

Full Council

Date:	2 nd June 2020
Title:	Football Foundation Grant Acceptance
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Purpose of the Report

The Football Foundation have requested that Thame Town Council accept its terms and conditions before making the grant available for the project.

Action Requested

Terms and Conditions:

- To agree to a charge (restriction) on the freehold of the land which would be added to the Land Registry. This is currently being followed up with Oxfordshire County Council.

To provide or comply with:

- statement of accounts (Town Council)
- certificate of completion
- confirmation that building regulations have been complied with
- planning consent and discharge of conditions
- completion of Football Foundation site visit
- evidence sufficient funding in bank accounts to meet the cost of the project
- claim forms returned to the Foundation as work progresses (within 6 months)
- agree for signs to be put up promoting funding received from the Football Foundation (including responsibility for any planning consents required and the cost of the signs)
- agree to advertise the Football Foundation in all literature relating to the 3G pitch
- agree to host and fund an opening ceremony and invite the Football Foundation
- 5% will be withheld until: Contractor has completed the Economic Research forms, confirmation of completion of drainage works, goal posts comply with FA standards, two Football Partnership reps complete Grounds Maintenance Course and an annual sinking fund established to reinvest into football.

Further considerations:

- The tender document has indicated there may be a £25,000 increase in materials due to the Covid 19 delay in awarding the contract. However, the maximum cost of the work before lockdown equalled £670,431.25. Including the uplift, the final figure could be £695,431.25 for construction cost which still falls comfortably within the Football Foundation grant award.

- Although the conditions state 6-month period in areas in which the Football Foundation will meet its share of the invoices, I have confirmation in writing there will actually be a two week turn around.
- The Football Partnership are ready to make over £30,000 to Town Council for the project costs.
- The Football Foundation have also granted an additional £17,425.00 to cover consultancy fees.

Background

The Football Foundation have made a grant offer of £365,677 representing 51% of the 3G project cost of £715,517.

Thame Town Council has agreed a contribution of £10,000 towards the project. In addition, the Town Council has agreed to forward fund £300,000 s106 funding and the VAT element £143,103.40.

Thame Football Partnership are making a £30,000 contribution which will be paid over to the Town Council.

There is an outstanding amount of £9,860. However, there is further funding available in s106 and this will be requested to make up the difference.

Resource Appraisal

Total capital costs to cover:	£309,860.00	(S106)
	£143,103.40	(VAT)
	£10,000.00	(TTC Grant)
Total:	£463,963.40	

Risk Assessment

If the Town Council do not agree to the terms and conditions of accepting the Football Foundation grant the project will not be able to proceed.

Legal Powers:

- Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act s19
- Localism Act 2011 s1 General Power of Competence

It is recommended:

To resolve to accept the Terms and Conditions of the Football Foundation Grant.