

Cherwell District Council

Executive

1 December 2014

Bicester Sports Village Update

Report of Director of Community and Environment

This report is public

Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to update the Executive with the latest project position in delivering the pavilion, car park, access requirements, floodlighting and 3G synthetic sports pitch.

1.0 Recommendations

The Executive is recommended to:

- 1.1 Note the progress in delivering phase 2 of the Bicester Sports Village project.

2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 At the Executive meeting in October 2014, the Executive considered an update report on the South West Bicester Sports Village project and this report will inform Members of how the project has developed since that meeting. In particular, the focus is on the procurement of the next stage in the project (phase 2 as it is known) to deliver the pavilion, car park, access, floodlights and 3G pitch.

3.0 Report Details

Revised Programme

- 3.1 It has been necessary to review and revise the project plan. The programme to complete this element of the Sports Village in November 2015 requires planning consideration in April 2015. Given that this will be during the pre-election purdah period and that this is a Council sponsored project, this will be delayed until May 2015 at the earliest and therefore a later completion date of January 2016.

Design and Planning Arrangements

- 3.2 Arrangements for the delivery of the programme utilising the majority of the advisers involved in the earlier process have been put in place. This involves Turner and Townsend providing a project coordinating role as well as cost consultancy services. They have appointed LSH Architects to continue the earlier design work

they produced and other consultants as necessary to provide the relevant information required for the planning application.

Construction contractor procurement

- 3.3 Procurement of the construction contractor is being aligned to the design work and planning application processes so that the contract is awarded after the planning consent and therefore takes account of any planning conditions that could have a cost implication. The changes to the programme have resulted in the construction cost certainty not being known until after any corporate capital bid process as agreed at the October Executive meeting. However, there will be a best estimate based on the proposed designs and the suppliers market testing results which will be used for consideration as part of the Council's 2015/16 capital programme.

Facility Operations Management Contractor

- 3.4 Officers are currently developing the procurement process for the Facility Operation Management Contractor (FOMC). This process will be aligned with the construction programme so as to allow the FOMC to have opportunity to influence the final fitting out of the pavilion building.

Consultation

- 3.5 It is proposed to undertake a consultation process in January 2015 with the public, sports clubs and other interested parties as a means of informing all of the project proposals and to gather further views to inform the project detail prior to submitting a planning application.

Project Board

- 3.6 The Project Board is aware of the issues highlighted in this report and the Board meetings have been aligned with key stages in the programme to ensure the project remains on track and any risks are managed accordingly.

4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The Bicester Sports Village project is now being progressed in the agreed form albeit slightly later than expected. The planning application will now be presented in time for determination post May elections which moves the anticipated project completion date to early 2016.

5.0 Consultation

Bicester Town Council

6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

- 6.1 The project has been approved and is progressing in accordance with these approvals. There are no other options being considered at this time other than proposals to remain within the approved funding envelope.

7.0 Implications

Financial and Resource Implications

- 7.1 Financial and resource implications were reported in the October report and remain the same.

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Legal Implications

- 7.2 There are no legal implications arising from this update report. Law and Governance continues to provide guidance and advice as necessary as this project progresses.

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Risk Implications

- 7.3 The risks associated with this report are related to the potential costs/available budget and are currently being mitigated through the design and market testing exercise. However, if there are any financial issues following this process then options will be presented for Members consideration at a future Executive meeting. Risks associated with this project are managed by the Project Board. Risks will be escalated as and when necessary through the corporate risk register.

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8.0 Decision Information

Key Decision

Financial Threshold Met: No

Community Impact Threshold Met: No

Wards Affected

All Bicester wards and surrounding rural wards.

Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework

A Safe, Healthy and Thriving District.

Providing the Bicester Multi-Sports Village would enable residents of Bicester and surrounding areas including children, young people and adults to take part in greater opportunities for meaningful, structured regular sport and physical activity.

This would give each individual the health related benefits of a physically active lifestyle and is consistent with Eco Bicester – One Shared Vision.

A District of Opportunity

The Bicester Multi-sports Village would provide a training facility for sports clubs to train and compete in their chosen sport. This would give players a participatory opportunity and give coaches and volunteers the opportunity to gain nationally recognised qualifications. If the full scheme was progressed the pavilion would also provide a much needed conference, function and meeting venue for Bicester increasing the facilities on offer to all organisations and companies.

Lead Councillor

Councillor George Reynolds, Deputy Leader.

Document Information

Appendix No	Title
1	Phase 2 Project Programme
Background Papers	
None	
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