



Havering
LONDON BOROUGH

Notice of Non-key Executive Decision

Subject Heading:	Brittons Playing Field Football Hub – Grant Offer
Decision Maker:	Guy Selfe
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Gillian Ford
SLT Lead:	Patrick Odling-Smee
Report Author and contact details:	Darrell Braiden, 01708 433406, darrell.braiden@havering.gov.uk
Policy context:	People – things that matter to residents
Financial summary:	The Football Foundation has offered a grant of up to £202,733 towards the cost of the upfront fees and surveys associated for completing RIBA Stages of Work 1-3 for the proposed football Hub at Brittons Playing Field.
Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Sub Committee:	People Place
Is this decision exempt from being called-in?	The decision will be exempt from call in as it is a Non key Decision

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

People - Things that matter for residents X

Place - A great place to live, work and enjoy

Resources - A well run Council that delivers for People and Place.

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Part A – Report seeking decision

DETAIL OF THE DECISION REQUESTED AND RECOMMENDED ACTION

The decision Maker is requested to:

1. Note that the Football Foundation has offered a grant award for pre-construction work for the development of a football hub at Brittons Playing Field.
2. Agree and sign the terms and conditions of the grant offer.

AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH DECISION IS MADE

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STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Background

1. On 11 December 2004, in a report on the development of a football hub at Brittons Playing Fields Cabinet agreed (amongst other things) to

Authorise the Head of Leisure and Culture, in consultation with the Strategic Director of Resources and the Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing to:

- a. Make an application to the Community Infrastructure Fund and to external funders for the funds necessary as partnership funding, progress the feasibility study to substantiate an application to the Football Foundation for further grant funding and to progress the preliminary design work necessary for an application for planning permission.
- b. Subject to (a) above being satisfactorily achieved, to make an application for planning permission to allow for development of the land

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including and around the existing 3G pitch at Brittons Playing Fields into a “football hub” comprising of two additional 3G pitches and ancillary facilities.

- c. Subject to (b) above being satisfactorily achieved, to submit a funding application to the Football Foundation in conjunction with the National Football Trust.
2. The Football Foundation has offered a grant of up to £202,733 to assist the Council towards the cost of the upfront fees and surveys associated for completing RIBA Stages of Work 1-3 for the proposed Football Hub at Brittons Playing Field.
3. The offer of a grant is for up to 60% of the costs for the above, with the Council contributing up to £135,155 as 40% match funding.

Current Situation

4. In order to receive the grant award from the Football Foundation, the terms and conditions of the award are required to be signed. The offer letter with the terms and conditions is attached as Appendix A.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

1. Do nothing – if the terms and conditions of the grant award are not signed the offer of the grant will be withdrawn. This has been rejected as without external funding the feasibility, design and planning application will not be concluded and the football hub project will cease.

PRE-DECISION CONSULTATION

Cabinet 11 December 2024

NAME AND JOB TITLE OF STAFF MEMBER ADVISING THE DECISION-MAKER

Name: Darrell Braiden

Designation: Health, Sports Development & Leisure Partnerships Coordinator

Signature: *D. Braiden*

Date: 07/03/25

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Approved by Strategic Director of Resources

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Cabinet Member for Adults and Wellbeing

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Part B - Assessment of implications and risks

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Council has a general power of competence under Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything an individual can do, subject to any statutory constraints on the Council's powers. None of the constraints on the Council's Section 1 power are engaged by the recommendations within this report.

The Council's Contract Procedure Rules state:

25.1 Where the council receives Grant Funding and is named as the accountable body for the expenditure of monies, and where the terms of the grant permits the council to directly carry out Works, or buy Services or Supplies, any procurement will be conducted in line with CPR.

25.2 Where the funding received exceeds £500,000 a report will be presented to the SLT for approval to enter into the Grant Agreement (or other funding arrangement) and to record the availability of funding subject to the terms of the grant.

