

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

BILBOROUGH BOXING CLUB FUNDING UPDATE

1 SUMMARY

This report asks members to select the preferred option to develop a feasibility report for the Bilborough Boxing Club

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that members note the following:-

- (i) that the Area Co-ordinator will work with Leisure Services and Chair of West Area Committee to decide the remit for feasibility study;
- (ii) the feasibility study will be produced in-house, using Design Services;
- (ii) the Area Co-ordinator will work with Leisure Services to compile a feasibility study.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members may recall a report presented to this Area Committee meeting on the 10th January 2007 titled "Bilborough Community Boxing Club". This Committee agreed the recommendation requesting to set aside £33,605 from the Bilborough Ward uncommitted balances to be set aside for the club. The resources provided by this Area Committee were to act as seed corn towards the submission of a bid to either UK Sports or Sports England.
- 3.2 During the presentation of the report "Financial Position of the West Area Committee at February 2007", at a meeting of this Committee in March this year, it was resolved that a progress report be submitted to today's meeting regarding progress towards securing of further funding for Bilborough Boxing Club.
- 3.3 The West Area Coordinator and the Assistant Manager of Harvey Hadden Sports Centre have made preliminary enquiries to potential funding agencies. The two streams for which the Boxing Club qualifies are:-
 - Community Investment Partnership Funds
 - Regional Sports Strategy Funds
- 3.4 To submit a bid to the above funds the Boxing Club must prepare a feasibility report which includes:-
 - Architectural Report
 - Engineers Report

- Quantity Surveyors Report
- Evidence of Consultation and Partnership Working

3.5 The likely cost of a feasibility report is approximately £9,000. Members may want to consider using external agencies such as Marsh: Grochowski (Urban and Interior Designers) or others specialising in community facilities. However, an alternative option maybe to use the Design Services within the City Council.

4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The fees required for the production of the feasibility study can be met from the original £33,605 approved for Bilborough Boxing Club by this Area Committee at it's meeting in January 2007.

5 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

6 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

Many of the young people the Boxing Club is working with are from deprived backgrounds and excluded from main stream provision. The Boxing Club enable this group to exercise regularly, raises their self esteem and confidence.

7 RISK ASSESSMENT ISSUES

It is likely a bid cannot be submitted unless it is accompanied with a detailed feasibility study.

8 CONSULTATIONS

Consultation regarding the feasibility and potential options is ongoing with the Management Group for the Bilborough Community Boxing Club.

9 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

This report will impact on the following Corporate Priorities:

- People feeling safe in their communities
- Improved educational attainment
- A cleaner city

10 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

The Boxing Club is considered a valuable resource in diverting young people away from crime and Anti-Social Behaviour.

11 VALUE FOR MONEY

The preparation of the feasibility study is considered essential in submitting a detailed funding bid for a substantial amount of resources to benefit the Bilborough Boxing Club. A successful bid is likely to attract approximately £500,000 to rebuild the Boxing Centre Academy.

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List of background papers other than published works or those disclosing confidential or exempt information

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Published documents referred to in compiling this report

None.

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