

Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee

Date:	9 February 2016
Title:	Cricket Club Clubhouse Redevelopment
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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. At the 6 October 2015 meeting of the Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee it was recommended to Full Council, that the request from the Cricket Club for funding as detailed in the report (approx. £275,000 including VAT in total from the Council and any s106 / CIL monies under its control), subject to further satisfactory legal discussions be approved and to invite the Cricket Club to make a presentation to Full Council on 27 October 2015.
3. At the 27 October 2015 meeting of the Full Council representatives from the Cricket Club gave a presentation on the plans to redevelop the clubhouse. If successful in obtaining the funding from the Council the plan would be to submit a planning application in the first quarter of 2016 and to secure the remainder of the funding with a view to starting construction in September 2017 with completion for the summer 2018 season.
4. It was resolved at the Full Council meeting that the request from the Cricket Club for funding as detailed in the report to the 6 October 2015 meeting of the Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee, subject to legal discussions, be approved.
5. A meeting was held on the 27 November 2015 with representatives from the Cricket Club, the Town Clerk, Asset Manager and Cllr. Champken-Woods, Chairman of the Community, Leisure & Recreation Committee. The meeting discussed fund raising opportunities, a new lease, legal matters, car parking and project management. Following this meeting the Cricket Club advised that Holland and Green Ltd. had been appointed to manage the planning application.
6. Holland and Green Ltd. have advised that they have received positive pre-application feedback from SODC planning.
7. In early December 30 properties neighbouring the site received an invitation to attend an open evening held by the Cricket Club to look at the proposals and to gather feedback. The open evening was held on the 22 December at the Clubhouse. Close neighbours attended the event and provided productive feedback to the Cricket Club.
8. A separate meeting was organised by the Cricket Club with the Barns Centre Trustees on the 21 December to discuss the proposals.

9. The following orders have been issued by the Council in relation to the project:

- 1 December: Holland and Green Ltd. - to undertake architectural and related services with a fee time charge cap.
- 7 December: Holland and Green Ltd. - work relating to design alterations, planning application support and fees.
- 11 December: Holland and Green Ltd. - work relating to the survey and pre-planning stage and planning and application support.
- 21 December: Kathryn Davies Heritage and Planning – to carry out a heritage appraisal and impact assessment.
- 21 December: Mobile CAD Surveying Solutions Ltd. - to carry out a measured survey.

10. The Council has to date committed funds of £19,718 towards the project, including some unrecoverable VAT. Cost control is being maintained against the costing spreadsheet provided by the cricket club. A request has been made to Rathbones to release the absolute maximum funds potentially necessary (£71,100) required through to the completion of the Planning Application stage.

11. The Cricket Club have advised that they are seeking possible LEADER grant funding and are in initial talks with a LEADER advisor on the matter and the requirements to submit a grant application.

12. Further work is necessary by the Town Clerk to progress the Heads of Terms for the new lease, but other priorities have so far precluded that.

Action Required

13. To note the report.