

Ryedale Grant Schemes 2017/18

Project Appraisal Form

1 **Type of Grant:** Section 106 Grants

Ref No: S106-009

2 **Applicant Organisation & Project title** Malton Community Sports Centre, Fitness Suite

3 Previous Applications to RDC

Ref No	Project	Successful	Amount	Date
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4 Total Cost of Project £564,877.00

5 Grant Aid Requested £220,000.00 % Intervention 39

6 Date site / organisation visit completed

7 Type of scheme Capital Revenue

Organisation

8 Is the organisation well managed?

Yes

9 Is the organisation financially sound?

Yes

10 Is the organisation reflective of the community it services?

Yes

11 Can the organisation manage and deliver the project?

I believe they can. The centre is ultimately governed by the owners - which is Malton School. So whilst there is leadership of the facility on a day-to-day basis, there is also leadership from above in the form of governors. Given the success of the centre since its creation, and based on information provided in the business plan, I believe there is evidence to suggest the project would be delivered if funded.

12 Have the needs and aspirations of the community served been taken into account?

The form states that staff are asked on a daily basis about why the centre

doesn't have a gym, and that hundreds of people have been turned away over the past 6 years.

Project

13 Does the project support delivery of the Councils aims? (Please tick all that apply)

Sustainable Growth:

- Promoting a strong economy with thriving businesses and supporting infrastructure
- Capitalising on our culture, leisure and tourism opportunities
- Managing the environment of Ryedale with partners
- Enabling provision of housing that meets existing and anticipates future need
- Minimising homelessness, improving the standard and availability of rented accommodation and supporting people to live independently

Customers and Communities:

- Helping our partners to keep our communities safe and healthy
- Supporting communities to identify their needs, plan and develop local solutions and resilience

Section 106 Grants:

- Does this meet with the section 106 planning agreement description for the parish?

14a Which ward or parish is affected?

Malton
Norton

14b Which communities of interest are affected?

Local people/clubs who participate in healthy activity
Local people who want to participate in healthy activity
Local people who have been referred to sport/fitness classes by their GP

15 Does the project respond to a clearly defined need? How is this evidenced?

As the population of Malton grows, more fitness facilities need to be provided. This extension would provide fitness opportunities for clubs, organisations and the general public which are not presently available due to existing constraints and lack of facilities.

Based on consultation with the Malton and Norton Neighbourhood Planning Team, it has been established that additional health facilities are required; including a specific professional support service to help with seniors, obesity and people referred by their GPs.

16 Does the project have community support? How is this evidenced?

The form states that the centre has been contacted/visited over 200 times in the past 18 months by members of the community who are seeking a fitness facility like the one subject of this grant application.

The centre's existing facilities and rehabilitation programs are well-received by members of the public, as evidenced by the results of the questionnaire as well as representation by a senior NHS physiotherapist.

17a Is a robust project plan in place?

Whilst planning permission has not yet been granted, the project plan has not yet been fully formulated. However, a business plan and financial projections have been provided.

17b Flood grants only: Is there a community resilience plan in place?

18 What are the objectives of the project and what impact will it deliver?

To provide additional fitness facilities to accommodate greater numbers of people who wish to partake in healthy activity, providing the opportunities for better health and well-being in the community.

The centre aims to reach 400-500 members by the of year five of the project.

The centre aims to engage with over 100 seniors.

The centre aims to address the issue with obesity in Ryedale.

19 Is the project budget accurate and reasonable, with a realistic plan for securing match funding?

I have some concerns about the accuracy of the numbers presented on the application form. See below.

20 Is the funding package verified?

There has been contact with Sports England and initial discussion suggest that they would be keen to support the application in the form of match funding. Mr Rowley has also pointed out to me that there are other funding opportunities as back-ups, namely also from other Sports England pots, as well as Comic Relief. However, there is a lack of clarity regarding the 50/50 match funding. The form states a target of £480,000, which does not reflect the total costs of the project as stated in the 'income/expenditure' section of the form.

Long term viability and running costs

21a Is the project expected to continue beyond the term of any funding awarded by the council

YES NO

21b For capital projects is there a clear and realistic projection of income for the future maintenance of the facility – a business plan?

A business plan has been provided by a consultant.

22 Comments on the financial situation

As discussed above, I believe there is some inconsistencies with the figures provided in relation to the project costs. However, the accounts have been provided and show that the business operates well, and financial projections have also been provided.

23 Are there any outstanding planning or technical issues?

Planning permission has not yet been granted (and an application has not yet been submitted).

24 Any other outstanding concerns or issues?

Both of the Town Councils have not supported this application based on the fact that it is a paid membership-based scheme, and that there are already other gyms available in the area.

The project does not have planning permission and although there has been preliminary discussions with the planning authority, there are currently no guarantees.

A typical constitution has not been provided/does not exist due to the school's ownership of the facility. Both Town Councils have referred to the Centre as a 'business', therefore questioning its eligibility for funding.

There are inconsistencies with the figures for project costs/match funding amounts.

The amount of money requested from RDC for this one project is significantly larger than the moneys available.

25 How will the project be monitored and evaluated?

The project will be monitored by the amount of new memberships over five years.

Impact questionnaires and feedback forms will be completed with each member on a six monthly basis to ensure that the centre are meeting needs and providing the best service they can.

26 Do you deem this project to be viable and deliverable?

I believe that there is the requisite staff, leadership, community/consultee support and contractors to make the project a reality - however there are a number of significant concerns, as listed above.

27a Comments from Ward Member consultation

Cllr Lindsay Burr: "Fully support this application. The expansion of services will hugely benefit many people"

27b S106 Public Open Space and Flood Grants Only: Comments from Parish / Town Council consultation

Malton Town Council: "Members do not support this application and consider that the project does not meet the criteria for funding. The organisation is a business and therefore requires a fee to be paid to use the facility. There are several other gyms in Malton that are required to be financially viable as standalone businesses. Members feel that this project would not provide an additional benefit to the community and offers limited use for residents due to Malton School usage.

The project funding package includes £260,731.00 of their own funds as match funding, this does not reflect the application to Sport England for 50% of the funding."

Norton Town Council: "Council consider that this application does not meet the criteria for funding, the organisation is primarily a business and as with all other Gym and Fitness Centres, of which there are many, fees would be required to be paid. There would be no more benefit to the community than at all other Gyms who are required to be financially viable as standalone businesses. Council does not support this application."

Recommendation from assessing officer

28a Award the Grant Yes No Members decision

28b Level of award £ %

28c Conditions:
a. Standard Grant Conditions

b.

c.

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