

**Request for:** All information held by the Council relating to which Councillor 'encouraged' the application for MTRP funding from TNS FC?

**From:** Kate Garner  
**Sent:** 21 May 2012 18:14  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Joe Bubb; Fiona Fortune  
**Subject:** Oswestry MTRP grant to TNS

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached the project proposal form with my suggested changes noted.

We have received further advice from colleagues in legal and can now confirm the details of exactly how we should proceed with how this grant should be approved and made to ensure that there are State Aid issues to consider. Within the application form can you state something along the lines of 'TNS would like to apply for an 80K grant and will consequently voluntarily make grants of £?p.a. (confirm)? years (confirm) to Oswestry Town Council for purposes to be agreed by the Joint Economic Partnership'. This will show that the 'repayments' are being made voluntarily by TNS and not as a condition (which will lead us back into loan territory). Can you also be more specific and explicit under the outcomes section about the expected job creation/retention and visitor numbers – I have made notes on all of this on the attached form.

Hope that makes sense [REDACTED] – let us have your updated copy of the form as soon as you can and don't hesitate to call for any advice on this.

Yours,  
Kate

Kate Garner  
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**From:** Kate Garner  
**Sent:** 04 May 2012 20:42  
**To:** Joe Bubb  
**Subject:** Fwd: MTRP Bid - TNS

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Kate Garner <[kate.garner@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:kate.garner@shropshire.gov.uk)>  
**Date:** 4 May 2012 16:22:09 GMT+01:00  
**To:** Tom McCabe <[tom.mccabe@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:tom.mccabe@shropshire.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** George Candler <[george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:george.candler@shropshire.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: MTRP Bid - TNS

Hello Tom,  
Keith led a discussion on this with Oswestry members this afternoon at my member briefing with them, and they unanimously approved the idea.  
Yours,  
Kate

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On 4 May 2012, at 16:06, "Tom McCabe" <[tom.mccabe@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:tom.mccabe@shropshire.gov.uk)> wrote:

Kate  
Cllr Barrow has discussed with me a potential MTRP bid from TNS for up to £50k.  
This will be to complement other improvement works they need to make to their ground to meet UEFA rules for next year's Champions League – as such there will be a degree of urgency around this. They estimate the work will cost some £450k in total.  
Rather than simply view this as a grant, Keith would like to approach it as a loan, to be repaid over say 5 years – which of course is a different approach than we have taken to date with MTRP.  
Can I ask you to approach Keith for details on his preliminary discussion in the first instance.

**Tom McCabe**

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**Member briefing - 04/04/12**

No information is held confirming who attended the Member briefing.

TNS

Ground not up to standard for new league commitments and needs investment.

Mike Harris looking for a 50K interest free loan repayable over 5 years - could be paid back into the JEB.

Members in approval.

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**From:** Mark Pembleton  
**Sent:** 28 May 2012 14:58  
**To:** Gwilym Butler; Gary Spence  
**Cc:** John Hurst-Knight; Michael Hyatt; Cecilia Motley; Joe Bubb  
**Subject:** RE: Oswestry MTRP grant to TNS

Hi yes so do I.

Thanks

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**From:** Gwilym Butler  
**Sent:** 28 May 2012 14:43  
**To:** Gary Spence  
**Cc:** John Hurst-Knight; Michael Hyatt; Mark Pembleton; Cecilia Motley; Joe Bubb  
**Subject:** Re: Oswestry MTRP grant to TNS

Sorry for delay

I fully support the application

Gwilym

Sent from my iPad

On 23 May 2012, at 15:34, "Gary Spence" <[gary.spence@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:gary.spence@shropshire.gov.uk)> wrote:

Hello All, please find attached the MTRP proposals for The New Saints Stadium project.

The background to this, is that this football club based in Oswestry, but which competes in the Welsh league, must upgrade its stadium to be able to play in the European Cup.

It is a priority for local members, although the initial plan to offer the club an interest free loan through MTRP was not possible due to state aid issues. Therefore a solution is that the funding is given as a grant on the condition that the Club make cash contributions commensurate with the level of the grant to Oswestry Town Council (16,000 per annum for 5 years) for purposes to be