

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Agenda Item No: 7(q)

CABINET

26 January 2016

Report of the Strategic Director for Children's Services

**DERBYSHIRE CHALLENGE FUND BID TO BUILD AND OPERATE AN INDOOR
FAMILY ADVENTURE CENTRE
(Children's Services)**

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval for a bid to The Derbyshire Challenge Fund to finance development costs for the proposed building of an indoor family adventure centre.

2. Information and Analysis

Children's Services are seeking to build and operate an indoor family adventure centre which will offer visitors an attractive and innovative active and social leisure facility. The facility will be operated on a semi-commercial basis and will provide a number of health and social benefits for families, as well as creating a cash surplus for re-investment by the Authority and used to support work with Derbyshire young people.

The key aims of this venture are:

- To create financial support for core funding of the Sports, Outdoor Education Service;
- To give families the opportunity to engage in healthy activity and positive play;
- To provide children's services and other strategic partners with an exciting facility for family engagement;
- To create new jobs and apprenticeships for young people in Derbyshire, at no cost to the taxpayer;
- To showcase the Council as an innovative and creative Authority

The Derbyshire Challenge Fund was established by Cabinet on 22 October 2013 to act as a resource to help develop transformational change initiatives that would contribute to the Council's budget reduction. In accordance with the Derbyshire Challenge Fund bidding and monitoring arrangements agreed by Cabinet on 28 May 2014, a bid to the Derbyshire Challenge Fund to secure revenue funding to finance these development works is detailed in Appendix A attached; this bid was given the support of Corporate Management Team on Wednesday, 7 October 2015.

3. Financial Considerations

A key aim of the project is to reduce public sector spend. However, there will be costs associated with the initial development of the project which will require additional funding in the short term.

Funding from the Derbyshire Challenge Fund totalling £115,000 is being sought for project management and building lease identification and transformation.

The challenge funding would be used in securing relevant building /planning permissions, as well as the associated technical fees pursuant with altering a building for Adventure Centre format and use. The management of this has been agreed with estates management team and reflects their estimate of £45,000 required and is therefore included in the identified £79,000

4. Human Resource Considerations

A Project Manager post will be offered on a Secondment or Temporary Fixed Term basis and will the appointment will be made in accordance with the DCC Recruitment and Selection Policy.

5. Other Considerations

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

6. Background Papers

Papers held on file at Lea Green Development Centre

7. Key Decision No

8. Call In

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report?
No.

9. OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet approves the Derbyshire Challenge Fund bid for £115,000 to finance development costs for the proposed Indoor Family Adventure Centre.

Ian Johnson
Strategic Director for Children's Services

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DERBYSHIRE CHALLENGE FUND BID PROPOSAL FORM
2015/2017

Please complete the below information as fully as possible and return your completed form to Wayne Sutton, Finance Manager Tel: 01629 538 894
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Department	CAYA
Service Area	SORE
Lead Officer	Ian Price
Grant Requirement	£115,000
Time Period	18 months
<p>Overview of Bid – please include details of why this funding is required, the benefits that will be produced and the timescales involved (500 words max)</p> <p>To build and operate an indoor family adventure centre offering families and visitors an attractive and innovative active and social leisure facility. This facility will be operated on a semi-commercial basis and will provide a number of health social benefits for families as well as create a cash surplus for re-investment by the authority. Then to use the surplus generated from this project to support work with Derbyshire young people:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creating financial support for core funding of the Sports, Outdoor Education Service; • giving families the opportunity to engage in healthy activity and positive play; • providing children's services (e.g. Locality teams, social care, community groups) and other strategic partners with an exciting facility for family engagement; • creating new jobs and apprenticeships for young people in Derbyshire, <u>at no cost to the tax payer</u>; • Showcasing the council as an innovative and creative authority. 	

Is funding being sought from any other organisation or body for this piece of work?	No
If yes, please give details of this additional funding stream and where funds are pending or confirmed.	

