TITLE: Service Level Agreement Funding (Leisure Centres and Sport

Facilities) 2016-17 - Update Report

Committee: Commercial Services Committee

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1. ISSUE

1.1. To recommend allocations for the final tranche of funding for 2016-17.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1. Members are requested to agree to the provision of funding to Ellesmere Centre and Burwell Sports Centre as detailed below.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. As noted at the Committee's last meeting (17th January 2017), a small amount of funding (£1,961) remained available following the completion of the main awards.
- 3.2. The Centres were invited to submit bids for small projects which might benefit from this funding, and the proposals are detailed below.

4. ARGUMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1. Request for support have been received from Ellesmere Centre, and from Burwell Sports Centre. Both are for equipment purchases which would address shortcomings in their current provision
- 4.2. The request from Burwell Sports Centre is for funding towards the purchase of 4 new sets of wheeled badminton posts. The current posts are old, and are undermining the development of badminton usage at the Centre. The cost would be £1,080 including VAT (the Centre is severely limited in its VAT recovery on costs because of partial exemption rules).
- 4.3. The request from Ellesmere Centre is for a cricket mat trolley. The Centre's main grant for this year was for the installation of cricket nets, and these have proved popular and successful; the grant also covered the purchase of two cricket mats. The mats are kept in an adjacent store, and brought out when required; but they are heavy, and difficult for juniors in particular to manage. The Trustees are concerned that this may limit use of the nets, and potentially give rise to injuries. The proposed purchase of a two-mat trolley would cost £610 including VAT and delivery.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. If the Committee agrees to these requests, the total additional commitment will be £1,690. £271 will remain uncommitted and be returned as a very modest budgetary saving.
- 5.2. No equalities issues arise in relation to these proposals.

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