

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

FINANCE and PROPERTY ADVISORY BOARD

15 May 2012

**Joint Report of the Chief Leisure Officer, Director of Finance
and the Cabinet Members for Leisure, Youth and Arts and Finance**

Part 1- Public

Matters for Recommendation to Cabinet - Council Decision

1 TONBRIDGE RACECOURSE – FLOODLIGHTING

Summary

This report brings forward a Capital Plan evaluation for the provision of floodlighting at Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground.

1.1 Introduction

1.1.1 A number of requests have been received from young people, the Police and Local Members to floodlight the teenage facilities at Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground to extend their use through the winter months. These facilities include the skate park, ball court and tennis courts.

1.1.2 The provision of floodlighting was considered by Members of the Leisure and Arts Advisory Board on the 28 February 2012 where it was recommended (Decision D120029MEM) that a Capital Plan evaluation be reported to the next meeting of the Finance and Property Advisory Board. The full evaluation can be found at **[Annex 1]**.

1.2 Legal Implications

1.2.1 None.

1.3 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

1.3.1 The cost of the capital scheme is being met in full through external funding including contributions from the Local Strategic Partnership, Police and Kent County Council Local Members. The Council's Financial Procedure and Contract Procedure Rules will be adhered to and a Post Implementation Review will be undertaken.

1.3.2 There will be a Capital Renewals impact of the scheme of £1,500 per annum, and a revenue impact of £1,000 per annum to cover electrical/maintenance costs.

1.4 Risk Assessment

- 1.4.1 Risk assessments will be undertaken, or sought from contractors, in regard to the design and implementation of the scheme.

1.5 Equality Impact Assessment

- 1.5.1 See 'Screening for equality impacts' table at end of report.

1.6 Policy Considerations

- 1.6.1 Asset Management, Crime & Disorder Reduction and Healthy Lifestyles.

1.7 Recommendations

- 1.7.1 It is **RECOMMENDED** that the proposed floodlighting of facilities at Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground as outlined at **[Annex 1]** be referred to Cabinet with a recommendation to Council that the scheme be transferred to List A of the Council's Capital Plan.

Background papers: Nil

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Screening for equality impacts:		
Question	Answer	Explanation of impacts
a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community?	No	The report seeks to extend the potential use of existing youth facilities
b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality?	Yes	The report seeks to extend the potential use of existing youth facilities
c. What steps are you taking to mitigate, reduce, avoid or minimise the impacts identified above?		

In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above.