

SERVICE UPDATE

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UPDATE:

During previous appraisals of potential revenue savings options it was proposed that Harlaw Academy could move its PE delivery from its facility at Groats Road, to the playing fields at Harlaw Road, which is potentially within walking distance of the school (0.7 miles), and which could remove the need for the use of buses and save up to £63,000 per year, as well as reducing the time required for pupils to travel to their PE facility.

In order to deliver the proposed saving, the pavilion at Harlaw Road requires to be refurbished, so that it can be at a suitable standard for use as changing rooms for Harlaw Academy pupils.

Plans for the refurbishment of the pavilion were drawn up in 2018 and a cost estimate obtained, in order to inform a business case to be presented for committee approval.

Whilst officers were discussing the draft business case, it was agreed that further potential options for the use of the pavilion at Harlaw Road should first be investigated, before any final recommendations on refurbishing the building were presented to Committee, to ensure that best value could be achieved.

The business case was therefore placed on hold, and Sport Aberdeen was commissioned to undertake a review of the Harlaw Road Playing Fields, and the adjacent Rubislaw Playing Fields, in order to identify options for improving the management and use of these facilities, whilst also considering the requirements for school use.

Sport Aberdeen reported back to officers on the initial outcomes of its review on 19 December 2019. Officers are now considering the outcomes of the review in detail, and will be using these to develop options for the future use of Harlaw

Road pavilion, and to determine the level of investment in the building which may be required. It is therefore anticipated that officers will be in a position to make recommendations on how best to proceed, at its meeting on 23 April 2020.