



**Causeway
Coast & Glens
Borough Council**

Leisure Facilities Project Board

Monday 15th February 2023

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

Members Present: Councillor Holmes (Chair)
Alderman Baird
Councillor McShane (for Councillor McGurk)

Members Apologies: Councillor Knight-McQuillan
Councillor McKillop
Councillor McMullan
Councillor Callan
Councillor McAuley

Officers: R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development
W McCullough, Head of Sport and Wellbeing
N Harkness, SIB Project Manager
J Beggs, SIB Project Manager

NO.	Item	ACTIONS
1.	Introductions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• RB took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked for apologies as noted above.	
2.	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The draft minutes of the meeting of 9th January 2023 were approved by Members.	

3.	<p>Coleraine Leisure Centre - Levelling Up Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers referenced the report going to L&D Committee on 21st February following the unsuccessful bid to LUF. • Officers outlined the options under consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Option 1 - Suspend the development of the Coleraine Leisure Centre project until external capital funding is confirmed; or - Option 2 - Proceed with the appointment of an ICT via the Council's existing framework and a planning application at a cost of up to £1m, funded by a programme of accelerated asset disposals, in preparation for the inclusion of the project in future grant funding applications. • Members noted that CLC was in need of intervention and that Option 2 seemed to be best course of action. 	
4.	<p>Ballycastle Leisure Centre - Levelling Up Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers referenced the report going to L&D Committee on 21st February following the successful bid to LUF. • Officers outlined the recommendation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reconfirm Stage 1 approval for Ballycastle Leisure Centre and an indicative commitment of £6.8m; and - Accept the LUF funding and allow progression to Stage 2 - detailed design, planning and procurement at an estimated cost of £600k. • Members thanked the team for their efforts and high quality bid to LUF and agreed with the recommendation to ensure delivery against targets set. 	
5.	<p>Ballycastle Shared Education Campus – Stage 2 Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers referenced the report going to L&D Committee on 21st February. • Officers outlined the Options under consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Option 1: Commit to the capital investment and the associated maintenance, renewal and operational costs as outlined in this report. Including: A financial commitment of £3.8m as per the Cost Apportionment Schedule at Annex A; and Officers to co-sign the construction contract. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Option 2: Defer a decision and give a commitment to DE/EA that the Council will make an application to Peace Plus for the project. - Option 3: Withdraw from the project on affordability grounds having considered the options, cost implications and affordability issues. • Members noted the long standing commitment to the project and if Options 1 and 2 could be combined and the likely timing of a Peace Plus bid. 	
6.	Portrush Recreation Grounds – Project Board Update	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers presented the Project Dashboard and confirmed that the £3.3m project was progressing on-site, however noted some slippage on agreed time and cost targets. • The revised target date for completion is now 17th March 2023 with majority of works complete and wet pour at the Play Park causing the delay. • LUF branding being commissioned ahead of an official launch plan 23rd March 2023. • The key issue is now managing the Compensation Events and additional inflationary claims logged by the Contractor and to ensure robust challenge process in place. • Budget cover through a relatively small Optimism Bias of 3% almost fully utilised. A report will be brought to Committee in March for additional budget cover of c.10%. Discussions are ongoing with DfC regarding possible match funding. 	
7.	Update on the L&D Capital Programme	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers provided update on Kerr Street and Ballymoney public realm projects. • Officers also highlighted progress being made on Cloughmills Pitch, Aghadowey Play Park, Dungiven Bowling, Ballyreagh Golf Course and the 14 Small Settlement Projects. 	
8.	AORB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The fireworks display at Ballycastle was discussed briefly. 	
9.	DONM	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 13th March 2023 	