

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE -21 SEPTEMBER 2000**

#### **SURPLUS PROPERTY - NEW CUMNOCK SWIMMING POOL**

##### **Report by Director of Community Services**

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

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval to declare the New Cumnock Swimming Pool surplus to the requirements of the Community Services Department subject to the agreement of a satisfactory lease with the New Cumnock Environmental Regeneration Volunteers (NERV).

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 At the Community Services Committee meeting held on 29th February 2000 it was agreed that the opening hours at New Cumnock Pool would be reduced for the 2000 season.
- 2.2 At a further meeting on 15 March 2000 it was agreed that the Leisure Management Contract should be amended to reflect the reduced opening hours and it was recommended that the Director of Community Services and Development Services negotiate an appropriate lease for the pool with NERV. The report also confirmed that 2000 would be the final year of East Ayrshire Council's direct management of the pool.

### **3. CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 NERV have now submitted a business plan to the Director of Development Services and in order to make progress towards a formal lease agreement it is necessary for the Community Services Committee to declare the building surplus to requirements. This will also allow the Group to make funding applications to external sources.
- 3.2 The Group are currently seeking a financial contribution from the Council to assist with operating expenses and negotiations are ongoing. Authority is sought to complete these negotiations and report back to the Committee in due course for approval.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 As the opening season has now finished for 2000 there are no financial implications for the Council in the current year.

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

- 5.1 Nil

## **6. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Nil

## **7. CONCLUSIONS**

7.1 As NERV have now submitted a business plan for the pool to the Council and are keen to continue working on a funding package it would be appropriate to declare the building surplus to requirements, subject to the agreement of a suitable lease.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) declare New Cumnock Swimming Pool surplus to requirement subject to the agreement of a suitable lease with the New Cumnock Environmental Regeneration Volunteers;
- (ii) remit to the Director of Community Services to conclude negotiations on a possible funding support package and to report back in due course; and
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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**AGENDA**