



Capital projects update: Sport & Wellbeing / Ballycastle & Coleraine	14th February 2017
To: Leisure & Development Committee For information	

Linkage to Council Strategy (2015-19)	
Strategic Theme	Resilient, healthy & engaged communities
Outcome	Citizens will have access to Council recreational facilities and protected natural environments which help them to develop their physical, emotional and cognitive health
Lead Officer	Head of Sport & Wellbeing
Cost: (If applicable)	N/A

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on progress regarding leisure provision in Coleraine and Ballycastle.

Background:

In July 2014 CC&G Shadow Council reviewed its pipeline of Capital Projects and established that the combined capital aspiration of the converging Councils was unaffordable. Two of those projects from the Legacy Councils of Coleraine and Moyle were the North Coast Sports Village and the Ballycastle Indoor Leisure and Visitors Centre.

Council adopted a 4–step Gateway process to evaluate and prioritise projects with that process being based on affordability, value for money and meeting objectively demonstrated need.

Accordingly, all projects must be evaluated in this context throughout the entire CC&G area with the key point of reference being Council’s Sport & Leisure Facility Strategy document adopted by Council in August 2015.

Key decision milestones;

- **February 2015 North Coast Sports Village OBC / Council update on Capital projects**
Next steps (from April 2015) - presentation of the Sport and Leisure Facility Options Appraisal of the North Coast Sports Village against the agreed Investment Criteria to CC&G Council.
- **November 2016 Information report to Leisure and Development Committee and Council**
Officers will continue to investigate and develop all options to identify the optimal solution that meets the sport and leisure service needs in the Ballycastle / Moyle area, is scaled proportionally and consequently aims to achieve sustainability.

Update:

The original OBC for the North Coast Sports Village, which was located on the outskirts of the town of Coleraine, needs to be tested against the aim of the Northern Area Plan which has an emphasis on promoting a “town centre first” approach.

Subject to Business Case, the new Ballycastle High / Cross and Passion Shared Campus build may give an opportunity for joint working that would provide for some of the facilities that are needed at a lower cost to the public purse.

Work by the Education Authority and CCMS on the Shared Campus project is progressing and there is a key decision-making requirement for Council in the near future in relation to supporting the community access elements of the project.

A Council Workshop is scheduled for 6th April 2017 at which Officers will present the work to date on both projects for Members' consideration.

In advance of that workshop Officers will review the consultation exercises for the original Outline Business Cases and initiate consultation with key stakeholders as appropriate in order to ensure that the reviewed OBCs are reflective of the current influencing factors in each area.

Following the workshop appropriate reports will be submitted to Council through the L&D Committee for consideration.