

REPORT TO: Employment, Learning, Skills & Community Policy & Performance Board

DATE: 8th January 2014

REPORTING OFFICER: Operational Director, Community and Environment

PORTFOLIO: Community and Sport

SUBJECT: Widnes Recreation Ground Development

WARD(S) Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide a verbal update on the Widnes Recreation Ground Development, Liverpool Road, Widnes further to Executive Board report and project proposal outline business plan on 5th September 2013.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That:

the report be noted;

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 A business plan had been prepared which contained background detail, project outline and associated financial implications for the development of a sports facility at the former recreation site.

3.2 The new sports facilities would include new changing facilities, an indoor activity room, kitchen facilities, an external multi use games area, a new cricket pitch, reconfiguration of the outdoor sports pitches and improvements to the car park. The draft business plan would be sent to Sport England for comments.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 No policy implications.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 It was reported that the estimated £2.680m required to fund the scheme would be raised by the proposed sale of 3 acres of land at the Widnes Recreation site for housing development.

6.0 **IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES**

6.1 **Children and Young People in Halton**

None identified.

6.2 **Employment, Learning & Skills in Halton**

None identified.

6.3 **A Healthy Halton**

None identified.

6.4 **A Safer Halton**

None identified.

6.5 **Halton's Urban Renewal**

None identified.

7.0 **RISK ANALYSIS**

7.1 None identified.

8.0 **EQUALITY & DIVERSITY ISSUES**

8.1 There are no Equality and Diversity issues associated with this report.

9.0 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

None under the meaning of the Act.