

RECORD OF EXECUTIVE DECISION TAKEN BY AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER

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1. Description of decision

To approve the award of funding to the Salvation Army for £9,219 funded from S106 funds to joint-fund the resurfacing of their existing MUGA facility in Commercial Road

2. Date of decision

June 2018

3. Reasons for decision

To continue with this well used facility which provides a community hub for young people and adults in the area and has been used as part of Bedford Borough Council's Sport Development 'Just Turn Up' initiative providing community football. Other regular sessions include walking football, school holiday clubs and Tuesday night football. These sessions are attended by various nationalities including refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, and a broad range of age groups.

4. Alternatives considered and rejected

Not supporting the use of S106 funding will mean that the resurface of the area with a polymeric surface rather than the existing tarmac surface may not be provided to this well used facility.

5. How decision is to be funded

Funding has also been obtained from the Harpur Trust (£4,609.50) and a Bedford Salvation Army legacy (£4,609.50). Bedford Borough Council has been approached for 50% of the final project cost (£9,219) from S106 funds.

6. Conflicts of interest

Name of all Executive members who were consulted AND declared a conflict of interest.	Nature of interest	Did Standards Committee give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (If yes, give details and date of dispensation)	Did the Chief Executive give a dispensation for that conflict of interest? (If yes, give details and the date of the dispensation).

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The Mayor has been consulted on this decision

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Signed David Hodgson Date 6th June 2018 Name of Decision Taker - MAYOR DAVID HODGSON

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Date decision published: 8th June 2018

Date decision can be implemented if not called in: 18th June 2018

(Decision to be made exempt from call in.....~~YES~~ or NO.....)

For publication

Bedford Borough Council – REPORT TO THE MAYOR

Date – May 2018

Report by - Chief Officer for Environment

SUBJECT - Approval to award the Salvation Army S106 funding to joint fund resurfacing works at their MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) facility, Commercial Road

1 Executive Summary

The Salvation Army has approached the Council about joint funding the re-surfacing of their MUGA facility run by the organisation which was built in 2013. This is a free floodlit facility used by the community including organised sessions which have focused on social cohesion, and improved health and wellbeing within the community. Due to the amount of use, the surface is in need of repairs and S106 funding has been requested to resurface the area with a polymeric surface rather than the existing tarmac surface.

Going forward there will be a sinking fund arrangement set up through charging 4v4 leagues, boot camps and Saturday clubs, which will allow for the future maintenance of the surface going forward.

2 Recommendations

That the Mayor considers, and if satisfied, agrees to:

To approve the award of funding to the Salvation Army for £9,219 funded from S106 funds to joint-fund the resurfacing of their existing MUGA facility in Commercial Road

3 Reasons for Recommendations

The existing tarmac surfacing has now deteriorated due to the amount of use the facility has had. To ensure that a safe facility is being provided, it is proposed to re-surface the area with a type 4 polymeric sport surfacing which will be suitable for a number of sports, and will be porous to allow for better water drainage in the area. This polymeric surface is rubberised and will provide a softer fall surface for players, something which the tarmac surfacing hasn't provided in the past.

Funding has also been obtained from the Harpur Trust (£4,609.50) and a Bedford Salvation Army legacy (£4,609.50). Bedford Borough Council has been approached for 50% of the final project cost.

This well used facility provides a community hub for young people and adults in the area and has been used as part of Bedford Borough Council's Sport Development 'Just Turn Up' initiative providing community football. Other regular sessions include walking football, school holiday clubs and

Tuesday night football. These sessions are attended by various nationalities including refugees, asylum seekers and migrants, and a broad range of age groups.

Re-surfacing of the facility will ensure that this broad range of community use will continue in the future.

4 Key Implications

(a) Policy

Corporate Plan: - (themes taken from the 2017-21 Corporate Plan)

The Council's Corporate Plan 2017-2021, Bedford Borough – the place to grow, focuses on four goals to get the best for the people of Bedford Borough. This project meets two of these goals. 'Enhance Places' – enhancing the local areas we are responsible for, and encouraging positive activities; and 'Empower Communities' – individuals, communities and associations coming together to identify the assets that they have and work together to generate solutions to common problems. This project will continue to assist community cohesion, and will encourage users from all backgrounds to improve their health and wellbeing through access to this free facility.

