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# CLYDE MUIRSHIEL PARK AUTHORITY

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Report to: Joint Committee  
On: 5 June 2015

Report  
By  
Regional Park Manager

SUBJECT: Development of the Spinal Injury Scotland Programme

1.0 Purpose of Report:

- 1.1 To advise members of the Joint Committee of the "closure" to the public of Castle Semple Visitor Centre on 19 August 2015 to host an accessible sport festival for Spinal Injury Scotland.
- 1.2 To invite members to attend and see the activities on offer.
- 1.3 To ask member's for any suggestions for other guests to invite to help showcase the centre and its opportunities.

2.0 Recommendation:

- 2.1 That the Park Authority supports the proposal.
- 2.2 That the Park Authority recognises the Park's continued efforts to increase income using the existing staff skill base within the Park and grow our reputation as centre of excellence for accessible sport.

Members wishing further information regarding this report should contact Mr David Gatherer, Regional Park Manager, Clyde Muirshiel Park Authority, 01505 614791.

### 3.0 Background:

Spinal Injury Scotland is a charity that supports people with spinal injuries once they are discharged from the Queen Elizabeth Spinal Unit in Glasgow. They support people all over Scotland and a primary role is to give their member's information on all opportunities to take part in sport and help facilitate this process. In late 2014 they were awarded £10000 by awards for all to run a 40 day activity programme at Castle Semple. The programme has been running for a few months now with great success and feedback. SIS approached us to hold an event to showcase the opportunity to all members which has resulted in the day planned for August 2015.

#### 3.1 Measures of success will include:

- Successfully hosting the day for approximately 100 people
- Engage with more SIS service users and grow the programme
- Hold a similar event annually if this one goes well
- Engage with corporate sponsors to support future activity
- Media coverage of the event

### 4.0 Conclusion:

- 4.1 This event will help showcase the continued development of service and facilities for one of our major client groups.
- 4.2 This event will allow the Park to improve its networking with current and possible future clients and funders.
- 4.3 Income generation, where appropriate will, be included when developing and adapting services within the Park.

Contribution to the National Outcomes of Report: SIS Day  
 Completed by: D. Gatherer, Regional Park Manager.

1. We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe	This project will allow the park to get more clients on the water and should increase income.
2. We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people	
3. We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation	This project may lead to more clients developing their skills.
4. Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens	
5. Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed	This day will promote services and facilities to all children including those with additional needs to access water sports.
6. We live longer, healthier lives	Sporting activity will help contribute to healthier lives.
7. We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society	This day will lead to more clients accessing.
8. We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk	
9. We live our lives safe from crime, disorder and danger	
10. We live in well-designed, sustainable places where we are able to access the amenities and services we need	This day may allow access to many more groups.
11. We have strong, resilient and supportive communities where people take responsibility for their own actions and how they affect others	
12. We value and enjoy our built and natural environment and protect it and enhance it for future generations	
13. We take pride in a strong, fair and inclusive national identity	This day will enable disadvantaged groups to be able to see the facilities and services available.
14. We reduce the local and global environmental impact of our consumption and production	
15. Our public services are high quality, continually improving, efficient and responsive to local people's needs	The project directly delivers on this outcome as local people's needs will be accommodated.