



Grounds and Environmental Services Committee

Date: 10th June 2019

Title: Astral Park Update

Purpose of the Report: To provide an update on the latest centre activity.

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Corporate Objective/s	Leighton-Linslade Town Council Five Year Plan & Objectives 2019-2024	
	Aim 3 –	
	<i>“To provide great public open spaces, varied opportunities for sport and leisure and to exceed expectations in delivering cemetery and allotment services”</i>	
Implications:		
Financial		None
Human Resources		None
Operational/Service delivery		None
Procedural/Legal		None
Risk/Health and Safety		None

1. RECOMMENDATION/S

Should members be minded, the proposals are:

1.1 To note the report

2. INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

2.1 Income and expenditure figures are correct as of 30th April 2019.

Income - Is currently tracking at 7.6% which is 0.73% behind budget.

Expenditure - Currently at 17.6% which is 9.27% ahead of budget, this is due

to annual service agreements for catering equipment already being completed.

3. RISKS

3.1 There are no known risk.

4. FOOTBALL

4.1 Apart from one weekend in February where all pitches were un-playable, due to resting snow, the football pitches have and continue to be very well used with no requirement for backstop at Pages Park to be used.

4.2 The Town Clerk and Head of Grounds and Environmental Services have recently been petitioning The Football Association about the National Football Facility Strategy, to whom we were invited to ensure that our views, experiences and knowledge on the subject of football in our local area is heard.

4.3 The National Football Facility Strategy which aims to increase football participation by delivering:

- 1000 new 3G Artificial Grass Pitches
- 1000 new pavilions (supporting key multi-pitch grass sites)
- 20,000 improved natural turf pitches
- New or improved access to better indoor and outdoor spaces for social and recreational football

5. GENERAL UPDATE

5.1 The centre seems to be busy taking a number of one-off functions and party bookings. Recently we have successfully held two elections days for Central Bedfordshire Council.

5.2 A charity fun day and a very successful Vegan Fayre were also held.

6. SCHEDULED MAINTENANCE

6.1 The Centre team are currently working through a maintenance programme and outside companies are supporting with various works. These works will take place over the coming weeks and include:

- Floor repairs in the hall, kitchen, corridor and changing room areas
- Shutter repairs
- Mirror replacements
- Light and vent replacements

6.2 All of this work will be completed from the existing Astral Park budget.

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 It is believed that the centre is providing a valuable facility accommodating community functions and events.