

# Leadership Advisory Panel

**31 March 2020**

## **Service payment to Edinburgh Leisure – 2020/21**

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### **1. Recommendations**

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- 1.1 The Culture and Communities Committee is asked to:
  - 1.1.1 Approve the service payment of £7,107,661 to Edinburgh Leisure for 2020/21.
  - 1.1.2 Approve a further payment of £165,000 to Edinburgh Leisure towards capital improvements across the Council's sport and leisure facility estate.

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# Report

## Service payment to Edinburgh Leisure – 2020/21

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 This report contains the details of the proposed Council Service Payment to Edinburgh Leisure following approval of the Council's budget on 20 February 2020 and seeks approval from the Culture and Communities Committee to make that payment.

### 3. Background

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- 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 2020/21.

### 4. Main report

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- 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, sports pitches and pavilions. Edinburgh Leisure also deliver coaching activities, programmes and initiatives for people of all ages and abilities that helps Edinburgh to become an active and healthy city.
- 4.2 In the last year Edinburgh Leisure have assisted with the development of new synthetic pitches at Hunter's Hall Park and progression of the new Meadowbank Sports Centre.
- 4.3 Edinburgh Leisure continues to work with the Council and other partners on a range of projects and developments. The transfer of management of secondary school sports facilities to Edinburgh Leisure is scheduled to be completed shortly with the transfer of leisure operations at Wester Hailes Education Centre set for 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.
- 4.4 A report has also gone to Education, Children and Families Committee to seek authority to expand Edinburgh Leisure's role in community access to schools.

Additional areas of responsibility include non-sport lets for secondary schools and primary school lets.

- 4.5 The Council will work with Edinburgh Leisure to agree a revised set of key performance indicators for the service payment for 2020/21. The KPIs will include explicit measures relating to increased income generation and net financial gain for community access to schools.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 If approved, payment will be made by the Council following the annual Services and Funding Agreement being signed off by the Executive Director of Communities and Families and the Chief Executive of Edinburgh Leisure before 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 The service payment of £7,107,661 and capital funding of £165,000 is provided for within the approved budget of 2020/21.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 None

## **9. Appendices**

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- 9.1 None