

**LEISURE & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY 17 MAY 2022**

Table of Recommendations

No	Item	Summary of key Recommendations
1.	Apologies	Councillors Anderson, Nicholl
2.	Declarations of Interest	None
3.	Minutes of Leisure and Development Committee Meeting held Wednesday 13 th April 2022	Signed as a correct record
4.	Ballycastle and CLC OBC	to recommend that Council note the progress made on plans for the development of a new Coleraine Leisure Centre and Ballycastle Leisure Centre; grant interim approval of the preferred options emerging from the respective Outline Business Cases (subject to an affordability review when the outcome of funding applications is known); and note the next steps in relation progressing the development of the projects, including the submission of funding applications to the Levelling Up Fund (Round 2)
5.	2022 – 23 Business Plans	Approve

6.	Correspondence	
(i)	Coleraine Football Club	<i>to recommend that Council accede to the request</i>
7.	Matters Reporting to the Partnership Panel	<i>None</i>
8.	Consultations	<i>None</i>
	IN COMMITTEE (Items 9-13 (i))	
9.	CLC Gym Investment Tender	<i>to recommend that Council note the tender process in Annex A 'CLC Fitness Equipment and Flooring Tender' and approve the award of the contract to Pulse Fitness at a cost of £116,937.95.</i>
10.	Asset Realisation – Waterworld	<i>to recommend that Council note the above information and approve the formal transfer of Waterworld to Asset Management for the development of new options. Any further reports to be brought through the Land & Property Sub-Committee and Corporate Policy & Resources Committee.</i>
11.	Coleraine Bomb Memorial	<i>to recommend that Council approve the appointment of JS Dunlop, 48A Kirk Road, Ballymoney, BT53 8HB to carry out the fabrication and installation of the memorial as per the requirements contained within the tender submission received by Capital works for £22,800 plus VAT.</i>
12.	Runkerry Bridge and Ballycastle Viewing Platform Tenders	<i>to recommend that Council approve the most</i>

		<p>economically advantageous tenders from JS Dunlop for the Ballycastle Viewing Area at a cost of £16,230.00.</p> <p>CivCo Ltd for Runkerry Footbridge at a cost of £29,000.00. (Subject to formalisation of agreement for installation the with landowner)</p>
13.	Any Other Relevant Business Notified In Accordance With Standing Order 12. (O)	
(i)	Branding opportunities / PR opportunities NW200 2022 (Alderman Hillis)	<p>Bring back reports (NW200 Branding) (Unauthorised parking correspondence issued)</p>
	'IN PUBLIC' (Item 13(ii))	
(ii)	Changing Places and accessible toilet facilities at North West 200. (Councillor C McShane)	Information

**MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AND VIA VIDEO
CONFERENCE ON TUESDAY 17 MAY 2022 AT 7.03 PM**

In the Chair: Councillor McAuley (C)

Members Present: Alderman Baird (R), Duddy (C), Hillis (C)
Knight-McQuillan (R), Councillors Bateson (R), Callan (R),
Holmes (R), McCaw (R), MA McKillop (R), McQuillan (C),
C McShane (R), Schenning (R), Watton (C)

Officers Present: R Baker, Director of Leisure and Development (C)
P Thompson, Head of Tourism and Recreation (R)
J Welsh, Head of Community and Culture (R)
W McCullough, Head of Sport and Wellbeing (R)
J Elliott, Interim Head of Prosperity and Place (R)
N McGurk, Interim Head of Prosperity and Place (R)
P O'Brien, Funding Unit Manager (R)
P Harkin, Good Relations Manager (R)
J Beggs, SIB Project Officer (R)
S Duggan, Civic Support & Committee & Member Services Officer (C)

In Attendance: C Thompson, ICT Operations Officer (C)
A Lennox, Mobile Operation Officer (C)

Press 2 (no) (R)

Public 2 (no) (R)

Key: (C) Attended in the Chamber
(R) Attended Remotely

The Chair advised Committee of its obligations and protocol whilst the meeting was being audio recorded; and with the remote meetings protocol.

