



## REPORT TO BANFF AND BUCHAN AREA COMMITTEE 14 NOVEMBER 2017

### Regeneration Funding request for Fraserburgh South Links Sport for Intervention Co-ordination Project

#### 1 Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note progress being made on the development of the South Links sports facility in Fraserburgh
- 1.2 Approve a Grant of £27,000 from the Regeneration Reserve budget for Fraserburgh to the South Links Development Trust for delivering their Sports for Intervention project.

#### 2 Background / Discussion

- 2.1 The South Links Development Trust (SLDT) is a newly established Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO) which was formed in April 2016 as a partnership of a number of local sports organisations in Fraserburgh to deliver an ambitious sports infrastructure project on the South Links in Fraserburgh.
- 2.2 The South Links infrastructure project involves the development of a new 6-lane synthetic running track, associated field events, new high quality football pitch and 666m all abilities cycle track. Contractors were appointed in March 2017, started on site in May and progress has been swift, with some of the facilities due to be complete by the end of 2017. The project was featured in the 2017 Economic Development Annual Review.
- 2.3 The new South Links facility will make a considerable contribution to positioning Fraserburgh as a regionally significant hub for a rich diversity of sports and leisure pursuits. In attracting regional and national sporting events, it will also raise the profile of the town, in turn attracting more visitors and associated economic benefits. The facility will also be available for use by local residents, raising the levels of participation, health and well-being.
- 2.4 The project aligns closely with the Fraserburgh Regeneration Action Plan 2016-2021, particularly under Theme 3 – *'People, Communities, Health and Wellbeing : to promote a healthy living culture in Fraserburgh building on the assets of our people and facilities'*. The Service Manager for Sport and Physical Activity has been consulted on the project and is supportive.
- 2.5 The total cost of the capital infrastructure project is £1.186m and has been financed through a multi-partner grant funding package from the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Grant fund (£455k from the Fraserburgh 2021 bid); the Robertson Trust (£99k); the North Aberdeenshire LEADER Programme (£272k); Sports Scotland (£200k); Fraserburgh Running Club (£1k); and Aberdeenshire Council.

- 2.6 Aberdeenshire Council funding for the development consists of a grant of £150,000 from the Regeneration Budget which was approved by Policy & Resources Committee at their meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 (Item 17).
- 2.7 Funding is now sought to support the early years of operation, encourage use and move towards financial sustainability. On this basis, the Robertson Trust offered the SLDT a further grant of £36,000 over a three year period to contribute towards the costs of establishing the facility and employing a ‘Sports for Intervention Co-ordinator’ to target income generation and participation amongst, in particular, disaffected young people, the elderly, and those with disabilities. The Robertson Trust offer is conditional on the SLDT being able to find funding to match this amount. LEADER funding also requires the targeting of specific groups including those from the rural catchment.
- 2.8 The SLDT approached the Council’s Regeneration team seeking match funding over a three year period to match the funding from the Robertson Trust and their own fund-raising efforts. This request was considered by the Fraserburgh Local Regeneration Group, who felt that it was an important project to help establish and sustain the facility and support the capital investment made.
- 2.9 The Committee is therefore asked to approve a funding request to the SLDT to support their Sports for Intervention Co-ordination project on the basis of a sliding scale of grant assistance as detailed below, which places an onus on the Trust to undertake other fund-raising and income-generating activities:

<b>Project Year</b>	<b>Robertson Trust (£)</b>	<b>Council Regeneration (£)</b>	<b>SLDT Contribution (£)</b>	<b>Total</b>
1 – 2018	12,000	12,000	Nil	24,000
2 – 2019	12,000	9,000	3,000	24,000
3 – 2020	12,000	6,000	6,000	24,000
<b>Total Y 1-3</b>	<b>36,000</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>9,000</b>	<b>72,000</b>

