

NEW CAMPBELTOWN GRAMMAR

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report updates Members on discussion with Campbeltown Pupils AFC in regard to the proposal to include Kintyre Park within the site for development of the new Campbeltown Grammar School.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 Members are asked to agree the report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Council has previously chosen the site of the current Campbeltown Grammar for development of the proposed new School facilities in conjunction with the Northern Hub through the Governments Scottish Schools for the Future Programme (SSF). The Council's Facility Services have carried out initial investigations to ascertain that the current site is of sufficient size to contain all the relevant facilities within the site boundary. These facilities are considered to be the footprint of the School building together with space allocation for car parking area and a full size grass pitch and full size synthetic pitch. It is intended that the new School be developed as a facility that can be utilised as fully as possible by the community.
- 3.2 Campbeltown Pupils AFC previously contacted the Council to discuss the school project and how this might affect the area of Kintyre Park currently leased by them from the Council and utilised as a grass football pitch with associated facilities. The discussion has developed into a proposal that Kintyre Park may be included within the site of the new school as a possibility to improve access and accessibility to the School with further flexibility of space for the provision of facilities.
- 3.3 Following discussion with the Council, Campbeltown Pupils AFC have had further discussion with members of the Association and other organisations within the town. They have indicated that they may be prepared to consider relinquishing their current lease rights to Kintyre Park, allowing it to be included within the site of the new school, on the basis that the development of the school would provide a like for like facility that they would have access to for home games and training. They currently enjoy access to the new 3G provided by the Council at Kinloch Park. The proposed like for like facilities at the new school that would meet their requirements would include.

- a full sized grass football pitch (approx. 110 x 75yds)
- barrier control for spectators (this could be removable)
- raised standing area for spectators
- use of the school changing facilities for Campbeltown Pupils AFC for home games and training
- Facility maintained by the Council.

In addition, consideration for including both a synthetic running track and floodlighting of the pitches should be made.

It was noted in discussion with local Members and representatives of Campbeltown Pupils AFC that information received from other current Scottish Government funded school projects provided through the hub process was that meeting the cost metric of the new Campbeltown Grammar school project would be challenging. The inclusion of additional features, such as a synthetic running track would add to that challenge and if it were to be included would likely need to be funded in full by the Council. No such additional facilities have been provided at the recent NPDO schools or has been included in the brief for Oban HS.

3.4 The Council is currently developing the project brief for the new Campbeltown Grammar. This will eventually be provided to Hubco for them to develop the design to the brief and in partnership with the Council. Having regard to the discussions with Campbeltown Pupils AFC it is recommended that Kintyre Park be included in the brief as an optional area to be included within the site. This would be with the intention that:

- I. Hubco, in their role as a design and development partner with the Council, carry out a form of appraisal to demonstrate how inclusion of Kintyre Park would be feasible and provide benefit to the Project against the option of excluding Kintyre park from the project;
- II. In the event that it were considered that inclusion of Kintyre park were feasible and of benefit to the project discussion take place with Campbeltown Pupils AFC to confirm whether the facilities proposed meet their requirements;
- III. On the basis that it were considered that inclusion of Kintyre park were feasible, of benefit to the project and that Campbeltown Pupils AFC were agreed that they were prepared to relinquish their rights to Kintyre Park, a consultation process would be carried out to ascertain the view of the local community on that matter before any final decision were made as to whether to include Kintyre park within the project or not.

The continuing design development of the school would be carried out by Hubco in partnership with the Council and the interface with HubCo's proposed design would then be through the Council's Project Team and the School Champions Group that includes parents, pupils and staff.

In addition, the local community would have their say on the design proposals through the planning process.

4. CONCLUSION

Following discussion with Campbeltown Pupils AFC and local Members, there is a proposal to consider inclusion of the Kintyre Park within the scope of the project to deliver the new Campbeltown Grammar. This report proposes a framework to assess the feasibility and benefit that this might bring whilst, at the same time, identifying whether the requirements of the Campbeltown Pupils AFC can be met. In the event that it was considered that Kintyre Park should be included, the report provides that public consultation can take place if required to assist in the final determination

5. IMPLICATIONS

<i>Policy:</i>	None at present
<i>Financial:</i>	Would likely deliver a more efficient and effective development process
<i>Legal:</i>	None at present
<i>Equal Opportunities</i>	None at present
<i>Personnel:</i>	None at present
<i>Risk:</i>	Will help mitigate risk of inefficient development process.
<i>Personnel:</i>	Future asset disposals will be managed and supported through a planned strategy and on a business case basis

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