The Director of Leisure and Development undertook a roll call of committee members present.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were recorded for Councillor Anderson and Councillor Nicholl.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF LEISURE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD WEDNESDAY 13TH APRIL 2022

Summary minute, previously circulated.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy
Seconded by Councillor Watton and

AGREED – that the Minutes of the Leisure and Development Committee meeting held Wednesday 13th April 2022 are signed as a correct record.

4. BALLYCASTLE AND CLC OBC

Report, previously circulated, presented by SIB Project Officer.

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this paper is to update Members on progress made on plans for the development of a new Coleraine Leisure Centre and Ballycastle Leisure Centre; recommend interim approval of the preferred options emerging from the respective Outline Business Cases (Stage 1 Approval); and outline next steps in relation progressing the development of the projects, including the submission of funding applications to the Levelling Up Fund (Round 2).

Background and Approvals to Date

In early 2021, the Leisure Facilities Project Board requested that previous work on business case development dating back to 2017/18 for the redevelopment of Coleraine Leisure Centre (CLC) and a new Ballycastle Leisure Centre (BLC) was revisited prior to any decision to re-commence work being taken by the Leisure & Development Committee and Council.

At a full Council meeting in September 2021, Members received an updated Strategic Outline Case for investment in the redevelopment of Coleraine Leisure Centre and approval was given to commit the resources required to complete the development of an OBC in line with 'Better Business Cases NI' guidance on the new 'Five Case Model'.

At this meeting it was also agreed that the OBC for Ballycastle Leisure Centre (also referred to as Phase II) was to be progressed in parallel with the Coleraine Leisure Centre OBC and adopt the same process and approach.

It is noted that whilst both project OBCs are being progressed in parallel, they are considered as separate projects for funding applications and ultimately investment decisions will be taken on the individual merits of each project.

Following a detailed presentation to Leisure & Development Committee in January 2022, at the Council meeting in February 2022 two development options for Coleraine Leisure Centre were approved for full economic appraisal against the base case 'Do Nothing' option:

- Option 4B: New reduced scale leisure centre on the existing footprint to the front of the Railway Road site; and

- Option 4B+: Option 4B enhanced to reflect Council's decision: *“that Council enlarge on the 4b Option to feature a larger water attraction to incorporate a separate learner pool and option for soft area”*.

Following an update report to Leisure & Development Committee in March 2022, at the Council meeting in April 2022 four development options for Ballycastle Leisure Centre were prioritised for full economic appraisal against the base case 'Do Nothing' option:

- Option 3: New reduced scale leisure centre at Quay Road with swimming pool, gym, studio, changing, offices and café;
- Option 3+: Option 3 enhanced with a new accessible play park;
- Option 4: New reduced scale leisure centre at Quay Road with swimming pool (floating floor), gym, studio, changing, offices, café, wet play and spa area, changing places facility, climbing wall and outdoor pump track and walking track; and
- Option 4+: Option 4 enhanced with a new accessible play park.

Most recently, a Leisure & Development Committee report was approved by Council in May 2022 recommending the prioritisation of applications for Coleraine Leisure Centre and Ballycastle Leisure Centre for Round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund which closes on 6th July 2022.

It is important to highlight that both projects are at early concept design stage, and if progressed, substantial additional resources and external funding would be required to develop the detailed designs and secure all the necessary approvals over the course of a 12-18 month period. These development costs and professional fees could be in excess of £1m, depending on the final preferred options selected.

Outline Business Case for Coleraine Leisure Centre

External consultants were commissioned by Council to produce the Outline Business Case for the redevelopment of Coleraine Leisure Centre. The full OBC report is included at Annex A for reference.

The OBC is based on work and discussions between the Project Steering Group and multi-disciplinary consultancy team. The structure considers the latest '5-Case' model guidance and the teams relevant experience of developing business cases in the leisure sector.

The strategic case is the first step in the process and provides the key arguments and basis for investment in the redevelopment of CLC over the longer term. The strategic case goes on to identify the priorities/objectives and the process to develop the long list of options. The economic case analyses the long list of options that could meet the project objectives and through evaluation identifies the shortlisted options.

Following identification of the shortlisted options and discussion with the Project Steering Group and interaction with Members, the subsequent Financial, Commercial and Management Cases have been developed to identify the preferred option for investment and the proposed financing, procurement strategy and management arrangements.

The projects strategic fit with relevant government strategies and the priorities of both Council and the LUF ('Regeneration' Theme) is clearly established within the Strategic Case.

