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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Education &amp; Communities Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>5 May 2015</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Education, Communities and Organisational Development</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>EDUCOM/47/15/MM</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Rankin Park – Mountain Bike Development Update</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To seek Committee approval to progress with the potential development of Rankin Park as a Mountain Bike Hub.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 In January 2015 the Committee approved the submission of a funding bid to the Active Places Fund for a mountain bike facility in Rankin Park together with match funding of £150K.
- 2.2 The Scottish Government announced the successful bids on 21 April 2015. The Rankin Park development was successful in attracting £90K of Active Places funding. Overall the final round of funding had bids for more than three times its value.
- 2.3 The initial design brief was based on a number of separately costed elements to allow for the fact that full funding might not be available. A meeting has been held with partners to discuss the elements to be taken forward to tender for the maximum community benefit based upon the final budget available.
- 2.4 Committee approval is now sought to go to tender on a design and build basis for the specified elements and to delegate authority to accept the best tender. A separate report to this Committee details the proposals for the operation of the completed facility.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 That the Committee approves the progress of this project to tender.
- 3.2 That the Committee delegates authority to the Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development to accept the most economically advantageous tender received.

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## 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Education & Communities Committee approved match funding to the value of £150K in support of a bid to the final round of the Active Places Fund in January this year. Confirmation of the success of this bid was received in April.
- 4.2 A meeting and site visit was held in April with interested parties including Scottish Cycling, Cycling Scotland, Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland and Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park to discuss a final specification for the project and to discuss the operation of the site when finished. The latter is the subject of a separate report to Committee.
- 4.3 It is now proposed to go to tender for this project and approval is sought to issue tenders together with delegated authority to accept the best tender and enter into contracts for the works.

## 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

### Finance

- 5.1 Costs of development were approved by the Committee in January 2015 and subsequently by the Joint Budget Group.
- 5.2 Proposals for the operation of the site are covered in a separate report to this Committee.

### Financial Implications:

#### One off Costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
Reserves	General Fund Reserves	2015-17	£250		Approved by Education & Communities Committee and budget process 2015/16
	Active Places Grant Funding	2015-17	(£90)		TBC

#### Annually Recurring Costs/ (Savings)

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
TBC	Trail Maintenance	2016-17	£12.5		Approved by Education & Communities Committee and budget process 2015/16

### Legal

6.2 There are no legal implications.

### **Human Resources**

6.3 There are no implications for human resources.

### **Equalities**

6.4 The proposed development should have a positive effect on gender equalities in sport in Inverclyde.

### **Repopulation**

6.5 If seen through, this development could have a positive effect on the areas image, highlighting as it will the excellent links from Greenock to the regional park and the leisure opportunities available. It will also enable routes to be developed which could maximise the direct economic impact on Inverclyde.

## **7.0 CONSULTATIONS**

7.1 In preparing this report the following have been consulted:

Legal and Property Services

Environmental & Commercial Services (Roads)

Finance

Clyde Muirshiel Regional Park

Sportscotland

Cycling Scotland

Scottish Cycling

Developing Mountain Biking in Scotland

7.2 Further more detailed consultations with interested parties are ongoing.

## **8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

8.1 Rankin Park – Developing Potential as a Mountain Bike Hub – Education & Communities Committee January 2015