

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 1 FEBRUARY 2005

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR P.E. AND SPORT – PHASE 2 BIDS

Report by the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Education Committee approval for the submission of phase 2 facilities bids for Doon Academy and James Hamilton Academy to the Big Lottery Fund.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 The Big Lottery Fund, previously New Opportunities Fund, had allocated £1.265 million to East Ayrshire for the creation of sporting facilities at schools across the Council. These new facilities must also result in enhanced use by the community.

3. PHASE TWO BIDS

- 3.1 The Council is now at a stage where it is being invited to submit its next group of projects for consideration by the Big Lottery Fund. The proposed locations for new facilities have been chosen for :-

- Doon Academy – synthetic pitch;
- James Hamilton Academy – synthetic pitch
- Urban Adventure facility (St Joseph's Academy) – climbing wall.

- 3.2 The rationale for these submissions has been developed in conjunction with guidance from the Fund and sportscotland. The principal criteria which have been used when making these decisions are:

- these communities have a limited availability of sporting facilities, particularly artificial surfaces. The lack of sporting facilities has been highlighted to the Council in the Sportscotland Facilities Planning model which was presented to Community Services Committee.
- the Doon Valley and communities in Kilmarnock have areas which suffer from severe socio economic deprivation;

- 3.3 It is likely that these bids will take up the remainder of the £1.265 million allocation, however final costs will not be known until the tendering process has been undertaken.

- 3.4** Committee will note that the revised costs show a considerable increase on those initially submitted in 2002 for the phase 1 bid. It may, however, be possible to channel any surplus income generated by the facilities into creating those proposed facilities which cannot be delivered through Lottery funding.

4. FINANCIAL / LEGAL / POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1** Costs up to £1.265 million will be met from the Big Lottery Fund grant award.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1** It is recommended that Members

- (i) agree to first phase of projects detailed in section 3 to be submitted to the Big Lottery Fund; and
- (ii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Education Committee : 17 September 2002 – New Opportunities for PE and Sport

Education Committee : 14 September 2004 – New Opportunities for PE and Sport Update

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