

Report on	Requests for Support
Date of Meeting	8 th December 2021
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Is this report restricted for confidential business?	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To provide information on recent requests for support for leisure and recreation aspirational projects at Castlecaulfield and Clogher Valley Rugby Club.
2.0	Background
2.1	Council operate and maintain the Castlecaulfield grass pitches and indoor hall with associated changing provision and are available on a booking by booking basis. Additionally Council operate and maintain the playpark onsite at Castlecaulfield. The 3G playing facility on site is managed and operated via Service Level Agreement with Aughintober Regeneration with Council bearing no involvement in the ongoing day to day operations or maintenance of the 3G facility.
2.2	Clogher Valley Rugby Club have advised Officers that they have purchased 9 acres of land adjoining their own pitches, with the intention of developing a multi-sport, all weather facility.
2.3	Both of the above areas have been considered within the terms of reference of the current Pitches Strategy development. The assessment to date as part of the strategy development has focused on current condition/quality, location, size, usage profile, accessibility and ancillary facilities. Various stakeholders associated with both areas have submitted consultation responses as part of the strategy development that have highlighted their current provision as well as articulating their future aspirations and need.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	Officers have received correspondence from stakeholders associated with Castlecaulfield and they have highlighted their views on the perceived poor condition of the existing pavilion facilities, playing fields and open space. The stakeholders conveyed their vision of an opportunity to maximise the current facilities for community benefit and are asking if Council could assist the local groups in Castlecaulfield work towards the development of the pavilion and playing

	fields into a 'Castlecaulfield Community Hub'. Their vision is to develop this area into a space that has high quality facilities that caters for our local community that we and MUDC can be proud of.
3.2	It is proposed that Officers assist the stakeholders involved with Castlecaulfield and provide support in developing an overall masterplan for the Castlecaulfield site.
3.3	Officers have received correspondence from Clogher Valley Rugby Club that details their business case and concept for development of a multi-facility sports hub on their own site. The club have advised that new build plans are in place and planning permission has been obtained. The club expect the project costs to be approximately £350k and to date they have raised £85k towards the project. The club have advised that plans for further fund raising are in place including charitable donations and fund raising events. Building control is in place and once full project funding has been realised, the club anticipate being able to go to tender at the earliest opportunity. While their facility is not within the Mid Ulster District Council boundary (Fermanagh and Omagh), the club have advised that approx. 65% of their playing members are citizens of the Mid Ulster District Council and their aspirations are to provide a multi-use community facility for various sports that could also have far reaching benefits for Mid Ulster District Council residents. The club have asked if Council would consider providing a letter of support and work with them to help secure any grant funding they could apply to in the future and in addition being able to attend a future Development Committee to make a presentation.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: To be considered and derived from existing revenue budgets where reasonable and practicable to do so.
	Human: Officer time.
	Risk Management: Considered in line with relevant Council policies and procedures.
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: None anticipated at this stage.
	Rural Needs Implications: None anticipated at this stage.

5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	<p>To note the contents of this report and to give approval for Officers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Assist the stakeholders involved with Castlecaufield and provide support in developing an overall masterplan for the Castlecaufield site (2) Providing a letter of support to Clogher Valley Rugby Club and work with them to help secure any grant funding they could apply to in the future and invite club representatives to attend a future Development Committee to make a presentation.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
	N/A