

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT

To: LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: NORTH DRYBURGH ROAD FOOTBALL PAVILION
From: HEAD OF SPORT & RECREATION		
Date: 9 MARCH 1999	Ref: SG/WM	

1. **Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of Leisure Services Committee to demolish North Dryburgh Football Pavilion in Coltness, Wishaw.

2. **Background**

- 2.1 During 1997, North Dryburgh Football Pavilion sustained extensive damage as a result of incessant vandalism. Due to the extent of the damage, the pavilion closed to the public on 16 June 1997.
- 2.2 The pavilion has had a low level of usage in recent years with 1 booking in 1997/98 and 8 bookings in the previous year, 1996/97. The low level of usage may however be a reflection on the deteriorating condition of the facility.
- 2.3 Following consultation with the Department of Finance and the Department of Planning and Development, two of the available options for the future of the pavilion were explored. These were the demolition of the pavilion, or the full reinstatement of the pavilion.
- 2.4 The Property Maintenance Section within the Department of Planning and Development have advised that it would cost in excess of £25,000 to reinstate the pavilion, and £6,000 to demolish, either option requiring to be funded by Leisure Services. Unfortunately, Leisure Services does not have the necessary funds to implement either option.
- 2.5 The Insurance Section within the Department of Finance, following consultation with the Council's Loss Adjuster, have confirmed that our Insurance Company would be prepared to fund the demolition of the pavilion.

3. **Current Position**

- 3.1 The Locally Elected Member convened a public meeting on 18 February 1999 which was attended by local residents in order to obtain local opinion on the future of the pavilion.
- 3.2 The unanimous view of that meeting was that the pavilion should be demolished.

- 3.3 The public meeting accepted that the Council does not have the necessary funds to replace the pavilion at this moment in time, but expressed a desire that attempts are made to secure the necessary funding to replace the football pavilion at some time in the future.

4. **Recommendations**

- 4.1 Committee are asked to approve the demolition of the pavilion.
- 4.2 The matter be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for their consideration.
- 4.3 That the Property Maintenance Section are asked to proceed with the necessary works, subject to obtaining the necessary Building Control Demolition Warrant.

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