

# **WEST DUNBARTONSHIRE COUNCIL**

## **Report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services**

**Council : 29 June 2011**

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**Subject:** Vacancies on Outside Bodies – West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust

### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1** To request the Council to nominate three Councillors to serve as Directors on the Board of Trustees of West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust.

### **2. Background**

- 2.1** The October 2010 meeting of the Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee agreed to establish a Leisure Trust. On 8 June 2011 the Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee agreed:-
- i) To nominate three Council Members to the Board of Trustees of the Leisure Trust, not necessarily from the Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee.
  - ii) Agree that a report seeking nominations is brought to the Council Meeting in June 2011.
  - iii) Agree to delegate authority to the Executive Director of Housing, Environment and Economic Development in consultation with the Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development to advertise, interview and recruit six independent members to the Board of Trustees.
  - iv) Note that Elected Member Board Membership does not carry any remuneration.
- 2.2** Determination of the make up of the Board of Trustees and appointment of Members allows the Trust structure to be finalised and an application to be made to the Offices of the Scottish Charity Regulator for charitable status.

### **3. Main Issues**

- 3.1** Council is asked to nominate three Councillors to serve as Directors/Trustees on the Board of Trustees of West Dunbartonshire Leisure Trust. The Directors would not take up their positions on the Board of Trustees until the Trust is formally constituted.

#### **4. People Implications**

- 4.1** The appointment of a Board of Trustees is critical in the delivery of the Leisure Trust. As previously agreed by the Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee there will be no remuneration payable to Elected Members on the Board, only reasonable travelling expenses.

#### **5. Financial Implications**

- 5.1** The financial implications of the formation of the Leisure Trust have already been considered by the Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee. There are no further financial issues through the appointment of Directors.

#### **6. Risk Analysis**

- 6.1** Failure to nominate Directors will delay the submission of an application to the Offices of the Scottish Charity Regulator who is the independent regulator and register of Scottish charities. This would stop the project progressing at the pace required to be concluded by March 2012.

#### **7. Equalities, Health and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EIA)**

- 7.1** The appointment of three Directors to serve on the Leisure Trust Board of Trustees raised no equalities issues.

#### **8. Conclusions and Recommendations**

- 8.1** This report follows the decision of the Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee on 8 June 2011 to agree the make-up of the Directors of the Board of Trustees of the Leisure Trust. It now seeks three nominations for Directors from the Council.
- 8.2** It is recommended that Council agrees to nominate three Council Members to the Board of Trustees of West Dunbartonshire Trust.

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**Appendices:** None

**Background Papers:** Housing, Environment and Economic Development Committee decision June 2011

**Wards Affected:** All