



Executive Director/Director Non-Key Executive Decision Report

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Report to: *Paul Billington*

Date of Decision: *12 May 2017*

Subject: *External funding from Sport England to extend the Inclusive Sport project*

Which Cabinet Member Portfolio does this relate to? *Place, Culture and Environment*

Which Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee does this relate to? *Economic and Environmental Wellbeing*

Has an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) been undertaken? Yes No

If YES, what EIA reference number has it been given? 1272

Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? Yes No

If YES, give details as to whether the exemption applies to the full report / part of the report and/or appendices and complete below:-

"The (report/appendix) is not for publication because it contains exempt information under Paragraph (insert relevant paragraph number) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)."

Purpose of Report:

- Sheffield City Council was invited to apply to Sport England (SE) for a grant to extend the Inclusive Sport Sheffield Disability Project for a further year
- We have had confirmation that our application for a grant of £69,902 has been successful
- The acceptance of the £69,902,000 grant from Sport England will enable us to work with city and local partners to continue to build upon previous work happening in the city and develop the My Health, My Choice Network to support disabled people access sport and physical activity.

- Sheffield City Council will be the Accountable Body for the grant and this will be agreed through a Funding Agreement with specific conditions, as detailed within the report, with SE.
- Due to short time frames the acceptance form needs to be sent off prior to 12 May 2017.

Recommendations:

That the Director of Culture and Environment approves the acceptance of grant funding in the sum of £69,902, from Sport England in order for the for the Council, as the Accountable Body, to implement an extension of the 'Inclusive Sport' project in Sheffield, as detailed in this report.

And, in consultation with the Director of Legal and Governance and the Director of Finance and Commercial Services enter into a grant funding agreement with Sport England for the purpose of implementing such project.

Background Papers:

(Insert details of any background papers used in the compilation of the report.)

- a) The Sport England Award Offer Letter and Grant Terms and Conditions Appendix 1
- b) Sport England Inclusive Sport Delivery Plan

Lead Officer to complete:-	
1	I have consulted the relevant departments in respect of any relevant implications indicated on the Statutory and Council Policy Checklist, and comments have been incorporated / additional forms completed / EIA completed, where required.
	Finance: <i>Gill Brailsford</i>
	Legal: <i>Henry Watmough-Cownie</i>
	Equalities: <i>Anmarie Johnston</i>
<i>Legal, financial/commercial and equalities implications must be included within the report and the name of the officer consulted must be included above.</i>	
2	Lead Officer Name: <i>Tom Hughes</i>
	Job Title: <i>Community Project Officer</i>
Date: <i>27 April 2017</i>	

PROPOSAL

(Explain the proposal, current position and need for change, including any evidence considered, and indicate whether this is something the Council is legally required to do, or whether it is something it is choosing to do)

The project is to fund the extension of the Inclusive Sport project in Sheffield. The Council were invited to apply for the grant and were successful.

The initial Inclusive Sport Project started in 2012 working in partnership with Within Reach a charity based within Sheffield that works with disabled people and aims to raise awareness and increase participation in sport and physical activity.

The project will continue to build upon the work carried out previously and also aim to further increase partnership working, networks and provision in the city.

Sport England asked Sheffield City Council to submit a further bid for the extension of the project.

The approach submitted was taken after consultation with key partners from across the city that will help be able to deliver on the outcomes of this project. These included Within Reach and Sheffield City Trust.

Produce a report on the project a maximum of 1 month after the funding to outlining the approach, progress and achievements against the agreed outcomes.

There are in-kind donations of £5,000 from Within Reach and Sheffield City Trust totalling £10,000 to take the overall total too £79,902.

There are no match funding requirements for Sheffield City Council.

The proposed funding will be used for;

- £36,458 - 30 hour member of staff
- £14,344 - Coaching costs
- £7,500 - Marketing and communication
- £7,800 - Monitoring and Evaluation
- £8,800 - Venue Hire
- £5,000 - Equipment

HOW DOES THIS DECISION CONTRIBUTE ?

(Explain how this proposal will contribute to the ambitions within the Corporate Plan and what it will mean for people who live, work, learn in or visit the City. For example, does it increase or reduce inequalities and is the decision inclusive?; does it have an impact on climate change?; does it improve the customer experience?; is there an economic impact?)

- The Sheffield City Strategy 2010-2020¹ sets out clear, high-level ambitions for achievement in Sheffield by all of the city's partners working together. The Inclusive Sport Project will be achieved through working closely with both city partners and external national partners including Sport England.
- The current Council Corporate Plan 2015-18 identifies six strategic outcomes for the city where we will focus our efforts and direct our investment. This project links to:
 - An In Touch Organisation
 - Thriving Neighbourhoods and Communities
 - Better Health and Wellbeing
 - Tackling Inequalities

i) An in touch organisation

Being responsive to a range of people and organisations; ideas and developments. This includes local people and communities who will be involved in the project to help shape experiences for local communities.

This project will help to contribute to the support the increasingly diverse needs of individuals in Sheffield. Helping individuals to feel empowered to help themselves and providing opportunities to do this, so they and their communities are increasingly independent and resilient.

ii) Thriving Neighbourhoods and Communities

Thriving neighbourhoods and communities means neighbourhoods where people are proud to live, with communities that support each other and get on well together.

It means places with access to high quality sport and leisure facilities, including green and open spaces. The Inclusive Sport Project aims to work with partners to increase opportunities for disabled people citywide aged 14+.

