

Appendix 2 – GEE0048

Template for Impact Assessment Level 1: Preliminary screening assessment – Loftus MFCF Facility

Subject of assessment:	Loftus Middlesbrough Football Club Foundation (MFCF) Facility Project			
This is a decision relating to:	<input type="checkbox"/> Strategy	<input type="checkbox"/> Policy	<input type="checkbox"/> Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Function
	<input type="checkbox"/> Process/procedure	<input type="checkbox"/> Programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Review
	<input type="checkbox"/> Organisational change	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (please state)		
It is a:	New approach:	It is a project specific approach in order to build a new community sports facility at Loftus.	Revision of an existing approach:	NA
Description:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key aims, objectives and activities <p>The Cabinet Report is for recommendation and approval, and sets out the objective of how the Council and the MFCF will work in partnership to build a community sports building with 3G pitch on Ben Scott’s field in Loftus.</p> <p>The key aims are to use external capital grants from the MFCF and the Football Foundation to build a community sports building, 54 space car park, and a 3G sports pitch, on the Council owned Ben Scott’s Field in Loftus.</p> <p>The activities of the partnership are to build the facility and then the MFCF will operate it on a long-term lease of 25 years, which will then drive sports participation and major positive health knock on effects in the East Cleveland area. The MFCF will be responsible for activities to ensure positive participation by the community as set out in the funding bid to the Football Foundation – details of outputs are set out within the main Cabinet Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Differences from any previous approach <p>This is a one-off project collaboration with the MFCF using external grant funding to build a bespoke sports facility within East Cleveland. The Football Foundation, the MFCF, and the Council identified a 3G sport pitch lack of provision inn East Cleveland there is currently an opportunity to utilise funding from the external funders to cover all the costs associated with the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key stakeholders and intended beneficiaries <p>The key stakeholders are the Council, MFCF, and the Football Foundation (funded by the Premier league and Football Foundation).</p> <p>The intended beneficiaries are residents of East Cleveland who will be able to participate in programmes run at the new facility, but also seek employment in its operation.</p>			

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intended outcomes. <p>As set out in the report there is extensive outputs, outcomes, and impacts from this project.</p> <p>The main outcome is to provide a modern community sports facility that will drive sports participation with knock on welfare and health positive effects within a deprived community.</p>
Start date:	<p>When will this be implemented?</p> <p>The funding bid to the Football Foundation is January 2025, with a start on build from May 2025 if the bid is successful. The build out of the facility will be approximately 12 to 13 months from then.</p>
Lifespan:	<p>The building of the sports facility should start after May 2025 and its full operation from May - June 2026.</p>
Date of next review:	<p>Project completion in May - June 2026.</p> <p>Please see below for the assessment.</p>

Screening questions	Response			Evidence
	No	Yes	Uncertain	
Human Rights Could the decision impact negatively on individual Human Rights	☒	☐	☒	<p>The UN Human Rights Council has recently highlighted the role sport and major sporting events can play in promoting awareness of equality and non-discrimination. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development also points to sport as an important enabler of development and peace. Sport can inspire. Sport can unite people across cultural divides and reinforce shared values of diversity, fairness, and respect.</p> <p>We assess there are no negative impacts on individual human rights as anybody in the community will be able to access the new sports facility and apply for the new jobs created. The MFCF output, outcomes, and impact targets are inclusive of all people and all age ranges.</p>
Equality Could the decision result in adverse differential impacts on groups or individuals with characteristics protected in UK equality law?	☒	☐	☐	<p>The project is fully inclusive and the MFCF range of sports and community provision will allow any group to participate and is aimed to also include hard to reach groups in the local communities. Their objectives targets are set out in the main body of the report. The whole aim of the facility is to be fully inclusive including a community room where older age ranges can use for events and workshops too.</p>
Other Impacts Could the decision impact negatively any other factor such as the environment or economic inequality	☒	☐	☐	<p>The new facility is to be built upon an old Council landfill site that has had ad hoc sports recreation on the field over recent decades. The project will revitalise this land space and remove the vandalised sports cabin currently situated on the field. The project will ensure a full remediation strategy is enabled with gas wells and gas monitoring occurring to mitigate the former</p>

				<p>landfill site issues. This is only positive to environment.</p> <p>The economic inequality in Loftus and the wider East Cleveland will be counter balanced by providing the new sports facility which aims to create local new jobs, and to also bring the Middlesbrough Football Club brand into the area to drive sports and community events. The project will create positive impacts and strive to reach out to local people who may have been involved in anti-social behaviour or criminality and strive to change their perspective to a positive contribution to society.</p>
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Next steps:

- The answer to all the above screening questions is **No** so then the process is completed.

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