

**SPECIAL LEARNING AND LEISURE SERVICES – 11 June 2008**

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**Motherwell, 11 June 2008 at 2 pm.**

A Special Meeting of the **LEARNING AND LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**PRESENT**

Councillor Logue, Convener; Councillors Fagan, Goldie, Griffin, Johnston, McAuley, McWilliams, Maginnis, Murray, Robertson, Ross, Shields, Stewart and Wallace.

**CHAIR**

Councillor Logue (Convener) presided.

**IN ATTENDANCE**

The Committee Officer; Executive Director of Learning and Leisure Services; Head of Community Information and Learning, and Office Manager.

**APOLOGIES**

Councillors Carrigan, Curran, Key, S. Love, Morgan and Shaw, and Mr. McLeod and Mr. I. Scott.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST IN TERMS OF THE ETHICAL STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE ETC. (SCOTLAND) ACT 2000**

1. Declarations were received from Councillors Goldie and Logue, in respect of paragraph 4, of a non-pecuniary interest by reason of membership of the Board of Broadwood Stadium (Cumbernauld) Limited and the Members concerned took no part in the consideration of the matter identified.

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE SPORTS PITCH STRATEGY - INVESTMENT PLAN 2008/09-2011/12**

2. With reference to paragraph 11 of the Minute of the meeting of this Committee held on 18 December 2007 when, inter alia, the Committee had, following consideration of a report by the Head of Community Information and Learning which provided details of the Groups which had been invited to participate in the consultation process for the formulation of the North Lanarkshire Sports Pitch Strategy, agreed that the report be remitted to the Local Area Partnerships and Area Committees for their comments on the Strategy, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 5 June 2008 by the Head of Community Information and Learning (1) providing details of the feedback received from the Local Area Partnerships and Area Committees on the Sports Pitch Strategy, (2) attaching, as Appendices 2 and 3 to the report, the Sports Pitch Strategy Investment Plan for 2008/09 to 2011/12 which, in effect comprised (a) the Sports Pitch Investment Priorities, and (b) the Schools and Centres 21 Programme; (3) indicating that the integrated Investment Plan contained the priority projects for the development and improvement of outdoor sports sites which had been selected following an audit of pitch provision in North Lanarkshire; (4) advising that, as a result of the audit and with a view to releasing capital receipts for future investment in pitch provision, a number of sites had been identified as being suitable for disposal and that, following consultation with SportScotland, a report thereon would be submitted to a future meeting of the Committee; (5) outlining details of the funding sources to take the Investment Plan forward, and (6) indicating that the Sports Pitch Strategy, together with its associated Action and Investment Plans would be monitored on a regular basis and that an annual report detailing the impact of the Investment Plan would be submitted to future meetings of the Committee.

**Decided:**

- (1) that the comments by the Local Area Partnerships and Area Committees on the North Lanarkshire Sports Pitch Strategy, as detailed in the report, be noted;
- (2) that the Sports Pitch Strategy Investment Plan, as set out in Appendices 2 and 3, to the report, be approved;
- (3) that it be noted that the Head of Community Information and Learning would prepare, for submission to a future meeting of the Committee, a report on sports pitch sites in North Lanarkshire which may be suitable for disposal, and
- (4) that it be noted that the Head of Community Information and Learning would prepare, for submission to future meetings of the Committee, an annual report on the impact of the Investment Plan.

**The Convener exercised his discretion to vary the order of business as hereinafter Minuted.**

**TAYLOR HIGH SCHOOL, NEW STEVENSTON - PROVISION OF SPORTS FACILITIES**

3. There was submitted a report dated 8 May 2008 by the Head of Community Information and Learning advising (1) that the lowest of six tenders received for the construction of an all weather sports pitch and the upgrading of sports facilities at Taylor High School, New Stevenston was that of Chieftain Contracts Limited, Bonnybridge in the amended sum of £613,333.96, after checking, and (2) that the Executive Director of Corporate Services, following consultation with the Convener, had accepted the tender in terms of his delegated powers.

**Decided:** that the report be noted.

**Councillors Goldie and Logue, having declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following item by reason of being Members of the Board of Broadwood Stadium (Cumbernauld) Limited, took no part in its determination.**

**The Convener vacated the Chair and Councillor Robertson assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.**

**BROADWOOD LEISURE AND SPORTS FACILITY, CUMBERNAULD - TENDERS**

4. With reference to paragraph 1 of the Minute of the special meeting of the former Community Services Committee held on 20 March 2007 when, inter alia, that Committee had noted a report by the former Director of Community Services which provided an update on proposals for the construction of a new leisure and sports facility at Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld and, in particular, highlighted (1) the appointment of Consultants to provide estimated costings and draft project plans for the development of the concept, and to project manage the Council's preferred option; (2) the plans to progress the project through the single stage procurement process, and (3) the scheme details and financial arrangements, there was submitted a report (docketed) dated 4 June 2008 by the Head of Community Information and Learning (a) advising of the progress of the new leisure and sports facility at the Broadwood Stadium; (b) providing details of five tenders which had been received for the proposed development; (c) intimating that, following a cost/quality assessment of the tenders, the most economically advantageous tender, after checking and a savings exercise, was that by Mansell, Glasgow, in the amended sum of £6,640,390; (d) indicating (A) that funding for the project would be met from the Learning and Leisure Capital Programme for 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11, and (B) that, although the amended tender was slightly higher than the project budget projection for the

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construction project, it was anticipated that the shortfall could be met elsewhere in the overall budget, and (e) recommending that the tender by Mansell in the amended sum of £6,640,390 be accepted.

**Decided:** that the Executive Director of Corporate Services arrange for the acceptance of the tender by Mansell, Glasgow, in the amended sum of £6,640,390 for the construction of a new leisure and sports facility at Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld.