

**NORTH LANARKSHIRE COUNCIL  
REPORT**

<b>To:</b> POLICY & RESOURCES (REGENERATION & INFRASTRUCTURE) SUB COMMITTEE		<b>Subject:</b> The Muirfield (Cumbernauld Community Enterprise) Centre – Progress Report
<b>From:</b> HEAD OF PLANNING AND REGENERATION		
<b>Date:</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> September 2016	<b>Ref:</b> 1860/DG	

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update committee on the development of the Muirfield Centre and surrounding public greenspace within Cumbernauld Town Centre and highlight an increase in anticipated final capital costs of this project from £8.66M to £8.77M

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Designed to replace the former and outdated Muirfield Community Education Centre, the new Muirfield Centre development is a major regeneration initiative (part funded by £4M from the Scottish Government's Regeneration Capital Grant Fund [RCGF]) that offers a range of modern community and office space as well as surrounding landscape and outdoor play facilities.
- 2.2 Works on this centre started in January 2015 and the building was completed and handed over to CultureNL (who will operate the building on the Council's behalf) on the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016 (although the building itself did not become fully operational until the 15<sup>th</sup> of August).
- 2.3 With the centre complete, the final phase of planned project works will now be implemented including the demolition of the remaining part of the old Muirfield Centre (due to start in September 2016) and the creation of new public greenspace, a community garden, a large play area and multi sports games facility (all of which are due to be completed by mid December 2016).

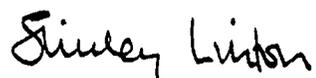
**3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 In May 2015, committee approved a project budget for this development of £8.66M. A number of items not included within the original project specification (including furniture requirements for community and third sector office users, comms. infrastructure requirements and proposed additions to the play area to allow full disability access) have led to an increase in the final anticipated project costs to £8.77M
- 3.2 This additional budget requirement will be met through £50,000 external landfill communities funding recently secured for this project through Waste Recycling Environmental Limited (WREN), an additional funding contribution of £27,250 from Play Services and any remaining overspend (£22,750) through Planning & Regeneration Services Physical Regeneration Projects Budget (as previously agreed by Committee in May 2016).

#### **4. Recommendations**

4.1 It is recommended that committee:

- (i) note the completion and handover of the new Muirfield Centre and the programme of works for the final phase of this development as outlined in 2.3; and
- (ii) note an increase in the final anticipated capital cost of this project from £8.66M to £8.77M.



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