The need for a replacement of the old leisure centre is compelling and the cost of 'Doing Nothing' is not sustainable. The rationale and supporting evidence base for the project is based on facility planning needs, industry benchmarks, condition of existing centre, socio-economic needs, latent demand analysis, management information and local consultation.

The high level aims of the project are as follows:

- Provide fit for purpose indoor leisure facilities which will meet existing and future needs;
- To support improving the health and wellbeing of the local population through increased involvement in physical activity, sport and community engagement;
- Increased participation in physical activity by individuals from currently underrepresented groups;
- To provide a wet weather activity alternative to the support the wider tourism offering;
- To contribute to the regeneration of Coleraine town centre;
- To create a facility that operates at Net Zero in accordance with the Council's policy for new/upgraded facilities; and
- To create a financially sustainable leisure centre.

The project has been subjected previously to detailed technical Feasibility Reports which have fully exhausted a long list of potential options and a robust evaluation through the Outline Business Case, including local community consultation which concluded in April 2022.

Concept design cost estimates have been prepared by the design team based on initial accommodation schedules for the preferred option with allowances for professional fees, design risk, future inflation, optimism bias and for building a carbon efficient building using standard industry benchmarks as follows:

Capital Cost Estimate	Option 4b+ (5,100 m²)
	£'000
Construction Cost	14,338
Professional Fees	1,434
Statutory/Other Fees	430
Risk Provision	2,007
Inflation	2,724
Estimated Costs to build carbon efficient building	2,581
Total Estimated Costs	23,514
Inc. Optimism Bias	26,336

The OBC includes a full economic appraisal of costs, benefits and risks. The project is reporting a positive net present value after 25 years which takes account of initial capital costs, whole life costs, operating costs, income generated and wider economic benefits.

The preferred option emerging from the OBC is to progress with Option 4b+: Redevelopment of a new reduced scale leisure centre (c.5,100m²) on the existing footprint of the old centre at Railway Road with additional learner pool, wet play and soft play area. On balance this option scores highest and is the option deemed to be most able to meet the project aims and the needs of the community. The proposed site layout, floor plans and facility mix are included as Annex B.

During the construction phase, the existing leisure centre will close, and the in-house team will provide an interim leisure offer that as far as possible relocates existing provision to other leisure facilities within the Borough. In addition to the projected savings from closure, the in-house team will explore the feasibility of establishing a temporary fitness offer within Coleraine town centre in a vacant retail/Council property to ensure there is a continued fitness provision within the town during construction.

While the current preferred option reflects the current demand levels and third-party leisure provision in the town, it should also be noted that the existing site offers the potential for future expansion of the preferred option. The design team carried out spatial analysis to determine that it would be feasible to develop additional hall space if need should arise in the future.

In summary, all five business case elements are met, and the project has the potential to achieve the objectives. As proposed, the developments are technically deliverable, and the preferred option has been developed through a robust and objective evaluation process. The key conclusions to highlight are as follows:

- (i) Capital Affordability**
Detailed within the report, circulated.
- (ii) Operating Viability**
Detailed within the report, circulated.
- (iii) Sustainability**

Detailed within the report, circulated.

(iv) Social and Economic Regeneration

Detailed within the report, circulated.

Outline Business Case for Ballycastle Leisure Centre

External consultants were commissioned by Council to produce the Outline Business Case for the development of a new Ballycastle Leisure Centre. The full OBC report is included at Annex C for reference.

The OBC is based on work by a multi-disciplinary consultant team and the structure considers the latest '5-Case' model guidance and the teams relevant experience of developing business cases.

The strategic case is the first step in the process and provides the key arguments and basis for investment in the development of BLC over the longer term. The strategic case goes on to identify the priorities/objectives and the process to develop the long list of options. The economic case analyses the long list of options that could meet the project objectives and through evaluation identifies the shortlisted options.

Following identification of the shortlisted options and discussion with the Client Project Team and interaction with Members, the subsequent Financial, Commercial and Management Cases have been developed to identify the preferred option for investment and the proposed financing, procurement strategy and management arrangements.

The projects strategic fit with relevant government strategies and the priorities of both Council and the LUF ('Cultural' Theme) is clearly established within the Strategic Case for investment.

