

Report to: Council, 11th July 2023

Report of: Chair of Communities Committee

Subject: REFERRAL REPORT FROM COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE 7TH JUNE 2023 - PROVISION OF A NEW ARTIFICIAL GRASS PITCH AT PERDISWELL

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the Council approves the use of land at Perdiswell for the provision of a new Artificial Grass Pitch, as set out within the attached report.

2. Background

2.1 At the meeting on 7th June 2023, the Committee considered a report on a proposal to construct a new 3G Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) at Perdiswell, to be located to the side of the building in the area of land between the Football Foundation changing accommodation (attached to Perdiswell Leisure Centre) and the six existing grass football pitches.

2.2 The Committee approved the business case for the proposal and agreed to the release of the 'in principle' capital allocation of £200k previously approved at Council on 5th July 2022, which represents the Council's financial contribution to the AGP project.

2.3 In accordance with the decision of Full Council on 22nd November 2016, any proposal to sell, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of land at Perdiswell should be determined by Full Council.

3. Preferred Option

3.1 That the Council approves the use of land at Perdiswell for the provision of a new Artificial Grass Pitch, as set out within the attached report (**Appendix 1**).

3.2 The Committee agreed the inclusion of a 10% biodiversity net gain in delivering this project.

4. Alternative Options Considered

4.1 See attached report.

5. Implications

5.1 Financial and Budgetary Implications

See attached report.

5.2 Legal and Governance Implications

See attached report.

5.3 Risk Implications

See attached report.

5.4 Corporate/Policy Implications

See attached report.

5.5 Equality Implications

See attached report.

5.6 Human Resources Implications

See attached report.

5.7 Health and Safety Implications

See attached report.

5.8 Social, Environmental and Economic Implications

See attached report.

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