
Report To:	Education and Communities Committee	Date:	11 May 2021
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Subject:	Report on Outstanding Community Remits for the Education and Communities Committee		

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Education and Communities Committee on outstanding remits for Communities.

2.0 SUMMARY

2.1 This report gives updates on the progress with the following outstanding remits for the Communities part of the Education and Communities Committee.

2.2 Updates considered in this report are:

- 5Rights for children and young people
- Overall Impact on Users of IL Spend to save Project at Boglestone Community Centre and Usage of Mountain Bike Track at Rankin Park
- Local Authority Provision of Cleaning and Janitorial Services to Police Scotland
- No Knives Better Lives – Update Report on 10 year evaluation

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 The Committee is asked to note the updates in this report.

3.2 The Committee is asked to note the update on Rankin Park usage and agree that a further report on maintenance of the track and signage will be brought back to a future Committee.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 5Rights for children and young people

In May 2018, the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture and Communities presented a report on the 5rights for children and young people. 5Rights is a framework to empower children and young people in the digital world. At the meeting Inverclyde agreed to become a 5Rights signatory.

4.2 Overall Impact on Users of IL Spend to save Project at Boglestone Community Centre and Usage of Mountain Bike Track at Rankin Park

In May 2019 the Committee considered a report by the Head of Inclusive Education, Culture and Communities outlining the status of the projects forming the Communities Capital Programme and highlighting the overall financial position. The Committee asked that a future report be submitted on a) the overall impact on users of the Inverclyde Leisure Spend to Save project at Boglestone Community Centre and b) usage (including education usage) of the mountain bike track at Rankin Park.

4.3 Local Authority Provision of Cleaning and Janitorial Services to Police Scotland

In May 2019, the Committee considered a report submitted by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy and Communications advising of proposed changes to the provision of cleaning and janitorial services by Police Scotland and the potential employee and financial implications for the Council.

4.4 No Knives Better Lives – Update Report on 10 year evaluation

Inverclyde continues to support the Scottish National programme No Knives Better Lives. In 2019 the Programme, piloted in Inverclyde, celebrated its 10th year and a report was submitted to the Inverclyde Council Education and Communities Committee in November 2019 highlighting its publication. The Committee agreed to a further report regarding the national 10 year programme.

5.0 UPDATES

5.1 5Rights for children and young people

Inverclyde Council signed up to the 5Rights framework. Because of changes in personnel, the anticipated action plan was not taken forward as expected. Events of COVID-19 have seen the Council move on significantly with the use of digital learning and this has been the case nationally. Education Services have had to move very quickly to facilitate access to digital learning and as a result are working with schools and the wider community to evaluate the current practice and provision across Inverclyde. This includes digital access, protocols and pedagogy. The West Partnership have also identified digital learning as a main priority moving forward. The rights identified in the 5rights strategy are still pertinent however it no longer makes sense to approach the rights in a separate action plan and they will be embedded in the Inverclyde Education Services improvement plan and linked to the ongoing work of the West Partnership.

5.2 Overall Impact on Users of IL Spend to save Project at Boglestone Community Centre and Usage of the Mountain Bike Track at Rankin Park

Boglestone Activity & Community Centre re-opened its doors on June 2019 after an extensive partnership refurbishment project. The improvements at the site included the extension of the low cost budget gym using the old derelict café area. The main hall area was also transformed into a large adventure play area and a Café was introduced to serve the local community.

The Boglestone facility now has a large low cost fitness gym with memberships available from £9.99 to help promote activity, health and wellbeing in the area. The centre is located in an area of deprivation. It is proving to be very popular now and attracts young children encouraging them to get active in the large adventure play area.

The developments have been a great addition to the community and the centre is now a popular attraction for neighbouring residents. With the additional increase in operating hours and added services to this centre, this had also led to increased employment within the local area, after the Boglestone development demonstrating an increase in usage by 60%. Prior to lockdown the facility had around 1500 club live members actively using the new service provision at Boglestone.

5.2.1 Mountain Bike trail at Rankin Park

Initially there was some school usage as a part of a trial period with bikes being hired. The expected funding to possibly purchase bikes to support educational use did not come to fruition and since this time there has not been a huge interest from schools to pursue this further.

There is no way of monitoring usage by the general public but we are aware that there is usage and that this is popular with cyclists who know about the track. Officers will explore signage to promote the area and this should promote increased usage.

Last year some maintenance work was undertaken due to weather damage and trees falling down on the site. Further work needs to be undertaken to ensure and co-ordinate ongoing maintenance on the site. This will be explored and a further update will be brought to the Education and Communities Committee.

5.3 Local Authority Provision of Cleaning and Janitorial Services to Police Scotland

In May 2019, the Committee considered a report submitted by the Head of Organisational Development, Policy and Communications advising of proposed changes to the provision of cleaning and janitorial services by Police Scotland and the potential employee and financial implications for the Council. Following a tender process by Police Scotland for Soft Facilities Management (FM) services, a contract was awarded to Churchill Cleaning Services in January 2020. The intended contract commencement date was 30 March 2020 but this was adjusted to 6 July 2020 due to the COVID-19 situation. Consultation took place in respect of TUPE and HR implications, following which 6 employees transferred to Churchill Cleaning Services on the transfer date. The financial implications in respect of the service transfer have been contained within the Directorate.

5.4 No Knives Better Lives – Update Report on 10 year evaluation

Inverclyde continues to endorse No Knives Better Lives (NKBL) within-school based and youth work settings. An improvement action plan for 2021/22 has been prepared which includes the delivery of NKBL within a traditional youth work setting and a detached youth work setting owing to restrictions of indoor based youth work due to COVID-19. Inverclyde Council CLD has a lead worker and will be responsible for rolling out NKBL in a restorative justice setting and by June 2021 Inverclyde will have delivered a session in the new NKBL product based on an interactive game. Other key priorities in 2021/2022 will be supporting youth work deliverers in rolling out NKBL across their respective work streams and a twilight session for staff within primary and secondary schools.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Finance

There are no financial implications in this report

Financial Implications:

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

6.2 Legal

There are no legal implications in this report

6.3 Human Resources

There are no HR implications in this report

6.4 Equalities

Equalities

(a) Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO – This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or strategy. Therefore, no Equality Impact Assessment is required

(b) Fairer Scotland Duty

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

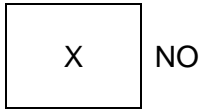
Has there been active consideration of how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES – A written statement showing how this report's recommendations reduce inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO

(c) Data Protection

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

<input type="checkbox"/>	YES – This report involves data processing which may result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of individuals.
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6.5 Repopulation

N/A.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

7.1 N/A.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1
- Agenda item number 9 Education and Communities Committee 08 May 2018 (5Rights)
 - Agenda item number 3 May 2019 Education and Communities Committee (Review of spend to save IL and Usage of Bike track)
 - May 2019 –report on Local Authority Provision of Cleaning and Janitorial services to Police Scotland
 - Agenda item number 6 Education and Communities Committee 05 November 2019 (No Knives Better Lives)