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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Education and Communities Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>12 March 2019</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Leisure: Rankin Park Indoor Tennis Facility Phase 2 Application</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Committee on the progress of the Stage 2 application submitted to SportScotland on the proposed development of the Rankin Park Indoor Tennis Facility.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 In March 2018, Inverclyde Leisure (IL) presented an update of their current three-year Business Plan to the Education and Communities Committee which included details of the proposed development of an indoor tennis facility to be situated at Rankin Park, Greenock.
- 2.2 At the subsequent meeting of Education and Communities Committee, members agreed to the allocation of £500K funding from the Communities Capital Fund pending confirmation of a successful application for £850K grant allocation from SportScotland, Tennis Scotland and the Lawn Tennis Association (LTA). This was an increase on the £350K previously agreed by Committee.
- 2.3 On 22 October 2018, Inverclyde Leisure presented a full business plan on the proposal to Committee members with the anticipation that the grant application would have been confirmed prior to the scheduled Committee meeting on 30 October 2018.
- 2.4 Inverclyde Leisure's Board were informed of the successful application and allocation of funding on 26 November 2018. A formal letter of confirmation from Tennis Scotland, Sport Scotland and LTA was received on 3 December 2018.
- 2.5 A subsequent briefing on Phase 2 of the project and completion timelines will be presented to members prior to the scheduled meeting on 1 March 2019.
- 2.6 The proposed transfer of Rankin Park to Inverclyde Leisure by way of inclusion in Inverclyde Leisure's Outdoor Leisure Facilities portfolio, with an anticipated date of April 2019 for the completion of the process, is being progressed. A subsequent report will be submitted to the Committee in due course.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee notes the success of IL's Phase 1 application for funding to develop the Rankin Park Indoor Tennis Facility and the subsequent submission on 1 March 2019 of the Phase 2 application to SportScotland, Tennis Scotland and the LTA.

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## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 In March 2018, Inverclyde Leisure (IL) presented an update on its three-year Business Plan to the Education and Communities Committee. Included in that plan were details of the proposed development of an indoor tennis facility to be situated at Rankin Park, Greenock. Subsequently, The Committee agreed to increase funding from £350K to £500K from the Communities Capital Fund pending confirmation of a successful application for £850K grant funding from SportScotland, Tennis Scotland and the LTA.
- 4.2 Regular reports on the progress of the application have been included in the Communities Capital Programme report presented to the Education and Communities Committee.
- 4.3 On 22 October, Inverclyde Leisure management presented a full business plan on Phase 1 of the proposal to Committee members with the anticipation that the grant application would have been confirmed prior to the scheduled Committee meeting on 30 October 2018. It was noted at that time that IL's Stage 1 application was regarded as a high quality, comprehensive application by the funding body.
- 4.4 Inverclyde Leisure's Board was informed of the successful application and allocation of funding on 26 November 2018. A formal letter of confirmation from Tennis Scotland, Sport Scotland and the LTA was received on 3 December 2018.
- 4.5 The Phase 2 application will address the following areas:
  - Community Tennis Network Plan – further development of the network plan including specific actions which will be taken to meet the outcomes.
  - Business Case – further development of the tennis programme including example court utilisation for a typical week. It would also be useful to examine the staffing structure further to ensure appropriate provision is given to driving the tennis programme as well as managing the facility.
  - Technical Information – provide more detailed project specific drawings, specifications and details of the ancillary building for the project. Details of competitive tenders and planning permission should also be included
  - Project cost – provide detailed cost information and proposed construction type. As a minimum a quotation or QS cost estimate based on site and project specific solution is required.
  - Legal documentation – confirmation of acceptance of the Rankin Park facility has been agreed in the Service Agreement between Inverclyde Council and Inverclyde Leisure.

Sports Scotland acknowledge that the development of the key information stated above may take a number of months and that they will work in partnership with Inverclyde Leisure to develop the application to an appropriate level of detail prior to submission.

- 4.6 Members should note that the Transforming Scottish Indoor Tennis Fund investment rounds are quarterly. Stage 2 applications can be submitted at any one of our four annual submission deadlines: 1 March, 1 June, 1 September and 1 December.

It is Inverclyde Leisure stated intention to work to the 1 March 2019 date. A detailed presentation by IL management team to Elected Members on the Phase 2 proposal is scheduled for 7 March.

## 5.0 PROPOSALS

5.1 As previously stated, while IL aspire to meet the 1 March 2019 submission date for the Phase 2 proposal, there remains the potential for slippage given the timescale. The IL management team remains committed to a detailed presentation on the Business Plan and development timeline to the Committee on 7 March 2019.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial implications - one-off costs:

Cost centre	Budget heading	Budget year	Proposed spend this report	Virement from	Other comments
TBC		2019 - 2020	Nil	Communities Capital Fund	Previously agreed by E&C Committee

Financial implications - annually recurring costs/(savings):

Cost centre	Budget heading	With effect from	Annual net impact	Virement from	Other comments

6.2 Legal: There are no known Legal implications.

Legal and Property Services will provide support to the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture and Corporate Policy in connection with the proposed inclusion of Rankin Park in Inverclyde Leisure's outdoor leisure facility portfolio.

6.3 Equalities:

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

Yes See attached appendix

X

No This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

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The completed facility will ensure access for players with disabilities in accordance with the guidelines given by the Disability Tennis Network.

## 7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.