

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2004**

### **CUMNOCK AND DISTRICT LEISURE GROUP – SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT AND PROGRESS REPORT**

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

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

- 1.1 To advise the Committee of the Service Level Agreement with the Cumnock and District Leisure Group and provide a progress report on the Cumnock Pool project.

#### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> May 2004, Committee received a report regarding revenue support for the new swimming pool in Cumnock.
- 2.2 Significant progress has now been made with both the pool construction and the Service Level Agreement with the Leisure Group.

#### **3. CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 The pool building is now nearing completion and will be handed over to the Leisure Group in the near future. A programme of fitting out, plant testing, and staff recruitment and training has been put in place and the opening will take place in due course.
- 3.2 Management of the facility has been sub-contracted to the Kilmarnock Leisure Centre Trust and the staff team is being recruited and trained by the Trust. The pre-launch marketing programme is well underway and memberships are being sold. The Leisure Group chose to name the facility 'Visions' and they are using this name in all promotional material.
- 3.3 Due to the timing of the pool's opening and the need to allow the Leisure Group to access revenue funding, the Service Level Agreement has been agreed and put into place. The Service Level Agreement obliges the Leisure Group to abide by the Council's Conditions of Grant including providing regular progress reports.
- 3.4 At its May meeting, Committee approved an interim grant of £45,000 for the pool and indicated that any additional revenue support required would be made following a review of internal and external sources. At this stage no additional revenue support has been sought, however this situation will be reviewed with the Leisure Group once the facilities are in full operation.

3.5 Committee should also note that the open air pool in Woodroad Park, Cumnock has now been demolished and the site has been cleared and landscaped.

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

4.1 Nil

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

5.1 Nil

#### **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 The revenue grant awarded to the Cumnock and District Leisure Group is underpinned by a Service Level Agreement that will ensure that the Group operates the new pool in line with Council priorities and utilises the grant in accordance with the Council's Conditions of Grant.

#### **7. CONCLUSIONS**

7.1 The Council's capital and revenue support have assisted in ensuring that the Cumnock and District Leisure Group have achieved their objective of providing an indoor swimming pool for the Cumnock area.

#### **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- i) note that a Service Level Agreement has now been implemented with the Cumnock and District Leisure Group; and
- ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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**Executive Director of Neighbourhood Services**

WS/JAG/KH  
6<sup>th</sup> August 2004

#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

1. Service Level Agreement for Cumnock and District Leisure Group dated 28<sup>th</sup> July 2004.

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

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