

Decisions taken by the Leader and Cabinet Member for Asset Management Decision Day on Monday, 5 December 2022

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Part A – Items considered in public

<p>A4</p>	<p>Winchester City Football Club Artificial Pitch (DD57)</p>	<p>That the matters, as set out in 1 to 4 below, be approved:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The submission by the council of a funding bid to the Football Foundation for an artificial pitch at Winchester City Football Club; 2. Delegation to the appropriate Corporate Head of Service to agree the details and submission of a planning application for an artificial pitch on council owned land as marked by the red line 	<p>The Council, as landlord, has been working in partnership with Winchester City Football Club (WCFC) in order to secure funding to install an artificial grass pitch on the site the club currently occupies. To date £200,000 of CIL funding has been allocated to the project and an agreement in principle has been reached with the Football Foundation for a grant towards the likely cost of circa £1m.</p> <p>The Football Foundation (FF) has indicated a willingness to approve a grant, subject to several conditions, including that the council submits a grant application jointly with</p>	<p>The council could have chosen not to proceed with a funding bid, but this would result in a number of missed opportunities. The work of WCFC has created an opportunity to bid for a substantial amount of external funding for facilities in the district and this funding would otherwise be directed elsewhere. This project also creates an opportunity to increase participation amongst women and people with disabilities – an opportunity that would be lost had a bid not been pursued.</p>
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		<p>in appendix 1;</p> <p>3. That, in the event that the funding bid is successful and the project proceeds:</p> <p>a. Football Foundation branding may be placed on our asset.</p> <p>b. A note can be added to the title to the premises at the Land Registry, which recognises the Football Foundation’s interest in the facility.</p>	<p>WCFC, with council as lead applicant.</p> <p>This report seeks approval to proceed with a funding bid to the FF and details any associated conditions.</p>	
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		<p>4. The delegation of authority to the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Asset Management, to accept the full terms and conditions of any grant award from the Football Foundation.</p> <p>That the matters, as set out in 5 and 6 below, be noted:</p> <p>5. That the facility would be operated by Winchester City Football Club and that all income would be used by the Club to meet the costs of</p>		
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		<p>operating, maintaining, repairing and replacing the pitch, including index-linked annual contributions to a pitch replacement fund; and</p> <p>6. That the project would not proceed unless the grant application to the Football Foundation secures all funding required to deliver the project in full.</p>		
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