
Report To:	Education and Communities Committee	Date:	20 January 2015
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Subject:	Community Sport Hub Update		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update the Committee on progress with the existing Community Sport Hubs in Inverclyde.
- 1.2 To seek Committee approval for the proposed fourth Community Sport Hub within Inverclyde
- 1.3 To seek Committee approval for the principle of a reduction in price for pitch and hall rental for adult teams actively participating in Community Sports Hubs.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Scottish Government's 2014 Legacy Plan was published on 1st 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.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee notes developments in the Community Sports Hubs in Inverclyde to date.
- 3.2 That the Committee approves the proposed fourth Community Sports Hub
- 3.3 That the Committee approves the principle of a percentage reduction for adult clubs which are actively involved in hubs when playing in lettable facilities in those hubs and delegates authority to the Corporate Director of Education, Communities and Organisational Development in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer to agree a suitable rate with Inverclyde Leisure.

4.0 BACKGROUND

4.1 In 2011 **sportscotland** launched the Community Sport Hub (CSH) initiative with the aim of building a legacy for the London 2012 and Glasgow 2014 games. **Sportscotland** encourages each local authority to set up Community Sports Hubs with a model that is suitable to each area. Inverclyde are committed to the 2014 Commonwealth Games Legacy Plan by developing Community Sport Hubs within the local area.

4.2 Community Sport Hubs aim to:

- Increase the number of local people participating in sport
- Increase the number of local people volunteering in local sports clubs
- Increase the number and quality of deliverers in local sports clubs
- Develop the local sporting infrastructure, bringing together local partners in sport
- Provide opportunities that meet the needs of local people

4.3 **Sportscotland** initially planned for 167 Community Sport Hubs across all 32 local authorities with 59% of these aimed to be based within or incorporate schools. Since that initial commitment **sportscotland** has indicated that it will continue to support the ongoing development of Hubs.

5.0 INVERCLYDE CSH UPDATE

5.1 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
- Gourock CSH - A facilities and School based, multi-sport hub

5.2 Parklea Community Sports Hub

Parklea CSH was the first to be set up within Inverclyde. It is a facility based CSH, and has 7 affiliated clubs with (in 2013/14) 467 participants and 93 coaches. Parklea is unique in Inverclyde in being a single sport (football) Hub as opposed to the multi-sport model in later Hubs.

Member clubs agreed at an early stage that an increase in the number and quality of coaches would be of great benefit to them. As a result a Coach Education programme was created to encourage coaches within the hub clubs to develop their coaching skills. In conjunction with this a coach internship was developed, giving young people the opportunity to volunteer with, and be mentored by, experienced coaches at the clubs affiliated to the CSH and also to increase their skills through specific coach education.

It was further identified at one of the early CSH meetings that specific player development centres would benefit the teams. As a result of this a goal keeping academy was started on a Friday night which saw participants from the CSH receiving specialist training from highly trained goalkeeper coaches.

A development plan with specific aims and goals for the CSH and each club was written up and agreed upon by **sportscotland** and the CSH clubs. Early engagement with individual clubs and the Hub committee was at a level that would have seen the CSH grow and become sustainable as it moved on. Unfortunately over time a number of clubs became disengaged with each other and with any other parties looking to grow football or any other sport within Port Glasgow. As a result of this and of disengagement by the Hub with the CSH Development Officer the CSH has been operating with minimal support and engagement for the majority of 2014.

5.3 Ravenscraig Community Sports Hub

'A Community Sport Hub based on passion, participation, honesty and commitment, within a welcoming environment'

Ravenscraig CSH Mission Statement

'We will work in partnership to provide sporting opportunities for all members of the community of Inverclyde, to be the very best they can be, within an inclusive environment based on passion, participation, honesty and commitment'

Ravenscraig CSH was established in October 2013. The committee has elected a Chairperson and Secretary and has drawn up a constitution to take the CSH forward. There were originally 5 affiliated clubs:

- Clyde Cavaliers (basketball)
- Inverclyde Athletics (athletics)
- Glenpark Harriers (athletics)
- Clyde Netball Club
- Greenock Hockey Club

This gave an initial four sport Hub with a combined total of 551 participants and 49 coaches. In July 2014 St Andrews Boys Club also became members of the CSH, increasing the total member numbers to 726 and making it a five sport Hub.

As with Parklea, a development plan has been written with the needs of the affiliated clubs being at the forefront. Plans are being put in place for a number of development projects, all led by the affiliated clubs. The CSH also supported the start-up of the new Clyde Cavaliers Cadets, a new under 16s basketball club which now has 60 registered participants and two teams participating in the Regional Development League run by Basketball Scotland.

Other programmes are being put in place to support other clubs within the CSH, for example a successful funding bid was written for Greenock Hockey Club for a programme that will see them increase exposure across Inverclyde and also increase their participants, along with upgrading and/or increasing the access to facilities.

With the CSH moving into its second year, the committee has recruited two young hub leaders. These young people will lead on a number of projects and will look to have influence on, and assist the committee with, the future direction of the CSH.

The CSH plans to carry out market research that will see it engaging with local groups to shape a plan that meets the needs of the local community. A future structure for the CSH committee will hopefully see an increase in community leadership.

5.4 Gourock Community Sports Hub

The third Community Sport Hub in Inverclyde encompasses clubs which play and train within Gourock Park and St Columba's High School and is called Gourock Community Sport Hub. The following aims were set out by the affiliated hub clubs at a recent meeting;

- Increased Participation for all (Adults/Children/Male/Female/Disability)
- Increase the number of coaches and volunteers
- Increase local community publicity and awareness
- Better sharing of knowledge and experience between clubs
- Run joint programmes (Holiday/Showcase/Open days/Social Events)

- Develop strong sporting pathways

At present, the Hub is represented by 6 clubs and 5 sports:

- Gourock Athletic (football)
- Gourock YAC (football)
- Gourock Park Bowling Club
- Inverclyde Cricket Club
- Greenock Table Tennis Club
- Gourock Golf Club.

