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# CLYDE MUIRSHIEL PARK AUTHORITY

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Report to: Consultative Forum  
On: 4 December, 2015

Report  
By  
Regional Park Manager

SUBJECT: SWAN 2 – SUCCESSFUL FUNDING APPLICATION

1.0 Purpose of Report:

- 1.1 To advise members of the Joint Committee of the success of the sports lottery active places bid for funding for a new pontoon and hoist at Castle Semple.
- 1.2 To advise members of the time scale for the construction of this new facility.
- 1.3 To recognise the significant increase in income achieved by park staff this year which will allow the park to match fund this project.

2.0 Recommendation:

- 2.1 That the Park Authority continues to support this project.
- 2.2 That the Park Authority notes the progress in providing the infrastructure to widen the opportunities for water access at Castle Semple with the resultant opportunities to increase service and income.
- 2.3 That the park authority considers a time to launch this new facility.

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

### 3.0 Background:

- 3.1 As reported in the paper to the Park Authority on 20 February 2015 the Park had applied for funding to construct a new pontoon with hoist at Castle Semple in order to cope with increased demand and develop service. The park has been successful in its bid and has been awarded up to £41,000 for this project.
- 3.2 It is proposed that this work will take place at the end of October 2015 in order for it to be ready for the 2016 season. This timescale should enable all permissions from SNH to be granted and for the pontoons to be constructed.
- 3.3 Match funding for this project has only been possible due to the increased revenue attained by the activity and ranger staff in 2014.

### 4.0 Conclusion:

- 4.1 This new pontoon will be one of the ways the Park will continue to expand capacity and be able to offer an improved service to our clients.
- 4.2 Within the Park ethos of continually looking to develop service partnership, funding is key to the future success. This project will contribute to that goal.
- 4.3 The construction timescale will minimise impact on service delivery and be in place for next season.

Contribution to the National Outcomes of Report: SWAN 2  
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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	This project may help participants develop skills that may help with employment opportunities.
3. We are better educated, more skilled and more successful, renowned for our research and innovation	
4. Our young people are successful learners, confident individuals, effective contributors and responsible citizens	This project will help make the participants and helpers gain confidence.
5. Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed	This facility will allow 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 project will help access to the water that would otherwise be impossible.
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 project will allow improved 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 project will enable disadvantaged groups to access the water.
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.