

WARTH MEADOW FOOTBALL PITCH

Report of the Director of Place Management

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To request an allocation of £4,000 of Delegated Ward Budget towards the cost of enclosing the football pitches at Warth Meadow with 2.0metre high weld mesh fencing.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Warth Meadow Football pitches (Welkin Road, SK6 2BH) are home to Spurley Hey Football Club.
- 2.2 Spurley Hey Football Club hold a full maintenance and repair lease for the football pitches.
- 2.3 The Club was formed in 1968 and currently consists of 18 teams, including 2 senior teams and 16 youth and mini soccer teams across all ages. The Junior section (includes boys and girls teams) was formed in 1989 and has grown steadily from a single team to a full complement from under 6 academy group to teams from under 7's through to under 16's with approx. 200 playing members.
- 2.4 The site is vulnerable to damage from off road motorbikes with previous interventions to protect the site (low rail fencing) not providing the protection required.
- 2.5 The Club were granted planning permission (DC047842) in 2011 to enclose the football pitches with 2.0metre high weld mesh fence.
- 2.6 A lawful start has been made on the planning permission and there is now an opportunity to deliver and complete the fencing works.
- 2.7 The fencing will be placed around the parimeter of the pitches (600 metres) and is anticipated to cost £40,000.
- 2.8 The Club have an opportunity to make a funding application to the Football Foundation (£25,000) and are seeking match funding for this project.
- 2.9 There is currently £30,815.00 (May 2022) available in Brinnington and Central Delegated Ward Budget

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The Club is requesting an allocation of £4,000 from the Brinnington and Central Delegated Ward Budget to support this project.

3.2 The funding allocation would be subject to the following conditions;

- Compliance with the planning permission
- Legal approval
- Successful funding application to the Football Foundation.

4. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That Area Committee supports the scheme outlined in the report and authorises the allocation of £4,000 in Delegated Ward Budget (Brinnington and Central) to the fencing at Warth Meadow Football Pitch.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Richard Booker on telephone number Tel: 0161 474 4829 or alternatively email richard.booker@stockport.gov.uk