



# Community & Leisure Services Service Policy Panel

## Briefing Paper

Report of: Cultural Services Manager  
Date: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2006  
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### PROVISION OF MUGA'S (Multi-Use Games Areas)

#### 1. Summary

- 1.1 At the Cabinet meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> June 2006 it was decided to allocate £180,000 of capital for the provision of 4 Multi-Use Games Areas in the District. It should be noted that this is subject to the provision of capital funding.
- 1.2 The Multi-Use Games Areas (MUGA's) can be used for football, hockey, basketball or general sports play.
- 1.3 The provision of MUGA's and creation of dedicated space for young people to participate in recreational activities on an informal basis is seen as an integral part of youth provision and crime reduction strategies.
- 1.4 The facility will be suitable for all ages and particularly teenagers. The areas will be unsupervised.
- 1.5 2 MUGA's will be located in Kidderminster and 1 each in Bewdley and Stourport.
- 1.6 The District Council currently provides MUGA's at Springfield Park and Brinton Park in Kidderminster and money is in the budget for a MUGA at St George's Park, Kidderminster.

#### 2. Consultation

- 2.1 Consultation has taken place with Stourport Town Council, County Council, and Wyre Forest Community Housing.
- 2.2 Consultation letters have also been sent to every Member.
- 2.3 A report on the results of these consultations will be presented at the meeting.
- 2.4 Consultations with young people and neighbouring properties will take place when general locations for the 4 MUGA's have been established.

**3. Locations**

3.1 Possible locations for 2 MUGA's in Kidderminster are:

Spennells Playing Fields

White Wickets

3.2 Possible locations for 1 MUGA for Bewdley are:

Bewdley Leisure Centre

St Anne's School

3.3 Possible locations for 1 MUGA in Stourport are:

Areley Kings Recreation Ground

Memorial Park Stourport

Windmill First and Middle School (from September 2007 St Bartholomew's Primary)

**4. Recommendation to Cabinet Member**

4.1 After considering the results of the consultation process, the Service Policy Panel could recommend locations to the Cabinet Member for Community and Leisure Services, Cllr Nathan Desmond.

Background Papers:

None

Appendices:

None

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