dundee Sports Pitch Strategy through the completion of actions and alignment with the Physical Activity Strategy and the sportscotland partnership agreement. This report includes the completion of Action S10 and S12.

4.2 Action S10 of the Dundee Sports Pitch Strategy identifies an opportunity to provide a floodlit 3G training pitch at Dundee North West Community Sports Hub. The report, referenced above, also stated that the Community Sports Hub had presented a business case for the development of the 3G pitch to the Pitch Strategy Steering Group.

4.3 Action S12 of the Dundee Sports Pitch Strategy seeks further information on the need for the construction of a 3G pitch at Fairfield Park. The report, referenced above, indicated that original proposals had been reviewed and construction of a 7-a-side training pitch was recommended.

- 4.4 **Action S10 - Dundee North West Community Sports Hub**
A business plan for the construction of the 9 aside 3G pitch by Dundee North West Community Sports Hub has been developed by the Hub with input from Leisure and Culture Dundee (Community Sports Hub Development) and Dundee City Council officers.
- 4.5 The Community Sports Hub envision that the development of the 3G pitch will enable the Hub's development and growth, delivering opportunities for coaching, training and providing social impact for minority groups. The proposed 3G pitch will align with the Hub's existing use of the grass pitches at Charlotte Street and their use of the 3G pitches at Baldragon Academy.
- 4.6 In developing the business plan, Dundee North West Community Sports Hub have carried out a significant amount of market research and have developed sustainable business model, factoring in the cost of maintenance and a replacement surface in future years.
- 4.7 During the COVID 19 pandemic the Hub have participated in wider community support and have built this into their business model for the future. They are now refocussing to encompass the vision of "Integrating Sport with Family Values to Enhance the Health and Social Welfare of Adults and Children in Dundee", which includes the diverse use of the proposed 3G pitch.
- 4.8 The projected construction costs of the proposed 3G pitch are in the order of £565,000. The projected funding profile developed by the Hub is as follows:

Dundee City Council	£150,000
sportscotland	£100,000
Big Lottery	£100,000
The Robertson Trust	£75,000
Northwood Trust	£70,000
The Ganochy Trust	£30,000
Garfield Weston	£30,000
Scottish Football Partnership	£10,000
<i>Total</i>	<i>£565,000</i>

- A funding application has recently been submitted to sportscotland, but Dundee North West Community Sports Hub are awaiting confirmation of support by Dundee City Council so that they can proceed with further funding applications. Evidencing such support is fundamental to the successful progress of these applications, which often require local authority approval before consideration.
- 4.9 Dundee City Council officers have carried out due diligence on the information submitted by Dundee North West Community Sports Hub and are satisfied that this is sufficient to make the recommendation contained in this report at 2.1.
- 4.10 **Action S12 – Fairfield Community Sports Hub**
A business model for the operation of the proposed 7-a-side 3G training pitch has been developed detailing the projected pitch use and income. This considers the maintenance and eventual replacement of the pitch surface. This process has been supported by Leisure and Culture Dundee (Community Sports Hub Development).
- 4.11 The development of the 3G pitch at Fairfield Park will enable the Community Sports Hub to develop and provide an additional facility, enhancing current provision in the local area. The pitch will enable training and coaching opportunities to be delivered.
- 4.12 Restrictions during COVID 19 pandemic have impacted on the delivery of activities by Fairfield Community Sports Hub. However, the Hub have established an extremely successful community larder which operates from the Drumgeith Pavilion on 2 days per week. This provides a vital service to the local community.

- 4.13 Fairfield Community Sports Hub have planning permission for the development of the proposed 3G pitch and have a contractor in place. A condition from several funding partners require the support of Dundee City Council. The confirmation of Dundee City Council's financial support to the 3G pitch will enable these funds to be released.
- 4.14 The construction costs of the proposed 3G pitch are £344,636. The funding profile for the pitch construction is as follows:

Dundee City Council	£95,000
sportscotland	£100,000
Resilient Scotland	£80,000
The Robertson Trust	£34,463
Scottish Football Partnership	£20,000
The DC Thomson Charitable Trust	£7,600
Leng Trust	£7,000
Fairfield Community Sports Hub SCIO	£573
<i>Total</i>	<i>£344,636</i>

- 4.15 Dundee City Council officers have carried out due diligence on the information submitted by Fairfield Community Sports Hub and are satisfied that this is sufficient to make the recommendation contained in this report at 2.2.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

This report has been subject to an assessment of any impacts on Equality and Diversity, Fairness and Poverty, Environment and Corporate Risk. A copy of the Impact Assessment is available on the Council's website at www.dundee.gov.uk/iia

6.0 CONSULTATION

- 6.1 The Council Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this report and agree with its contents.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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