

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Capital Programme City Growth and Resources
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REPORT TITLE	Torry Cruyff Court
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	Capital Programme: 1.1, City Growth and Resources: 1.2, 1.3

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

Capital Programme Committee:

- 1.1 to report on development proposals and to seek approval for the implementation of a Cruyff Court as set out in the business case.

City Growth and Resources Committee:

- 1.2 to report on investment proposals and to seek approval for the use of resources for their implementation.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Capital Committee: -

- 2.1 Approves Option 2 in the attached business case to install a Cruyff Court in place of the existing, unfit for purpose artificial pitch on the Tullos Playing Fields (located on Girdleness Road) to serve the Torry community.

That the City Growth and Resources Committee: -

- 2.2 Notes the existing £250,000 budget within the Non-Housing Capital Programme to establish a second Cruyff Court, and approves the acceptance and utilisation of the £50,000 in-kind/financial contribution from the Johan Cruyff Foundation for the project and;

2.3 Instructs the Chief Officer - Early Intervention and Community Empowerment to submit the project to the budget process for funding the ongoing running costs of the second Cruyff court.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Work was completed on Scotland's first Cruyff Court in February 2017 with the grand opening occurring in July 2017. Since opening there has been a substantial difference made to not just the local community but also the city as a whole. The court was built on the site of Catherine Street's old play areas, just off George Street, in the city centre of Aberdeen. The project was funded by Aberdeen City Council's Housing Account budgets, in partnership with the Johan Cruyff Foundation and Denis Law Legacy Trust.

3.2 Since Catherine Street Court has opened, a Cruyff Court tournament in Aberdeen has been held. This provided an opportunity for local schools to compete in a round robin tournament for the prize of a life time. Both the winning boys' and girls' teams were given the opportunity to travel to Liverpool for the UK National Final, receive a tour of Liverpool's home stadium, Anfield and meet Robbie Fowler all free of charge.

3.3 Based on the success of the Catherine Street Court, this proposal is to upgrade the existing artificial pitch on the Tullos playing fields in on Girdleness Road, Torry with Aberdeen's second Cruyff Court (See appendix 1). This will be delivered in partnership with the Johan Cruyff Foundation and the Denis Law Legacy Trust, both of whom have confirmed their support and contributions.

3.4 This project will support the delivery of several key primary drivers within the Community Planning Aberdeen's Torry Locality Plan 2017 – 2027. This project will:

- Increase number of individuals taking care of their own health and wellbeing
- Decrease the incidence of anti-social behaviour in the surrounding areas
- Increased opportunities to access high quality, fit for purpose facilities
- Provide opportunities for young people to volunteer and develop employability skills

3.5 Tullos was one of three potential sites for Scotland's second Cruyff Court. A decision on location was made on this upon the completion of the Cruyff Courts Criteria Selection Document (This document provides the Cruyff Foundation with the basis for them to make the final decision of the location for a Cruyff Court). Three areas were proposed, including Tullos Playing Fields, Northfield Community Centre and the Tillydrone Lads Club. All three options went through the set scoring matrix and Tullos was the highest scoring criteria for: location (including number of schools in the area), accessibility and space.

3.6 Considering the above, it was decided by both the Denis Law Legacy Trust and The Cruyff Foundation that Tullos Playing Fields would be the most appropriate location for the second Cruyff Court. The Johan Cruyff Foundation have committed to a £50,000 contribution on the basis the new court is built on that site.

3.7 The Finance, Policy and Resources Committee approved a budget of £250,000 for the installation of an another Cruyff Court in Aberdeen in March 2017. The contribution from the Johan Cruyff Foundation covers the additional funding needed to cover the full cost of construction.

