
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 further update Members on the status of projects awarded funding for the 2016-17 financial year.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1. Members are requested to agree to the re-focusing of the grant to Littleport Leisure Centre as detailed below.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The general progress of the various projects and initiatives was reported to the Committee at its last meeting (November 22nd 2016).

4. ARGUMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1. The award to Littleport Leisure Centre was intended to support the development of the GP Referral Service, which provides guidance and concessionary usage arrangements to clients with medical conditions or injuries which may benefit from a structured exercise programme, and who are referred to the Centre by GP's, physiotherapists or similar clinicians. By the nature of their conditions, and because in many cases they may be unfamiliar with the use of fitness equipment, such clients tend to need closer support than regular users, and this entails the allocation of staff time.
- 4.2. The proposal from the Centre was built around increasing this staff allocation. Limitations to the availability of a key part-time member of staff have held back this development; some progress has been made by allocating virtually all of the available staff-time to this area – albeit at a notional cost to the mainstream business.
- 4.3. Separately from GP referrals, the Centre also supports two other community health programmes: a Posability stroke support activity group; and a clinically referred weight management group, new in 2016 and run on behalf of the County by Everyone Health - a sister-company to Everyone Active, which runs Paradise Pools on behalf of this authority. These partnerships allow the Centre to extend its range of users, and help address the many constraints on these client-groups. Both programmes receive pricing concessions to reflect their value to the community and the investment of the respective partner

agencies. The presence of such groups has however also highlighted the need for an evacuation chair for use from the upstairs areas, and a defibrillator. These requirements are not affected by the impending move to the new building (and would arguably be accentuated by the anticipated growth in business).

- 4.4. With all of these points in mind, the Centre has requested that the SLA grant for this year is re-focused, to support these wider community health programmes – generally on a 50:50 basis. The value of the award would remain unchanged. The breakdown envisaged is:

Revenue support for Posability and Weight Management programmes (calculated as 50% of income foregone at normal rates)	£1,895
Support to GP referral and related one-to-one client advice (calculated as 50% of direct costs, net of income).	£1,485
Purchase of evac chair and defibrillator (contribution, based on estimated total cost of £2,400 incl user training and VAT)	£1,500
Total	£4,880

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS / EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. Table 1 at the end of this report sets out funding allocations, both agreed and proposed. All allocations are within the existing budget.
- 5.2. The development of these services can be expected to improve provision for people with some medical conditions, who may otherwise hesitate or be hindered from participation in such activities.

Background Documents

None

Location

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Table 1: Funding Allocations

Name of Organisation	Award	Detail		Update	Committed	Pending	Available
Bottisham Sport Centre	£3,000	New / replacement pool equipment	£1,000	In progress	£1,695	£1,305	
		Football goals (1 set)	£500				
		Exercise bikes	£1,500				
Burwell Sport Centre	£4,700	Temperature mixers to changing room showers and taps	£780	Completed	£600	£180	
		Replacement of windows to gallery areas	£3,920				
Ellesmere Sport Centre	£5,754	Supply and installation of cricket netting and flooring	£4,954	Completed	£4,954		
		Purchase of low level tables and chairs for children's parties and activities	£800	Pending			
Ely Outdoor Sports Association	£4,500	Revenue support	£3,000	Completed	£3,000		
		Brush to maintain Astro turf pitch	£1,500	Completed			

Littleport Leisure Centre	£4,880	Revenue support for Posability and Weight Management programmes	£1,895	Pending		£4,880	
		Support to GP referral and related one-to-one client advice	£1,485				
		Purchase of evac chair and defibrillator	£1,500				
Mepal Outdoor Centre	£3,000	Initial professional scoping and design of improvements to shower areas in residential block	£3,000	Completed	£2,136		£864
Paradise Sport Centre	£ -	(No grant sought as the Centre considers its business position satisfactory)	£ -		£ -		
Ross Peers Sport Centre	£3,950	Conversion of squash court for fitness and general activity use	£3,950	Completed, further works commissioned to improve sound absorption	£3,950		
Sub-total	£29,804				£17,835	£11,105	£864
Unallocated	£1,077						£1,077
Budget	£30,881						£1,941