Organisation	Amount £	Pending or Confirmed
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FINANCIAL BUSINESS CASE

For bids please supply the below information

Please detail the areas in which the Challenge Fund Grant will be spent.

	2014/15	2015/16
Project management		36,000
Building lease identification and transformation		79,000
Total Revenue Expenditure		36,000
Capital Expenditure		79,000

Additional Information – please detail below any other additional information you wish to be taken into account e.g. are there any on-going cost implications

The Capital element of the project will be funded by a capital loan from Government paid back during the project term.

Will the Challenge Fund Grant be used for Capital purposes?

If Yes, what proportion of the Challenge Fund Grant will be used for capital purposes?

At the present time we have options available for the purchase of a building or of a lease. The challenge funding would be used in securing planning and change of use permissions, as well as the associated technical fees pursuant with identifying / securing and altering the building for Leisure orientated use. This will be managed by estates management team and reflects £45k of the identified £79,000

Other Resource Implications

Please give details of the impact the Challenge Fund Grant will have on	
Property usage	Targeted use of an identified building
IT usage	IT developed to support project and income generation
Other departments	Facility will provide an opportunity for other Services and Departments to engage with families and the wider public, this includes external partners include the Health Service.

ORGANISATIONAL BENEFITS

How does your Challenge Fund bid contribute to the following?	
Departmental Service Plans	Adopted as part of departmental plan, working together to support and inspire young people and their families to be the best they can be: safe, healthy, happy, learning and working. Implementing a way of enhancing and increasing income streams to offset service reductions.
Council Plan Pledges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Derbyshire that works (a strong economy); we will improve the opportunities available for local people, create jobs and secure additional investment into the county. - A healthy Derbyshire (healthier communities with reduced health inequalities); we will focus on supporting healthy communities by providing an affordable facility which will provide a caring and supportive environment for all ages, with a focus on healthy living. Improve health outcomes by building social capital in local communities. - A safer Derbyshire (resilient and safe communities); offering a facility which will encourage participation and allow young people to engage in activities which allow them to realise their potential and reduce offending,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A Derbyshire that cares (Thriving children, young people and families); support the development of sport and physical activity particularly for young people who are under achieving and young people in care. - A local Derbyshire (an ambitious and dynamic Council); we will aim to maximise income to achieve savings and to maximise the benefits from the Derbyshire Challenge Fund and further support the delivery of the Council's Innovation Strategy.
Service Transformation	n/a
Emerging Policy	n/a
Risk Register	n/a
Compliance Requirements	n/a
External Performance Review	Highlights innovative practice
Internal Performance Review	Highlights innovative practice

BENEFITS TO LOCAL PEOPLE

Please provide details of the anticipated improvement/benefits to local people/communities and communities of interest, including protection of frontline services.

Provides positive opportunities for young people and adults to be active and to play together. Current research indicates the importance of family activity and healthy approaches to active leisure. A family activity centre creates a positive model that introduces positive physical activity and fun and increases mobility creating and supporting opportunities for a healthy lifestyle.

The Project embraces social business as well as enterprise and seeks to blend the opportunities of commercial enterprise with much needed social action. In doing this we support health, community engagement and family activity as well provide adults and young people with employment opportunities. The centre will provide up to 8 full time posts, in addition to apprenticeship placements

This project will showcase Derbyshire as being a creative and innovative council that takes opportunities to overcome some of the financial issues created by the local government settlement in a unique and inventive manner. Creating jobs, increasing tourism opportunities, providing exciting models for family activity

The facility will embody safe, healthy activity and encourage families to get involved in play and activities together. Despite widely reported benefits of physical activity many of our families are inactive and do not engage in

positive play. All the available information indicates the need for positive intervention and the benefits this can provide both socially and financially. Communication is not enough, it has to be matched by action and opportunity

Bid Approval	
Departmental Strategic Director	
Date of Approval	
CMT	
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Leader/Deputy Leader	
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