

Report on	Improvement works to St Mary's Primary School and Bonn Cultural Association pitches, Pomeroy
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To update Members on proposals for improvement works to St Mary's Primary School and Bonn Cultural Association pitches, Pomeroy and to seek permission to complete a Tender Exercise.
2.0	Background
2.1	<p>District Council have been involved with the project since 2012, with costing exercises and site works undertaken to improve the existing facility. The original brief for the pitch was the provision of a 3G Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). In June 2014 a quotation of £40,000 was received to undertake improvement works to the grass pitch in preference to the installation of a 3G facility.</p> <p>In July 2014 a letter of offer was received by MUDC (formally Cookstown District Council) from SWARD 'To create a junior trim trail at St. Mary's Primary School'. This letter of offer also contained a funding offer for works at another site in Pomeroy namely 'To create a soccer pitch at Bonn Cultural Association site'. These works were procured separately (i.e. separate projects for works to the pitch and for the installation of trim trail/fencing). Contractors were procured by legacy Cookstown Council to undertake works to the St Mary's pitch, including regulating of the surface layer and the installation of drainage to reduce ponding within the play area.</p> <p>However, the condition of the pitch at St Mary's remains unsatisfactory, with a number of large stones visible on the surface and ongoing issues with water ponding on the pitch. This has led to the pitch being deemed unsuitable for use on Health and Safety grounds and as such requires urgent attention.</p> <p>In addition Contractors were procured by legacy Cookstown Council to undertake works to the soccer pitch at Bonn Cultural Association site but its condition still remains unsatisfactory. The pitch is very wet and compacted. It has a sand layer underneath which is capping soil and retaining water. The grass is for the most part meadow grass and there are rushes growing on the top end of the pitch.</p>

3.0	Main Report						
3.1	<p>Huge demand exists in Pomeroy for the provision of quality pitches. The two primary schools in Pomeroy are undertaking an amount of joint activity. The proposed improvements to the pitches are therefore continuing the process of building good relations in Pomeroy as they will be available to the local community to use outside of school hours. They are a key element of the bigger development proposals for Pomeroy that are being progressed as key drivers for improved community development and relations.</p>						
3.2	<p>It is proposed to progress with the original brief for the pitch at St. Mary's Primary School, with the installation of a 3G MUGA pitch system within the existing fence boundary (59.7m x 26.0m). The scope of works will include the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dismantle, set aside and re-use the existing perimeter fence panels and ball catch nets • Excavate to a suitable foundation (minimum depth of 300mm, dependent on ground conditions and drainage requirements). Reinststate edging kerb / pathway as required. • Install drainage (perimeter and lateral drainage) • Install and compact free draining stone base • Install open textured porous base course macadam • Install shock pad (specification dependent on proposed sports) • Install 3G synthetic surface (specification dependent on proposed sports) • Install basic pitch line marking • Install Pitch lighting 						
3.3	<p>The proposed 3G system playing surface will meet the requirements of the FIFA and GAA standards. Future maintenance of the pitch would be carried out at the expense of the school as per manufacturer's recommendations. The pitch will be open to book for community use. This process will be managed by the school themselves.</p>						
3.4	<p>Technical Services have estimated the costs for the works at £162,000. Funding of £136,000 has been secured through the Education Authority from the Department for Communities. This funding has to be incurred and spent by the end March 2018. Match funding of £26,000 is being requested from Council.</p>						
3.5	<p>It is also proposed that improvements be made to the soccer pitch at Bonn Cultural Association site. It is recommended that the top of the pitch be took off, the surface replenished with a sand and soil mix, levelled and sown out. Property Services have estimated the costs for the works at £7,000.</p>						
3.6	<p>The project has previously been included as part of the Council's Capital programme considered and approved by Council in March 2017.</p>						
3.7	<p>Technical Services proposed programme for the works is as follows:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Procurement and Award of IST Contract</td> <td>December 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planning Approval</td> <td>December 2017</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Works Commence on site</td> <td>Late January 2018</td> </tr> </table>	Procurement and Award of IST Contract	December 2017	Planning Approval	December 2017	Works Commence on site	Late January 2018
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	Works Completion	March 2018
4.0	Other Considerations	
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u>	
	<p>Financial: In existing Capital budgets. Match funding of £26,000 required for St Mary's pitch and £7,000 for improvements to Bonn Cultural Association site. This funding will leverage £136,000 of additional funding from the Education Authority.</p> <p>Human: Projects will be procured and managed by Council Technical Services.</p>	
4.2	<u>Equality and Good Relations Implications</u>	
	N/A	
4.3	<u>Risk Management Implications</u>	
	N/A	
5.0	Recommendation(s)	
5.1	That permission be granted to proceed with the proposed improvement works to St Mary's and Bonn Cultural Association pitches and to seek permission to complete a Tender Exercise. That a request be made to Policy and Resources Committee for the release of the funds to undertake these works.	
6.0	Documents Attached & References	
	None	