

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

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**Joint Report of the Strategic Director for Children & Younger Adults and the
Director of Property**

**Wilsthorpe Community School – Proposed Upgrading of Sports Facilities to
Increase Community Involvement– (Education)**

1. Purpose of Report

To seek approval to the inclusion of an additional project in the 2012/13 Children and Younger Adults (CAYA) Capital Programme.

2. Information and Analysis

- 2.1.** The Authority wishes to support Olympic legacy projects that are of value to local communities. Wilsthorpe Community School has submitted a bid seeking support from the Authority for increasing community use of its sports facilities. The bid states; “Our intention is to build on the success of The Olympics and The Paralympics to inspire greater participation in sport as well as securing additional interest in our already successful community activities”.
- 2.2.** A recent bid to replace the school with a new building via the Government’s Priority Schools Building Programme was unsuccessful. Although some essential works to replace windows and doors are included in the Planned Maintenance Programme, the school is in need of a significant capital investment to improve its facilities. Supporting this bid would help to improve one large area of the school’s accommodation which is acknowledged to be a high priority for such an investment.
- 2.3.** The proposal has several elements summarised with budget costs as follows:

1	Renovate Sports Hall changing rooms/toilets and redecorate Sports Hall	Promote increased community use of the existing facilities (all-weather pitch area and Sports Hall) by upgrading poor quality changing facilities and redecoration in the Sports Hall.	£70,000
2	Refurbish gym changing rooms	These rooms were refurbished 9 years ago. Extensive use has left the areas looking tired and unwelcoming.	£6,000
3	Music system, speakers, PA and scoreboard for Sports Hall	Gymnastics and dance have both enjoyed a healthy resurgence. Dance is successful in the school but is limited by not having a suitable sound system for the Sports Hall. The school is investing in handball, a sport made popular by the Olympics and accessible to all ages and abilities as part of an 'alive and active' programme. The addition of a PA system and scoreboard will stimulate students and create an attractive venue for local hirers.	£8,000
4	Outside exercise equipment	The school does not have a fitness centre. They would like to encourage the use of this equipment through their PE lessons, making it available for community use in the evenings.	£11,500
5	All-weather pitch refurbishment	The all-weather pitch is hired out for community use most evenings and at weekends. The nets which divide the pitch into 3 are torn & require replacement. The hockey goals also require replacing to continue extensive after school and community use of the all-weather pitch.	£2,000 £3,500

6	Improve heating in gym for winter teaching/hiring	The existing heating system cannot cope in cold weather. This could be improved significantly by installing double glazed windows as one side of the building has floor to ceiling glazing. The gym is used every lesson and is also used for examinations in the summer- when it becomes very hot.	£85,000
7	Provide outdoor table tennis tables	The school would like students to have access to table tennis at breaks and lunchtimes and would like to provide outdoor tables.	£3,000
8	Additional external storage for PE equipment	Storage to support sport is currently insufficient. This estimate is for two steel sheds with security locks to be placed within a fenced area for added security.	£4,000
		Total budget cost	£193,000

3. **Financial Considerations** The total estimated cost of the Sports improvement project as detailed in Section 2 above is £193,000. The school's DFC is already earmarked to address essential maintenance issues but the Headteacher has undertaken to make a contribution of £17,000 from revenue funds.

The balance of the required funding (£176,000) can be met from the budget of £2.513m approved by Cabinet in December 2009 to support the co-location of services.

The income stream generated from additional community use will be for the benefit of the School.

4. **Other Considerations** In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: - prevention of crime & disorder, equality of opportunity; and environmental, health, legal & human rights, human resources, property and transport considerations.
5. **Background Papers** These are held in the CAYA Development Section and County Property Division files.

6. **Key Decision** No.

7. **Call-in:**

Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of any decision being made in this report? No.

8. **Directors' Recommendations**

8.1 That Cabinet approves an allocation of £176,000 from the budget approved to support the co-location of services to carry out a sports refurbishment and improvement project at Wilsthorpe Community School as detailed in the Report.

8.2 That the school's contribution of £17,000 be noted.

8.3 That the project be incorporated in the 2012/13 CAYA Capital Programme at a total budget cost of £193,000.

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