

Decision Ref No:

EX.062/07

Subject Matter:

PROPOSAL FOR THE PROVISION OF A 1KM CYCLE TRACK AT THE SHEEPMOUNT ATHLETICS AND FOOTBALL STADIUM

The Director of Community Services submitted Report CS.15/07 setting out the background and proposals for the provision of a 1km Cycle Track at the Sheepmount.

The need for a floodlit training venue had been highlighted by the British Cycling Federation (BCF) as being critical in not only the long term development of the Border City Wheelers, but also for the development of cycling generally and other clubs within the Region. The BCF had visited the Sheepmount and had preliminary discussions about placing a cycle track at the venue. The estimated costs of providing the Cycle Track would be in the region of £300,000 - £500,000. The BCF had verbally indicated that they would be willing to provide 90% of the costs (£270,000 - £450,000). The remaining 10% would have to be secured from other sources. Carlisle Leisure Limited had indicated that they would consider investment in this project. The BCF had also stated that they would consider work "in kind" as a contribution which would cover the officer commitment from the Council to such a scheme if it progressed, as well as the value of the land itself. It was not anticipated that the Council would need to commit a capital sum to the project.

The Director advised that it was anticipated that such a facility would generate a minimum of £10,000 income per annum, which would be offset against the current Carlisle Leisure Limited management contract, therefore reducing the City Council's management fee.

Members welcomed the proposal for the provision of a cycle track as it would further develop the Sheepmount as a multi-sports venue, but they suggested that the business case should be considered and assessed by the Capital Projects Board, before a further report back to the Executive. Members also suggested that officers should, within the risk assessment, consider the risk of flooding.

Decision:

That the Executive approves that officers draw up proposals for this project and investigate the financial implications, including consideration of the business case by the Capital Projects Board, prior to a subsequent report to the Executive for a final decision.

Key or Non-Key Decision:

Key

Key Decision Ref:

KD.011/07

Portfolio:

Leisure, Culture and Heritage

Who made decision:

Executive

Date:

19-Mar-07

Reports and Background Papers considered:

Report CS.15/07 by the Director of Community Services

Reasons for Decision:

To support the further development of cycling within Carlisle and the surrounding areas and to provide a floodlit training and events facility at the Sheepmount, which will be

recognised by the British Cycling Federation as a regional venue.

To enable the further development of the Sheepmount sports facility as a multi sports use venue, working towards becoming an established sports village location.

To further develop and enhance the City's sports facilities as identified in the recently produced Sports Facility Feasibility Study.

Summary of Options rejected:

Interests declared

Date published

Urgent decision not subject to call in

Consent of Chairman/ Deputy Chairman of Council to Urgency:

Deadline for call-in:

Implementation date if not called-in:

Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

Call-in notified to and date notified:

Approved for implementation on:
