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# CLYDE MUIRSHIEL PARK AUTHORITY

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**Report to: Joint Committee**  
**On: 2 September 2016**

**Report**  
**By**  
**Regional Park Manager**

**SUBJECT: Development of Accessible Sport**

**1.0 Purpose of Report:**

- 1.1 To advise members of the Joint Committee of the success of joint working with Renfrewshire Access Panel to fund Bell Boats and Side by Side Bicycle's.

**2.0 Recommendation:**

- 2.2 That the Park Authority recognises the Park's continued efforts to increase income and provide a quality service to our current visitors and attract new visitors by partnership working and fundraising to provide equipment to achieve this.

**3.0 Background:**

The Park Authority has been at the forefront of accessible sport and development for a number of years now resulting in a big increase in the number of visitors to the Park with a disability. We are continuously looking at new ways to improve the service that we can provide to our disabled clients and as such have been working with Renfrewshire Access Panel (RAP) to look at funding new equipment.

RAP has the advantage of being a registered charity and as such can access funding streams that are not available to the Park.

Following consultation with a number of our large groups we worked with RAP to apply for funding to purchase 2 bell boats and 3 side by side trikes to further increase capacity for our disabled clients. Both applications were successful and we have now got the new equipment in daily use. The value of this partnership to the park is £25,000 in capital equipment and has already

attracted new clients who can see the benefits of having this facility available at the Park.

One growth area is going to be bell boat Duke of Edinburgh expeditions as the boats provide an excellent platform for this type of activity and can travel to other venues to facilitate this.

3.1 Measures of success will include:

- Attracting more visitors to the Park to take part in sport
- Running more accessible DofE expeditions using the bell boats
- Increase the membership of the Ride 63 cycle club
- Feedback from the large numbers of support services and groups that make use of this equipment.

**4.0 Conclusion:**

- 4.1 Within the Park ethos of continually looking to develop services the Park, staff and management have come up with a service development which will utilise existing resources while developing client markets.

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| 1. We live in a Scotland that is the most attractive place for doing business in Europe  | The partnership purchase of the new equipment will allow business development.              |
| 2. We realise our full economic potential with more and better employment opportunities for our people                                     | This equipment will attract more business.  |
| 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                        | Participation in these new activities will develop skills and confidence.                   |
| 5. Our children have the best start in life and are ready to succeed   | This equipment will allow access to sport for young disadvantaged members of our society    |
| 6. We live longer, healthier lives   | Active learning, recreation and healthy lifestyles are all at the fore.                     |
| 7. We have tackled the significant inequalities in Scottish society  | This equipment will allow access to sport for disadvantaged members of our society          |
| 8. We have improved the life chances for children, young people and families at risk   | Young people can increase their skills and competence levels.                               |
| 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 specialist equipment will allow access to all.   |
| 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  | The provision of this equipment will allow inclusivity.                                     |
| 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 evidenced by its monitoring and reporting. |