

<b>Report on</b>	Leisure Disability Provision
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> October 2021
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	x

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
1.1	Previously at the full Council meeting in July 2021, it was resolved that a report be brought to a future committee outlining the current provision in leisure centres for those with additional needs (minute reference: C154/21)
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	As leisure facilities operations begin to re-emerge from previous closures as a result of Covid 19, services have had to reflect the Covid 19 guidance. As easements to restrictions have gradually been implemented in recent months, leisure programmes have started to resume on a phased approach.
2.2	Officers have been actively reviewing their active lifestyle plan delivery model in light of the challenges presented with the covid pandemic in order to meet objectives agreed within the Council's Community Plan 2017-2027 along with contributing towards the Council's Anti-Poverty Action Plan. As previously approved in September 2021, part of the annual active lifestyle plan is the pending implementation of a new pilot programme of activities to be delivered within the leisure service.
2.3	This report seeks to specifically outline the current provision in leisure centres for those with additional needs and includes details of the specific elements of the active lifestyle plan that contribute towards this.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	The Participation unit of the Leisure and Outdoor Recreation Department wishes to increase opportunities for Mid Ulster District Council residents to participate in a range of scheduled structured and non-structured recreational activities.
3.2	<p>The Participation team's active lifestyle plan broadly focuses on the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Macmillan Move More (funded programme until July 2022)</li> <li>• Physical Activity Referral Scheme (rolling annual programme subject to recurring funding from the Public Health Agency)</li> <li>• Get Out Get Active (GOGA)</li> <li>• Holiday activity schemes</li> <li>• Support/guidance to the community for Council's various sports and participation led grants</li> </ul>

3.3	As previously approved in September 2021, part of the annual active lifestyle plan is the pending implementation of a new pilot programme of activities to be delivered within the leisure service. This will be delivered by specialised coaches via appointed activity providers within leisure facility environments across the District and will focus on targeting specific groupings along with aiming to enhance the profile and services of current Mid Ulster District Leisure facilities.
3.4	Over the past two years, Mid Ulster District Council has benefited from DfC's Access and Inclusion Grant which has brought about the installation of two bespoke changing places facilities (Dungannon LC and MUSA) along with hi-riser changing benches across many leisure sites. Additionally there is work pending across many leisure facilities to include installation of automatic doors, hearing loop systems along with a new Poolpod to assist entry into the swimming pool.
3.5	Appendix A details existing provision for those with additional needs along with the additional new pilot programmes having a strand that focuses specifically on Inclusive Coordination and this new pilot is intended to bring enhanced access to programmes during this 6 month pilot programme period for this specific theme that seek to complement existing provision and programmes.
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: Planned activity can be derived via existing revenue budgets for 2021/2022. As approved in September 2021, the new pilot overall programme to be delivered in partnership with Good Relations and a budget allocation of £5,000.
	Human: Officer time to co-ordinate, implement and monitor the planned activity. Can be delivered within existing resources with support from specialised coaches via appointed activity providers (costs of which can be derived via existing revenue budgets for 2021/2022 and within Council procurement guidelines).
	Risk Management: Considered in line with Council Policies and Procedures.
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Considered in line with Council Policies and Procedures. Available on request.
	Rural Needs Implications: Considered in line with Council Policies and Procedures. Available on request.
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	To note the contents of this report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Appendix A – Provision in leisure centres for those with additional needs.

