RECORD OF DELEGATED DECISION BY

THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR CORPORATE AND FINANCE

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Executive Decision – by Councillor Craig Whitby | Date of Decision 28 February 2022 |
| Title/Reference: Allocation Of Funds For The Warsop Health Hub Project |
| Consultee member (if applicable): Yes – Member Briefing held on 25 February 2022 |
| Key Decision – Yes | Delegation Reference: 22/05/PHC&F |
| Report and background  | Yes | Public Yes | Exempt | Confidential  |
| Record of Decision**Resolved by the Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Finance and recommended to Council:**1. The allocation of £1.5m of earmarked reserves to part fund the total capital cost of delivering the Warsop Health Hub project
2. The approval of borrowing of up to a maximum of £3.5m to fund the Warsop Health Hub project

**To be resolved by Council:**1. That the ongoing revenue costs associated with the additional borrowing be added to revenue budgets.
2. That the capital programme be amended to reflect the cost of the project.
 |
| Reason for the Decision:The origins of the Warsop Health Hub project date back to 2019 when Strategic Leisure were commissioned to undertake a detailed insight led research project looking into the leisure and community provision in Warsop and its links to the health and wellbeing outcomes of local people. The research process was supported by Warsop Parish Council, Active Notts and Vibrant Warsop and included an extensive programme of engagement and consultation with a large number of key stakeholders including council services; local clubs and community groups within Warsop; service providers; and members of the local community. Engagement and consultation events and meetings were held over a period of months and a community-wide survey was also produced and distributed (paper copies and online) to help understand the views of local residents.The outcome of this process was to identify a series of recommendations, one of which was focused on the need for improved leisure and community facilities to support health and wellbeing activities and the co-location of local services. With this in mind, Sport England visited Warsop in February 2020 and identified the need for a feasibility study to be completed to explore the potential for investment in a new health and wellbeing hub facility in-line with their emerging Leisure Local initiative and new approach to facility development.Strategic Leisure were then further commissioned to develop the feasibility study as requested by Sport England, which was completed in March 2021. At this time, the council was also preparing its Town Fund submission to Government, and as consequence, the decision was taken to include Warsop Health Hub as part of its proposals. Completion of the feasibility study identified a capital scheme inclusive of the following facility mix to be located on the preferred site of Carr Lane Park:A council contribution to the capital cost of the Warsop Health Hub project is an expectation and requirement of the Sport England funding process. The allocation of reserves, and the approval to borrow, is therefore necessary in order to ensure that the bid process can commence. Failure to do so would be a significant risk to the council’s success in securing Sport England funding. Full details can be found within the report. |
| Other options considered but rejectedNot Approve the Allocation of Earmarked Reserves or borrowing. This option is not recommended. Failure to allocate reserves and approve the use of borrowing will result in a significant funding shortfall that will jeopardise delivery of the project. |
| Decision subject to call in: Yes but for recommendations (i) and (ii) only. |
|  |

Signed: ………………………………………

Portfolio Holder for Corporate and Finance – Councillor Craig Whitby

Date: 28 February 2022

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Contact Officer | David Evans |
| Designation | Head of Health and Communities |
| Telephone | 01623 463168 |
| Email | evansd@mansfield.gov.uk |