



**Causeway
Coast & Glens
Borough Council**

Leisure Facilities Project Board

Monday 9th January 2023

Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

Members Present: Councillor Holmes (Chair)
Councillor Knight-McQuillan
Councillor McKillop
Alderman Baird
Councillor McGurk
Councillor McMullan
Councillor Callan

Members Apologies: Councillor McAuley

Officers: R Baker, Director of Leisure & Development
W McCullough, Head of Sport and Wellbeing
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 7th November 2022 were approved by Members.	

3.	<p>Portrush Recreation Grounds – Project Board Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers presented the Project Dash Board 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 February 2023 with majority of works complete and wet pour at the Play Park causing the delay. Operationally this does not pose any problems and the bowling club have been kept advised in the run-up to their centenary event and bowling season commencing. • LUF branding being commissioned ahead of an official launch plan w/c 13th March 2023 and DfC also engaged on PR in and around this date. • The key issue is now managing the Compensation Events and additional inflationary claims being logged by the Contractor under extremely challenging market conditions and to ensure robust challenge process in place. • Budget cover through a relatively small Optimism Bias of 3% almost fully utilised. Therefore it is likely that a report will be brought to Committee/Council in February for additional budget cover of c.10%. Discussions are ongoing with DfC regarding possible match funding of additional costs. • A site visit to be considered in March. 	
4.	<p>Levelling Up Fund Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coleraine Leisure Centre bid - £14.5m representing 55% of total cost of £26.3m; and • Ballycastle Leisure Centre bid - £8.1m representing 55% of total cost of £14.9m. • Officers confirmed that a funding decision from LUF would not be announced until the end of January and reminded Members that any decision to progress to Stage 2 and incur significant development/design costs in the process will be subject to securing external funding from LUF. • The overall affordability of the projects (and cost of emerging preferred options) will therefore be re-assessed when the outcome of the funding application is confirmed prior to a Council decision to progress to Stage 2. 	

5.	Ballycastle Shared Education Campus	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Officers presented the update report and confirmed that the tender exercise is now complete and the tender report is under review by DE/EA, early indications are that the cost apportionment to Council has, as expected, increased with construction inflation from £2.7m to c.£3.7m (includes X1 clause in relation to paying future inflation). • Officers also provided updates in relation to legal agreements: Deed of Contribution (capital) and Shared Facilities Agreement (revenue) which are still under negotiation with DE/EA and the respective legal teams. • DE/EA are likely to seek formal approval of a financial commitment from Committee/Council by March 23. This will highlight the key risks, not least the general pressure on Council's capital borrowing powers and upcoming pressures from: LUF (if successful, potential match funding of 45%), Growth Deal (match funding requirement of 10%) and essential capital spend on sea defences, plant / equipment / fleet / IT etc. • Members the community usage after school hours and the expectations of DE/EA for sharing of repairs and maintenance costs. Officers explained that this was agreed back in 2017 with Heads of Terms and that the Shared Facilities Agreement needs to reflect the cost apportionment in the final investment decision. • Members queried the timing of a Peace Plus bid for the project and if final investment decision is needed in advance of this. Officers confirmed that DE/EA need to appoint contractor in March 2023 and therefore require a financial commitment before the Peace Plus funding application is submitted to SEUPB later this year. 	
6.	AORB	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
7.	DONM	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 13th February 2023 	