- 2.10 On the basis of a three year project, the Council’s contribution based on the tiered funding model above would represent 37.5% of the total project costs.
- 2.11 Should funding be agreed, the SLDT, through the work of the funded Co-ordinator, will act as a collaborator and connector with other sports and recreation providers and services in Fraserburgh to develop an integrated programme of activities and events to enhance participation across all sports and all venues, and will actively work with the Council to share responsibility for the development and delivery of future ‘Active Fraserburgh’ events
- 2.12 The project will create 1 new job, support at least 20 people to access sports related and coaching / officiating accreditations, generate around 500 hours of volunteer time, engage at least 50 disadvantaged young people to access sport (of whom 25 will remain engaged), 30 people of all ages with disabilities to participate in all abilities activities and 25 older people to become regular users of the facilities.

- 2.13 Budget is available within the Regeneration Reserve budget for the Fraserburgh Regeneration Action Plan, as agreed by Policy and Resources Committee in September 2016.
- 2.14 The Head of Finance and Monitoring Officer within Business Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report and their comments are incorporated within the report and are satisfied that the report complies with the Scheme of Governance and relevant legislation.
- 2.15 The Business Development Executive within Economic Development has reviewed the financial status of the Trust, though as a newly formed organisation they do not have a long history of formal accounts. The cash position of the Trust will be reviewed at regular intervals to ensure that they are able to meet their medium and longer-term commitments.

### **3 Scheme of Governance**

- 3.1 The Committee is able to consider, and take a decision on, this item under the Financial Regulations under Section B1.1 of the Scheme of Governance as a matter relating exclusively to the Banff and Buchan Area not otherwise delegated to any other Committee.

### **4 Implications and Risk**

- 4.1 An equality impact assessment has been completed for the project and is included in Appendix 1. The assessment concluded that the project will not discriminate against any users and will actively promote participation amongst disaffected young people, the elderly and those with disabilities and does not have a differential impact on any of the protected characteristics.
- 4.2 The Town Centre First principle has been considered in relation to the impact of this project on one of the key towns. It is concluded that there are no negative impacts on Fraserburgh town centre. Positive impacts will be felt through additional visitor numbers to Fraserburgh which will lead to greater footfall in the town centre and additional spend with local businesses.
- 4.3 There are no staffing implications connected with this paper.
- 4.4 There are financial implications connected to with this paper, being the request of £27,000 from the Regeneration Reserve.
- 4.5 There are no significant risks associated with this paper or the decision to agree the recommendation.

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Date: 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2017

## APPENDIX 1

### EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Stage 1: Title and aims of the activity (“activity” is an umbrella term covering policies, procedures, guidance and decisions).	
Service	Infrastructure Services
Section	Economic Development - Regeneration
Title of the activity etc.	Regeneration Funding request for Fraserburgh South Links Sport for Intervention Co-ordination Project
Aims of the activity	Match-funding for the delivery of a three-year Co-ordination project to attract users to the new South Links sports facility in Fraserburgh.
Author(s) & Title(s)	Alastair Rhind– Strategic Regeneration Executive

Stage 2: List the evidence that has been used in this assessment.	
Internal data (customer satisfaction surveys; equality monitoring data; customer complaints).	None
Internal consultation with staff and other services affected.	Discussions with services on Fraserburgh Local Regeneration Group, meeting with officers within Sports and Leisure Services and Area Manager.
External consultation (partner organisations, community groups, and councils).	Sport Scotland, discussions with existing members of club, planning consultations, other funders.
External data (census, available statistics).	A wide range of policies and information including the Scottish Government’s Objectives around Sport and Health & Well Being.