Sustainable Community Strategy: - (from the 2009 – 2021 strategy)

Theme 6 “An Inclusive Borough” Social Inclusion, Community Cohesion and Culture. This project supports areas of the Sustainable Community Strategy, including:

- To encourage and support more people... to take on civic roles and volunteer within their communities.
- To encourage and enable more people to participate in local arts, culture and sporting activities.

(b) Legal Issues

There are no legal issues with this project.

(c) Resource Implications

There are no conditions or future management costs associated with providing joint funding to the Salvation Army for this project. All works are being organised by the Salvation Army on their own land. Any future maintenance and replacement works will be undertaken by the Salvation Army (not the Council).

(d) Risk Implications

By not issuing funding to the Salvation Army could result in the re-surfacing works not going ahead. This could potentially result in the facility not being functional which would be a loss in an area of Bedford with limited physical activity facilities.

(e) Environmental Implications

By contributing to this project financially, the Borough residents would benefit from the improved facilities at this location. This MUGA is currently a well-used facility, and the resurfacing will result in the continued improved health and well-being of the community.

(f) Equalities Impact

In preparing this report, due consideration has been given to the Borough Council's statutory Equality Duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations, as set out in Section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010.

A relevance test for equality has been completed. The equality test determined that there are no equality and diversity implications in connection with the proposals that are set out in this report, and no differential impacts are reasonably foreseeable.

5 Details

The Salvation Army are looking to re-surface their MUGA, and have approached the Council for part-funding of this project through S106 funding. This facility was built in 2013, and has been well used by many different groups for a range of sports, which has led to the existing tarmac surface deteriorating and becoming worn. This project will be addressing this by providing a safe and free to use facility for the community.

The MUGA sits in the Castle Ward and is in an area of deprivation within the Borough, and is in the top 20% of the most deprived areas in the UK. It therefore provides a facility where the community can come together, meet new people and integrate into their local community, whilst improving their health and wellbeing. This can in turn reduce anti-social behaviour in the area.

The Salvation Army already have 50% of the funding for the project and are approaching Bedford Borough Council for the remaining 50% (£9,219). Other funding has come from the Harpur Trust, and from a Bedford Salvation Army Legacy. This funding is part of the current S106 projects proposals; the contribution will be from receipts from the St Leonards Court development.

Maintenance

The Council will not be responsible for any maintenance of the facility as this is a Salvation Army owned and managed site. The funding supplied will be for capital use only.

The Salvation Army hold Public Liability Insurance for the facility (their current certificate expires 31 March 2019).

Public consultation

No public consultation has been undertaken for this project, but this is an existing, well-used facility which is vital for social cohesion, and health and wellbeing benefits within the community.

Planning and Archaeology

Planning consent is not required. Ground excavations will be kept to a minimum, and if any archaeology is found works will cease and the Council's Archaeological Officer will be consulted.

Proposed programme

If the proposals are approved, Bedford Borough Council will issue the Salvation Army with £9,219 for the project to commence. The Salvation Army's preferred contractor is Nova Sports who will be appointed on a fixed price contract. The Salvation Army will be raising the order and managing all areas of the work.

It is hoped works will be completed for the start of the Summer School Holidays 2018.

6 Summary of Consultations and Outcome

The following Council Units or Officers and/or other organisations have been consulted in preparing this report:

Consultation has been undertaken with:

Management Team
Sports Development
Finance
Legal

No adverse comments have been received.

7 Ward Councillor Views

Ward Councillors, Cllr Fletcher and Cllr Reale are aware of this project and are in support of it.

