

**STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS**

**PROFORMA**

Cabinet Meeting .....25th October 2007

1. Title of Item/Report

Changing Facilities - Harold Wilson Recreation Ground

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a report relating to the proposed development of new changing facilities at the Harold Wilson Recreation Ground.

It was explained that over the years the Harold Wilson Recreation Ground had been used for many sports including, hockey, basketball, general recreation and more prominently for local amateur football. The site included two football pitches. Unfortunately original changing pavilion at the site was removed due to the condition of the timber construction being beyond economic repair.

In September 2006 the Harold Wilson Steering Group had been reconstituted to explore the development opportunities for the site including the provision of new changing facilities as a priority. The Steering Group consisted of residents, residents groups, ward members and Thornaby town councillors. It was explained that the continued regeneration of the site complemented works already carried out on the site to improve the playing surface by providing much improved drainage on the site. The drainage work was carried out in 2003 on the playing pitches at the Harold Wilson Recreation Ground at a cost of £250,000.

Members were advised that new changing facilities could be provided on the site using high quality modular buildings. The modular facilities allowed for the changing facilities to be easily extended should this be appropriate and funding allowed. The buildings had a high quality finish including a brick appearance and a pitched roof and met the required standard set down by the Football Foundation.

It was explained that £50,000 had been approved from SBC capital programme to lever in external funding and a provisional £100,000 of external funding was awaiting confirmation, with a further £30,000 identified from CFYA as a spend to save investment. A project could be delivered for around £180,000 which was sufficient to provide changing facilities for 2 football teams (including showers) referee changing

facilities storage room and spectator and disabled toilets.

RESOLVED that the utilisation of the £50,000 capital to support the project be approved

3. Reasons for the Decision

To provide appropriate and fit for purpose changing facilities at the Harold Wilson Recreation Ground to increase participation, by the development of site facilities to include 2 changing rooms with shower/wc, storage room, officials room with showers/wc, spectator and appropriate disabled facilities.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillors Mrs Womphrey and Mrs Beaumont declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in this item as they were both members of the Tees Active Board

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not applicable.

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By no later than midnight on Friday 2nd November 2007

Proper Officer  
30 October 2007