

CAPITAL PLAN LIST C – EVALUATIONS

1.	Tonbridge Farm Sportsground – Refurbishment of All Weather Pitch			
	1.	Specification / Description of Works:		
		(i)	Purpose of the scheme:	To refurbish the existing floodlit all weather pitch at Tonbridge Farm Sportsground following flood damage. The all weather pitch has come to the end of its economic life and has been the subject of customer complaint regarding the quality of the playing surface and the rebound boards. The facility is well used by local football clubs and Members will be aware there is a shortfall in the provision of floodlit all weather pitches in the borough. Half of the area is currently out of operation following flood damage.
		(ii)	Relevance to National / Council's Strategic Objectives:	a) National: Promoting healthier communities Creating safer and stronger communities Working towards the Green Flag Award scheme b) Council: Operate the Council's leisure facilities/services more effectively, efficiently and economically, within approved levels of resources, to meet identified needs – 7c. Give priority to involving and meeting the needs of young people – 7g (key priority). Promote, encourage and provide opportunities for healthy living – 10a (key priority). Reduce anti-social behaviour – 11a (key priority). The need for floodlit all weather pitches has been identified as a gap in current provision within the Playing Pitch Strategy and the draft Leisure and Arts Strategy 2008-13.
		(iii)	Targets for Judging Success:	The existing facility is well used by local clubs and the scheme will be judged against:: - Improved facilities - Improved feedback from clubs - Successful Green Flag Award application - Enhanced protection against future flooding - Achievement of income targets
	2.	Design Issues: The refurbishment will involve the reconstruction and replacement of the synthetic grass pitch, the provision of new rebound boards and the replacement of the perimeter fence. Whilst the refurbishment will include some measures to minimise the effects of future flooding, the overall protection of the facility still needs to be addressed, and is currently identified as a List C scheme for evaluation within the Capital Plan. Any future flood defence works will not directly affect the proposed refurbishment works.		

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3.	Consultation: The existing facility has been the subject of customer complaint from local clubs, which are keen for the area to be improved as soon as possible. The Chairman of Tonbridge Sports Association is supportive of the proposed refurbishment and would wish to see the works progressed as soon as practically possible. The all weather pitch is managed by the Angel Centre and generates annual income to the Council of £28,000. The Angel Centre Manager has been consulted on the proposed refurbishment and is supportive. The Council's Insurance Officer has advised that in terms of loss of income cover, the Council's insurers will continue to cover the all weather pitch whilst it is out of operation, but obviously wish to see the work progressed as soon as possible. With regard to ongoing insurance cover, whilst no mandatory requirement has yet been imposed on the Council to protect the facility from flooding and the excess remains at £250, the Insurers have requested details from the Council on what action it intends to take in the future.			
4.	Capital Costs: The estimated capital cost of the refurbishment is £162,000. A contribution of £39,545 from the Council's Insurers has been agreed to repair the area recently damaged by flooding.			
5.	Profiling of Expenditure			
	2008/09 (£'000)	2009/10 (£'000)	2010/11 (£'000)	2011/12 (£'000)
	162,000	-	-	-
6.	Revenue Impact: The loss of interest on investments will be £6,100.			
7.	Partnership Funding: £39,545 from Council's Insurers. Liaison is being undertaken with the Football Foundation regarding possible partnership funding, although it is anticipated that funding will not be available as the project is for a refurbishment rather than a new facility.			
8.	Post-Implementation Review: 12 months from completion.			
9.	Recommendation: Transfer from List C to List A for implementation in 2008/09.			