

**Extract of Executive Board Minutes Relevant to the Employment, Learning Skills and Community Policy and Performance Board**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 28 JUNE 2012**

**EXB36 - WIDNES RECREATION CLUB DEVELOPMENT - KEY DECISION**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Communities, on proposals for the re-development of the Widnes Recreation Club site in Widnes.

The report provided a brief history of the site since 1996, when ICI divested responsibility of the site. In December 2010, the Council resolved to enter into discussions with Widnes Sport Ltd as the new prospective tenants. It was noted that a number of proposals had been discussed which had been tested against national planning constraints, affordability and viability criteria.

The site had historically provided an important community sports facility and pitches for the community and Members were advised that in developing the site, multi- sport use had been the prime consideration. In addition, the proposal would see the site regenerated as a major sporting and community facility and would continue to provide playing fields for public use with the addition of a number of artificial pitches. The design details were attached at Appendix 1, and the report provided details on the current and proposed sports facilities.

**Reason(s) for Decision**

These facilities would provide a range of sports facilities, improving the existing site and provision, and it was therefore in the community's interest to develop the area.

**Alternative Options Considered and Rejected**

These were subject of a previous report to Executive Board on 8 April 2010.

**Implementation Date**

To be determined.

RESOLVED: That

- 1) the proposal be supported in principle;

- 2) the remains of the club house building on site be demolished as soon as terms can be agreed with our insurers and in line with Standing Orders and Financial Regulations;
- 3) the Strategic Director, Communities, be given delegated authority, in consultation with the Portfolio holder for Neighbourhood, Leisure and Sport and the Leader of the Council, to take all necessary steps to progress the proposal; and
- 4) before a final decision or any binding commitment on the project is made, a further report be submitted to Executive Board, containing details of the development agreement and business plan and the associated financial implications.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 12 JULY 2012**

### **EXB45 – SPORTS STRATEGY**

The Board considered a report of the Strategic Director, Communities, which presented a revised Sports Strategy for Halton.

The Board was advised that the former Sports Strategy was in need of revision and that a new 3 year Strategy, which had been subject of public consultation, would help shape priorities and strengthen the local delivery of sport across Halton.

The Board noted that the Strategy, attached at Appendix 1 to the report, identified six key themes. These were:

- Increase participation and widening access;
- Club development;
- Coach education and volunteering;
- Sporting excellence;
- Finance and funding for sport; and
- Sports facilities

In addition, it was underpinned by the need for partnership working with both local and national partners.

**RESOLVED:** That the Sports Strategy 2012-2015 be adopted.