

CARLISLE CITY COUNCIL

Report to:- City Council

Date of Meeting:- 4 March 2003

Agenda Item No:- 8(b)(ii)

Public

Policy

Delegated: Yes

Accompanying Comments and Statements

Environmental Impact Statement:

Required

Included

Corporate Management Team Comments:

No

No

Financial Comments:

No

No

Legal Comments:

No

No

Personnel Comments:

No

No

Title:-

PETITION RE – PERMANENT ICE SKATING RINK

Report of:-

Head of Culture, Leisure and Sport

Report reference:-

CLS.45/03

Summary:-

This report is in response to a petition by several hundred people from Carlisle and surrounding areas who would like the City Council to consider building an ice rink. This subject is the basis of a feasibility report to the Council as it considers future leisure development in the city. The public consultation exercise will take account of such support as part of the consultation exercise necessary for such a project.

Recommendation:-

The Council notes the request and the public support for an ice rink.

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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

1. Introduction.

- 1.1 The City Council views leisure as a vehicle for the development of a vibrant city alongside the many other factors which are necessary to achieve this objective which are outlined in the Corporate Plan.
- 1.2 An important part of this theme was the establishment of a leisure Trust to operate the city's sports facilities. As part of this the council has agreed to invest £1.2 million over the next few years in the existing sports facilities in the city which are operated by Carlisle Leisure Limited.
- 1.3 Sports development is also seen as important in the development of opportunities for all sectors of our community wherever they reside in the City. Therefore a commitment to increase the money available for this function was made in the budget set by the Council for 2003/2004.

2. FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS.

- 2.1 The Council recognises that residents in Carlisle would like to see new leisure facilities opened and recent feedback from the public consultation exercise on the Council Budget for 2003/2004 showed that. A significant number of people responded positively to the question asked about the possibility of developing a new sports complex in the city.
- 2.2 A proposed feasibility study will be carried out, which will include public consultation, concerning the building of a new leisure complex in the city which could include a new pool, sports hall and ice rink.

3. CONCLUSION.

- 3.1 Such a development would require substantial investment to build and operate and this will need to be considered as part of the consultation exercise undertaken with a range of interest groups. A development of this type would potentially have regional importance and the scope of the impact could be considerable on the area, therefore it is only right that prior to reaching any decision the Council is appraised of the necessary information, hence the need to carry out a feasibility study.

Mark Beveridge
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20 February 2003