- 3.8 The Denis Law Legacy Trust have confirmed that they will allocate staff time and a dedicated Coordinator towards providing a minimum of 6 hours a week of provision on the court for the duration of the 10-year legal agreement. They have valued this contribution at £50,000.
- 3.9 In addition, the Trust has confirmed an agreement to meet 50% of the agreed annual maintenance costs in conjunction with the Council.
- 3.10 The Johan Cruyff Foundation has also confirmed that they will provide funding for the project to the total value of £50,000. This consists of a cash contribution which will be used for the procurement of the turf.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The construction cost of establishing a Cruyff Court on the Tullos Playing fields has been estimated at £300,000. This will be funded from the Non-Housing Capital budget approved by FP&R committee in March 2017 along with the £50,000 contribution from the Johan Cruyff Foundation.
- 4.2 There will be annual revenue costs associated with this project in the form of routine maintenance of the court and energy costs. These have been estimated at:
- Maintenance Costs: £8,700 per annum (50% of this will be covered by the Denis Law Legacy Trust)
 - Energy Costs: £600 per annum
- 4.3 Funding of the on-going revenue costs will require to be considered as part of the 2019/20 budget setting process.
- 4.4 It is anticipated that the turf will last the duration of the 10-year legal agreement providing the necessary annual maintenance to ensure the court remains in sound technical, practical and visual condition is carried out. Any non-repair and maintenance requirements would be non-routine and funded by the existing Corporate Routine and Maintenance budget.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 A legal agreement will be required between the Council, the Johan Cruyff Foundation and the Denis Law Legacy Trust for the construction and maintenance and service delivery of this project. A draft agreement consistent with the original agreement for the first court is being reviewed by the legal team.
- 5.2 Approval to tender for the works is subject to the corporate procurement processes and reporting to the Strategic Commissioning Committee.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

	Risk	Low (L), Medium (M), High (H)	Mitigation

Financial	Cost/scope of work increases	M	Tender for fixed price contract. Establishment of a robust project plan with contingencies included and a work breakdown structure.
Financial	Doing Nothing – Through not developing the site, future costs may be incurred in order to make the site safe or to remove the existing site.	L	Remove the implementation of the Business Case.
Legal	Partner organisation leaves partnership	L	A 10-year legal agreement will be in place with all partners represented.
Employee	No significant or unusual risks		
Customer	Facility is underused and/or vandalised	L	A community engagement plan has been drafted to ensure the development meets the needs of the community and fosters a sense of ownership to the site.
Environment	No significant or unusual risks		
Technology	No significant or unusual risks		
Reputational	No significant or unusual risks		

7. OUTCOMES

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes	
	Impact of Report
Prosperous Economy	Service delivery post construction will provide voluntary and training opportunities to the local community through schemes such as Heroes of the Cruyff Court and the Cruyff Foundation Coach course.
Prosperous People	The recommendations of this report will provide children and young people in Torry with access to services that meet their needs, will support the improvement of the health and wellbeing of the community and seek to reduce the levels of Youth Anti-Social Behaviour in the immediate surrounding area.
Prosperous Place	The installation of a Cruyff Court will increase access to high quality and fit for purpose facilities in the area.

	This will also enable further partnership work between the Council, Denis Law Legacy Trust and the Johan Cruyff Foundation to maximise the asset.
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Design Principles of Target Operating Model	
	Impact of Report
Customer Service Design	Evidence from the first court suggests that the increase in provision will have a positive impact on the wellbeing of community members. The activities provided on the court will be designed with the local community.
Organisational Design	As well as ongoing consultation with the community, we will also provide update to appropriate community groups such as the Community Council and the Torry Locality Partnership to ensure we are continuing to meet the needs of the community and are aware of and address any issues that may arise.
Governance	There will be a legal agreement in place with all parties and the business case relates directly to the local plan for Torry.
Process Design	Due to the success of the first court, we know that Cruyff Courts have a positive impact on the community, as well as this, this proposal relates to the Torry Locality Plan. We will continue to work with the community to ensure the activities of the court meet the needs of the community.
Technology	We will use Social Media to engage the community with the Cruyff Court and encourage participation.
Partnerships and Alliances	We will enter into an agreement in partnership with the Johan Cruyff Foundation and the Denis Law Legacy Trust to support the Cruyff Court to have positive outcomes within the community.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment	The proposed facility aims to reduce anti-social behaviour in the immediate area, thus creating the potential to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not. In addition, when the Denis Law Legacy Trust is not using the facility, the facility is open to any person/people at any time, free of charge therefore advancing equality by meeting the needs of different groups.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<i>Not required</i>
Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty	The Fairer Scotland Duty has been considered within our completed Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment. Among other things, this proposal seeks to increase the provision of high quality, fit for purpose facilities in the

	community of Torry and to provide opportunities for young people to volunteer and develop their employability skills, thus supporting the reduction of inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage.
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9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Torry Locality Plan 2017-2027

10. APPENDICES (if applicable)

Appendix 1- Business Case

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