

EX64. SYNTHETIC SPORTS PITCHES

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services.

The Executive agreed, on 24 February 2015 (ref EX126), to invite interested third parties and organisations to apply for funding to develop synthetic 3G sports pitches.

The deadline for applications was 31 May 2015. Seven applications were received, from:-

- Newtown Park Association (Bo'ness Junior Football Club);
- Dunipace Juniors Football Club;
- Syngenta Junior Football Club;
- Falkirk Rugby Club;
- East Stirlingshire Galaxy;
- Falkirk GHG Hockey Club; and
- Graeme High School and Central Football Academy.

The report provided a summary of the assessment of the applications, highlighting particular issues in regard to the application from Graeme High School.

Decision

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) that the bids from Newtown Park and Dunipace Juniors Football Club will be taken forward to stage 2 of the assessment process, with the level of funding being in the region of £360,000 for each applicant;**
- (2) that officers will report back to committee in the event that any significant issues arise during stage 2 or beyond; and**
- (3) that the proposal from Graeme High School will be put on hold to allow consideration of the factors set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report.**