

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 23rd MARCH 2005

BEST VALUE REVIEW OF LEISURE SERVICES

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval of the Best Value Review of Leisure Services due to take place in 2005/06.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Services Department Best Value Service Review programme is the subject of a report elsewhere on this agenda. As part of the proposed review programme, the Council's Leisure Services are due to be reviewed in 2005/06 and it is intended that this review will be carried out between April and October 2005.

3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 There are six operational sections making up the Leisure Services Division i.e. Leisure Development; Museums and Arts; Library, Registration and Information; Community Recreation; Outdoor Amenities and Dean Castle Country Park.

- 3.2 Each of the service areas will be the subject of review. Some areas of the service have previously been reviewed while others require more detailed analysis due to changing funding regimes, the need to review operational methods or shifts in customer or community expectations. Amongst those areas to be subject to more detailed review are Dean Castle Country Park and Ranger Service, Registration Services; Bereavement Services; Arts Development and Community Halls.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 Nil.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003 and supporting statutory guidance places a requirement on all Councils to undertake Best Value Reviews for all services.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil.

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1 The Best Value Review of Leisure Services proposed in this report will ensure that the review follows the Council's procedural guidelines and examines key issues within the service.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) approves the Best Value Review of Leisure Services outlined in this report; and
- (ii) otherwise notes the content of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil.

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