

**MINUTE OF MEETING OF THE SPORT, LEISURE AND CULTURE POLICY BOARD
HELD ON 15th JANUARY, 2015**

PRESENT

Councillors Perrie, M Devine, M Sharkey, Kelly, Henry, M Macmillan, McCartin, McGee, Clark, Noon and Holmes.

Councillor Clark, Depute Convener, presided.

IN ATTENDANCE

R Naylor, Director of Education & Leisure; J McKellar, Acting Head of Service and J Laurenson, Acting Leisure & Cultural Services Manager (both Children's Services); and D Low, Senior Committee Services Officer, D Forbes, Finance Manager and E Gray, Intern (all Finance & Corporate Services).

APOLOGIES

Councillors Cameron and Harte.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a joint revenue budget monitoring report by the Acting Director of Finance & Corporate Services and the Director of Education & Leisure for the Leisure Services Division of Education & Leisure for the period 1st April to 7th November, 2014.

DECIDED:

- (a) That the budget position be noted; and
- (b) That it be noted that there had been net budget realignments of £10,808 processed since the last report relating to transfers to the corporate landlord and holiday pay arrears.

2. CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT

There was submitted a capital budget monitoring report by the Acting Director of Finance & Corporate Services for the Leisure Services Division of Education & Leisure for the period 1st April to 7th November, 2014.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

3. BOOK WEEK SCOTLAND 2014

There was submitted a report by the Director of Education & Leisure relative to activities which took place within Renfrewshire Libraries during Scottish Book Week, a national event sponsored by the Scottish Book Trust aimed at bringing Scots of all ages and walks of life together to celebrate the pleasures of books and reading.

Book Week Scotland was held between 24th and 30th November, 2014 and people of all ages came together in libraries, schools, community venues and workplaces across Scotland to share and enjoy books and reading. They were joined by a number of Scotland's authors, poets, playwrights, storytellers and illustrators to bring a packed programme of free projects and events to life. The Scottish Book Trust contributed funding of up to £750 to each local authority for these events and a further £250 to enable libraries to work in partnership with a local community organisation. Renfrewshire Council worked with the Threadmill Museum to organise an event entitled 'Remembering the Mills'.

During Book Week Scotland, Bookbug Primary 1 Family Packs were distributed to every primary 1 pupil in Renfrewshire. These packs were a gift from the Scottish Book Trust's Early Years Programme and contained three illustrated picture books by Scottish authors, a book on road safety and an activity book.

Book Week Scotland had been a successful initiative in Renfrewshire for all ages with 1,882 Bookbug Primary 1 Family Packs being distributed and overall attendance at author events increasing by 12% on the 2013 figures.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

4. CREATIVE THERAPIES PROJECT

There was submitted a report by the Director of Education & Leisure relative to the Creative Therapies project delivered through the Arts and Museums service offering one to one support to young people with complex needs.

The report intimated that the creative therapies worker worked two days per week in upper primary and secondary schools delivering one-period sessions on a weekly basis in the school that the young person attended tailored to respond to the unique challenges of the young person.

The Creative Therapies project had been funded by the Big Lottery as part of a larger initiative to support vulnerable children and young people, operated by the Arts and Museums service from August 2008 to June 2011. Following the success of the project and the positive impact it had on children and young people, the project had been mainstreamed and was now funded by Education & Leisure.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

5. KINTYRE PROJECT

There was submitted a report by the Director of Education & Leisure relative to the Kintyre Project which involved seven pupils from the Kintyre Base at Linwood High School attending fortnightly sessions at Paisley Museum to learn about different aspects of museum work using the theme of music.

The report intimated that the project was delivered in partnership with teaching staff and was themed around the changes in the way people had listened to recorded music since the 19th century and looked at objects in the museum related to this. The project culminated in a display by the participants at the Tweedie Hall, Linwood in June 2014.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

6. SPORT SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2013/14

There was submitted a report by the Director of Education & Leisure relative to the sport services annual report 2013/14, a copy of which formed the Appendix to the report.

The sports services team, which included active sports and sports development, planned, delivered and implemented the sports programme across all schools and the wider community. This was achieved by recruiting, supporting and sustaining a network of volunteers, coaches, sports leaders and teachers to deliver physical activity and sport before, during and after school and in the wider community. The report detailed the national key outcomes for active schools and sports development together with a summary of achievements during the period July 2013 to June 2014 and outlined future priorities.

DECIDED: That the progress made throughout 2013/14 within the sport services programme, as detailed in the annual report appended to the report, be noted.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Board resolved that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 6 and 8 of part I of schedule 7A of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

7. RENFREWSHIRE LEISURE: BUSINESS PLAN 2015/16

There was submitted a report by the Director of Education & Leisure relative to Renfrewshire Leisure's Business Plan 2015/16.

The report intimated that in 2002, Renfrewshire Council had agreed to create an industrial and provident society, Renfrewshire Leisure (RL), to manage its leisure facilities and that RL had been operational since 1st January, 2003. This legal operating model changed in November 2014 to a company limited by guarantee (CLG).

Under the terms of the funding agreement, RL was required to submit a business plan to the Council. This report updated members on the business plan for 2015/16 which was predicated on the 'Active Communities, Active Lives' document which progressed a strategic vision for the future of RL for 2013/18 and which also supported Renfrewshire Council's sport strategy.

DECIDED:

- (a) That it be agreed that RL's business plan 2015/16 met the terms of the service specification, subject to the comments made in appendix 1 to the report;

- (b) That it be agreed that RL's business plan 2015/16 met the terms of the Council's funding agreement for 2015/16;
- (c) That authority be delegated to the Director of Education & Leisure and Acting Director of Finance & Corporate Services to submit comments to RL on the business plan as set out in the review attached as Appendix 1 to the report; and
- (d) That the action plan for 2015/16, attached as Appendix 2 to the report, be noted.