

# NORTH NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHADOW AUTHORITY

## SHADOW EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2021**

<b>Report Title</b>	<b>Assets, Capital Schemes and Reserves Notifications - Earls Barton Parish Council, The Grange Sports Field</b>
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#### **Appendix A – Copy of Report of Section 151 Officer to Resources Committee of Borough Council of Wellingborough, 24 February 2021**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

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- 1.1. To seek endorsement by the Shadow Executive Committee to a decision taken by the Borough Council of Wellingborough in relation to the capital funding request submitted by Earls Barton Parish Council (EBPC) for a grant towards The Grange Sports Field.

#### **2. Executive Summary**

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- 2.1. The Borough Council of Wellingborough (BCW) received a report from EBPC requesting that a capital grant of £800,000 be approved, in principle towards The Grange Sports Field. The grant would be released following confirmation that other funding sources had been committed. BCW approved the report at its meeting on 24 February 2021.
- 2.2. The funding is supported by a business case as set out in the report attached at Appendix A.

#### **3. Recommendations**

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- 3.1. It is recommended that the Shadow Executive Committee:
- a) Endorse the decision by the Borough Council of Wellingborough to approve, in principle, the release of £800,000 as a grant towards The Grange Sports Field development to be released when confirmation is received that other funding sources have been committed.

- 3.2. *Reason for Recommendations – Agreeing the capital grant of £800,000 to this project will ensure that the scheme is adequately funded to extend the usage of the Grange and to develop the facilities giving the residents and the wider community the opportunity to improve their health and wellbeing.*

#### **4. Report Background**

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- 4.1. BCW has been working in partnership with EBPC for many years on the planning of new housing and the provision of new community facilities for the parish, including at the Grange Sports Field, located off Northampton Rd, Earls Barton, Northamptonshire, NN6 0HF
- 4.2. EBPC has provided a full business case to the Resources Committee of BCW in support of the scheme and its grant request.
- 4.3. The estimated cost of the scheme is £3.4m, some of which has already been spent by EBPC. The request for £800,000 from BCW would equate to approximately 24% of the estimated budget.
- 4.4. EBPC has outlined within the business plan how it proposes to finance the remaining costs and how this funding has or will be obtained. This is summarised in Section 6 of the attached report (Appendix A).

#### **5. Issues and Choices**

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- 5.1. The Shadow Executive Committee is requested to endorse the decision by the Borough Council of Wellingborough to approve, in principle, the release of £800,000 as a grant towards The Grange Sports Field development.

#### **6. Implications (including financial implications)**

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##### **6.1. Resources and Financial**

- 6.1.1. The BCW Resources Committee at its meeting on 24 February 2021 approved, in principle, the release of £800,000 as a grant towards The Grange Sports Field.

##### **6.2. Legal**

- 6.2.1. There are no legal implications arising from the proposals.

##### **6.3. Risk**

- 6.3.1. There are no significant risks arising from the proposed recommendations in this report.

##### **6.4. Consultation**

- 6.4.1. EBPC has carried out public consultation with regard to their development proposals.

##### **6.5. Consideration by Overview and Scrutiny**

6.5.1. Not applicable.

6.6. **Climate Impact**

6.6.1. Wherever possible the climate/environmental impact will be minimised by the use of natural products from sustainable sources.

6.7. **Community Impact**

6.7.1. The completion of this scheme will give residents and the wider community the opportunity to improve their health and wellbeing.

7. **Background Papers**

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7.1. Financial Services budget monitoring working papers.

7.2. EBPC full business case.