Other (general information as appropriate).	Social media, consultation with public and members of club.
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Stage 3: Evidence Gaps.	
Are there any gaps in the information you currently hold?	No

Stage 4: Measures to fill the evidence gaps.		
What measures will be taken to fill the information gaps before the activity is implemented? These should be included in the action plan at the back of this form.	Measures:	Timescale:
	N/A	N/A

Stage 5: Are there potential impacts on protected groups? Please complete for each protected group by inserting "yes" in the applicable box/boxes below.				
	Positive	Negative	Neutral	Unknown
Age – Younger	Yes			
Age – Older	Yes			
Disability	Yes			
Race – (includes Gypsy Travellers)			Yes	
Religion or Belief			Yes	
Gender – male/female			Yes	

Pregnancy and maternity			Yes	
Sexual orientation – (includes Lesbian/ Gay/Bisexual)			Yes	
Gender reassignment – (includes Transgender)			Yes	
Marriage and Civil Partnership			Yes	

Stage 6: What are the positive and negative impacts?		
Impacts.	Positive (describe the impact for each of the protected characteristics affected)	Negative (describe the impact for each of the protected characteristics affected)
Please detail the potential positive and/or negative impacts on those with protected characteristics you have highlighted above. Detail the impacts and describe those affected.	Improved access to new multi-sport facilities suited to all ages and abilities.	N/A

Stage 7: Have any of the affected groups been consulted?	
If yes, please give details of how this was done and what the results were. If no, how have you ensured that you can make an informed decision about mitigating steps?	Positively affected groups are represented within the clubs, groups and societies consulted though they were not segmented for special local consultation.

Stage 8: What mitigating steps will be taken to remove or reduce negative impacts?		
	Mitigating Steps	Timescale
These should be included in any action plan at the back of this form.	N/A	N/A

Stage 9: What steps can be taken to promote good relations between various groups?	
These should be included in the action plan.	The governance of the operating charitable organisation represents a wide range of interests.

Stage 10: How does the policy/activity create opportunities for advancing equality of opportunity?	
New facilities in close proximity to population that are accessible, inclusive and meet the highest current standards.	

Stage 11: What equality monitoring arrangements will be put in place?	
These should be included in any action plan (for example customer satisfaction questionnaires).	The charitable organisation governing and operating the site have plans to ensure participation and feedback.

Stage 12: What is the outcome of the Assessment?		
Please complete the appropriate box/boxes	1	No negative impacts have been identified –please explain.
	New and enhanced facilities and provision will lead to new opportunities for all without any displacement of negative impacts.	
	2	Negative Impacts have been identified, these can be mitigated - please explain. * Please fill in Stage 13 if this option is chosen.

	N/A	
	3	The activity will have negative impacts which cannot be mitigated fully – please explain. * Please fill in Stage 13 if this option is chosen
	N/A	

\* Stage 13: Set out the justification that the activity can and should go ahead despite the negative impact.

N/A

Stage 14: Sign off and authorisation.

Sign off and authorisation.	1) Service and Team	Infrastructure Services, Economic Development	
	2) Title of Policy/Activity	Regeneration Funding request for Fraserburgh South Links Sport for Intervention Co-ordination Project	
	3) <b>Authors:</b> I/We have completed the equality impact assessment for this policy/activity.	Name: Alastair Rhind Position: Strategic Regeneration Executive Date: 04/10/2017 Signature:	Name: Gillian Bain Position: Regeneration Officer Date: 04/10/2017 Signature:
		Name: Position: Date: Signature:	Name: Position: Date: Signature:
4) Consultation with Service Manager	Name: Morna Harper Date: 12 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017		

	5) Authorisation by Director or Head of Service	Name: Belinda Miller Position: Head of Service, Economic Development Date: 12 <sup>th</sup> October, 2017	Name: Position: Date:
	6) If the EIA relates to a matter that has to go before a Committee, Committee report author sends the Committee Report and this form, and any supporting assessment documents, to the Officers responsible for monitoring and the Committee Officer of the relevant Committee. e.g. Social Work and Housing Committee.		Date: 18/10/2017
	7) EIA author sends a copy of the finalised form to: eia@abdnshire		Date:
(Equalities team to complete) Has the completed form been published on the website? YES/NO			Date:

