

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 22 JUNE 2015

REPORT ON: 3G PITCH AT CRAIGIE HIGH SCHOOL

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

REPORT NO: 240-2015

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To recommend support for the development of a 3G pitch in the grounds of Craigie High School.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Committee agree to:

- i) make a contribution of £95,000 towards the development of a 3G pitch in the grounds of Craigie High School
- ii) remit the Director of City Development to arrange a lease to Craigie Community Sports Hub for the land required

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The expenditure recommended in this report can be met from the allowance for Open Space in the Capital Plan for 2015/16.

4. MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 Craigie Community Sports Hub has an excellent track record in providing sporting opportunities and facilities in the local community, in particular through the facility they manage at Huntly Square.
- 4.2 For some time the Committee of the Hub has been working on plans to develop a 3G synthetic pitch on the obsolete blaes pitch area in the grounds of Craigie High School. They have been very successful in obtaining funding, including £300,000 from SportScotland; £125,000 from a range of charitable trusts; and £20,000 from the Scottish Football Partnership. The Hub has requested a contribution of £95,000 from the Council towards the cost of the project.
- 4.3 The 3G pitch will be suitable for football and for rugby training. It will be used by the clubs associated with the Hub (Dundee United Sports Club, Morgan Academy FPs Football Club and Dundee Eagles Rugby Club) by other sports teams which request lets and, crucially from the Council's point of view, by Craigie High School, which will have free use of the facility on week days until 5.30 pm during term times.
- 4.4 Development of the 3G pitch will be extremely beneficial for the school and the wider community of the East End, and will make a significant contribution to achieving the outcomes in the Single Outcome Agreement relating to improving health and tackling inequalities by encouraging active lifestyles and to giving children opportunities to take part in play, recreation and sport which contribute to their healthy growth and development. Craigie Community Hub is run by an enthusiastic and committed group of volunteers, with a range of professional skills and access to expert advice as required, and is regarded by both the Council and Leisure and Culture Dundee as a valued partner in our strategies for sport and physical activity. The Hub has a credible business plan for management, maintenance and renewal of the facility.
- 4.5 It is therefore recommended that the Council:
 - makes a contribution of £95,000 towards the cost of the project
 - remits City Development to arrange a lease for the land required

5. **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality and Impact Assessment and Risk Management. There are no major issues.

6. **CONSULTATIONS**

The Directors of Corporate Services, Education, Environment, City Development and the Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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