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## 1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the support Inverclyde Council provides to sporting organisations and Community Sports Clubs.

## 2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Inverclyde Council works in partnership with **sportscotland**, the national agency for sport, and invests in a strategic sports development workforce through the Active Schools team.
- 2.2 Inverclyde Council works in partnership with the Scottish Rugby Union and the Scottish Football Association to develop both sports within Inverclyde.
- 2.3 Inverclyde Council works in partnership with six **sportscotland** Direct Club Investment clubs to support and promote sport. Active School provides a Safe Club Accreditation Scheme whereby local community clubs can become an Accredited Safe Club. In addition to this, Inverclyde Council supports the national Community Sports Hub programme (CSH) with three sports hubs in Port Glasgow, Ravenscraig and Gourrock.
- 2.4 Inverclyde Council supports sports clubs and schools to source additional funds whether that be through Awards For All, Sports Grants, Grants to Voluntary Organisations or Sports Facilities Fund. Awards totalling £190,334.88 were made through Grants to Voluntary Organisations.

## 3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee notes the content of this report.

## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Inverclyde Council works in partnership with **sportscotland**, the national agency for sport, to invest and support our local Active Schools network. The network is dedicated to developing and supporting the delivery of quality sporting opportunities for children and young people.

The baseline investment into a strategic Active Schools workforce provides Inverclyde Council with the capability to support local sporting organisations and community clubs source further external investment into the local sporting network.

Locally, the Active School Team manages the partnerships with **sportscotland** and the national governing bodies of sport. Many of these partnerships include further investment of external funds into Inverclyde.

### Current Position

Sportscotland and Inverclyde Council have agreed a further one year investment for (2019/2020) totalling £450,000. **sportscotland** have invested £255,000 with Inverclyde Council investing £195,000 which consists of an education development officer, a senior co-ordinator and 7.8 FTE co-ordinators. A full review will be undertaken to look at a future funding model to continue the key partnership with **sportscotland**.

- 4.2 Inverclyde Council works in partnership with the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) the national governing body for rugby in Scotland, to support and grow rugby locally. The Council has a formal partnership agreement with the local rugby club Greenock Wanderers and the SRU until 31 March 2020.

The rugby club employs a Rugby Development Officer who is funded by the SRU and the club. Inverclyde Council supplies office space, computer access and line management support. The external investment into rugby over the three year partnership agreement is £69,000.

The investment supports an annual programme of development in primary and secondary schools, coach education, youth coaching and club development.

In addition to the core development programme, Inverclyde Council has also supported the rugby club to successfully apply for Direct Club Investment funds from **sportscotland** to support their club Talent Academy programme. The external investment this has attracted over the four year programme since 2014 is £48,000.

- 4.3 Inverclyde Council works in partnership with the Scottish Football Association (SFA), the national governing body for football in Scotland, to support and grow football locally. Inverclyde Council receives funding from the SFA which contributes towards the cost of employing a Football Development Officer.

The external investment annually is £14,000, with a further £7,000 invested by the SFA in the School of Football at the Port Glasgow Community Campus, via Greenock Morton Community Trust.

The investment supports an annual development programme which sees 10 football clubs supported through their SFA club accreditation, 2 clubs supported on a weekly basis with coaching philosophy and quality, McDonald's Fun Football at 2 venues, programme of coach education and football holiday camps.

- 4.4 Inverclyde Council works in partnership with several **sportscotland** Direct Club Investment clubs (DCI,) to support and promote sport. Since the national DCI programme started in 2013 **sportscotland** have invested £137,696 in Inverclyde sport clubs. Our local clubs have invested £156,466 of their own monies, totalling an investment of £294,162 stretching from

2013-2021. Inverclyde has been the most successful authority area in the west region in securing DCI monies;

