

Report to Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Agenda
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Meeting Date: 11th July 2013
 Portfolio: Culture, Health, Leisure and Young People
 Key Decision: Not Applicable:
 Within Policy and Budget Framework YES
 Public / Private Public

Title: SPORTS PROVISION IN THE DISTRICT
 Report of: The Director of Community Engagement
 Report Number: CD 41/13

Purpose / Summary:

The purpose of this report is to update Panel on the key findings of the Sports Facility needs assessment carried out across the City and provide background for a presentation and discussion with a representative from the consultancy company which has undertaken this assessment, Knight Kavanagh and Page (KKP)

The Chief Executive of KKP met with members of Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel at the commencement of its work in August 2012 and agreed to provide feedback in due course.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that panel note the report

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Executive:	
Overview and Scrutiny:	
Council:	

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Specialist sports and leisure consultancy firm Knight Kavanagh and Page (KKP) was commissioned in 2012 to undertake a sports facility needs assessment for the city. It has now completed its research work and this is currently being considered by officers. This work comes at a time when some facilities in the City are ageing and are likely to become not fit for purpose in the near future.
- 1.2 KKP's work considers the need for, and location of, sports facilities in Carlisle and focus on sports halls, swimming pools, health & fitness, and 3G artificial turf football pitches.

2. Key Findings

KKP's work identifies the following shortfalls in provision:-

Sports Halls - There is a demonstrable need for an additional sports hall in Carlisle.

The supply of sports hall space is not meeting demand, and this will be exacerbated further in 2016 and 2026 given the predicted increase in the population. Due to the dual use of the Sands Centre as a sports hall and an Arts and Entertainment centre, there is a shortage of consistently-available space in the sports hall. This has a detrimental affect on other sports halls in Carlisle as these are constantly full due to the lack of space available across Carlisle. Longer-term participation rates in sport are also affected, which in turn hinder the delivery of the Carlisle Sport and Physical Activity strategy.

Swimming Pools - There is a demonstrable need for a new 8 lane swimming pool alongside a smaller teaching pool.

Although the study highlights that supply is currently meeting demand, there are issues relating to the level of pool space which is available for community use. A further consideration is the level of quality of the swimming pool provision in Carlisle, with KKP's report highlighting the unwelcoming and dated nature of The Pools, which reduces demand. There are also concerns about the quality of three other key pools in the district: Richard Rose Morton, Richard Rose Central Academy and Trinity.

Health & Fitness - There is a need to improve the current health & fitness offer in the district.

Although the current fitness offer in Carlisle meets with demand, the majority of this provision is in the private sector. More needs to be done to meet the needs of some of the more deprived communities, and to improve the quality of fitness provision in the district. Improving the facilities for group fitness programmes (such as aerobics) help to both increase income and drive up sport participation rates.

Playing Pitches - There is demand for the development of at least one 3G football pitch in Carlisle and possibly two in a phased approach.

The development of one or more 3G football pitches in Carlisle would allow for organised sports games to be played along with new formats of football at junior level. This approach will take the pressure off over-used playing pitches and allow local sports clubs to develop and expand. It will also free up current sports hall space currently being used for five-a-side football, which should allow other sports the space and capacity to develop.

3. CONSULTATION

3.1 A list of consultees is provided at Appendix 1

4. CONCLUSION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 The finds of the consultant's work will be used to inform the production of a sports facility strategy

5. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARLISLE PLAN PRIORITIES

5.1 This work will contribute to achievement of the following aim within the Carlisle Plan -

'We will develop vibrant sports, arts and cultural facilities, showcasing the city of Carlisle'.

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Appendices attached to report: - Appendix 1 Consultation Information

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- None

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS/RISKS:

Chief Executive's -

Community Engagement –

Economic Development –

Governance –

Local Environment –

Resources -

APPENDIX 1

CONSULTEE LIST- Facilities Strategy

Contact Name	Organisation	Designation
Andy Fawkes	Sport England	Relationship Manager (Facilities & Planning)
Andy King	Carlisle Leisure Ltd	Managing Director
Andrew Sproat	Projects Manager	Cumbria County Council
Bob Simpson	ECB	Cricket Development Manager
Bruce Lawson	Active Cumbria	Partnership Manager (Development)
Cllr Anne Quilter	Carlisle City Council	Portfolio Holder for Culture, Health, Leisure & Young People
Cllr Joe Hendry	Carlisle City Council	Leader of the Council
Cllr Cyril Webber	Carlisle City Council	Harraby Councillor
Darren Crossley	Carlisle City Council	Deputy Chief Executive
Dave Houlston	University of Cumbria	Associate Dean & Director of Sport
Denise Richardson	Richard Rose Central Academy	Deputy Head
Garry Schubert	Carlisle and District Sport and Physical Activity Alliance Foundation	Development Manager
Gerard Edwards	Austin Friars St Monica's School	Bursar
Jacq Longrigg	Carlisle College	IES Manager
Jane Meek	Carlisle City Council	Director of Economic Development
Janette Pilkington	Carlisle City Council	Wellbeing Manager
Jim Crow	Sports Council	Chairman
Jo Cunliffe	LTA	Tennis Development Manager
John Marshall	Richard Rose Morton Academy	Deputy Head
Kath Pigdon	William Howard School	Assistant Head & Director of Sport
Katie Robinson	Richard Rose Morton Academy	Head

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Keith Gerrard	Carlisle City Council	Director of Community Engagement
Laura Fisher	England Netball	Regional Manager
Margaret Emburey	Newman Catholic School	Bursar
Margaret Miller	Carlisle City Council	Communities Housing and Health Manager
Mark Irwin	Carlisle City Council	Building Surveyor
Matt McFahn	ASA	Regional Director
Mr Foster	Trinity School	Head of PE
Mr McAree	Caldew School	Head
Nick Rimmer	Badminton England	Regional Manager
Paul Frampton	Carlisle City Council	Sports Development Officer
Phil Gray	Carlisle City Council	Green Spaces Manager
Raymond Simmonds	Carlisle City Council	Property Manager
Steve Salkeld	Carlisle College	Finance Manager
Tom Rice	Carlisle Leisure Ltd	Manager of the Sands Centre
Tracy Power	British Gymnastics	Regional Manager