

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

CABINET – 16 SEPTEMBER 2009

SPORTS PAVILIONS PROGRESS REPORT

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Cabinet on progress with the capital programme project to upgrade sports pavilions.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 11th February 2009, Cabinet approved a total sum of £1.2million for new sports pavilions. Cabinet further agreed that the priorities for investment would be the pavilion at Knockentiber followed by Netherthird at its meeting on 22nd April 2009.

3. PROGRESS

- 3.1 Detailed designs for both facilities have been developed to meet local requirements. At Knockentiber, the new build unit will comprise of two team changing rooms, a referee changing room and a small tea room. This facility will replace the changing rooms currently available in the Knockentiber playbarn. Provision of this new facility will allow the current lease of the playbarn to Knockentiber and District Sport and Leisure Group to be terminated, and should allow the Kilmarnock Sports Acrobatic Club to take on a new lease and develop a new facility to meet their specific requirements.
- 3.2 At Netherthird, the new build facility will contain two team changing rooms and referees changing room. Both facilities will meet the requirements of local football teams and will be DDA compliant.
- 3.3 While the designs and costings have been under consideration, major maintenance issues have been identified at Cocklebie Park, Stewarton and the Lugar changing pavilion. Improvements have been carried out using the capital programme allocation to ensure that the facilities will be available for use as soon as possible.
- 3.4 It is proposed that the remaining capital programme sum is utilised to carry out improvements to the pavilion at Western Road, Galston which is in poor condition, and could be upgraded to coincide with the works currently being carried out to bring the sports pitches at this site back into use following the development of the new Galston Primary School.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The estimated costs of the new pavilions and capital improvement works is as follows:

Knockentiber Pavilion	£535,000
Netherthird Pavilion	£502,000
Lugar Pavilion	£40,000
Cocklebie Pavilion	£60,000
Western Road, Galston Pavilion	£60,000
Total	£1,197,000

This programme of work will be funded from the Capital programme allocation of £1,200,000. It should be noted that this funding has been accelerated in the Capital Programme and the Council is therefore committed to full expenditure by 31st March 2010.

4.2 The additional review costs of operating these new or upgraded facilities will amount to £12,300 per annum. This will be met from existing budgets.

5. COMMUNITY PLANNING/POLICY/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Investment in the development and improvement of these facilities supports the delivery of the outcomes of the Community Plan and Leisure and Cultural Strategy.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

6.1 This prioritised work programme will ensure that several facilities are improved removing the risk of service failure and withdrawal of facilities.

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1 The designs for new pavilions at Knockentiber and Netherthird meet local needs, and the remaining expenditure will meet the highest current priority needs in terms of investment of pavilions.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that the Cabinet:-

- (i) note the progress made with the designs and costings for new pavilions at Knockentiber and Netherthird;
- (ii) remits to the Executive Head of Finance and Asset Management to negotiate a lease for the Knockentiber Playbarn with the Kilmarnock

Sports Acrobatics Club once agreement has been reached to terminate the current lease;

- (iii) note that improvement works are planned for Cocklebie Park, Stewarton, Lugar and Western Road, Galston pavilions utilising the remainder of the allocated capital programme sum; and
- (iv) otherwise note the contents of the report

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL

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