

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE – 6 FEBRUARY 2002

CUMNOCK SWIMMING POOL PROJECT – PROGRESS REPORT

Report by Director of Community Services

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a progress report on the work of the Cumnock and District Leisure Group towards the provision of a new swimming pool in Cumnock.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Cumnock and District Leisure Group has been working since 1996 to raise funds to provide a new indoor swimming pool for Cumnock and the surrounding area.
- 2.2 The group is a formally constituted company with charitable status, its directors are local people and it works with the support of the Council and other local organisations.

3. PROGRESS

- 3.1 During 2001/02 the group has made considerable progress in establishing a preferred design for the new pool, identifying projected capital and revenue costs, promoting fundraising activities and submitting grant applications.
- 3.2 The preferred design provides for a pool and ancillary facilities with an additional fitness suite. The final design will require amendment to suit the available funding package but the group are keen to ensure that a high quality, financially viable facility is built.
- 3.3 The group have been very successful with their initial grant and applications and now have potential funding of up to a total of £1.5 million available for the project. This figure reflects potential contributions of £500,000 each from East Ayrshire Council, the National Lottery Sports Fund and the Minerals Trust. Additional sources of potential grants are now being targeted with the aim of securing in excess of £2 million for the project. Assistance and guidance in securing funding has been provided by officers from the Community Services Department.

3.4 Should the group be successful in raising further funds, it is likely that construction of the pool will start during 2002/03 with approximately 14 months required for building work and fit out. This projection is provisional at this stage and cannot be confirmed until all funding sources have been confirmed.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. However, the Council is committed to capital funding of £500,000 for the new pool. Some degree of revenue support may also be required from the Council.

5. LEGAL AUTHORITY/IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Nil.

6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Nil.

7. CONCLUSIONS

7.1 The Cumnock and District Leisure Group has made considerable progress in developing proposals for a new indoor swimming pool in Cumnock and has had significant success in attracting funds for the project from several key organisations.

8. RECOMMENDATION

8.1 The committee is asked to note this report.

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Nil

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AGENDA