
Report To:	Education & Communities Committee	Date:	12 March 2013
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Subject:	Sport Framework Development - Update		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update Committee on progress in the development of the Inverclyde Sports Framework.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Committee Report EDUCOM/27/12/MM in September 2012 sought approval to set up a working group to establish a Framework for Sport In Inverclyde and set the proposed membership and terms of reference for that group.
- 2.1 Since the initial report the group, consisting of representatives from Inverclyde Council, Inverclyde Leisure, Sportscotland, Inverclyde Sports Council and elected representatives has met twice and made good progress. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14.
- 2.2 One of the concerns arising from the initial meetings has been the relative lack of representation from local sports clubs, whose buy in will be essential if the framework is to be meaningful. With a target of completing the framework in time for the September committee cycle there is a danger that we will either not have the opportunity to seek their views at a later stage of the process or if we do that we will be unable to take those views into account.
- 2.3 With this in mind therefore it is proposed that a targeted public consultation of key clubs and stakeholders should take place at an early stage to get their views about what they would like to see in such a framework and to establish the level of buy in to the concept in the wider sporting community. The working group is of the opinion that such a consultation will be more useful and meaningful than the alternative end on consultation on a draft document which might be seen as a fait accompli.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Committee notes the progress in developing a framework for sport in Inverclyde.
- 3.2 That Committee approves an early consultation on the principles and high level aims of such a framework.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial Implications

None

4.2 Legal Implications

None

4.3 Human Resources Implications

None

4.4 Equalities Implications

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

4.5 Repopulation Implications

None