

Title: Community Sports Facilities Grant

Committee: Operational Services

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1.0 Issue

- 1.1. To consider a grant recommendation under the Community Sports Facilities Grants programme.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. Members are recommended to approve a grant of £48,000 to Burwell Community Sports Centre as set out in paragraph 4.1

3.0 Background/Options

- 3.1. The built leisure facility stock in East Cambridgeshire comprises of the Hive (owned by ECDC and operated by GLL) and a number of other centres operated by local trusts and academies, which are self-financing, with user charges roughly covering their normal operating costs. The centres have historically received advisory support and modest grants from the Council to support capital improvements and develop their services.
- 3.2. The Community Sports Facilities grant scheme was established to provide £300,000 of funding over three years to leisure centres to upgrade facilities and develop services to meet contemporary standards.
- 3.3. Partnership funding is requested.
- 3.4. A total of £252,000 has been allocated to date; Ross Peers Sports Centre (Soham) £179,500 for a full replacement of the sports hall roof; Ely Outdoor Sports Association £39,100 for the refurbishment of the toilet areas and £10,000 towards new Padel Courts; Littleport Leisure £12,000 for the refurbishment of the sports hall floor and £11,400 for the redevelopment of a second gym.
- 3.5. As funds remained available at the end of the three-year period, the scheme has been extended into 2025/2026.

4.0 Arguments/Conclusions

4.1. **Proposal:** Renewal of Sports Hall floor at Burwell Community Sports Centre

Anticipated Cost:	£63,410
Partnership Funding	£15,410
Grant recommended	£48,000

If the anticipated cost increases this will be met by Burwell Community Sports Centre as there is no further grant funding available.

- 4.2. The project has been developed by the centre management team and board of trustees to replace the worn-out floor and ensure that a vital community facility remains in place for existing and new users.
- 4.3. Partnership funding will come from the centre's reserves.
- 4.4. The Centre's sports hall currently provides a venue for activities including Badminton, Roller-Hockey, Table Tennis, Cricket and Football, plus many other groups and targeted programmes to benefit the community. The new flooring will support all these as well as being suitable for new opportunities such as Pickleball.
- 4.5. The sports hall supports Burwell and the surrounding communities with participants travelling from across the district to access some of the specific clubs.
- 4.6. This project will provide the opportunity to get more people active, support residents health and wellbeing, sustain and increase participation levels at the centre.

5.0 Additional Implications Assessment

5.1 In the table below, please put Yes or No in each box:

Financial Implications No	Legal Implications No	Human Resources (HR) Implications No
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) No	Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) No	Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) No

6.0 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Burwell Community Sports Centre application form.

7.0 Background documents

None