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MEETING	EXECUTIVE
DATE	6 JULY 2010
PRESENT	COUNCILLORS WALLER (CHAIR), AYRE, STEVE GALLOWAY, MOORE, REID AND RUNCIMAN
APOLOGIES	COUNCILLOR MORLEY
IN ATTENDANCE	COUNCILLORS CRISP, HEALEY, HUDSON, KING AND PIERCE

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## PART B - MATTERS REFERRED TO COUNCIL

### 27. COMMUNITY STADIUM BUSINESS CASE

*See also under Part A minutes]*

Members considered a report which presented a summary of the business case for a community stadium. Further information was provided in the annexes to the report, which drew on more detailed feasibility work and studies that had been commissioned.

The report illustrated that there was a cost effective, commercially sustainable business case for the development of a community stadium in York which would meet the project objectives whilst maximising the potential for external funding, income generation and community benefits. However, delivery of the project was entirely dependent upon the ability to close a funding gap of between £4m and £15m, principally by means of enabling development. Options for closing the funding gap, were examined in paragraphs 76 to 105 of the report. Further revenue funding was required to allow the project to progress to the procurement stage. £12k of previous LABGI allocations was available, in addition to the £186k received in 2009/10. Approval was therefore sought to use £198k of LABGI funding to progress the scheme.

As a minimum, the project could deliver a stadium and county standard athletics facilities. There was a strong case for the inclusion of additional components to ensure social and economic benefits. The facilities considered had been determined as either 'essential' or 'desirable' and the following two facility mixes had been established, with the potential to include the additional options of flexible office space, commercial health & fitness and a cycle track:

**Facility Mix A** – 6,000 all-seat stadium, athletics off site

**Facility Mix B** – as above, plus 3G pitches and a budget hotel.

A site selection exercise had identified the following site options for the stadium, as detailed in paragraphs 67 to 74 of the report and in annexes 1-5:

**Site 1** – Bootham Crescent / Dunscombe Barracks

**Site 2** – Hull Road / Heslington East

**Site 3** – Mille Crux / Nestlé North

**Site 4** – Monks Cross

**RECOMMENDED:** That Council approve the use of LAGBI money to the value of £198k to progress the scheme towards the procurement stage, with further costs being reviewed as the project commences, subject to a future report back to the Executive or to full Council.

**REASON:** To enable the project to progress to the procurement stage.

## **28. YORK SPORTS VILLAGE SWIMMING POOL**

*[See also under Part A Minutes]*

Members considered a report which set out a proposal from the University of York to provide a competition standard swimming facility for the City, to be located adjacent to the Grimston Bar Park & Ride site.

Key deliverables of the Council's current swimming facilities strategy, agreed in October 2007, included a partnership with the University of York to deliver a competition standard swimming pool, with full public access, as part of their 'York Sports Village' development. The requirement for a pool was included in the University's Section 106 agreement in respect of the development but the University was not in a position to complete the facilities within its own resources and there was no required end date for delivery.

The proposal now was for the Council to provide a one-off capital contribution of £3m, in exchange for a 25 year agreement with the University on the terms set out in Annex D to the report. This, added to £5m provided by the University and £1m external grant funding, would enable a pool and fitness facilities to be built to a high specification, with public access as required. The facility would be maintained and run by the University, at no revenue cost to the Council. It was recommended that this proposal be accepted. The alternative would be for the Council to act alone to develop a pool, which would cost upwards of £17m in capital outlay, as well as taking longer and requiring ongoing revenue subsidy.

**RECOMMENDED:** That Council approve an increase of £1m in the capital programme for the York Sports Village Swimming Pool (from the existing £2m), this to be financed from prudential borrowing, with the consequential revenue implications of £71k being accepted as committed growth for the 2011/12 budget.

**REASON:** To further the City's swimming strategy and to create excellent facilities for the people of York to use.

A Waller, Chair

[The meeting started at 2.00 pm and finished at 3.15 pm].