

REPORT

To: AIRDRIE AREA COMMITTEE		Subject: GARTLEA COMMUNITY CENTRE - REPLACEMENT
From: DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICES		
Date: 3 APRIL 2001	Ref: MD/LM	

1. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 As reported to Community Services Committee on 31 January 2001, Gartlea Community Centre was destroyed as the result of a fire on Wednesday 27 December 2000. It appears that the fire was caused by vandalism. The remains of the building were immediately demolished to make the site safe.
- 1.2 Gartlea Community Centre was built in 1990 and was a single story facility of a timber and brick construction.
- 1.3 The facility which was used by over 20,000 users per annum has many regular user groups including a senior citizens Carpet Bowl group, Girl Guides, Parkinson Self Help group, Airdrie Self Help Visually Impaired group and many others. The facility is also used largely for dances, weddings and parties. This year alone there were over 100 functions of a social nature.

2. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 2.1 Full reinstatement costs have not yet been prepared but it is estimated that these could total up to £1.2 million

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 The Community Services Department have now submitted all documentation in relation to the insurance claim. This information included a detailed costed inventory and, in conjunction with the Department of Housing & Property Services, a detailed costing of the facility based on what it would cost to provide today.
- 3.2 The Department is also currently identifying, again in conjunction with the Department of Housing & Property Services, Council owned land to ascertain possible site locations.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 It is proposed that prior to engaging the architect, consultation will take place within the local community as well as consulting with past and recent users of the facility. It is the intention that the replacement facility will be located appropriately within the Gartlea area and will aim to provide facilities, where financially possible, that will reflect the current and future needs of the local community.

4.2 In relation to the community consultation exercise, it is proposed that this will encompass the following:-

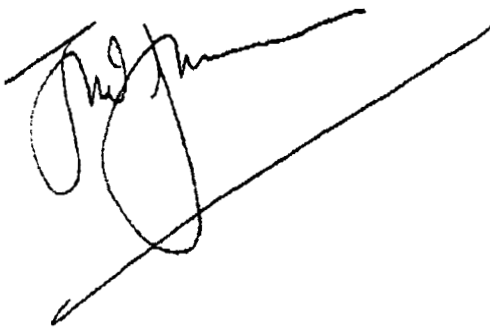
4.2.1 Contacting all local community groups, previous and most recent users of Gartlea Community Centre.

4.2.2 Contact local schools within the area.

4.2.3 Establish, in conjunction with the local press, a campaign to generate comment and feedback from the community in relation to the new facility.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 That the Area Committee note the content of the report.

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