

Report on	Sport NI Multi Facility Fund Application
Date of Meeting	14 th November 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update members of the outcome of the Sport NI Multi Facility Fund Application
2.0	Background
2.1	Sport NI launched its Multi Facility Fund in March 2018 and on advice MUDC Officers took the opportunity to make an application for the proposed upgrade of facilities at the Mid Ulster Sports Arena.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The Multi-Facility Fund is a new capital grants programme managed and administered by Sport Northern Ireland. The programme is financed by National Lottery funds.
3.2	<p>The proposed aim of the capital investment programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To partially address identified sports facility deficits; • To positively contribute to targets outlined in The Northern Ireland Strategy for Sport and Physical Recreation (2009-2019) – Sport Matters; • To positively contribute to objectives of Sport Northern Ireland's Corporate Plan.
3.3	<p>The Multi-Facility Fund prioritised projects that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a multi-facility environment (with a mixture of indoor and / or outdoor provision). Sport NI defines 'multi-facility' as: Four or more different sports facility types located on a single site. An example of a multi-facility project could include a natural turf pitch; synthetic pitch, sports hall, and a fitness suite. • Address identified sports facility deficits. • Can demonstrate consultation/support from three or more Sport NI recognised Governing Bodies of Sport and deliver against their local priorities. • Have a long-term sustainable sports development plan which details programmed activity, aimed at significantly increasing participation.

3.4	<p>Sport NI had indicated previously that the project had been successful at Stage 1 and we were invited to submit a stage 2 application, this included a detailed Sports development plan. On the 15th October Sport NI advised that we have been successful at Stage 2 of the process and that we have been invited to work with them to develop our project. However they did caveat the letter by saying,</p> <p><i>"I would also like to highlight that this letter is not a monetary offer of award nor does it guarantee that your organisation will be successful in securing an award. This letter merely gives your organisation approval to move to the next stage of the process".</i></p>
3.5	<p>The indicative budget for the programme is £6.75m and 10 applicants have been invited to the next stage. This will involve an initial meeting with Sport NI and CPD who will require a Green Book Economic Appraisal to be carried out on the proposed project, this is NOT an eligible cost for Local Authorities under the terms and conditions of the grant and will mean that MUDC will have to proceed at risk and commission this work.</p> <p>District councils are eligible for 60% of the costs up to a maximum of £1million. The estimated cost of the project will be in the region of £2,500,000.</p> <p>The application for MUSA included an 8 lane running track and pitch in the middle of the track both with floodlights. Other facilities to be considered but ineligible as part of the funding would be spectator accommodation, large meeting room, improved Strength and Conditioning facility and additional changing rooms.</p>
3.6	Negotiations with CAFRE are ongoing in relation to the land transfer.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<p>Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications</p> <p><u>Financial</u></p> <p>Project is dependent on funding being secured and land transfer from Department. The cost of developing and Economic Appraisal is estimated at £15,000 with budget available in existing 2019/20 leisure revenue budgets.</p> <p><u>Human</u> N/A</p> <p>Human: N/A</p> <p>Risk Management N/A</p>
4.2	<p>Screening & Impact Assessments</p> <p>Equality & Good Relations Implications</p> <p>Equality Impact Screening will be required</p> <p>Rural Needs Implications:</p>

	Rural Needs assessment will be required
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>That members note the success of the Stage 2 application and agree to work with Sport NI towards developing the project.</p> <p>Members are asked to agree that Council procure a consultant to complete a Green Book Economic Appraisal for the project as required at an estimated cost of £15,000.</p>
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Copy of the letter from Sport NI confirming stage 2 application has been successful.