Places and spaces where people enjoy being help to create thriving neighbourhoods and communities. Being able to access green and open spaces as well as leisure facilities has a significant impact on how people feel about where they live, learn and work; along with wider benefits to their overall wellbeing.

iii) Better Health and Well Being

In 2014 the Sheffield physical activity strategy, the 'Move More' plan, was published by the National Centre for Sport and Exercise Medicine (NCSEM).

The plan presents an ambitious aim for Sheffield to be the most active city in the UK by 2020 and offers a long term strategic vision for creating a culture of physical activity within the city.

Sheffield has a major public health programme in both primary care and local authority settings, along with a thriving voluntary sector. This has an emphasis on engaging the most disadvantaged groups through the Healthy Communities Programme. There is a significant track record of joint working between the public, private and third sector on health and physical activity related programmes and multi-agency working in sport and health on the public health agenda locally. This project aims to raise awareness, increase opportunities in the communities that need it in particular targeting those that are hard to reach within those communities and those often facing the most barriers to participation.

iv) Tackling Inequalities

The campaign will target disabled participants and parents and carers across the city and help to tackle inequality and support individuals to overcome obstacles and achieve their potential. We will work with partners across our deprived communities who support individuals and communities to help themselves and each other.

This will include a partner network meeting My Health My Choice which works with partners from across the city and brings them together on a quarterly basis to tackle issues and provide solutions to participation.

HAS THERE BEEN ANY CONSULTATION?

(Refer to the Consultation Principles and Involvement Guide. Indicate whether the Council is required to consult on the proposal, and provide details of any consultation activities undertaken and their outcomes.)

Consultation has taken place with city partners to influence how this project could be delivered. This has been on the back of the successful project that has been delivered over a number of years. Throughout the last year consultation has been carried out at events and activities which have targeted participants, parents and carers.

The proposal was submitted after consultation with the My Health My Choice network which includes partners such as Mencap, Sheffield Parent Carer Forum among others. In addition consultation was also carried out with Sheffield City Trust and Within Reach.

RISK ANALYSIS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE DECISION

Equality of Opportunity Implications

Overall there is a positive equality impact from extending the Inclusive Sport Sheffield Project which aims to increase the awareness and opportunities for those with disabilities to participate in physical activity and sport. This is

particularly positive for the health and inclusion of young disabled people up to the age of 25 and their carers'. It is also positive for the organisations involved in supporting them to raise their awareness and development of inclusive physical activities and sports.

Financial and Commercial Implications

An Award of £69,902 is being offered to SCC from Sport England (SE), as an extension of the Inclusive Sport project (URN 2012011337). The original Award of £258,382 was signed up to on 21st December 2012 against project costs of £351,207. The Grant was awarded to assist in increasing the number of disabled people accessing a variety of recreational & competitive sport activities throughout the city of Sheffield, using a network of local community venues, church halls, schools & leisure facilities.

The Award Increase Offer Letter states that the increase of £69,902 will be subject to the terms & conditions set out in SE original Award letter, the Award Agreement & the Standard Terms & Conditions.

The Offer Letter is dated 12th April 2017 and SCC have one month from this date to accept this revised Award.

The total costs for this extended project is £79,902. There is Partnership Funding of £10k (Within Reach £5k & Sheffield City Trust £5k) which has yet to be confirmed in writing.

Listed below are some of the key conditions (not exclusive):

- The clawback period is five years from the date of acceptance of the Award & the provisions of the Agreement will apply throughout this period.
- Any profit made throughout the clawback period must be reported to SE who may request a proportion of any profit to be paid to them.
- SE can authorise representatives to have access to SCC accounts & financial records.
- Relevant reports & statements must be submitted to SE as stated in the Agreement (including a Statement of Grant Expenditure certified by the Head of Internal Audit of SCC).
- The first revenue funding drawdown must take place within six months of the Award acceptance. Further drawdowns must take place within a maximum period of nine months since the last payment date. If SCC fails to operate with this condition, SE will de-commit the remaining funds from the project.
- SE may review & reduce the amount of the Award if the final total allowable expenditure is less than the total project cost or if the aggregate funding obtained for the Facility, particularly from sources of

public grants exceeds its costs.

- SCC must monitor the project and provide baseline & target information. SCC must also ensure that the project meets the specific objectives demonstrated in the Sports Development Plan submitted in SCC application which forms part of the Agreement.

Legal Implications

There is no specific power that enables the Council to implement this particular project / work in the City. Under the General Power of Competence within the Localism Act 2011, the Council are permitted to do anything that individuals of full legal capacity may do giving the Council the power to take reasonable action it needs 'for the benefit of the authority, its area or persons resident or present in its area. This would include entering into a Grant Agreement for the provision of this grant funding and accordingly incurring expenditure on the project deliverables.

The terms of the Grant Agreement have not been reviewed by Legal, to ensure the terms are acceptable to the Council. Any procurement of services or goods must be carried out and be compliant with the Council's Procurement Rules.

Other Implications

(Refer to the Executive decision making guidance and provide details of all relevant implications, e.g. HR, property, public health).

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

(Outline any alternative options which were considered but rejected in the course of developing the proposal.)

The alternative option for this project is to not accept the extension grant and stop this project.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

(Explain why this is the preferred option and outline the intended outcomes.)

This preferred option enables the project to be supported by a wide network of city and local partners. This will hit the outcomes from Sport England around their strategy – Towards and Active Nation.

It is hoped the project will engage 775 new disabled participants and their families to engage in sport and physical activity in Sheffield.

It will also continue to provide a network of partners to ensure that sport and

physical activity is high on the agenda of organisations in the city.