- Fort Matilda and Ardgowan Tennis Clubs. The Council works in partnership with Tennis Scotland and both clubs to support and grow tennis locally. The clubs employ a Head Tennis Coach with funds from Tennis Scotland, sportscotland's DCI and their own funds. Inverclyde Council supplies office space, computer access and line management support.
- Gourock Golf Club. Inverclyde Council work in partnership with Golf Scotland and Gourock Golf Club to support and grow golf locally. The club employs a Club Development Officer with funds from **sportscotland's** DCI and their own funds.
- Greenock Morton Hockey Club. The Council works in partnership with Scottish Hockey and Greenock Hockey Club to support and grow hockey locally. The club employs a Club Development Officer with funds from **sportscotland's** DCI and their own funds.
- Greenock Morton Girls Football. Inverclyde Council works in partnership with Greenock Morton Community Trust to support and grow girls' football locally. The club employs a Girls & Women's Development Officer with funds from **sportscotland's** DCI and their own funds.
- Greenock Wanderers Rugby Club. The Council work in partnership with Greenock Wanderers Rugby Club to support their junior talent academy. The club employs a Talent Academy Manager with funds from **sportscotland's** DCI and their own funds.

In addition to the above clubs, the Council supports clubs which are in a readiness position to develop then apply for the DCI funds. The Council support clubs with the development of the financial business case and sport development plans required to apply. The Council also has a member of staff who represents Inverclyde on the **sportscotland** West Regional Leadership Group, where the DCI bids are presented and then recommended rejected / to **sportscotland's** DCI panel.

- 4.5 Inverclyde Council provides a Safe Club Accreditation Scheme whereby local clubs can become an Accredited Safe Club. This provides the club with the ability to access our local schools whether it is curricular, extra-curricular delivery, festivals, school leagues, distribution of leaflets, social media endorsement, attendance at school assemblies and included in the school bulletin with the aim to promote the pathway from school to community sport. The aim is to increase club profile and membership therefore targeting lifelong participation in sport and physical activity for our young people.

It allows Inverclyde Council to establish that the club is operating to a safe standard and provides our schools comfort that any accredited club they are engaging with is a safe and appropriate environment to recommend to their pupils.

The Safe Club Accreditation Scheme checks the following governance areas:

- Public liability insurance
- Child protection policy
- Child protection officer
- Coaching qualifications
- Coaching ratios
- PVG status
- Club constitution
- AGM
- First aider qualifications
- Parental consent forms

- Player / coach code of conduct
- Number of club members
- Affiliation to national governing body of sport.
- Affiliation to local sports council, Sport Inverclyde

Currently we have 26 accredited safe clubs, correct as of 13 February 2019.

In addition, if through the process of applying for Safe Club Accreditation a sports club cannot currently achieve the standard required, the Council allocates staff time to support the club to do so, whether that is advice on amendments to the club constitution, support to develop a coaching code of conduct or support to develop appropriate child protection policies.

The accreditation scheme is managed through the Active Schools / Sports Development Team on behalf of Inverclyde Council. See Appendix 1 for the current list of clubs.



- 4.6 Inverclyde Council supports the community led event Inverclyde Sports Personality Awards (ISPA) and has a member of staff who is part of the organising committee and judging panel. The Active Schools network provides nominations, votes and local promotion of the event. Education Services have been a category sponsor of School Team of The Year for the last three years. In the Year of the Young Person, Community Learning and Development were category sponsor for Young Volunteer of The Year.

In addition to the event any profits raised go directly to the Talented Athlete Scheme. This is a community operated fund that local sports people can apply for support in training costs, equipment, and travel. Inverclyde Council is represented on the awards committee.

- 4.7 Inverclyde Council supports the national Community Sports Hub programme (CSH).

Currently there are three sports hubs:

- Port Glasgow CSH
- Ravenscraig CSH
- Gourock CSH

This programme was initially funded through an external investment of £155,956 in 2013-2017 through **sportscotland**. This investment facilitated the employment of a CSH Development Officer.

As the investment from **sportscotland** ceased the Active Schools network picked up the CSH remit, although the support available to the CSH clubs is not at the same level as a dedicated officer there is still some level of strategic support.

The clubs involved in the programme received support on the development of strategic plans, club governance, fundraising, sponsorship, growing club membership, financial planning, facility development, developing coaching workforce and volunteer recruitment plus some small scale financial support to implement the plans.

