

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**SPECIAL COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2005**

### **MAJOR GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS – KILMARNOCK LEISURE CENTRE TRUST**

#### **Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek approval for the level of grant provided to the Kilmarnock Leisure Centre Trust for 2005/2006.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Council provided financial support of £130,000 to the Kilmarnock Leisure Centre Trust in 2004/2005 to support the running costs of the Galleon Leisure Centre. A similar amount has been requested for 2005/2006.

#### **3. CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 The Service Level Agreement for the Kilmarnock Leisure Centre Trust is based on a requirement to provide a wide range of sports and leisure opportunities for the whole community. The Galleon Centre consistently outperforms other similar facilities in Scotland in terms of its level of operational subsidy and continues to be managed and marketed effectively.
- 3.2 The Galleon Centre has continued to meet the requirements of the Service Level Agreement and has continued to offer a range of sports and leisure activities and opportunities.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The grant requested for approval in this report has been assessed against the available funding and a revised sum of £90,000 is being recommended for approval.

#### **5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The Council is committed to underwriting any revenue loss at the Galleon Centre to a maximum of £200,000.

## **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 The Service Level Agreement for the organisation referred to in this report is in line with Council guidance on grants to external bodies and is required to be reviewed on an annual basis.

## **7. CONCLUSIONS**

- 7.1 It is proposed that the maximum available grant of £90,000 is offered to the Kilmarnock Leisure Centre Trust with a request that the Trustees review the services on offer at the Galleon Centre and amend their Business Plan to ensure that the centre operates at a level commensurate with the funding available.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 It is recommended that Members:-

- (i) approve a grant of £90,000 to the Kilmarnock Leisure Centre Trust for 2005/2006;
- (ii) that it be remitted to the Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services to monitor progress in 2005/2006; and
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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**Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services**

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3<sup>rd</sup> February 2005

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Report of the Galleon Centre General Manager dated 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2005.

Any person wishing to inspect the background papers listed above should contact John Griffiths, Head of Leisure Services on 01563 576264.

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