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| <b>Report To:</b>       | <b>Education &amp; Communities Committee</b>                                      | <b>Date:</b>       | <b>6 May 2014</b>      |
| <b>Report By:</b>       | <b>Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development</b> | <b>Report No:</b>  | <b>EDUCOM/43/14/GB</b> |
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| <b>Subject:</b>         | <b>Inverclyde Community Sport Hub Update</b>                                      |                    |                        |

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Committee approval for the site of the third Community Sports Hub in Inverclyde.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The Scottish Government's 2014 Legacy Plan was published on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009. It sets out the key legacy aims and ambitions and highlights a wide range of initiatives which will be taken forward with key partners over the next 10 years, one of these being the development of the Community Sport Hubs programme.
- 2.2 The development of Community Sports Hubs will aim to increase the number of people of all ages participating in sport and physical activity in local communities across Scotland. Two hubs are already established in Inverclyde, a football hub based at Parklea and a multi-sport hub based at Ravenscraig. The latter hub includes the facilities of Ravenscraig Stadium, Inverclyde Academy and, currently, Ravenscraig Sports Barn.
- 2.3 It is proposed that the third hub should be established around the facilities of St Columba's High School and Gourrock Park.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 That the Committee approves the siting of the third Community Sports Hub in Gourrock.

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## **4.0 BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 The Community Sports Hubs programme is a national 2014 legacy programme. The programme is funded by the Scottish Government via Sportscotland.
- 4.2 Community Sports Hubs are based in local facilities such as sports centres, community centres, the natural environment and schools, and bring local people together and provide a home for local clubs and sports organisations. They also provide information, support and advice on a wide range of sports and physical activities to make it easier for local people to get involved and engage in a more active and healthier lifestyle.
- 4.3 Inverclyde is committed to the 2014 Commonwealth Games Legacy Plan by developing a minimum of three Community Sport Hubs within the local area. Community Sport Hubs aim to:
- Increase the number of local people participating in sport within the Community Sport Hubs.
  - Increase the number of local people volunteering in local sports clubs within the Community Sport Hubs.
  - Increase the number and quality of deliverers in local sports clubs within the Community Sport Hubs.
  - Develop the local sporting infrastructure, bringing together local partners in sport.
  - Provide opportunities that meet the needs of local people
- 4.4 Sportscotland have initially planned for 167 Community Sport Hubs across all 32 local authorities, with 59% of these aimed to be based within or to incorporate schools. The schools target aims to increase access by the community to schools as well as improving links between the school and local sports clubs.
- 4.5 At present the, Community Sport Hubs within Inverclyde are:
- Parklea CSH – A facility based, single sport (football) hub
  - Ravenscraig CSH – A facilities and School based, multi-sport hub
- 4.6 Following consultation with the Inverclyde Sports Framework Group and Inverclyde Leisure it is proposed that the third Community Sports Hub should be based around a combination of St Columba's High School and Gourrock Park. The inclusion of the former will give the hub access to high quality new facilities which do not have a long history of established users together with links to an engaged PE department. Inclusion of Gourrock Park will give the hub access to a diverse group of sporting facilities and should bring a number of successful clubs into the fold of the hub.

## **5.0 PROPOSALS**

- 5.1 It is proposed that Inverclyde's third Community Sports Hub be based within the town of and for the clubs of Gourrock.
- 5.2 The third Community Sport Hub will use the newly refurbished St Columba's High School and will incorporate clubs utilising the facilities there. It will also incorporate clubs training and playing at Gourrock Park.

## **6.0 IMPLICATIONS**

### **6.1 Financial Implications**

The Community Sports Hub Programme is funded by the Scottish Government via SportsScotland and is delivered by the Active Schools & Sports Development Team.

### **6.2 Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **6.3 Human Resources Implications**

There are no human resources implications arising from this report.

### **6.4 Equalities Implications**

The Community Sports Hub Programme is focused on delivering equality of access and participation.

### **6.5 Repopulation Implications**

Community Sports Hubs contribute to a flourishing sporting culture in Inverclyde and therefore should improve the attractiveness of the area as a place to live.

## **7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 As part of this process consultation has taken place with the Inverclyde Sports Framework Development Group which incorporates Inverclyde Council officers and members, SportsScotland, Inverclyde Leisure and Sport Inverclyde. The board of Inverclyde Leisure has also been consulted.

## **8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 'A Games Legacy For Scotland' - Scottish Government 2009