The clubs involved in the programme are:

1. Clyde Netball Club
2. Inverclyde Athletics Club
3. Clyde Cavaliers Basketball Club
4. Greenock Morton Hockey Club
5. St Andrew's Boys Football Club
6. Gourock Golf Club
7. Inverclyde Cricket Club
8. Inverclyde Archers
9. Gourock YAC
10. Gourock Park Bowling Club
11. Port Glasgow Bowling Club
12. Port Glasgow Golf Club
13. Port Glasgow Community Sports Club

4.8 Inverclyde Council supports sports clubs and schools to source additional funds whether that be through Awards For All, Sports Grants, Grants to Voluntary Organisations or Sports Facilities Fund.

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Sub-Committee awards were approved to the amount of £190,334.88.

Under 19 Sports grants- the balance available for new one-off applications is £159,575.00.

The support can be anything from signposting them to the funding opportunity, advice on the business case, connecting them with a sports facility specialist, support with writing the application, advice on club governance, guidance with membership growth, developing a schools programme or advice on sports equipment.

4.9 Inverclyde Council has representation at a variety of local, regional and national sporting forums:

- National Active Schools Managers Network
- National Community Sports Hub Officers Network
- West Regional Sport Leadership Network
- West Regional Club Sports Network
- West Regional Inclusion Forum
- Central Scotland Developing Mountain Biking Network
- Inverclyde Strategic Tennis Development
- Inverclyde Strategic Rugby Development
- Inverclyde Sports Personality Organising Committee
- Inverclyde Talented Athlete Committee

4.10 Inverclyde Council is supporting the key strategic development of a Sport and Physical Activity Framework for Inverclyde. The framework will be collaboratively developed with **sportscotland**, Inverclyde Leisure, Community Sport Hubs, Active Schools, Sport Inverclyde, Health & Social Care Partnership, CVS Inverclyde and Your Voice. The development of the framework, public consultation, presentation to Inverclyde Alliance board and establishing the strategic group will be led by Inverclyde Council.

The support will be managed through the Active Schools / Sports Development Team on behalf of Inverclyde Council.

## 5.0 PROPOSALS

5.1 N/A.

## 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

### 6.1 Finance

#### 6.2 Financial Implications:

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments

Annually Recurring Costs/(Savings):

Public Engagement Events, communications and administration costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments

### 6.3 Legal

N/A

### 6.4 Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

YES (see attached appendix)

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.

### 6.5 Repopulation

Provision of Council services which are subject to close scrutiny with the aim of delivering continuous improvement for current and potential citizens of Inverclyde support the Council's aim of enhancing Inverclyde's reputation as a place to live and work.

## 7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 N/A.

## 8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Appendix 1 Active Schools/Sports Development Accredited Safe Clubs/Organisations  
GTVO Governance EDUCOM/76/18/HS

- U19 Sport grants detail and Governance EDUCOM/77/18/HS

## Appendix 1

### Active Schools/Sports Development Accredited Safe Clubs/Organisations (as of 13th February 2019)



1. Ardgowan Tennis Club
2. Clyde Cavaliers Basketball Club
3. Clyde Netball Club
4. DM Diamondz (Dance)
5. Fort Matilda Tennis Club
6. Gourrock Golf Club
7. Gourrock Park Bowling Club
8. Greenock Cricket Club
9. Greenock Golf Club
10. Greenock Morton Community Trust
11. Greenock Morton Hockey Club
12. Greenock Wanderers RFC
13. Inverclyde Archers Club
14. Inverclyde Athletics Club
15. Inverclyde Cricket Club
16. Jissen Ryu Karate Club
17. Kilmacolm Golf Club
18. Port Glasgow Bowling Club
19. Port Glasgow Golf Club
20. Port Glasgow Juniors CSC
21. REACT Basketball
22. Scott Isaksen (Boxercise/SIF Personal Training)
23. The McLellan Dance & Arts Academy
24. United Kingdom Taekwon-Do Council
25. Whinhill Golf Club Jnr Section
26. Yoga Belliez (Enterprise Childcare)
27. Kilmacolm Tennis Club – In progress
28. Inverclyde Amateur Swimming Club – In progress