

Portrush Community Leisure Facility Options	14th November 2017
To: The Leisure and Development Committee For Information	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, healthy & engaged communities; and Protecting and enhancing our environments and assets
Outcome	Council will work to support healthy lifestyle choices for all citizens. Citizens will have access to Council recreational facilities and protected natural environments which help them to develop their physical, emotional and cognitive health. Our citizens will be given the maximum opportunity to enjoy our natural environments.
Lead Officer	Head of Sport & Wellbeing
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

The purpose of this report is to update members on progress on this project since it was last considered at the September Leisure and Development Committee meeting.

Background

At the Committee meeting on the 12th September, Members received a report and presentation recommending the development of business cases to evaluate the options relating to a number of leisure projects for the town of Portrush.

This report recommended that Members approve:

1. The proposed objectives for the leisure and recreation projects for Portrush.
2. That officers proceed to outline business case appraisals for the 3 projects as follows:

Project	Site Options	Features/ Considerations
1. Outdoor Recreation, formal and informal.	Ramore Head Recreation Grounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 or 2 Bowling Greens. • 3 or 4 tennis courts. • Small play facility. • Small urban sport features. • New pavilion. • Green/Event space. • Pay and display parking. • Adventure play.
2. Integrated Play Facility.	The Bowl or Dunluce/Metropole.	The main site for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Sport. • MUGA. • Play.
3. Training pitch/small sided games.	Parker Avenue or Glenmanus.	Synthetic training areas for pitch based sports for formal bookings.

Having considered the paper and the recommendations, Members asked officers to convene a Member/Stakeholder workshop where relevant stakeholder groups would be invited to present an account of their needs and aspirations to the Councillors and to make themselves available to answer questions.

Update on Progress

The Member/Stakeholder workshop took place on Monday 30 October at Portrush Town Hall. Stakeholder groups in attendance were:

- Portrush Bowling Club.
- Portrush FC & Portrush Youths.
- Equestrian Event organisers.
- Portrush Matters.
- Sure Start.
- Causeway Association of Adventure Sport.
- Portrush Hockey Club.

Members were well represented at the event.

Next Steps

As a result of the high level of attendance and the extent of the question and answer sessions between Members and stakeholders, there was little time for the Members and the officers to discuss next steps. Some Members informally suggested that an additional Member/officer workshop (in advance of any formal reports on the matter) would be a helpful next step.

Diary options for a workshop are limited and arrangements have now been made to use the date set aside for the Pitches Strategy Workshop (7pm, Wed 6th December 2017) to cover two items of business as follows:

Wed 6th December 2017, Cloonavin:

- 7-8pm Pitches Strategy.
- 8-9pm Portrush Community Leisure Facility Options.