

Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	04 September 2012
Report By:	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development	Report No:	EDUCOM/27/12/MM
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Subject:	A Framework for Sport in Inverclyde		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is:
1. To advise Committee of the proposed establishment of the Sport Framework Development Group.
 2. To seek Committee approval for the proposed membership of that group and for the initial aims and objectives for the group.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Inverclyde Sports Strategy Implementation Group, which consisted of officers, members and external representatives, was last convened in 2010. This group was largely concerned with progress in the development of the strategic sports sites in Inverclyde.
- 2.2 Since that time there has been significant progress in the strategic sports sites with the majority being either completed or on the verge of completion. Significant additional high quality sports facilities have also come on stream in the new school estate with more due in the next 12 months. The pressing issue has moved from the provision of facilities to maximising the access to and the benefits arising from those facilities in place across both the Council's and Inverclyde Leisure's estates.
- 2.3 With the above in mind it is proposed that the group be re-established with a proposed membership and initial terms of reference as detailed in Appendix 1 to take sport forward in Inverclyde.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee agrees the establishment of the Sport Framework Development Group with membership and terms of reference as detailed in Appendix 1.
- 3.2 That progress in the development and implementation of a Framework for Sport be reported to Committee via the Directorate Plan.

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4.0 Background

- 4.1 Inverclyde Council has invested significant sums in the development of new sports facilities in both the strategic sports sites and in the school estate in recent years. The development and implementation of a strategy to maximise participation in sport and ensure that those facilities are best used for the benefit of the community has however been hindered by a number of organisational changes.
- 4.2 An implementation group sat regularly until 2009/10 and a Sports Strategy Action Plan was produced but this is now significantly out of date and a number of those involved in its preparation have either moved on or are no longer responsible for this area. It is therefore proposed that, rather than reconstituting the previous group, a new Sport Framework Development Group should be convened to take the issue on. The proposed membership of the group is detailed in Appendix 1.
- 4.3 Inverclyde Council's major strategic partner in both the development of facilities and in the funding and direction setting for the Active Schools and Sports Development Team, Sportscotland, favours a framework structure for the delivery of sports strategies. It is therefore proposed that the aim of this group should be to develop a Framework for Sport in Inverclyde. The priorities to be covered in the framework are likely to include, amongst others, those detailed in Appendix 1 but these are intended to be merely a starting point for the group.
- 4.4 As this area is the responsibility of the Education, Communities and Organisational Development Directorate it is proposed that the development of the framework and actions arising from it should be monitored by Committee through its inclusion in the forthcoming Corporate Directorate Improvement Plan.

5.0 Proposal

- 5.1 It is proposed that a new Sport Framework Development Group should be convened with membership and terms of reference as detailed in Appendix 1 to this report.

6.0 Implications

6.1 Finance

There are currently no financial implications arising from this report.

6.2 Personnel

There are no personnel implications arising from this report.

6.3 Legal

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.4 Equalities

The need for equality of access and provision will be central to the terms of reference of the group.

Sports Framework Appendix 1

1. Proposed membership of Sport Framework Development Group:

Chair:	Head of Safer & Inclusive Communities
Members:	Education Development Officer (Sports)
	Health Protection Manager
	Health Improvement Manager (CHCP)
	Education Development Officer (Health & Wellbeing)
	Inverclyde Sports Council Representative
	Inverclyde Leisure Representative
	Convenor/Vice Convenor Education & Communities Committee
	Sports Champion
	Sportscotland Partnership Manager
	Community Sports Hub officer
	Principal Teacher Physical Education

2. Terms of Reference/ Aims & Objectives of Sport Framework Development Group:

- To develop a Framework for Sport in Inverclyde

This is likely to include amongst other priorities

- Maximising Support for Clubs
- Maximising Support for Coaching & Volunteering
- The development of clear pathways to participation in sport
- Support for school sport & Physical Education
- Support for Community Sport
- A clear focus on equalities