The rationale and supporting evidence base for the project is based on facility planning needs, industry benchmarks, condition of existing provision, socio-economic needs, latent demand analysis, management information and local consultation.

The high level aims of the project are as follows:

- Provide fit for purpose indoor leisure facilities to replace those at the repurposed school building, Sheskburn House;
- Accommodate the needs of local young people to learn to swim;
- To support healthy lifestyles with the provision of free to use outdoor facilities;
- Improved health and wellbeing of local population through increased involvement in physical activity, sport and community engagement;
- Increased participation in physical activity by individuals from currently underrepresented groups; and
- Increased participation in health improvement programmes.

The project has previously been subjected to detailed technical Feasibility Reports which have fully exhausted a long list of potential options and a robust

evaluation through the Outline Business Case, including local community consultation which concluded in April 2022.

Concept design cost estimates have been prepared by the design team based on initial accommodation schedules for the preferred options with allowances for professional fees, design risk, future inflation, optimism bias and for building a carbon efficient building using standard industry benchmarks as follows:

Capital Cost Estimate	Option 4+
Size	1,650sqm
Cost:	£'000
Building works	6,987
Additional Cost for Net Zero Facility	1,053
Capital works	7,040
External Site works & Accessible Play Park	2,799
Sub total	9,839
Costs including preliminaries	10,823
Design development contingency	1,082
Sub total	11,905
Professional fees	1,310
Total before OB	13,215
OB	1,586
Gym stations	100
Total	14,901

The OBC includes a full economic appraisal of costs, benefits and risks. The project is reporting a positive net present value after 25 years which takes account of initial capital costs, whole life costs, operating costs, income generated and wider economic benefits.

The preferred option emerging from the OBC is to progress with Option 4+: Reduced scale leisure centre (1,650m²) at Quay Road with 25m pool (4 lane), gym, large studio, changing, reception/office, wet play features and spa, café, changing places facility, bouldering wall and outdoor pump track and accessible play park. On balance this option scores highest and is the option deemed to be most able to meet the project aims and the needs of the community. The proposed site layout, floor plans and facility mix are included as Annex D.

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Detailed within the report, circulated.
- (iii) Sustainability**
Detailed within the report, circulated.

(iv) Social and Economic Regeneration

Detailed within the report, circulated.

Next Steps

Given the projects scale and associated financial risks, the approval of Stage 1: OBC will not constitute the normal approval to progress immediately to Stage 2: FBC (detailed design, Planning Application and Procurement of ICT).

A 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 in Autumn 2022 for a Council decision to progress to Stage 2.

Subject to Council approval, the indicative delivery timeframe to progress both projects through Council's four stage capital process is summarised below (note that this is subject to change if a staggered delivery only is deemed affordable):

- Stage 0: Strategic Outline Case Approved – September 21;
- Stage 1: Outline Business Cases for Approval – June 22;
 - Levelling Up Fund applications submitted - July 22;
 - Levelling Up outcome (anticipated) - October 22;
 - Affordability review of preferred option for Council decision – October 22;
- Stage 2: Full Business Cases (design/planning/procure) – October 22 to October 23;
- Stage 3: Construction (minimally 18 mths) – October 23 to March 25; and
- Stage 4: Handover and Ready for Use - April 25.

Officers will use the period between June 22 and October 22 to plan and agree best procurement strategy for the appointment of Integrated Consultancy Team and explore further external funding opportunities in preparation for Stage 2.

As per the normal four stage process, the Final Investment Decision to progress to Stage 3: Construction and appointment of contractor will be subject to final Council agreement and confirmation of capital affordability at that time.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note progress made on plans for the development of a new Coleraine Leisure Centre and Ballycastle Leisure Centre; provide interim approval of the preferred options emerging from the respective Outline Business Cases (subject to an affordability review when the outcome of funding applications is known); and note next steps in relation progressing the development of the projects, including the submission of funding applications to the Levelling Up Fund (Round 2).

