



Saxilby and District Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) Update to Planning and Development Committee

October 2024

- **Timeline and Lease**

Currently timelines for progressing the project to build and completion are unknown due to being dependent on a lease being put in place, for the land where the MUGA is located.

To proceed with the lease, permission is required from the Charity Commission, due to the council's status as a connected party (custodian trustee of the recreation ground).

Full council's agreed heads of term for a lease, have been shared with Saxilby Recreation Ground Charity. A response has been received from the charity, following sharing the council's proposed draft heads of agreement with their legal advisor (see letter from Recreation Ground Charity). The response was added to full council for consideration and Full Council agreed a response, which has been shared.

Saxilby Recreation Ground Charity managing trustees have updated at the latest Joint Project Group that a draft lease is now ready for the outdoor areas. The clerk has requested the draft lease so council can review it. They have also advised their solicitor is now poised to make a connected parties application to the Charity Commission in order to seek a scheme, thus permitting the lease to a connected party (the council) to proceed.

As things are now moving towards a lease being put in place, work will re-initiate in late 2024 to draft the specification and tender, and identifying funding pots to target for any shortfall.

- **Tender and Specification**

Preparation of the specification and tender are expected to be able to be progressed, when the outcome of the pending Charity Commission application is known.

- **Costings**

- An updated indicative costing has been obtained.
- The MUGA cost is expected to be between £120,000-£130,000. This excludes any other works/costs such as a container, maintenance equipment, CCTV, and access/booking systems.
- The current budget is £117,000.
- In light of this shortfall, the working group will need to explore options such as securing additional funding.

Recommendations: To receive the update.