

## **Decision Record – The Nuneaton Academy- All Weather Pitch**

### **Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking decision**

**Councillor David Wright , Portfolio Holder for Finance, Governance and IT**

**Date of Decision: (NOT BEFORE 16 December 2011 )**

**Agreed 16 December 2011**

### **Decision taken**

That the Capital Programme value for the proposed all-weather pitch at Nuneaton Academy be increased from £595,700 to £647,325, to match the available funding and enable the order for these works to be placed.

### **Reasons for Decisions**

The Nuneaton Academy wishes to develop an all-weather pitch and has engaged the County Council to procure the scheme on its behalf. The scheme has been prepared, planning permission gained and a tender exercise carried out.

Funding was paid through the Standards Fund, time limited to 31 August. As part of the annual review process, local authorities are required to notify the Department of Education of any funds unspent and to seek approval to carry funding forward into the next financial year. The order for the scheme was not placed by the expiry date and funding was suspended subject to the outcome of the annual review process.

Partnerships for Schools notified the Council on 9 December that the funding can be carried forward. This is an increase in the value of the scheme (by £51,625) but is a fully funded increase, with the increase being met by external bodies.

The Council's contribution of £15,200 remains unchanged.

The decision is needed to place the order now to both secure the funding and meet the expenditure needs of WCC and partner organisations would suggest that this cannot wait for a scheduled meeting.

The scheme is at a critical stage, failure to place an order now will lead to partner organisations withdrawing or having to withdraw funding allocations and would lead to cancellation of the project which is a key plank of both the development of the academy and the Sports and Leisure Strategy of Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council and the Football Foundation.

### **Background**

See enclosed officer report.

## Financial Implications

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## Checklist

**Urgent matter: yes/no\***

Yes

**Confidential or Exempt (state category of exempt information)**

No

**Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework**

No

**List of Reports considered** [please attach or forward a copy]

Report from author.

**List of Background Papers** [please include directorate contact names and numbers for access to background papers]

None

**Any members and officers consulted or informed and any comments given.**

This was an urgent issue so consent for urgency was agreed by the Chair of the O&S Board on 15 December 2011.

Officers consulted:

Legal: David Carter

Finance: Virginia Rennie

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder: Cllr David Wright

Report sent for information to all members on 15 December 2011.