- * **Councillor Bateson joined the meeting at 7.10pm, having experienced technical issues.**

Councillor C McShane requested detail of Option 4+ for Ballycastle Leisure Centre and sought detail of the recommendation on page 66 of the report,

where, *“the project is delivered separately and not in parallel with any other major capital projects over the short to medium term (2022-2026)”*. Councillor C McShane thanked individual staff, lead by the Director of Leisure and Development, stating this was the major Capital Project for the Glens DEA and with an ageing demographic, having leisure facilities the largest issue from constituents. Councillor C McShane, while noting that nothing was certain with the Levelling Up Fund application, advised Councillors had a responsibility not to add on other projects to the Capital Projects list.

SIB Project Officer stated Option 4+ was the largest costed option, a 1,650m² Leisure Centre, 4 lane swimming pool with the adaption of a floating floor for a learning pool, gym with 35 work stations, a flexible studio space, office, café, wet play area, changing places facility, indoor bouldering wall and outdoor pump track and accessible play park and perimeter walking track which is complimented by the existing pitch provision on Quay Road. He advised these were priorities identified with Elected Members and in Consultation.

SIB Project Officer outlined deliverability struggles with making two major projects affordable, Levelling Up Fund constraints of having to be delivered by 2025, and managing the deficit in the Capital Programme of at least 50%, with potential 50% funding from the Levelling Up Fund.

Alderman Baird thanked individual staff and was pleased to see something committed to paper, a much needed facility for Ballycastle for elderly people and tourism, she stated the Coleraine facility very outdated and the facilities needed for a main Town.

Alderman Duddy welcomed the outline Business Case on behalf of Coleraine residents, awaiting ten years, and long overdue. Alderman Duddy thanked staff for their work and hoped to be successful in the Levelling Up Fund. Alderman Duddy referred to Capital Projects and an add on of £1M for Ballycastle Museum in presenting priorities for consideration by Members.

Councillor Callan stated it was vital to get funding to develop both projects, a need in Coleraine, for facilities to match the expectation of the local population. The Levelling Up Fund, a competitive process, and hoped all would go well. Regarding prioritising projects for Council to be delivered, to look at the Capital Works Programme that may have an impact going forward for those already on the list.

Councillor Watton stated approval to see this stage, the Coleraine Leisure Centre needed in Coleraine with the size of the population and in Ballycastle.

Proposed by Councillor C McShane
Seconded by Alderman Baird and

AGREED – to recommend that Council note the progress made on plans for the development of a new Coleraine Leisure Centre and Ballycastle Leisure Centre; grant interim approval of the preferred options emerging from the respective Outline Business Cases (subject to an affordability review when the outcome of funding applications is known); and note the next steps in relation progressing the development of the projects, including the submission of funding applications to the Levelling Up Fund (Round 2).

5. 2022 – 23 BUSINESS PLANS

Report, previously circulated, presented by The Director of Leisure and Development.

The purpose of this report is to present to Members the 2022/2023 Leisure and Development Business Plans for member's consideration.

Introduction

This business plan occurs in a period of significant uncertainty. Whilst optimistically, we hope that the worst of the Covid 19 Pandemic is behind us, experience has taught us that the virus is unpredictable, and we have to be prepared for further disruption. Continued regional political instability is likely as a consequence BREXIT and specifically the Northern Ireland Protocol. BREXIT and the ongoing conflict in the Ukraine, coupled with sanctions against Russia is resulting in unforeseen supply and demand challenges for all food products, materials and energy.

The social and economic consequences of the above are resulting in unprecedented levels of inflation and a general shortage of labour in all disciplines / roles.

The business plans therefore are underpinned by the necessity to:

- Focus upon the quality of the services we provide to ratepayers, maximising every opportunity to generate gains in the economic, social and environmental dimensions of the Borough.
- Provide services and develop projects safely.
- Deliver services and projects in an efficient and cost-effective manner.
- Identify opportunities to reduce expenditure and where possible generate income.

Within this context, the business plans represent a continuation of work for the following services areas:

- Sport and Wellbeing.
- Community and Culture.
- Tourism and Recreation.
- Prosperity and Place.

- The Funding Unit.

The plans for each of the aforementioned service area are developed based upon:

- The emerging actions from the Community Planning Process.
- The Council's existing Corporate Plan.
- Endorsed service area strategies.
- Relevant Central government strategies and policies.
- Council decisions and direction from the 21/22 period.

