

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents the Aberdeen Sports Village (ASV) annual review in order to provide the Council with an overview of performance of service delivery by ASV during the financial year 2021/2022 (1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022).

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

- 2.1 That the Council notes the Aberdeen Sports Village Annual Report appended to this report for the Council's interests.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 Aberdeen Sports Village Limited is a company limited by guarantee with charitable status. Established in 2009, ASV is a joint venture with Aberdeen City Council and the University of Aberdeen.
- 3.2 Although a joint venture, ASV is considered a Tier 1, Arm's Length External Organisation ("ALEO") of the Council.
- 3.3 ASV was the first joint venture of its kind in the United Kingdom and remains an example of best practice in the Sport and Physical Activity sector. Aberdeen Sports Village is Scotland's premier sports, fitness and lifestyle venue managing both performance level activities and all-inclusive programmes. It hosts international sports event and offers multiple sports facilities, including an IAAF accredited 400m athletics track and UKA indoor athletics facility, an Olympic standard aquatics centre, a state of the art gym, exercise and lifestyle classes.
- 3.4 An annual review report on ASV's business plan is appended to this report. It includes a qualitative summary of outcomes, outputs and activities undertaken by ASV, how these align against the priorities of the Local Outcome Improvement Plan and progress made to-date. The annual report also details

how ASV's activities have delivered against ACC strategies and action plan priorities and provides details of user numbers, other income received and any challenges faced.

- 3.5 The revised performance template provides an overview of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) and what has been achieved against these targets for the financial year 2021/2022. It should be noted that ASV aligns to the Further Education academic year for financial reporting which is between 1st August through to 31st July each year.
- 3.6 ASV has progressed with their phased return of sport, health and fitness services in line with guidance. The University Sport's clubs returned as permitted, with all 46 clubs who train within ASV's facilities returning to some form of activity, as well as the full range of Community Clubs. ASV worked collaboratively with other pool operators across the city to ensure that all Aberdeen swimming clubs were offered equitable access to the city pools that had been able to open.
- 3.7 Within the appended report, Section 2 – Users, Participants and Investments provides an overview of ASV user numbers within 6 regeneration areas of the city.
- 3.8 Separately, the ALEO Assurance Hub continues to seek assurance from Aberdeen Sports Village on its financial stewardship, governance, and risk arrangements. This includes oversight that medium term financial plans are in place and aligned to business planning. This is reported on twice a year to the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee along with the Hub's risk ratings, which reflect the level of risk presented to the Council by each ALEO.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. The Council currently provides £853,083 of annual revenue funding to ASV toward the operation of the Sports Centre and Aquatics Centre. In addition, the Council makes an annual contribution of £ 94,153 toward the delivery of the City's performance swimming programme.
- 4.2 ACC continued to provide 100% of the grant funding that had been approved for ASV despite the interruption to services and with continued closures of parts of the leisure estate, which was the same level as approved the previous year.
- 4.3 As per the terms of the Joint Venture Agreement, the University of Aberdeen provides the same level of revenue funding to ASV toward the operation of the Sports Centre and Aquatics Centre.
- 4.4 It should be noted that ASV's financial year is different to the Council. It runs from 1st August to the 31st July and is referred to as the "contract" year.

4.5 For 2021/2022 ASV had a trading income of £1,104,261 with sponsorships and donations accounting for a further £610,068.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

7. RISK

Category	Risks	Primary Controls/Control Actions to achieve Target Risk Level	*Target Risk Level (L, M or H) *taking into account controls/control actions	*Does Target Risk Level Match Appetite Set?
Strategic Risk				
Compliance				
Operational	Poor service to customers.	The annual report enables the Council to review the performance of the service delivery by ASV.	L	Yes
Financial	No risk arising from this report as annual budget is set by the Council as part of the budget setting process.	Managed on a regular basis through the ALEO Assurance Hub and the Strategic ALEO meetings with Council Chief Officers.	N/A	Yes
Reputational	Poor performance by Sport Aberdeen could impact on the Council's reputation.	The annual report enables the Council to review the performance of the service delivery by ASV.	L	Yes
Environment / Climate	None			

8. OUTCOMES

<u>COUNCIL DELIVERY PLAN 2022-2023</u>	
	Impact of Report
Aberdeen City Council Policy Statement <u>Working in Partnership for Aberdeen</u>	ASV aligns to the transformation programme articulated within the TOM 1.2, and forms part of the next steps for delivery of the outcomes and commitments.
<u>Aberdeen City Local Outcome Improvement Plan</u>	
Prosperous Economy Stretch Outcomes	The annual report evidences contribution by ASV towards the LOIP theme of prosperous economy.
Prosperous People Stretch Outcomes	The annual report evidences contribution by ASV towards the LOIP theme of prosperous people.
Prosperous Place Stretch Outcomes	The annual report evidences contribution by ASV towards the LOIP theme of a prosperous place.
Regional and City Strategies	ASV aligns to the transformation programme articulated within the TOM 1.2, and forms part of the next steps for delivery of the outcomes and commitments.

9. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Impact Assessment	Full impact assessment not required.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

11. APPENDICES

- Aberdeen Sports Village – ALEO Annual Report 2021/2022

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