

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

KILMARNOCK SOUTH LOCAL COMMITTEE – 26 MARCH 2003

BETTER NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICE FUND : TEENAGE RECREATION AREA

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee on progress that has been made with the Better Neighbourhood Services funded Teenage Recreation area including the proposed location of the area.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Teenage Recreation Project has been funded through the Better Neighbourhood Services Fund (BNSF) and the outline project approved at the Emergency Powers Committee of 22 November 2001.
- 2.2 The project concept is to provide informal and casual 'kick about football/ basket ball areas' for young people. The areas would be for young people to use without any need for changing facilities and without the need for booking of the facility. The areas would not be for formal competitive sport.
- 2.3 In January and February 2002, Officers from the Council's Recreation Section met with young people from Shortlees Youth Groups and also Primary 7 pupils from Local Primary Schools to seek views on the proposed areas. Many views were given about the location and content of the recreation areas including the desire for multi sport courts rather than single walls.
- 2.4 Considering young people's views, it was agreed that the design would be a multi sport court, 22m x 12m, would be fenced and if the budget would allow, would include some basic lighting.
- 2.5 The initial proposal was to locate the court on the blaes area at Shortlees Primary School however, due to the proposed new school build a number of issues such as access and proximity to housing have resulted in another site being identified.
- 2.6 Lainshaw Park has now been selected for the location of the Court and approval for the location is being requested from the Community Services Committee of 2 April 2003. Lainshaw Park offers good visibility, is far

enough away from housing in terms of noise and some basic lighting may be able to be provided. The location will serve both Shortlees and Riccarton.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 A total of £50,000 has been allocated to this project from the BNSF.

4. LEGAL / AUTHORITY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None

5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 The Committee is invited to note the report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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