The Purpose of the Plans

The purpose of the annual business plans is to:

- Give a clear sense of what the service is for and the challenges it faces.
- Show how it is supporting Council's priorities.
- Show how it is contributing to the efficiency drive and transformation of service delivery.
- Show how it is aligning its resources to meet the challenges ahead.
- Help us to hold ourselves to account and ensure we deliver for Council and its residents.
- Bring key information together in one place about the service, which Members, staff and stakeholders can understand.

Financial Position table was detailed within the report, circulated.

Recommendation

The committee is asked to consider and approve the proposed business plans for the 2022/23 period (Annex A-E), providing a focus for officers responsible for delivering Leisure and Development services.

Councillor McQuillan raised the issue of Community Groups being unable to open Bank Accounts and questioned whether Council would accept Credit Union Accounts.

The Director of Leisure and Development agreed to look into the matter and respond to Councillor McQuillan directly.

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan
Seconded by Alderman Hillis and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve the proposed business plans for the 2022/23 period (Annex A-E), providing a focus for officers responsible for delivering Leisure and Development services.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Report, previously circulated presented by the Director of Leisure and Development.

- (i) **Correspondence from Coleraine Football Club** (received 12 May 2022)

Correspondence has been received from Coleraine Football Club with a request to formalise the partnership between Council and the Club in support of their applications to the Levelling Up fund.

Recommendation

It is recommended that Members consider the correspondence.

In response to Councillor McQuillan, the Director of Leisure and Development clarified there was no financial commitment requested, the request was for an Officer to sit on the Project Board and support Coleraine Football Club.

Councillor Callan pressed formalising an agreement to be presented to Council.

The Director of Leisure and Development clarified Terms of Reference had been requested of Coleraine Football Club to understand the requirements and he had also requested the eligibility criteria from Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) for outside organisations; if the information did come forward, it would be presented to the June Council Meeting, notwithstanding, a recommendation from Leisure and Development Committee and ratified by Council would formalise the Partnership.

Alderman Duddy wished Coleraine Football Club every success and asked that it was passed on to them.

Councillor Watton referred to the transformational regeneration of that particular area of Coleraine.

Councillor Bateson, on behalf of his Party, stated support, it was positive for Coleraine and the Council area.

Proposed by Councillor McQuillan
Seconded by Councillor Callan and

AGREED – to recommend that Council accede to the request from Coleraine football Club.

7. MATTERS REPORTING TO THE PARTNERSHIP PANEL

There were no matters for reporting to the Partnership Panel.

8. CONSULTATIONS

There were no consultation documents.

MOTION TO PROCEED ‘IN COMMITTEE’

Proposed by Alderman Duddy
Seconded by Councillor McQuillan and

AGREED – to recommend that Leisure and Development Committee move ‘*In Committee*’

The information contained in the following item is restricted in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act

- * **Press and Public were disconnected from the meeting at 7.49pm.**

9. CLC GYM INVESTMENT TENDER

Confidential report, previously circulated presented by the Head of Sport and Wellbeing.

The purpose of the paper is to update Members on progress to date with the Investment in Gym Offering at Coleraine Leisure Centre and to request approval to award the contract as per the associated Tender Report at a cost of £116,937.95 plus Vat.

Background and Project Delivery detail were circulated within the confidential report.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the tender process in Annex A 'CLC Fitness Equipment and Flooring Tender' and approve the award of the contract to Pulse Fitness at a cost of £116,937.95.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy
Seconded by Councillor Watton and

AGREED – to recommend that Council note the tender process in Annex A 'CLC Fitness Equipment and Flooring Tender' and approve the award of the contract to Pulse Fitness at a cost of £116,937.95.

10. ASSET REALISATION – WATERWORLD

Confidential report, previously circulated presented by the Head of Sport and Wellbeing.

The purpose of this report is to update Members on progress made in relation to the future of Waterworld, Portrush.

Background and Current position detail were circulated within the confidential report.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the above information and approve the formal transfer of Waterworld to Asset Management for the development of new options. Any further reports to be brought through the Land & Property Sub-Committee and Corporate Policy & Resources Committee.

Councillor McQuillan stated the people of Portrush feel Council do not care about them, he stated that instead of going out to the market, Waterworld should be rented out along the same lines as was previous, to benefit tourism and put something back into the area. Councillor McQuillan proposed that Council offer Waterworld for rent, to gauge interest, as a Leisure and Tourism project.

