

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT**

To: LEARNING AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: PLAYING PITCH SURPLUS TO OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ADJACENT TO MUIRFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE, CUMBERNAULD
From: HEAD OF COMMUNITY INFORMATION AND LEARNING		
Date: 10 January 2014	Ref: LMCM/IM/NR	

1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Learning and Leisure Services Committee for a playing pitch adjacent to Muirfield Community Centre, Cumbernauld to be declared surplus to operational requirements in accordance with the council's surplus land and buildings policy.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 Proposed Cumbernauld Community Enterprise Centre

In the Scottish Government's regeneration strategy launched in December 2011, it was announced that there would be a £25m annual fund made available from 2014/15. An ambitious project to develop a Cumbernauld Community Enterprise Centre on the existing site of Muirfield Community Centre was developed and led by the regeneration team in environmental services.

The Director of Environmental Services took a paper to policy and resources sub committee in September 2013 outlining details of a regeneration capital grant funding (RCGF) submission that was to be made by his service to support the creation of a new Cumbernauld Community Enterprise Centre. That process has now moved on and learning and leisure services require to make the small playing pitch adjacent to Muirfield Community Centre surplus to operational requirements to allow the next phase of the project bidding to take place.

2.2 The service has been consulted on the proposed development and the project is now approaching the second stage of the bidding process.

2.3 Discussions have taken place with the existing users of the facility and they are all fully supportive of the proposal. The existing tenants in the building will all be relocated to the new centre, if the project comes to fruition.

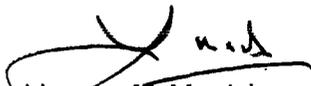
3. CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 In order for the proposals and bid to progress, the shaded area of land detailed on the map in Appendix 1 will require to be declared surplus to operational requirements. A number of areas of land require to be made surplus and this particular area is held within the learning and leisure services property/land account.
- 3.2 The declaring of the pitch and adjacent area as surplus to operational requirements is solely on the proviso that the proposed community enterprise centre development progresses. The outcome of the bidding process should be known within the next few months.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

The learning and leisure services committee is recommended to:

- (i) approve the declaration of the playing pitch and area adjacent to the pitch (as detailed in Appendix 1) surplus to operational requirements (on the basis that should the proposed Cumbernauld Community Enterprise Centre not proceed then the playing pitch and area adjacent to the pitch will be retained by learning and leisure services) to allow the next stage of the Cumbernauld Community Enterprise Centre Project to progress; and
- (ii) to refer this report to the Policy and Resources (Regeneration and Infrastructure) sub committee for consideration.



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