



Full Council Meeting 8 June 2021 Belper Youth Sports Festival

Approval

Report for approval by Full Council

Purpose of the Report

To provide recommendations on organising a Belper Youth Sports Festival (Summer Sports Camp) for Children in Belper during August 2021.

1.0 Background Information

1.1 As part of her Mayoral year Cllr Monkman has been keen to support activities which help provide some well being and fulfillment for local people as they emerge from the COVID lockdown.

1.2 Children and their families have been particularly hard hit by the lockdown restrictions and there are various reports circulating nationally about the damage caused to mental health and overall well being.

1.3. In response to this challenge Cllr Monkman has held conversations with a number of sports clubs, Paddle Peak Kayakers, Belper Meadows Cricket, Hockey and Tennis Clubs, Acclimatize Climbing Wall and Derby Trailblazers. The festival will be held over 2 weeks and will be free of charge. The first week (9-13 August) will be for young people aged 8-11. The second week (16-20 August) will host young people aged 12-14. These age ranges have been selected as research has highlighted a lack of activities for young people of these ages.

1.4. Discussions have been taking place with the sports clubs who are very keen to be involved in and support the event and a programme of activities has been developed. The main features are described as follows :

- The aim is to accommodate up to 50 young people each week.
- The Camp will be based at the Belper Meadows Sports complex
- Each day will involve a full programme of activities during the hours of 9.00am to 3.30pm
- Each young person will receive a T-shirt and be provided with refreshments each day.
- A draft timetable for each day has been prepared and the following activities are included :
Tennis, Cricket, Hockey, Kayaking, Basketball and a Climbing Wall,
- An on site events self employed supervisor has been identified to co-ordinate activities over the two weeks and liaise with the sports clubs, chaperones etc. Blend Youth Project will also be assisting with the events



- Contingencies will be put in place in the event of bad weather
- All safeguarding and required COVID secure arrangements will be put in place as part of the preparations
- We will be working with Blend Youth Project, based in Ripley, who are undertaking projects in the Belper areas and have identified young people who are facing challenges.
- If successful the Camp could become an annual event
- The festival will be fully accessible, and provision made for every child regardless of ability.

Legislation

The Child Protection Legislation requires various safeguards to be in place for any activities involving children. Initial discussions have taken place with Derbyshire County Council about this and they will be consulted further as required.

Accessibility Implications - *Have the recommendations in this report taken in to account the need for Council services and information to be accessible for people with a Disability and if so how is this illustrated.*

The camp is intended to be inclusive so adjustments will be made to activities to accommodate children with Disabling Conditions. The precise nature of any adjustments will be determined as part of the registration process.

Climate Emergency Implications - *Demonstrate any environmental consequences and how these would be addressed*

The Camp is local to Belper and it is hoped that Belper children will take advantage of it thereby reducing the need to travel further afield for activities and the carbon footprint activities this entails.

Financial Implications

A budget for the Sports Camp has been prepared and the total cost for the whole 2 week period is approximately £15,000.

A letter has been sent to local Belper businesses to encourage them to take part in this event by giving a donation.

The Mayor (Cllr Monkman) agreed to give the remaining amount of their Mayors Allowance to the Festival in the region of £1,000.

It has been highlighted that the Miscellaneous grants have been underspent last year totalling £4,855.32. The aim is to vire this amount to the Belper Youth Sports Festival for 2021/22 if Council approves.

Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that Full Council:

To approve to vire £4,855.32 underspend on grants to this project.

Reasons for recommendation(s)

The Council has approved supporting this project at the April Full Council meeting.

