

20 July 2010

Executive Member Decision Session – Corporate Services

Report of the Director of Customer and Business Support

Strensall Parish Council

Summary

1. This report,
 - a. responds to a request from the Strensall Parish Council for financial support for the development of a community facility that will be used by young people in that area.
 - b. refers to a decision made by the Executive Member for Resources and Advisory Panel in June 2005

Background

2. Members received a report in June 2005 which sought Executive Member's approval to dispose of the Council's freehold interest in the property, described as Former Youth Club Premises – Strensall, which had been declared surplus to the Council's service requirements.
3. Members emphasised the need to support the Parish Council in seeking to provide youth facilities elsewhere in Strensall.
4. The Executive Member was advised:
 - a. That approval be given to a sale of the freehold interest of the property at the best possible price;
 - b. That the Parish council be advised that they would need to gain support from an appropriate service within the Council before their request, for some of the proceeds of the sale to be allocated to them for educational, youth or community purposes, could be considered;

- c. That the Executive be recommended that a proportion of the capital receipt be made available to Strensall Parish Council as a capital grant towards the provision of youth services in Strensall.
5. The Executive Member resolved that the Advice of the Advisory Panel be accepted and the above suggested decisions endorsed.
6. The decision was taken to release the Council from any further liability associated with maintenance and upkeep of the property by agreeing to dispose of the site thus realising a capital receipt which contributed towards the capital programme.
7. The property sale was completed in February 2008 for the sum of £310,000.

Information

8. The Parish Council have now approached the Council for a contribution of £25k to support the project to provide community facilities for young people within Strensall.
9. The project being managed by the Strensall and Towthorpe Sports Association (STSA) will work alongside the local community to upgrade the current STSA facilities which incorporate changing rooms, small community rooms, tennis courts and a Multi-Use Games Area.

Corporate Priorities

10. The project will contribute toward a healthy and inclusive City.

Implications

11. **Finance Revenue:** The financial implications of this report are reflected through the Capital Programme Outturn 2009/10 and Revisions to the 2010/11-2014/15 Programme which asks the Executive to approve the awarding of £25k to Strensall Parish Council on the terms set out above.
12. **Finance Capital:**
13. **Human Resources (HR):** None
14. **Legal:** None
15. **Crime and Disorder:** None
16. **Information Technology (IT):** None
17. **Property:** None.

18. **Recommendation**

To acknowledge the request for funding and to note the outcome of the decision of the Executive which will be fed back by officers at this meeting.

REASON: To formally feedback to Strensall Parish Council in response to the request made at this meeting on 26 April 2010.

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Wards Affected: Strensall Ward

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Background Papers:

Capital Programme Outturn 2009/10

Revisions to the 2010/11-2014/15 Programme