



Leicester
City Council

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Beaumont Leys and Mowmacre

FORWARD TIMETABLE OF CONSULTATION AND MEETINGS:
Cabinet **22nd April 2003**

Accountable Body Role for Leicester North West Healthy Living Network

Report of the Corporate Director of Education and Lifelong Learning

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1** To seek approval for Leicester City Council to assume the accountable body status for this New Opportunity Fund supported initiative.

2. Summary

- 2.1** In September 2002 a partnership bid from agencies and community groups who work in the northwest of Leicester was awarded £1 million over five years to develop the Leicester North West Healthy Living Network.
- 2.2** The successful bid allowed for the building of extensions to the Tudor Centre in Mowmacre and Barleycroft Youth Centre in Beaumont Leys. A third standalone building would be located on the site of Stocking Farm Youth and Community Centre.
- 2.3** The total value of capital works is approximately £800,000 of which £530,000 will be NOF funded and the rest SRB5. Four new posts will be created, including a Programme Manager.
- 2.4** NOF's budget makes an allowance for the increased running costs of the new build.
- 2.5** The PCT had agreed to act as accountable body and had accepted the grant offer on that basis. However, conditions of the NOF funding require the accountable body to take the tenure of the new build.
- 2.6** As the new build comprises of extensions to Lifelong Learning and Community Development Division settings the PCT having tenure is not acceptable to the City Council. A key strategy in building on to existing centres is to encourage new activities and synergy with existing services.

2.7 As an alternative, NOF have suggested making the City Council and not the PCT the grant recipient. Issues about tenure will then be resolved, with the City Council responsible for the delivery of the project and the management of the new build.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The Cabinet is recommended to agree that Leicester City Council undertakes the Accountable Body Role for Leicester North West Healthy Living Network subject to the approval of the Head of Legal Services and the Chief Financial Officer to the detail of the contract.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The successful bid was for £1 million. The total capital works is approximately £800,000 of which £530,000 will be NOF funded.

4.2 The NOF monies will need to be managed, accounted for and drawn down by the City Council on a quarterly basis. The SRB5 programme has agreed to oversee all the capital works and the majority of the remaining budget will be allocated to staff costs. The programme manager will be responsible for the monitoring information in terms of targets.

4.3 As the accountable body, the City Council will be unable to draw down the funding from NOF if the project's targets are not achieved. The track record of SRB5 and systems and procedures within the Environment, Regeneration and Development Department and the Council generally will enable the management of the risk.

4.4 If however the targets are not met the shortfall caused by the failure to draw down funds will need to be met from, and therefore put pressure on, Education and Lifelong Learning Department budgets.

4.5 Risk Management Matrix

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Management Actions
Failure to deliver the targets set out in Funding Agreement results in failure to draw down the funding from N.O.F.	L	H	Management of the Project by SRB 5, supported by officers in the Education and Lifelong Learning Department, to utilise their experience of similar projects to ensure the delivery of the targets.
Failure to deliver the exit strategy results in claw back, in full or part, of the capital funding.	L	H	Management of the Project by SRB 5, supported by officers in the Education and Lifelong Learning Department, to utilise their experience of similar projects to ensure the delivery of the exit strategy.
Failure to properly fulfil the duties of the Accountable Body results in failure to draw down funding from N.O.F.	L	H	Management of the Accountable Body function by the Environment, Regeneration and Development Department to expertise and tried and tested procedures.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 Consideration needs to be given to whether any of the risks identified within the report can be shared with other agencies forming part of the Network (Guy Goodman, Assistant Head of Legal Services - ext 7054).

6 Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph References within this report
Raising Standards	No	
Equal Opportunities	No	
Policy	No	
Sustainable and Environmental	No	
Crime and Disorder	No	
Human Rights Act	No	
Elderly/People on Low Income	No	

7. Consultations

None.

8. Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

None.

9. Report Author

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DECISION STATUS

Key Decision	No
Reason	N/A
Appeared in Forward Plan	No
Executive or Council Decision	Executive (Cabinet)