The Director of Leisure and Development advised on the poor condition of the building. The Head of Sport and Wellbeing detailed the poor condition and further advised the Asset Management disposal options would be explored in any report to the Land and Property Sub Committee.

Alderman Knight-McQuillan, in her capacity as Chair of Land and Property Sub Committee advised of the process for declaring the asset surplus by the asset holder of Leisure and Development; the asset would be referred to the Land and Property Sub Committee, at which point the Asset Realisation Team would report on a number of options, of which, leasing would be one, not simply going out to market. Alderman Knight-McQuillan stated it was good to see it at this stage.

Councillor Callan concurred with Councillor McQuillan, stating there could be a Development Brief for a wet facility included as an option.

Proposed by Councillor Callan

Seconded by Alderman Knight-McQuillan and

AGREED – to recommend that Council note the above information and approve the formal transfer of Waterworld to Asset Management for the development of new options. Any further reports to be brought through the Land & Property Sub-Committee and Corporate Policy & Resources Committee.

Councillor McQuillan stated he was against the recommendation.

11. COLERAINE BOMB MEMORIAL

Confidential report, previously circulated presented by the Head of Community and Culture.

The purpose of this report is to request the appointment of a supplier / contractor for the fabrication and installation of the Coleraine Bomb Memorial.

Further detailed information was provided within the confidential report.

Options 1-4 were presented for consideration:

Recommendations

Request for Council approval of the appointment of JS Dunlop, 48A Kirk Road, Ballymoney, BT53 8HB to carry out the fabrication and installation of the memorial as per the requirements contained within the tender submission received by Capital works for £22,800 plus VAT.

The Head of Community and Culture responded to queries surrounding the timeline. She clarified Council were working with Department for Infrastructure on two matters regarding maintenance and insurance surrounding the plaque, to be installed by Council.

Alderman Duddy thanked the families and Ivan Murdock & Sons who were donating the plaque.

Councillor Callan thanked the families for their patience and engagement and Officers for their work, he hoped the plaque would be in place as soon as possible and especially for the 50th Anniversary next year.

Councillor Watton stated there would be some comfort for the families and also thanked the contributor.

Proposed by Alderman Duddy
Seconded by Councillor Callan and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve the appointment of JS Dunlop, 48A Kirk Road, Ballymoney, BT53 8HB to carry out the fabrication and installation of the memorial as per the requirements contained within the tender submission received by Capital works for £22,800 plus VAT.

12. RUNKERRY BRIDGE AND BALLYCASTLE VIEWING PLATFORM TENDERS

Confidential report, previously circulated presented by the Head of Tourism and Recreation.

The purpose of this report is to seek approval from Elected Members to advance on replacement and repair works at Runkerry Footbridge and Ballycastle Beach Viewing Platform.

Background

At the Leisure & Development Committee Meeting on Tuesday 15 February 2022, Officers reported on the need to reinstate the viewing platform at Ballycastle Beach, which was destroyed by vandalism in 2021, and also the need to replace a footbridge that forms part of the coastal walking experience from Runkerry Beach to the Giant's Causeway. Approval was given to advance the projects to specification, design and procurement prior to reverting back to Committee for an investment decision.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Leisure & Development Committee approves the most economically advantageous tenders from:

- JS Dunlop for the Ballycastle Viewing Area at a cost of £16,230.00.
- CivCo Ltd for Runkerry Footbridge at a cost of £29,000.00. *(Subject to formalisation of agreement for installation the with landowner)*

The total net investment for Council is £45,230.00.

Councillor C McShane thanked individual staff for their work.

Alderman Baird stated she was pleased to see the platform in Ballycastle in place in conjunction with the Mae Murray Foundation.

In response to Alderman Hillis the Head of Tourism and Recreation advised the former Platform was not on the Council's Insurance schedule.

Proposed by Councillor C McShane
Seconded by Alderman Baird and

AGREED – to recommend that Council approve the most economically advantageous tenders from:

- JS Dunlop for the Ballycastle Viewing Area at a cost of £16,230.00.

