

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER MEETING – HEALTH AND COMMUNITIES

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Report of the Strategic Director – Health and Community Safety

**DERBYSHIRE SPORT AND ACTIVE RECREATION PLAN – DERBYSHIRE
INSTITUTE OF SPORT PARTNERSHIP (Health and Communities)**

1. Purpose of the Report

To seek approval to continue to contribute to the Derbyshire Institute of Sport partnership initiative with Derby City Council and the University of Derby to support the delivery of the Derbyshire Sport and Active Recreation Plan.

2. Information and Analysis

The Derbyshire Sport and Active Recreation Plan vision is; *“To make Derbyshire one of the most active and successful sporting counties by 2020.”*

The plan has three ambitions – to increase participation; to develop talent, and to build capacity.

The County Council, through Derbyshire Sport is involved in a wide range of sports development programmes and initiatives including the Active Derbyshire Programme, the Village Games project and the work of the School Sport Partnerships. These initiatives support individuals and communities by building capacity and confidence and encouraging diverse groups to take part in physical activity.

Progress has been made in increasing participation during the last three years but more remains to be achieved. Further increasing participation will remain the key priority for partners who are engaged in delivering the plan for sport and active recreation.

The second ambition within the plan to develop talent is *“to improve the player pathways to enable more talented performers to fulfil their potential and as a result, for more performers from Derbyshire to be competing at national and international level by 2015.”*

There has been significant progress in this area following the establishment of the Derbyshire Institute of Sport which is a three-way

funded partnership project between the County Council, the City Council and the University of Derby. County Council funding of £50,000 per annum up to 2013/14 was approved by Cabinet on 1 November 2011. This sum was matched by partners and facilitated the establishment of the Institute programme to address the significant gap in the sports system in the county.

The investment has supported talented young people who compete at regional and at national level, but who do not receive lottery funding, to fulfil their potential. The Institute has provided stronger talent identification and development systems; has improved the levels of coaching, and access to sports science, medical and conditioning support and higher competition to fulfil the ambition within the plan.

The Institute Programme is led by Andy Wood, one of the country's top performance coaches, who lives in Derbyshire. The Institute is now ensuring that our most talented young sports people are able to access the right support systems to fulfil their capacity and compete at top level. It is now embedded within the sports structure, working with local school sports partnerships and the national governing bodies. Results are improving, making a significant difference to these youngsters who then become positive role models.

Governance for the programme is overseen by a Management Committee which includes Councillor Paul Smith. The initial phase of the programme has proved successful and the Management Committee, which comprises the County Council, the City Council and University of Derby, is recommending that the three-way funding partnership should continue for the next three years, prior to further review.

3. Considerations

3.1 Financial Considerations

The annual budget for the Derbyshire Institute of Sport is £210,000 to be funded equally between the County Council, City Council and the University of Derby. The County Council's contribution of £70,000 could be met by maintaining the existing budgetary commitment of £50,000 for the three year period to 2016/17, supplemented by a one-off sum of £60,000 from projected underspends from the 2013/14 Communities budget. The County Council's contribution would be subject to matching contributions from the City Council and the University of Derby.

3.2. Other Considerations

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered; legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Key Decision

No.

5. Call-in

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report?

No

6. Background Papers

Derbyshire Plan for Sport and Active Recreation.

Derbyshire Institute of Sport Management Committee reports

Previous Cabinet report

7. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION

That funding to support the Derbyshire Institute of Sport Partnership Initiative be approved as set out in the report.

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