



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Baldock & District Area Committee**2. Date: **6 Jun 2016**3. Summary of application: **Funding to assist the purchase of mobile floodlighting & storage container**Name of organisation: **Letchworth GC Rugby Football Club**Sum requested: **£1,745**Total project cost: **£15,235**

Brief details:

One of the club's current operational concerns is the significant mid-week training disruption caused by a lack of floodlit pitch space. The club has four pitches but only one is floodlit and all the various teams within the club (adult, junior U13s to U18s, mini U7s to U12s, girls, mixed-abilities) are competing for the same pitch space in mid-week.

The floodlit pitch is clearly being over used and of very poor quality and training is frequently cancelled to prevent further damage to the playing surface. During the winter months of the 2015-16 season, 36 junior training sessions were cancelled.

The club would like to address this by acquiring mobile floodlights, each of which provides lighting for half a full-sized rugby pitch. The advantage of mobile floodlighting is that they don't necessarily need to use on one pitch alone and that they could be use in any combination that would make best use of the available playing surfaces on all pitches, whilst protecting particularly poor areas. The club would also like to install a shipping container to protect & secure the floodlights

Matched / linked funding: **£10,000**Funder: **Awards for All**Matched /linked funding : **£3,490**
or DRRFunder: **Letchworth Area Committee - pending**

Comments from Community Officer:

Mobile floodlights Two second hand mobile floodlights cost £11,890.

The club has been awarded a grant of £10,000 from Sport England towards this cost, and is requesting funding to make up the shortfall.

Requested funding: £1,890
(£1,260 from Letchworth, £630 from Baldock & District)

Secured Storage. A hard standing area for the shipping container will need to be created, at a cost of £1,500. A used shipping container in which to store the mobile floodlights will cost £1,845.

Requested funding: £3,345
(£2,230 from Letchworth, £1,115 from Baldock & District)

Total requested funding: £5,235
(£3,490 from Letchworth, £1,745 from Baldock & District)

The Community Development Officer has examined this application against the Authority's Area Grants Policy, the organisation's accounts and grant history, and considers it an eligible application.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**