

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 20 APRIL 2011

DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS FUND

Report by Depute Chief Executive/Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1.0 PURPOSES OF REPORT

1.1 To present to Cabinet, for determination, a grant application seeking funding support over £15,000 from the Developer Contributions Fund as follows:

(a) Townholm Bowling Club – Ref: DCG/10/002

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 At its meeting on 23 June 2010, Cabinet agreed revised governance arrangements for the operation of the Developer Contributions Fund including that, following appropriate assessment of the project application, decisions on applications for grant funding in excess of £15,000 would be referred to Cabinet for determination. The necessary revisions to the Scheme of Delegation were approved by Council at its meeting on 23 September, 2010.

2.2 At a subsequent meeting on 2 December 2010 with the Leaders of the SNP, Labour and Conservative Groups and the Planning Spokesperson, the process for ascertaining the views of Elected Members was agreed.

2.3 This application was submitted to and continued by Cabinet at its meeting on 9th March 2011, given that further information had only come to light that day and in order that the information could be assessed and that there could be a re-consultation on the application.

2.4 On 1 April 2011, a meeting was held and a site visit undertaken with the Elected Members and their views on the undernoted application obtained; these are summarised in section 3 below.

2.5 There were no applications seeking funding of less than £15,000, considered at the meeting on 1 April 2011.

3.0 APPLICATIONS SEEKING FUNDING IN EXCESS OF £15,000 – SUMMARY

3.1 (a) Townholm Bowling Club – Ref: DCG/10/002

3.1.1 Summary Description of Application : The proposed project is to refurbish the dated Bowls House changing area located at Townhead Bowling Club, Townholm, Kilmarnock, KA3 1BB. This will allow year round access to the changing area for junior members and additional space in the winter months that can be utilised by senior members. The current membership is 170.

Townholm Bowling Club has indicated that the cost of the refurbishment is £29,500 including VAT.

3.1.2 Estimated Cost of Proposed Project and Funding Package Proposed by Applicant : The total estimated cost as per the application is £29,500 and the proposed funding package is as follows:-

Club's own contribution	-	£2,900
Local Grants	-	£1,500 (maximum)
Developer Contributions	-	£25,100

3.1.3 Previous Developer Contributions Award to applicant : No previous monies from the Developer Contributions Fund have been awarded to this organisation.

3.1.4 Assessment Outcome :_ The assessment is positive on the basis that the upgrade of the Club house will allow year round use to be made of it, encouraging extended participation of both junior and senior members. In addition, it will provide an enhanced facility which could be used by the local community, generating revenue for the Club.

3.1.5 Elected Members Views : The consensus view of the Elected Members at the meeting of 1st April, 2011 is that the application should be supported.

3.1.6 Proposed Source(s) of Funding from Developer Contributions : In the event of the application being approved, it is proposed to fund the full amount of £25,100 from Free Monies in the Northern Area Fund.

3.1.7 Recommendation : That the application for £25,100 is approved.

4.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no legal implications

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no financial implications other than the payment of Grant from the Developer Contributions Fund.

6.0 COMMUNITY PLANNING AND POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The proposed projects support the achievement of the objectives of the Delivering Community Regeneration and Improving Health and Wellbeing Action Plans of the East Ayrshire Community Plan.

7.0 RISK MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no risk management or personnel implications arising from this report.

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:-

- (i) agrees the specific recommendation as outlined in Section 3 of this report, namely;
- (ii) Townholm Bowling Club – approve funding of £25,100; and
- (iii) otherwise note the content of this report.

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8 April 2011

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

1. Application Form to the Developers Contributions Fund
2. Assessment Report on the Application

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