

Culture and Communities Committee

Service payment to Edinburgh Leisure - 2019/20

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1. Recommendations

- 1.1 The Culture and Communities Committee is asked to:
 - 1.1.1 approve the service payment of £6,887,911 to Edinburgh Leisure for 2019/20.
 - 1.1.2 approve a further payment of £0.165m to Edinburgh Leisure towards capital improvement works across the Council's sport and leisure facility estate.

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Report

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2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 This report contains the details of the proposed annual Council Service Payment to Edinburgh Leisure following approval of the Council's budget on 21st February 2019 and seeks approval from the Culture and Communities Committee to make that payment.

3. Background

- 3.1 As instructed by Council in 2012 and as reported to Council in 2013, Edinburgh Leisure agreed to operate under new service and funding agreements. These service and funding arrangements remain in place and the Council will work with Edinburgh Leisure to make any adjustments required for 2019/20.

4. Main report

- 4.1 Edinburgh Leisure operates over 50 sports and leisure facilities across the city on behalf of the Council, attracting over 4 million visits each year. The range of facilities include sport and leisure centres, swim centres, golf courses, tennis courts, bowling greens and sports pitches and pavilions. Edinburgh Leisure also deliver coaching activities, programmes and initiatives for people of all ages and abilities that help Edinburgh become a more active and healthier city. In the last year progress had been made regarding the transfer of management responsibility of community access to secondary school sports facilities from CEC to Edinburgh Leisure. Edinburgh Leisure currently manage the bookings of community time lets in all secondary schools with the exception on Wester Hailes Education Centre and have staff located on site in several schools during community time i.e. after 6pm, weekends and holidays.
- 4.2 The service payment reflects the agreement made during the 2019/20 budget process to maintain current levels of investment. This includes a deduction of £250,000 due to the closure of Meadowbank Sports Centre. This deduction will be applied to costs relating to the provision of the new sports facility at Meadowbank.

- 4.3 Edinburgh Leisure continues to work together with the Council and other stakeholders on a range of projects and will be expected to explore and fully engage in a range of possible proposals regarding CEC assets currently managed by Edinburgh Leisure but of interest to other organisations as part of the CEC Services design and/or Community Asset Transfer policy
- 4.4 Edinburgh Leisure is involved in two significant sports infrastructure projects i.e. the redevelopment of Meadowbank Sports Centre and the creation of new pitches and a cycling hub at the Jack Kane Centre and Hunters Hall Park

5. Next Steps

- 5.1 If approved, payment will be made by the Council following the Annual Services and Funding Agreement being signed off by the Director of Communities and Families and the CEO of Edinburgh Leisure before 1st April 2019.

6. Financial impact

- 6.1 The service payment of £6,887,911 and capital funding of £165,000 is provided for within the approved budget for 2019/20.

7. Stakeholder/Community Impact

- 7.1 Edinburgh Leisure work closely with a range of stakeholders in all areas of their service delivery and development.

8. Background reading/external reports

None

9. Appendices

None