

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE: **Education, Culture and Sport**

DATE: **30 May 2013**

DIRECTOR: **Gayle Gorman**

TITLE OF REPORT: **Tullos Swimming pool**

REPORT NUMBER: **ECS/13/038**

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress of re-opening Tullos Swimming Pool and to seek formal approval for Sport Aberdeen to manage this pool.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Committee:

- a) Note the progress of the Tullos Pool Project
- b) To note that Sport Aberdeen are currently preparing a business plan including setting out the financial implications of providing this facility.
- c) Agree that Sport Aberdeen will be responsible for the management and operation of this facility contingent upon receipt of an acceptable business plan.
- d) To provide delegated powers to the Head of Finance, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, and Head of Culture, Communities and Sport, in consultation with the Convenors and Vice Convenors of Education, Culture and Sport, and Finance and Resources Committees, to provide funding up to a maximum of £50,000 to Sport Aberdeen for the initial operation of this facility on the receipt of a robust and acceptable business plan, and the conclusion of a Minute of Variation to the main Sport Aberdeen Funding and Services Agreement and provision of a licence to occupy for this facility.
- e) To instruct officers to bring forward the full years financial implications for this facility to the Education, Culture and Sport Committee when this information is forthcoming from Sport Aberdeen.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Sport Aberdeen is currently developing a detailed business plan including setting out the financial implications of providing aquatics services from Tullos Swimming Pool.

There is identified budget provision within the Education, Culture and Sport revenue budget for the operation of this facility.

4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Property Implications

This report relates to the provision of services from Tullos Swimming Pool which is currently undergoing refurbishment.

Legal Implications

The proposal that Sport Aberdeen will operate this facility on behalf of the Council will require a Minute of Variation to the main Funding and Services Agreement, and will also require the provision of a licence to occupy this facility to tie in with the remaining Sport Aberdeen main licence duration.

5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

- 5.1 The redevelopment of Tullos Swimming Pool was agreed as part of the Council's Capital Programme in February 2012. Since then, detailed structural surveys and design work have taken place and a contract was awarded just before Christmas 2012. The contract for the construction work commenced on Monday 25 February 2013.

The work includes:

- Repair of all water damage and redecoration of all internal walls;
- Retiling of both pools and poolside areas;
- Replacement of the old changing area and basket clothes storage with a modern changing area with attractive cubicles and lockers;
- Creation of new disabled changing; group and family changing areas;
- Reconfiguration of the entrance area to create a more inviting and obvious entrance from the front of the building;
- Creation of a welcoming and accessible reception area with notice boards and vending machines;
- New public and disabled toilets;
- Reconfiguration of spectator seating to meet disability access requirements
- Re-commissioning of the plant room.

The work is progressing well, with the majority of the demolition work required to create the new changing areas now complete. Colour schemes

and detailed location of electrical and ICT installations have now been agreed, and the internal fit out work should progress fairly rapidly over the next few weeks and months. Assuming that no significant problems are encountered, it is anticipated that construction should be completed in late summer 2013. This will then allow time for the installation of loose furniture and fittings, as well a period for the induction and training of staff in building-related matters, in time for a re-opening in autumn 2013.

- 5.2 At Aberdeen City Council's Budget setting meeting in February 2012, the Council instructed officers to enter into discussions with Sport Aberdeen and the local community over the management of Tullos Swimming Pool.
- 5.3 Since that time consultations with the local community have been ongoing, including Council officers and representatives from Sport Aberdeen.
- 5.4 The feedback from more recent consultations with the local community is being input into Sport Aberdeen's development of a programme to meet local needs.
- 5.5 Sport Aberdeen are currently working on a business plan, incorporating a detailed financial plan for the operation of the pool.

6. IMPACT

Corporate – This report relates to 'Aberdeen – the Smarter City'

- We will work with our partners to seek to reduce the levels of inequality in the city.
- We will enhance the physical and emotional wellbeing of all our citizens by offering support and activities which promote independence, resilience, confidence and self-esteem.
- We will improve access to and increase participation in arts and culture by providing opportunities for citizens and visitors to experience a broad range of high quality arts and cultural activities.
- We will aim to have a workforce across the city which has the skills and knowledge to sustain, grow and diversify the cultural economy.
- We aspire to be recognised as a City of Culture, a place of excellence for culture and arts by promoting Aberdeen as a cultural centre hosting high quality and diverse cultural events for the whole community and beyond.
- We will embrace the distinctive pride the people of Aberdeen take in their city and work with them to enhance the sense of well-being here, building strong communities which look out for, and look after one another.

This report also relates to the Combined Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement as follows:

- Protecting children and vulnerable adults

- People of all ages take an active part in their own learning to achieve their full potential Learning and training is appropriate and accessible to learner's needs
- Children and young people access positive learning environments and develop their skills, confidence and self esteem to the fullest potential
- Children, young people and their families/carers are involved in decisions that affect them. Their voices heard and they play an active and responsible role in their communities
- Educational attainment in Aberdeen is continuously sustained and improved
- Children and young people actively participate in their communities and have optimum involvement in decision making
- All children, young people and their families have access to high quality services when required and services provide timely, proportionate and appropriate response that meeting the needs of children and young people within Getting it Right for Every Child, (GIRFEC) requirements
- Improve the quality of life in our most deprived areas
- Citizens are increasingly more active in their communities regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation, ethnic origin, where they live, disability or faith/religion/belief and contribute to 'active citizenship'
- Develop pathways to participation which enhance the diversity of local representation at and engagement with regional, national and international arts, heritage and sporting events
- Our public services are consistently high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs

Public - This report will be of interest to citizens within the Torry area of the city.

7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Providing delegated powers for initial funding to be made available will minimise possible risks for the opening of the facility to be delayed.

The contractor is responsible for the management of risk during the development period.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9/2/12 Full Council, Non Housing Capital Programme Report

9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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