- CivCo Ltd for Runkerry Footbridge at a cost of £29,000.00. *(Subject to formalisation of agreement for installation the with landowner)*

13. ANY OTHER RELEVANT BUSINESS NOTIFIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING ORDER 12. (O)

The Director of Leisure and Development provided advice discussing a matter in the public domain regarding the issue of accessible toilet facilities at North West 200.

(i) Branding opportunities / PR opportunities NW200 2022 (Alderman Hillis)

This years North West 200 has been a spectacular success thanks to the organisers and many volunteers and has been broadcast to a worldwide audience which gives us a unique opportunity to showcase our Borough. Given the high level of grant support and "in kind" support given by Causeway Coast and Glens Borough Council to the North West 200 organisers may I please have details of the branding opportunities / PR opportunities that have been taken up by Council this year and may I have a comparison shown with what was available in previous years.

Alderman Hillis paid tribute to the NW200 which he stated was a fantastic success. He observed a complete lack of branding by Council at the worldwide event and had considered Council would receive advertising in the instance of the grant funding provided.

The Director of Leisure and Development, in his view, stated success within the media coverage of the coastline and beaches, which was of benefit to the organisation, rather than Council signage. He advised support was provided by Council and also in the form of barriers and the provision of land, with no return. Sheffield Hallam had previously reported £9.8m economic benefit to the Borough. He advised there was extensive branding of the Causeway Coastal Route. During further discussion, the Director of Leisure and Development clarified Tourism NI had contributed £100,000. He outlined the process of the transfer of lands and their purpose. The Director of Leisure and Development agreed to bring back a report to compare Council Branding pre-covid to this year's event and did not have a direct comparison.

Councillor C McShane stated Council could be promoting the series of events occurring throughout the Summer and not just branding of the Council. Councillor C McShane posed questions surrounding the Meet The Rider Event.

The Head of Tourism and Recreation outlined all Department for Infrastructure permits were in place for the Meet The Rider Event, he outlined the policy of using the NW200 website to channel the promotion of all events, a deliberate decision and the events were listed on the NW200 website. In addition,

Council's own social media channels were used and VMS signage (Variable Message Signs) were both in Coleraine and Portrush.

Alderman Duddy advised he had been made aware there were parked Motorhomes being issued with correspondence stating criminal and civil proceedings by Council would be instigated. Alderman Duddy sought a report to be brought back to Committee on the content of the letter and matters raised.

The Head of Tourism and Recreation stated the correspondence issued by Council for unauthorised parking on Council land and advised of hazard or Health and Safety issues which may lead to legal proceedings and had not wished a repeat of the issues at Lansdowne in 2019.

MOTION TO PROCEED 'IN PUBLIC'

Proposed by Councillor C McShane
Seconded by Councillor Schenning and

AGREED – to recommend that Council move '*In Public*'.

* **Public were readmitted to the meeting at 8.58pm.**

(ii) Changing Places and accessible toilet facilities at North West 200
(Councillor C McShane)

Changing Places and accessible toilet facilities at North West 200.

Councillor C McShane stated it was important the public were aware of the issue and Councillors aware of their obligations and responsibilities for accessible services and provision for everyone in the district.

Councillor C McShane stated Councillors had received correspondence that there were no Changing Place facilities at the Paddocks of the area at NW200, as highlighted in the media, there may be further investigations into that and hoped it would be resolved for next year. For the author of the correspondence, it was the right thing to do.

Councillor C McShane stated it was important that when Council was providing substantive public money for events and in planning Council's own events, Council should be equality screening the decisions, in that case the issue may have been picked up on and as a Council, promoting inclusivity and not discriminating. Councillor C McShane stated this would ensure Council does not breach its own equality scheme obligations.

In response to Councillor C McShane, The Director of Leisure and Development clarified the Chief Executive had spoken with the Director of the NW200.

Alderman Hillis concurred with Councillor C McShane advising he was disturbed to receive the correspondence and hoped there would be conversations with the organisation, whilst not Council's direct responsibility.

There being no further business, The Chair advised this was his last meeting.

Committee stated its thanks to the Chair for his work during the year.

- * **Alderman Duddy left the meeting during consideration of the Item at 9.00pm.**
- * **Councillor McQuillan left the meeting during consideration of the Item at 9.00pm.**

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and the meeting concluded at 9.05pm

Chair