



**REPORT TO: EDUCATION, CHILDREN'S AND LEISURE SERVICES
COMMITTEE ON 9 MARCH 2022**

**SUBJECT: INFORMATION REPORT: SPORT AND LEISURE CAPITAL
INVESTMENT PLAN**

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ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT)**

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the progress made in relation to the creation of a Sport and Leisure Capital Investment Plan to ensure a more strategic planned approach for the future.
- 1.2 This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (D) (13) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to exercise the Council's statutory functions to provide facilities and support activities related to the development of recreation, sport, culture and social activities.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At the meeting of Education, Communities and Organisational Development Committee on 18 November 2020, the Committee approved the new Business Plan for the Sport and Leisure Service (para 22 of the minute refers).
- 2.2 Within the Sport and Leisure Business Plan under the 'Develop facilities to align with customer service needs' objective there is a commitment to develop a Capital Investment Plan for sport and leisure to ensure facilities remain fit for purpose and that investment is planned in a more strategic way. The Plan will include Moray Leisure Centre facilities.
- 2.3 The Sport and Leisure Capital Investment Plan will be an evolving and flexible plan due to varying factors such as finance, decisions on the learning estate, community engagement/need, climate change and local development planning.
- 2.4 The Sport and Leisure Capital Investment Plan is currently being populated and the Sport and Leisure Strategic Group and wider stakeholders are contributing collectively to the content. The Plan will be 'under development' until we receive information from critical works/reports such as the condition surveys for our existing sport and leisure facilities and business cases relating

to the Learning Estate. An overview of the developing Plan is included in **Appendix 1**.

3. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcomes Improvement Plan (LOIP))

In relation to the LOIP, this report supports all four of the main priority areas which are developing a diverse, inclusive and sustainable economy, building a better future for our children and young people in Moray, empowering and connecting communities and improving the wellbeing of our population.

In relation to the Corporate Plan, this report contributes to all four of the main priority areas which are providing opportunities for people to be the best they can be throughout their lives with a strong and sustained focus on those individuals and groups in our society who experience the most disadvantage and discrimination, empower and support communities to build capacity, driving economic development to create a vibrant economy for the future and creating a sustainable council that provides valued services to our communities.

(b) Policy and Legal

Local Authorities have a legal duty to ensure adequate provision of facilities for recreational, sporting, cultural and social activities. Improving the health and wellbeing of the Moray community through sport, leisure and recreation is not only an integral part of the local vision, but it is also a national priority. In particular, the report aims to fulfil the aspirations of everyone having access to a network of quality places where you can get involved in sport, as identified as a key objective in sportscotland's Corporate Strategy "Sport for Life". The report also links to the Scottish Government's Active Scotland Outcomes Framework, which aims to improve our active infrastructure – people and places.

(c) Financial implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. However there will be financial implications once the investment plan is finalised. The intention of the plan will be to reduce reactive spend over time as spend will be directed towards longer term strategic outcomes. The financial implications will be included in all future business cases, including a preventative maintenance strategy and associated budget.

(d) Risk Implications

A number of our Sport and Leisure facilities, including Moray Leisure Centre, are in a poor condition and we continue to experience asset breakdowns/failures that require urgent spend to keep these facilities open. Some of the more recent breakdowns we are experiencing could inevitably close a facility for a number of weeks/months due to the level of repair works required. This risk will continue until we can develop and agree a more planned approach to spend on our Sport and Leisure facilities.

(e) Staffing Implications

There are no staffing implications arising directly from this report.

(f) Property

There are no property implications arising directly from this report. However there will be property implications once the investment plan is finalised. The Housing and Property Services section and the Learning Estate team are involved in all discussions in regards to the development of this plan.

(g) Equalities/Socio Economic Impact

An equalities impact assessment is not required for this report, but will be a requirement for any future investment plans once at this stage.

(h) Climate Change and Biodiversity Impacts

This report will help to address the climate emergency due to the fact that any future capital investment will incorporate zero or low carbon into the design and construction phases and any new developments will ensure the use of renewable energy, waste reduction and efficiencies where possible. It should be noted that large sports facilities use significant amounts of energy and will pose particular difficulties and expense in achieving heat decarbonisation.

(i) Consultations

In preparing this report, consultations have been undertaken with the Head of Education Resources and Communities, Chief Financial Officer, Principal Climate Change Strategy Officer, Head of Development Services, Principal Architect, Property Asset Manager and Tracey Sutherland, Committee Services Officer whose comments have been incorporated in the report.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 Committee is asked to note the progress made in relation to the creation of Sport and Leisure Capital Investment Plan and note that a further report will be tabled at Education, Children's and Leisure Services Committee in May/June 2022 which will include the finalised Investment Plan.

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