
Report to Council

Date of Meeting: 28 June 2012

Subject: New Alloa Gymnastics Development, Alloa

Report by: Head of Facilities Management

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek additional Council financial support for Alloa Gymnastics Club at the proposed new Gymnastics Centre at Clackmannan Road, Alloa to promote access to gymnastics in the area.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that Council approves an additional revenue support grant of £24,500 for provision of facilities for Alloa Gymnastics Club at the proposed new Gymnastics Centre in Alloa.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1 The current accommodation for gymnastics in Alloa will cease when the redevelopment of Speirs Centre commences in the near future.
- 3.2 An initial request to the Council for grant support in January 2012 resulted in an award of £37,000 for the development being approved as part of the 2012/13 budget.
- 3.3 Alloa Gymnastics Club in association with WASP are in advanced discussions with Sportscotland regarding funding to develop the new permanent facility at Clackmannan Road, Alloa. The forecast funding from Sportscotland is now less than previously anticipated in January 2012 and with other changes there is now a shortfall in the overall project funding.
- 3.4 Funding for the £143,000 project currently committed/forecast is as follows:

Alloa Gymnastic Club	£ 20,000
Sport Scotland	£ 61,500 (forecast)
Clackmannanshire Council	£ 37,000
Total	£ 118,500

Funding Shortfall	£ 24,500
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- 3.5 The Council is being asked to consider a further one-off revenue support grant of £24,500 to equal the funding from Sportscotland to develop the facility. A formal submission for funding was made to Sportscotland in May 2012. It is understood that Sportscotland are prepared to offer external grant assistance on the basis that they will match the Council's assistance pound for pound. As such, additional funding from the Council is crucial to secure the full £61,500 from Sportscotland.
- 3.6 Outside of the Speirs Centre there are no other appropriate facilities in Council ownership. Gymnastics training is undertaken at Alva Academy but not with the equipment needed at Alloa. This facility will maintain the Alloa Gym Club's position as a leading club of competition level gymnasts while acting as a catalyst for further gymnastics development in Clackmannanshire, supporting the already very successful pre school and primary schools gymnastics programmes. The other Clackmannanshire gymnastics clubs will also be able to use the facility if they wish.
- 3.7 It is anticipated that Education Services, through Sports Development/Active Start will use the facility.
- 3.8 Clackmannanshire Council's Leisure Strategy: Facility Development Plan in December 2010 recommended that the Council "develops a more diversified approach to the ownership, development and management of all other important community halls and leisure centres". This project adheres to this recommendation and the indicative facility business plan submitted to Sportscotland does not require ongoing annual Council subsidy.

4.0 Financial Considerations

- 4.1 The project requires an additional £24,500 revenue grant from the 2012/13 budget in addition to the £37,000 already committed. It is proposed that this is funded from reserves.

5.0 Sustainability Implications

- 5.1 The main implication is the contribution the new Centre will make towards the long-term support of residents leading healthier and longer lives.

6.0 Resource Implications

6.1 Financial Details

- 6.2 The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes ☒

- 6.3 Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes ☒

6.4 Staffing

There are no staffing implications.

7.0 Exempt Reports

7.1 Is this report exempt? Yes ☐ (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No ☒

8.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities 2008 - 2011** (Please double click on the check box ☒)

The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our communities are safer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vulnerable people and families are supported	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Substance misuse and its effects are reduced	<input type="checkbox"/>
Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The environment is protected and enhanced for all	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence	<input type="checkbox"/>

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

Leisure Strategy: Facility Development Plan, December 2010

Leisure and Sports Strategy 2012-2016, March 2012

9.0 Equalities Impact

9.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?
Yes ☐ No ☒

10.0 Legality

10.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes ☒

11.0 Appendices

11.1 Please list any appendices attached to this report. If there are no appendices, please state "none".

None

12.0 Background Papers

12.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

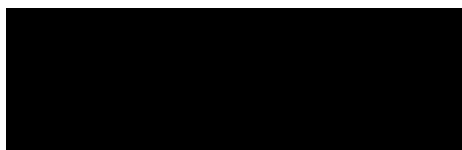
Yes ☒ (please list the documents below) No ☐

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