



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Strategic Committee
6 June 2017
Agenda Item 9

Ward: Castle
Key Decision:No

Worthing Leisure Centre – Refurbishment of Athletics Track

Report by the Director for Communities

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report seeks the approval from the Committee to utilise the underspends carried forward from the 2015/16 Capital Investment Programme as a contingency for when high priority capital expenditure is identified which cannot wait for the approval of the Capital Investment Programme for the following year, or for overspends which cannot be accommodated within the overall Capital Investment Programme.
- 1.2 Approval is requested to utilise £150,000 of these underspends to fund the refurbishment of the Athletics track at the Worthing Leisure Centre.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In August 2016 an inspection of the Athletics running track located at Worthing Leisure Centre was carried out by the Engineers of the Technical Services Section following a report from South Downs Leisure (SDL) that there was some damage to the running surface and its condition was deteriorating.
- 2.2 The inspection revealed that in some parts, the condition of the running track has deteriorated significantly with rips and loss of material in the running surface. If left unrepaired this could cause health and safety issues to users.
- 2.3 The track and other outside areas were refurbished in 2004. This involved some minor repairs and respraying the track with a specialist textured coating. In 2010 the track was thoroughly cleaned and track lane marking relined.

2.4 As part of the Service Level agreement with South Downs Leisure Trust, Worthing Borough Council is responsible for maintaining these facilities.

3.0 Proposal

3.1 It is proposed that a thorough cleansing of the track takes place and localised repairs to the track surface, rubber base mat, drainage channel and edge restraints are carried out prior to a texture spray of the whole track and relining of the markings. If maintained correctly, these works will give the running track a life expectancy of approximately 12 years.

3.2 It is also proposed at the same time to replace the rubber basemat to the Long / Triple Jump run ups for the same reasons.

3.3 If funding approved, the timing of any works will need agreement with South Down Leisure Trust and their users. The Engineering team have advised that the track must be dry and moisture free when works are carried out.

4.0 Legal

4.1 S 1 Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997

This provides that every statutory provision conferring or imposing a function on a local authority confers powers on the local authority to enter into a contract with another person for the provision or making available of assets or services, or both (whether or not together with goods) for the purposes of, or in connection with, the discharge of the function by the local authority.

5.0 Financial implications

5.1 The scheme is estimated at £150,000.00 including professional fees.

5.2 Funding of £250,000 was carried forward from underspends in the 2015/16 Capital Investment Programme as a contingency for when high priority capital expenditure is identified which cannot wait for the approval of the Capital Investment Programme for the following year, and for overspends which cannot be accommodated within the overall Capital Investment Programme. These resources can be used to fund this scheme.

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 The Joint Strategic Committee is asked to:

- i) Approve the refurbishment of the Worthing Leisure Centre Athletics Track at an estimated cost of £150,000, funded from a contingency for high priority capital schemes.**
- ii) Amend the 2017/18 Capital Investment Programme to include this scheme.**

Local Government Act 1972

Background Papers:

None.

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Schedule of Other Matters

1.0 Council Priority

- 1.1 This proposal supports the Council's commitment to the health and wellbeing of its residents and the ongoing development of our Sports Strategy as outlined in Platforms for our Places

2.0 Specific Action Plans

- 2.1 Matters considered and no issues identified.

3.0 Sustainability Issues

- 3.1 Matters considered and no issues identified

4.0 Equality Issues

- 4.1 The proposal supports the wide range of activities to meet the needs of our local community. South Downs Leisure Trust as a key partner for the Council provides excellent access to groups and individuals from diverse backgrounds with a range of physical and other needs. The repair of the track will enable this aspect of their provision to be maintained.

5.0 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

- 5.1 Matters considered and no issues identified

6.0 Human Rights Issues

- 6.1 Matters considered and no issues identified

7.0 Reputation

- 7.1 If works are not carried out, this will lead to the closure of the track due to continuing deterioration of its condition. This could cause some reputational issues with key user groups.

8.0 Consultations

- 8.1 Initial discussions have taken place with South Downs Leisure Trust. Further detailed discussions will take place if funding approved.

9.0 Risk Assessment

9.1 As 7 above, closure of the athletics track may be necessary if works not carried out. Additional safety inspections will be carried out by South Downs Leisure and the Technical Services team.

10.0 Health & Safety Issues

10.1 As 9 above

11.0 Procurement Strategy

11.1 Matters considered and no issues identified

12.0 Partnership Working

12.1 This report supports the working relationship between South Downs Leisure Trust and Worthing Borough Council.