

**ACTION TAKEN BY THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE ON THE GROUNDS OF URGENCY: SPORT ENGLAND STRATEGIC FACILITIES FUND.**

Committee: Community & Environment Committee

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1.0 **ISSUE**

1.1 To note the action taken, by the Deputy Chief Executive on the grounds of urgency, in connection with the Council's application to the Sport England Strategic Facilities Fund.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That the action taken by the Deputy Chief Executive, on the grounds of urgency, be noted.

3.0 **REPORT**

3.1 The District Council is eligible to make an application to the Sport England Strategic Facilities Fund for a financial contribution towards a new leisure facility. The fund provides capital investment of up to £2million on projects that demonstrate a robust needs base and sustainable business plan.

3.2 On the recommendation of Sport England, the following assessments are required for the pre-application stage:

- A Strategic Needs Assessment using the Sports England Facility Planning Model;
- Development of a Financial Viability Plan identifying the optimum facility mix, cost and affordability using data from Sports England Facility Planning Model to assume the level of demand, predicted income, capital costs and capital receipts.

3.3 In addition, the District Council is recommended to produce a full facility strategy to ensure that we have a clear idea of supply and demand issues across the Authority and to identify priorities for the East Cambridgeshire authority and its key partners/stakeholders, including existing leisure provision.

3.4 Sport England has advised that the above assessments commence with urgency, given the length of time required to produce the work.

3.5 The Deputy Chief Executive is obliged to consult with the Chairman of the Committee and notify Spokespersons of the action taken.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

4.1 The cost of commissioning this work will not exceed £50,000. Funding is available within the project under-spend on the Paradise Pool budget.

4.2 INRA not required.

5.0 APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - Copy of Memorandum (dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 2014)

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