

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date: 24 January 2017
Title: Cricket Club Clubhouse Redevelopment
Contact Officer: Graham Hunt, Town Clerk
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Purpose of this Report

1. To provide a verbal / written update on the progress of the redevelopment of the Cricket Club clubhouse.

Update

2. A progress meeting was held with the Cricket Club on 21 December 2016 where funding, project planning, finances and tendering were discussed in some detail. A programme update was discussed with an estimated project start date of September 2017 if funds permitted. Given funding timings it is likely to progress in two phases. A Pre-Qualification Questionnaire is being prepared by the Cricket Club. It is hoped that the tender packages would be available in full by March 2017. The project continues to be managed by Holland and Green Ltd, with an independent Project Manager to be appointed for the build phases.
3. The application to SODC for capital funding has been successful with confirmation of a grant award of 33.42 per cent towards the £748,000 cost to rebuild the cricket pavilion, capped to a maximum of £250,000. The Council's solicitor has been instructed to act on behalf of the Council regarding the required grant agreement and restriction and authorised to work with SODC regarding these matters. This may require a further change to the Heads of Terms, to allow a land charge to be applied.
4. The Cricket Club have provided an update on their funding sources that they are seeking; or have been successful in securing for the project. Funding of approx. £615,000 has been secured. This includes s106 contributions allocated to the scheme. The Cricket Club will continue to seek funding opportunities and will be approaching the ECB and Sport England. The buy a brick scheme is being promoted in the Information Centre. Lists of other funding sources, as provided by NALC, have also been provided.
5. An outline application for LEADER funding was submitted to Oxfordshire LAG for eligibility on 15 December. Further work has been undertaken on the application and this will formally be submitted by 28 March for grant funding of £35,000. A renewed letter of support has been supplied.
6. The Council's solicitors are on standby to draw up the new lease, under the Heads of Terms as previously shared. Further work is still needed on some minor refinements before full instruction can be given. The urgency has increased significantly due to the LEADER funding application evidence requirement of providing confirmation of a long term lease with the submission deadline date of 28 March. The Town Clerk will work with the Council's solicitor in achieving this deadline.
7. The following orders have been issued by the Council in relation to the project:
 - 4 November – Wingrove Partnership Ltd. – provision of estimated costs for first floor fit out.
 - 4 November – Holland & Green – work associated with the discharge of planning conditions.
 - 4 November – Holland & Green – provision of Building Control and Tender Packages
8. Officers continue to manage the project in line with the financial contribution as agreed by Council on 27 October 2015. The Council has to date committed funds of £42,469.94 towards the project, including some unrecoverable VAT. Cost control is being maintained against the costing spreadsheet provided by the Cricket Club.

Action Required

9. To note the report.