

Renfrewshire Council

To: **Community and Family Care Policy Board**

On: **21 March 2006**

Report by
Director of Education and Leisure

Seedhill and Penilee Project

1. Summary

- 1.1 The community and family care policy board, at its meeting on 1 February 2005, agreed to a proposal to upgrade Penilee and Seedhill pavilions and playing fields. A stage 1 application for funding of £200,000 was submitted to **sportscotland** on 6 February 2006, based on the proposal approved by the board.
- 1.2 Representatives of **sportscotland** have now indicated that it would be their preference that a 'single-site' application be submitted to the board of **sportscotland**. This is a presentational issue rather than an objection to the development of two sites.
- 1.3 To satisfy the requirements of **sportscotland**, the application has been revised to reflect the costs of the Penilee project only. The Seedhill groundworks will proceed as planned, utilising the funding allocated to that part of the project. The only implication for the Seedhill development is that it will not now be dependent on **sportscotland** timescales and the development can be progressed as funding becomes available.
- 1.5 The Penilee project will proceed as planned. The revised application has been submitted to **sportscotland** and a decision on the stage 1 application is expected by the end of March or the beginning of April 2006.

2. Recommendations

Members of the community and family care policy board are asked to :

- 2.1 approve the revised proposal for the development of Penilee and Seedhill playing fields; and
- 2.2 homologate the decision of the director of education and leisure and the convener of the community and family care policy board to submit a revised proposal for the development of Penilee Pavilion and playing fields to

sportscotland.

3. Background

- 3.1 The community and family care policy board, at its meeting on 1 February 2005, agreed to a proposal to upgrade Penilee and Seedhill pavilions and playing fields.
- 3.2 A stage 1 application for funding of £200,000 was submitted to **sportscotland** on 6 February 2006, based on the proposal approved by the board.
- 3.3 Following submission of the application, representatives of **sportscotland** have indicated that it would be their preference that a 'single-site' application be made. It is their opinion that such an application is likely to be viewed more favourably. **sportscotland** has no objection to the way in which the projects will be developed, but presentationally a funding application for one site, at this time, would be preferred.
- 3.4 To ensure that the stage 1 application meets the deadline for the **sportscotland** awards panel by the end of March it has been necessary, with the approval of the director of education and leisure and the convener of the community and family care policy board, to progress this application for the Penilee site only. If this stage 1 application is successful, a stage 2 application will be developed and submitted to **sportscotland**.
- 3.5 The Seedhill groundworks will be progressed separately with appropriate funding being allocated from the overall project.
- 3.6 There will be no impact on phase 2 of the project, the replacement or upgrade of Seedhill pavilion. An application for funding for this phase of the project will be submitted to **sportscotland** in 2007, as planned.

4. Costs and Funding Proposals

- 4.1 It is proposed that the projects would continue to be funded as outlined in the report approved by the community and family care policy board at its meeting on 1 February 2005.

- 4.2 The total cost of the project is as follows :

| | £ |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Penilee Playing Fields and Pavilion | 2,542,400 |
| Seedhill Playing Fields | 1,050,600 |
| Seedhill Pavilion | 970,000 |
| Total | 4,563,000 |

- 4.3 It is proposed that the projects would be funded through a variety of sources which include :

| | £ |
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| Funding from council resources (including capital plan) | 243,000 |
| Sale of Land at Millarston | 1,000,000 |
| Sale of Land at Seedhill | 450,000 |
| Bid to sportscotland (submitted Feb 2006, revised March 2006) | 200,000 |
| Bid to sportscotland (2007) | 200,000 |

Total**2,093,000**

It is proposed that the balance of funding of £2,470,000 is met through the Prudential framework with the income generated from the enhanced facilities meeting the annual loan repayments.

Implications of this Report

1. Financial Implications

The costs and funding proposals are set out in section 4 above.

2. Personnel Implications - None.

3. Community Plan Implications

Social inclusion - These projects will significantly enhance the existing sports facilities in the Paisley area. This will ensure improved provision of sports facilities for young people and the wider community.

Modernising government - The facilities provided will be fit for purpose in the 21st century.

Sustainable development - The project design will be developed in accord with the principle of sustainable development.

4. Legal Implications - None.

5. Property Implications

Land at Millarston and Seedhill will be marketed to assist with the funding of this project.

6. Information Technology Implications - None.

7. Equal Opportunities Implications - None.

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