

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 1 FEBRUARY 2006

BEST VALUE REVIEW OF LEISURE SERVICES

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of progress with the Best Value Review of Leisure Services.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting on 23rd March 2005 the Committee approved the arrangements for the Best Value Review of Leisure Services to be undertaken between April and October 2005.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Best Value Review of Leisure Services is nearing completion and significant staff resources have been engaged in following through the Councils Best Value Review Guidance since April 2005. Several issues arising from the review require more detailed investigation and consideration and therefore it has been necessary to delay the submission of the final report until March 2006 Committee meeting in order to ensure that this work is completed effectively. This additional preparation time will allow options for the services to be costed, cross-departmental issues to be addressed and prioritized recommendations to be developed for consideration.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY / IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Nil

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Nil

7. CONCLUSION

- 7.1 Additional time is required to properly complete the Best Value Review of Leisure Services, the report should now be presented to the March meeting of the Community Services Committee

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the current position regarding the Best Value Review of Leisure Services.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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