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File Reference:	
Previous Relevant Minutes:	None
Background Papers:	None

Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Equality Analysis Report
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Appendix 1

Equality Analysis Report

Title of activity / Budget Proposal title and number Awarding S106 Funding to the Salvation Army for the Re-Surfacing of the Commercial Road MUGA	Committee meeting (decision maker) and date Mayoral (Executive Decision) May 2018
Service area Environment	Lead officer Claire Pick – Environmental Development and Viability Officer
Approved by Chief Officer Environment	Date of approval 16/04/2018
Description of activity: To award £9,219 of S106 funding to the Salvation Army for the re-surfacing of the Commercial Road MUGA (Multi Use Games Area). The MUGA was installed in 2013, but due to high usage the original tarmac surfacing has deteriorated and now needs replacing. The project proposal is to replace this tarmac surface with a polymeric surface that will ensure that the MUGA continues to be a safe and suitable surface for people of all ages and abilities. The site has a number of organised sessions, but also provides free community access which has promoted community cohesion in the area in a deprived area of Bedford.	

Relevance Test

1. The outcomes of the activity directly and significantly impact on people, e.g. service users, employees, voluntary and community sector groups.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	✓
2. The activity could / does affect one or more protected equality groups.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	✓
3. The activity could / does affect protected equality groups differently.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	✓

4. One or more protected equality groups could be disadvantaged, adversely affected or are at risk of discrimination as a result of the activity.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	✓
5. The activity relates to an area where there are known inequalities.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	✓
6. The activity sets out proposals for significant changes to services, policies etc. and / or significantly affects how services are delivered.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	✓
7. The activity relates to one or more of the three aims of the Council's equality duty.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	✓
8. The activity relates to the Council's Corporate Plan objectives, is a significant activity and / or presents a high risk to the Council's public reputation.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	✓
9. An equality analysis of this activity is required.	Yes	<input type="checkbox"/>	No	✓
This activity has no relevance to Bedford Borough Council's duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation; to advance equality of opportunity; and to foster good relations. An equality analysis is not needed.				✓
Explanation why equality analysis is not needed The project does not require an equality analysis as the works being undertaken do not meet the relevance test above. This facility is not targeted at a specific group of people, and is an available facility for all to use.				

Scope of equality analysis

Who is / will be impacted by the activity's aims and outcomes?	
Which particular protected equality groups are likely / will be affected?	

Evidence, data, information and consultation

What evidence have you used to analyse the effects on equality?	
What consultation did you carry out with protected equality groups to identify your activity's effect on equality?	
What does this evidence tell you about the different protected groups?	
What further research or data do you need to fill any gaps in your understanding of the potential or known effects of the activity?	

General Equality Duty

Which parts of the general equality duty is the activity relevant to?			
	Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation	Advance equality of opportunity	Foster good relations
Age			

Disability			
Gender reassignment			
Pregnancy and maternity			
Race			
Religion or belief			
Sex			
Sexual orientation			
Marriage & civil partnership			

Impact on equality groups

Based on the evidence presented what positive and negative impact will your activity have on equality?				
	Positive impact	Negative impact	No impact	Explanation
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Pregnancy and maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Marriage & civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other relevant groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Commissioned services

What equality measures will be included in Contracts to help meet the three aims of the general equality duty?	
What steps will be taken throughout the commissioning cycle to meet the different needs of protected equality groups?	

Actions

	What will be done?	By who?	By when?	What will be the outcome?
Actions to lessen negative impact				
Actions to increase positive impact				
Actions to develop equality evidence, information and data				
Actions to improve equality in procurement / commissioning				
Other relevant actions				

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Recommendation

No major change required	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Adjustments required	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Justification to continue the activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Stop the activity	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Summary of analysis

In preparing this report, due consideration has been given to the Borough Council's statutory Equality Duty to eliminate unlawful discrimination, advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations, as set out in Section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010.

This facility is not targeted at a specific group of people, and is an available facility for all to use, however the MUGA sits in the Castle Ward and is in an area of deprivation within the Borough, and is in the top 20% of the most deprived areas in the UK. It therefore provides a positive benefit by continuing to provide a facility where the community can come together, meet new people and integrate into their local community, whilst improving their health and wellbeing. This can in turn reduce anti-social behaviour in the area.

Monitoring and review

Monitoring and review	Review date
To be monitored and reviewed according to customer feedback received over the period between review dates	February 2023