

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

July 2025

Timeline

Currently timelines for progressing the project to build and completion are now expected to be in 2025, subject to securing the remaining funding.

- Lease
 - a. Saxilby Public Recreation Ground Charity applied to the Charity Commission for consent to lease to a connected party on 22 October 2024. Approval has now been received.
 - b. Following full council acceptance of a draft lease, this was returned to Saxilby Public Recreation Ground Charity for review. The charity has now returned the lease with minor amendments. This is going to Extra-Ordinary Full Council on Tue 15 July for review and approval. Once agreed by both parties the lease can be signed. Based on the above position, it is reasonable to expect this would be completed before the end of July.

• Tender and Specification

- a. A MUGA Working Group meeting was held on 11 June 2025 to review the draft tender, for recommendation to planning and development committee in June. This was subsequently approved by Full Council.
- b. The specification has now been drafted, to be included in the tender pack. This has been recommended for approval by the MUGA working group, with the item being on Extra-Ordinary Full Council on Tue 15 July for review and approval
- c. Once the specification is approved, the tender process can look to be progressed over the summer. This will enable grant applications to be completed with accurate costings to seek to secure the funding gap.

• Costings and Funding

- a. The MUGA cost was expected to cost between £120,000-£130,000. Due to the full specification now being developed, which includes further drainage, grounds works, and ancillary items in-order to ensure a long-term quality build the cost is estimated to be more in the region of £150,000-£160,000.
- b. The current funding held is $\pm 117,000$. Based on the highest cost estimate, this means the project is 73% funded, with a shortfall of $\pm 43,000$. This is an achievable sum to expect to secure through external funding, particularly given the small shortfall of 27%, as well as the planning permission being in place, and the lease due to be in place shortly.
- c. In light of this shortfall, the working group have been exploring options to secure additional funding.
- d. The project matches the eligibility requirements for a FCC grant, to which a draft application is being tabled at full council on Tue 15 July for agreement.
- e. Other funding will continue to be identified.

Recommendations: For committee to receive the update.