
Report to Clackmannanshire Council

Date of Meeting: 24 March 2021

Subject: Leisure Provision in Clackmannanshire: Update

Report by: Strategic Director, Partnership & Performance

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. Following Council's consideration of a paper entitled Leisure Provision in Clackmannanshire on 11 February 2021, this paper provides an update as agreed. Should there be any further developments between the date of issue and the Council meeting; officers will provide an additional verbal update.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. It is recommended that Council notes the contents of this paper.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1. Paragraph 3.11 of the council report entitled *Leisure Provision in Clackmannanshire* set out an indicative timeline for a number of agreed actions up to and beyond May 2021. This is set out below for ease of reference.
- 3.2. Activity to date has focused on two main aspects: 1) negotiations on termination of the management agreement and lease with Wasp Leisure Limited (WLL); and, 2) progression of a review of future leisure provision with a view to a report coming back to Council in May for consideration.

Activity	Indicative Completion
Leisure operations formally cease at ALB	February 2021
Commence lease/contract termination	February 2021
Transitional negotiations with current provider on handback	February/March 2021
Council update on handback progress and appraisal development	March 2021
Maximum duration of notice period and handback to Council concluded	May 2021

Leisure model options appraisal prepared and Council decision	May 2021
Commencement of detailed feasibility study on preferred long term option	May 2021
Commencement of Council's preferred interim option operational in some form (Covid restrictions dependant)	Between May and Sept 2021
Detailed designs, costings and governance approval on preferred long term option	Feb/March 2022
Preferred long term option operational	TBC

Termination of Management Agreement & Lease

- 3.3. Following initial engagement with WLL the 3 month notice period is being progressed. It is anticipated that final handover will be in June. There is mutual recognition of need for a degree of flexibility given Covid restrictions, availability of specialist contractors, removal of the provider's equipment and to ensure a safe, managed handover of a large, complex facility. Respective property specialist from both organisations are to agree a decommissioning plan to ensure that contractual obligations are discharged and that the building is safe and secure on handover.
- 3.4. Looking forward to May, a further progress update will be provided to Council on the handover and decommissioning process.

Future Leisure Provision

- 3.5. There are in essence three main aspects to this work: an option appraisal on shape and form of future leisure provision as per the options set on in the paper in February; as part of that, feasibility of a new wellbeing complex; and any interim arrangements that may be necessary. A strategic oversight group has been formed to oversee this work. This includes all strategic directors and representatives from Sport Scotland providing support and specialist advice.
- 3.6. A key input is engagement with users and stakeholders. A working group has been established to progress this work, and assistance has been sought from Sport Scotland on methodology and examples of practice elsewhere. It is expected that engagement will take place from late March through to early May, with the output informing all three aspects above.
- 3.7. Work is being progressed on an option appraisal/business case. As well as stakeholder views, this will require an understanding of cost implications of options, both capital and revenue, particularly within the context of possibilities within the context of a wellbeing complex. At this stage, the capital programme (also considered on today's agenda) makes provision for a wellbeing complex based on current data, industry benchmarks and various assumptions; however, further more detailed work is required to provide updated information on costs, siting and phasing. Advice is being provided by the Sport Scotland facilities team on similar recent developments and on the process for commissioning a feasibility work, with the intent to procure a

suitable provider for that work to inform the options appraisal. Given that work is ongoing, and that further meetings are likely to take place after the Council agenda has been issued, any additional updates will be provided verbally by officers at the Council meeting.

- 3.8. Next steps, looking forward to the next report to Council, include making further progress on a stakeholder survey for strategic leisure provision, commissioning feasibility work on a wellbeing complex option within approved resources, exploring and defining options for future leisure provision in Clackmannanshire, with recommendations for interim arrangements. These will include cost options and any TUPE implications arising from interim options.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1. There are no direct sustainability implications arising from this report, although it will be an inherent component of the eventual options appraisal.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1. *Financial Details*

- 5.2. 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

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

5.4. *Staffing*

6.0 Exempt Reports

- 6.1. Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

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

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

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all

Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life

Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential

Our communities will be resilient and empowered so

that they can thrive and flourish



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

8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?

Yes No

9.0 Legality

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

10.0 Appendices

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

None

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 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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