

# Ballycastle Leisure Centre

## BACKGROUND

### BACKGROUND & THE NEED FOR A NEW LEISURE CENTRE IN BALLYCASTLE:

- Existing facilities in the old school building at Sheskurn House are no longer fit for purpose
- No local, year-round access to a swimming pool
- Consultations in 2016/17 showed local support for new leisure facilities
- The Council will be a partner in the new Shared School Campus creating public access to synthetic pitches for hockey, football and Gaelic sports as well as a large sports hall.
- Need to develop a new carbon efficient and sustainable facility
- Changes in leisure habits/environment
- More gym & leisure lifestyle activities, less formal sport
- More changing at home, less dry changing required
- Growth of tourism and the loss of wet play in Portrush
- More sports hall space & flood lit synthetic pitches to become available at Shared School Campus
- Gym and studio classes driving increasing demand

### BACKGROUND & THE NEED FOR A NEW LEISURE CENTRE IN BALLYCASTLE - HAVE YOUR SAY!

- Council is currently considering the mix of facilities (indoor and outdoor) & designs for a new leisure centre in Ballycastle
- After a detailed analysis of all available sites, Quay Road was identified as the most suitable
- As with all projects, budgets for build and running costs are challenging. All projects are a balance between affordability and meeting need
- Through this consultation, the Council wants to understand your views on needs and priorities
- The Council will keep the community informed as plans develop
- A low carbon footprint will be a key element of the project
- The facilities under consideration include:

1. 25m x 4 lane pool, with a moveable floor for learners

2. Village style changing

3. Relocated and inclusive playground

4. Perimeter lit walking/running trail

5. Gym for 35+ stations

6. Changing Places facility
7. Modest spa and wet play features

8. Small café

9. Large studio (with partition & kitchen)

10. Pump / BMX cycle track

11. Indoor climbing wall

\* TO RECORD YOUR VIEWS, VISIT: -  
<https://www.causewaycoastandglens.gov.uk/council/council-consultations/new-ballycastle-leisure-centre>

Note: Hard copy Consultation forms are available from Council Offices and Leisure Centres.

## DESIGN CONCEPT & PRECEDENTS



### PLAN & SITE LAYOUT OF THE PROPOSED LEISURE CENTRE - OPTION 4+

