

NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL
REPORT

To: LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE		Subject: LEISURE PLAN
From: DIRECTOR OF LEISURE SERVICES		
Date: 24/8/98	Ref: NT/SR	

1. Introduction

This report proposes that a draft Leisure Plan (under separate cover) now be approved as the basis of a comprehensive public consultation exercise.

2. Background

A Leisure Plan is seen as an essential part of the Council's overall planning process and will provide the link between the general Corporate Strategy and the specific Service Plan. The preparation of the plan has already been agreed as a key task in the current Departmental Service Plan.

Leisure Services and facilities within North Lanarkshire are provided by a number of organisations from the voluntary, private and public sectors. The Plan aims to promote better co-ordination between the various parties.

The Plan covers a 10 year timespan and will be subject to regular monitoring and review.

The draft plan incorporates the corporate strategic framework including the Council's agreed leisure principles.

3. Consultation

Full consultation is an essential part of the Leisure Plan process and will involve community groups, partner organisations, Area Committees, individuals, trade union and appropriate national organisations. Summaries of the plan will be available on tape, in large print and in other languages. Staff will visit groups and address meetings as appropriate. A paper highlighting key issues will be prepared as part of the consultation exercise.

The proposed consultation timetable is as follows:-

ACTION**DATE**

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| 1. Draft Leisure Plan approved for consultation | August 1998 |
| 2. Citizen Consultation | Sept - November 1998 |
| 3. Local Survey results fed into Leisure Plan Process | October 1998 |
| 4. Final Draft for approval by Leisure Services Committee | December 1998 |
| 5. Leisure Services Plan advises budgetary and service plan process | January - March 1999 |
| 6. Implementation of Plan commences quarterly | April 1999 |
| 7. Monitoring Report prepared | August 1999 |
| 8. Leisure Services Plan Reviewed through Citizen Consultation | November - September 1999 |
| 9. Leisure plan feeds budgetary/Service Plan process | January - March 2000 |

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 That the attached draft Leisure Plan be approved as the basis of the public consultation exercise.
- 4.2 That the report be referred to the Area Committees for their interest.



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