

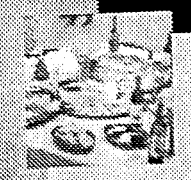
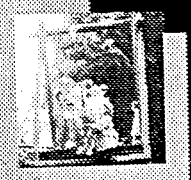
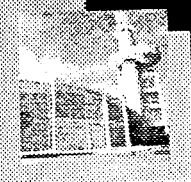
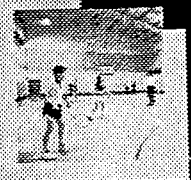
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Initial Discussion Draft

Leisure Plan

1999-2009



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LEISURE PLAN PRESENTATION TO AREA COMMITTEES

The Leisure Plan has been produced to guide and inform both the Leisure planning process within the whole leisure community within North Lanarkshire, and to guide and inform the delivery of leisure services by all providers in North Lanarkshire.

It is essential that Council services are customer designed and customer led.

This is particularly crucial in the context of ever competing resources. Members and, indeed, members of the public will be aware that the North Lanarkshire Council Leisure Services budget has been dramatically reduced over the past 3 years and, together with a significant reduction in staff numbers, it is imperative that the services provided are relevant and are prioritised.

The leisure planning process is a mechanism to achieve this and focuses on customer requirements. The Council can target the provision of appropriate leisure services of high quality and ensure a focused service that is relevant to community needs.

The Leisure Plan is not about extending leisure services or reducing leisure services in the abstract, although in practice this may be the end result as services are focused on community requirements. In effect, the intention is to adjust the service to ensure the priorities are being met, through a co-ordinated strategy for leisure provision.

There will of course be other guiding and informing input to the whole planning process, e.g. the Council's stated objectives in the Corporate Plan and various Government policies, e.g. the Peoples' Network and IT provision in the community, however, it is paramount that our services are customer designed and customer led.

What Level of Provision?

The provision of Leisure Services in Scotland is a statutory requirement under the:

- The Local Government (Planning) Act 1982
- The Local Government etc. (Scotland) Act 1994

“ensure that there is an *adequate* provision of facilities.....for recreational, sporting cultural and social activities”.

Leisure in North Lanarkshire

- The Department of Leisure Services (NLC) has **2,500** employees and a net budget of **£38.56m**.
- Leisure opportunities are also available through the voluntary sector.
- Private sector leisure developments.

North Lanarkshire Leisure includes.....

- 1 Watersports Centre, 1 Football Stadium, 2 Swimming Pools (stand alone), 3 Leisure Centres (all with pools), 9 Sports Centres (3 with pools) 2 Athletics Stadia, 19 Tennis Courts, 2 Golf Courses, 24 Bowling Clubs 5 Synthetic Sports Pitches, 112 Grass Sports Pitches, 48 Blaes Sports Pitches
- Children's Play Services & Development, Health and Fitness, Sport Development, Major Events.

Our Customers

During 1997/1998

- 2.5m books were issued to people through our libraries.
- 106,550 people visited our heritage facilities.
- over 2.5m people visited our sport & leisure facilities.
- over 4.5m people visited Strathclyde Park.

6 Policy Principles

- Leisure is an important part of people's lives.
- The Council will strive to achieve the highest levels of quality in the provision of its leisure service.
- Access to leisure opportunities is a fundamental right of all North Lanarkshire residents, regardless of income, disability or other factors.

6 Policy Principles

- No one leisure activity is intrinsically superior to any other leisure activity.
- Leisure activity within the Council area will range from community participation through to the pursuit of excellence, enabling participants to maximise their potential or desire.
- The Council will play a positive but secondary role in the development and support of international performers.

14 Leisure Aims

- To achieve improved health, fitness and self-confidence for all people through healthy lifestyle approaches including exercise, diet and nutrition.
- To act as the collective memory of the community through heritage services and promote community identity and community pride.
- To provide opportunities for informal and life-long learning.

14 Leisure Aims

- To provide comprehensive information services to the community.
- To develop a sense of well-being through the provision of opportunities for fun, relaxation and social interaction aimed at encouraging personal development.
- To contribute to the economic development of North Lanarkshire.

Constraints/Opportunities

- Best Value
- Legislation
- Government Policy
- Finance
- Lottery Funding

Process & Timetable

- Draft Leisure Plan approved for consultation (September 1998).
- Citizen Consultation process commences October 1998.
- Final Draft Leisure Plan for approval by Leisure Services Committee (February 1999).
- Implementation of Plan (April 1999).

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