The third hub is very much in its infancy, with clubs only just finalising an initial plan. The clubs have been very engaged in the process thus far. This may be because a number of them are in a situation where they recognise that they require support and assistance to ensure they survive and flourish.

6.0 PROPOSED FOURTH COMMUNITY SPORTS HUB

6.1 The initial commitment to three Community Sports Hubs in Inverclyde was based on the original funding available to support the programme. This was always to be a minimum number of functioning Hubs and recent discussions with **sportscotland** give us confidence that there is an ongoing commitment to the programme. It is therefore proposed that we move on with development of a fourth CSH in Inverclyde.

6.2 The proposed next Community Sports Hub in Inverclyde is Battery Park/Fort Matilda. This CSH would encompass Battery Park, including the water slipway and Fort Matilda. A number of strong, engaging and well developed clubs train and play within the above mentioned facilities. A number of clubs here are already involved with development projects and work together to a degree. The experience of those clubs will be used to help other clubs in the area which might benefit from the CSH structures.

Although membership of the hub cannot be confirmed until meetings are held with local clubs to gauge interest there is potential for the following sports to be represented:

- Rugby
- Football
- Tennis
- Bowls
- American Football
- Sailing
- Kayaking
- Rowing
- Open Water Swimming
- Cricket

6.3 Before proposing Battery Park/Fort Matilda as the fourth CSH in Inverclyde other options were considered:

Port Glasgow Joint Campus

Given the likely preponderance of Community Sports Hubs in the west of Inverclyde it would be extremely desirable to develop a second CSH in Port Glasgow. The facilities at the Joint Campus would also be ideally suited to a CSH. Experience of the first three Hubs in Inverclyde however has shown that Hubs are successful where they are multi-sport and there are strong existing clubs to participate. There is currently a deficit in strong clubs in Port Glasgow which are not already involved in the Parklea CSH and there are issues over the preponderance of football.

Our focus in this area must initially be the development of strong clubs before a CSH can be taken forward.

Notre Dame

Notre Dame is likely to be a strong candidate for a CSH in future. The development of Rankin Park and the possibility of involving new sports such as cycling would strengthen the case for a Hub based in this area.

7.0 PROPOSAL FOR A DISCOUNT FOR CLUBS PARTICIPATING IN A CSH

- 7.1 One of the main drivers nationally behind the development of successful Community Sports Hubs has been the potential for them to access reductions in letting fees. In Inverclyde there is currently a waiver scheme for youth teams but there are no financial incentives for adult teams to work together. A combination of these factors may have been behind the lack of engagement in the Parklea Hub.
- 7.2 Some research has been carried out with clubs participating in the Ravenscraig and Gourock Hubs and this suggests that the clubs would welcome such a scheme and that it could be implemented at a relatively low cost. Estimates based on 2013/14 income puts the maximum cost at £5K although there is potential for income to increase on 2014-15 projections depending on uptake. It would also give clubs some comfort going forward given potential budget proposals. As any reduction would involve both Inverclyde Council Facilities and Inverclyde Leisure it is proposed that the Committee delegates authority to the Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer, to agree a reasonable level of reduction with Inverclyde Leisure. Inverclyde Leisure has previously indicated an interest in such a proposal in principle. Any resulting reduction would be agreed as part of the annual charge setting process.

8.0 PROPOSALS

- 8.1 That the fourth Community Sports Hub in Inverclyde is established around facilities and clubs in the Battery Park/Fort Matilda area.
- 8.2 That the principle of a reduced fee is agreed for access to facilities for adult teams actively participating in Community Sports Hubs and that the Corporate Director Education Communities and Organisational Development is given delegated authority to agree such a fee with Inverclyde Leisure in consultation with the Chief Financial officer.

9.0 IMPLICATIONS

9.1 Financial Implications

The Chief Financial Officer will be fully consulted about the implications of any reduction in fees as and when options are agreed with Inverclyde Leisure. The figures below represent a maximum 20% reduction for adult teams in the current operating hubs (Ravenscraig and Gourock). This represents the cost of the reduction to current members using facilities.

Current pricing has led at least one large club to use facilities outwith Inverclyde for its adult team however. The second figure represents the potential overall impact of the 20% reduction should this club, which had bookings to the value of £15.5K in 2013/14 return.

One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Year	Proposed Spend this Report	Virement From	Other Comments

Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
00474 & 02065	Pitch/ Schools Income	2015-16	£5		Scenario 1: Cost of maximum 20% reduction based on current users – total income £25K
00474 & 02065	Pitch/ Schools Income	2015-16	(£7.5)		Scenario 2: Overall impact of 20% reduction if users who have ceased using facilities were to return.

9.2 Legal Implications

No Legal implications.

9.3 Human Resources Implications

No Human Resource implications.

9.4 Equalities Implications

Support for Community Sports Hubs increases the diversity of sports supported by Inverclyde Council, including support for sports with strong female participation and therefore has a positive effect on equalities.

9.5 Repopulation Implications

The development of a strong and diverse sporting culture in Inverclyde will have a positive effect on the culture and image of the area and should therefore contribute to repopulation.

10.0 CONSULTATIONS

10.1 Member Clubs of Community Sports Hubs have been consulted

Initial discussions have been had with Inverclyde Leisure

11.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

11.1 Inverclyde Community Sport Hub Update – Education & Communities Committee 6 May 2014