

To: Petitions Board

On: 8 November 2021

Report by: Director of Finance and Resources

Heading: Petition: Ralston Community Sports Centre

1. Summary

- 1.1 The Council has agreed procedures in relation to the submission of petitions including parameters for determining valid petitions and those areas where petitions would not be valid.
 - 1.2 All valid petitions are to be submitted to the Board for consideration and a summary report is to be prepared on any petitions which are not considered to be valid in terms of the procedures. It is for the Board to determine the validity of such petitions.
 - 1.3 A petition has been received in relation to an application for the transfer of Ralston Sports Community Centre to private ownership.
 - 1.4 The Head of Economy and Development has advised that a Community Asset Transfer application has been received from Kelburne Hockey Club for Ralston Sports Centre. This application has yet to be validated by the Council due to a number of factors. Only when an application is validated does the statutory process kick-in in terms of wider consultation with local community and other stakeholders, but we are not there as yet for Ralston.
 - 1.5 The Head of Corporate Governance considers that the petition is not valid in terms of paragraph 3 (ii) of the procedures:

“Petitions about individual planning, licensing or other applications (including decisions already taken) where there are already procedures in place”.
 - 1.6 It is for the Board to determine the validity of the petition and whether they wish to hear it.
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2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Board determine the validity of the petition and whether it wishes to hear it.

Implications of the Report

1. **Financial** – none
2. **HR & Organisational Development** – none
3. **Community/Council Planning** - none
4. **Legal** – none
5. **Property/Assets** – none
6. **Information Technology** - none.
7. **Equality & Human Rights**

(a) The Recommendations contained within this report have been assessed in relation to their impact on equalities and human rights. No negative impacts on equality groups or potential for infringement of individuals' human rights have been identified arising from the recommendations contained in the report. If required following implementation, the actual impact of the recommendations and the

mitigating actions will be reviewed and monitored, and the results of the assessment will be published on the Council's website.

8. **Health & Safety** – none
9. **Procurement** – none
10. **Risk** - none.
11. **Privacy Impact** - none
12. **Cosla Policy Position** – not applicable.
13. **Climate Risk** - none

List of Background Papers

- (a) Background Paper - 1 Petition

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