25.4 Where the funding is for use by a third party, the obligation to account for the funding contained in the grant terms will be included in the agreement with the third party. Furthermore, the terms of making the grant shall include a clause to competitively tender for Services, Supplies or Works and reflect the Council's strategies, policies and objectives in so much as they apply to, or are compatible with, the funding objectives as set out in the grant terms imposed on the Council and CPR.

The grant offer letter including the terms and conditions is attached as Appendix A.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

This decision paper is seeking approval to accept £202,733 of funding from The Football Foundation.

The offer of grant funding is to progress RIBA Stages 1-3 of the Football Hub project. The total RIBA 1-3 costs are estimated to be £337,888, The Football Foundation grant offer of £202,733 will fund 60% of these costs and one of the conditions of this funding

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is that it requires 40% match funding from LBH equating to £135,155. This was agreed by Cabinet at their meeting on 11 December 2024

Should the project fail at any point of these stages, the project will cease and no further expenditure will be committed. For each stage, the Football Foundation will fund 60% of the costs and the Council 40%.

Additional external funding is still being sourced to fund the Football Hub project in full. It is likely that this match funding will be secured, and this can contribute to the RIBA 1-3 costs.

There is a risk that the RIBA 1-3 costs cannot be met from external funding arrangements, these costs would then be funded from within Culture and Leisure's existing budgets.

If the project fails at any stage of the RIBA 1-3, the project will cease and 40% of the incurred costs will need to be funded by Culture and Leisure's revenue budget as no further funding would be available. The football foundation would only cover 60% of any incurred costs to date and any grant amount remaining would need to be repaid to the football foundation.

If at any point LBH decides not to proceed with the project, other than in the event of circumstances outside its control, the Football Foundation can request the full amount of the grant to be repaid

This financial support is no guarantee that the main application will be successful and a formal decision on the main application needs to be received before any building work takes place. If the main application is unsuccessful then alternative funding would need to be sought in order to continue the project. If further funding is not successful then the RIBA stage 1-3 costs would be sunk costs that need to be met by LBH up to the value of £135,155.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS (AND ACCOMMODATION IMPLICATIONS WHERE RELEVANT)

There are no human resource implications or risks associated with accepting this grant offer from the Football Foundation.

EQUALITIES AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) under section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have 'due regard' to:

- (i) The need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under the Equality Act 2010;
- (ii) The need to advance equality of opportunity between persons who share protected characteristics and those who do not, and;

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(iii) Foster good relations between those who have protected characteristics and those who do not.

Note: 'Protected characteristics' are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnerships, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex/gender, and sexual orientation.

The Council is committed to all of the above in the provision, procurement and commissioning of its services, and the employment of its workforce. In addition, the Council is also committed to improving the quality of life and wellbeing for all Havering residents in respect of socio-economics and health determinants.

In all situations, urgent or not, the Council will seek to ensure equality, inclusion, and dignity for all.

The delivery of all or part of elements of A Good Life, one of the guiding principles of delivery is equality, diversity, inclusivity and access. This principle will be applied to delivery of all the programmes.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

There are no implications or risks associated with receiving external funding from the Football Foundation.

However, if Havering is awarded additional funding to develop a Football Hub, the team will acknowledge best practice regarding climate change and environmental needs in line with the Havering Climate Change Action Plan and the Council's target of becoming carbon neutral by 2040.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

APPENDICES

Appendix A	Football Foundation Offer of Grant Letter	Open
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Part C – Record of decision

I have made this executive decision in accordance with authority delegated to me by the Leader of the Council and in compliance with the requirements of the Constitution.

Decision

Proposal agreed

Delete as applicable

Details of decision maker

Signed

Kathy Freeman



Name: Kathy Freeman

*Guy SECUPE
17/3/2025*

Cabinet Portfolio held:

CMT Member title: Strategic Director of Resources

Head of Service title

Other manager title:

Date: 12.03.25

Lodging this notice

The signed decision notice must be delivered to Committee Services, in the Town Hall.

For use by Committee Administration

This notice was lodged with me on _____

Signed _____