

**OFFICER DELEGATION SCHEME
RECORD OF DECISION**

TO BE UPLOADED TO THE INTERNET BY DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

Date: 8/7/24	Ref No: 1127
Responsible Officer: Neil Long/Helen Blyth	
Type of Decision (please refer to MO Guidance):	
Key <input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Key <input type="checkbox"/>
Freedom of Information Status: <i>(can the report go in the public domain)</i>	
For publication	
Title/Subject matter:	
Top Park 3G Pitch and Pavilion – Acceptance of Grant	
Budget/Strategy/Policy/Compliance:	
(i) Is the decision within an Approved Budget?	Yes
(ii) Is the decision in conflict with the council's policies, strategies or relevant service plans?	No
(iii) Does the decision amend existing or raise new policy issues?	No
(iv) Is the decision significant and/or does it meet the £100,000 threshold for recording?	Yes (over £100,000)
(v) Has the s151 & MO been consulted? (Please attach any advice)	Yes (via draft cabinet report)

<p>Equality Impact Assessment [Does this decision change policy, procedure or working practice or negatively impact on a group of people? If yes – complete EIA and summarise issues identified and recommendations – forward EIA to Corporate HR]</p>	<p>Yes – Completed and signed off as part of the Cabinet report.</p>
<p>Summary: To seek approval to accept grant funding of up to £999,498 (70%) from the Football Foundation towards the cost of a new floodlit 3G pitch, pavilion extension and carpark improvements at Top Park, Ramsbottom, along with the Terms and Conditions which form part of their offer letter.</p> <p>Legal have been consulted on the Terms and Conditions, but your attention is drawn to the following, in particular the restriction on the registered title of the property, to protect the asset for the duration of the 21 year clawback period. In addition, if requested to do so by the Foundation, enter into a deed of dedication in relation to the property.</p> <p>Bury Council will be contributing up to £425,000 as match funding towards a total cost of £1,424,498 for this project, and as owners of the site we are the applicant for this proposal to the Football Foundation. However, we are working in very close partnership with Ramsbottom Junior Football Club, who are joint applicants and will be responsible for the day to day operation and management of the site.</p> <p>The match funding of £425,000 will be met from approved capital budgets. This project is also the subject of a report that is going to Cabinet on 16th July 2024.</p> <p>A project implementation team will now be established to oversee the works on site and to monitor the T&Cs from the Football Foundation.</p> <p>The pitch construction elements of the project are being undertaken by Lanosport, a sports surface specialist, on our behalf. Construction of the pavilion and carpark is being managed by Steve Wells Associates, who also managed the bid process.</p> <p>A lease agreement will be implemented in partnership with Ramsbottom Junior Football Club for the 3G artificial pitch, pavilion and also for the grass pitches for a period of not less than 21 years.</p>	

Wards affected: Ramsbottom		
Consultations:		
Scrutiny & Review Committee Interest:		
Options considered:		
Decision <i>[with reasons]</i>		
Decision made by:	Signature:	Date:
Executive Director of Operations		09/07/2024
Assistant Director		08/07/2024
Members Consulted <i>[see note 1 below]</i>		
Cabinet Member		08/07/2024
Lead Member		
Opposition Spokesperson		

- Notes**
- Where, in accordance with the requirements of the Officer Delegation Scheme, a Chief Officer consults with the appropriate Cabinet Member they must sign the form so as to confirm that they have been consulted and that they agree with the proposed action. The signature of the Opposition Spokesperson should be obtained if required, to confirm that he/she has been consulted. Please refer to the MO Guidance.
 - This form must not be used for urgent decisions.**
 - Where there is any doubt, Corporate Directors should err on the side of caution and seek advice from the Council's Monitoring Officer.

