

DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL

REPORT TO: POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE – 11 FEBRUARY 2013

REPORT ON: NATIONAL PERFORMANCE CENTRE FOR SPORT IN DUNDEE – 1ST STAGE BID

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of the submission of a 1st Stage bid, on the 15 February, for the National Performance Centre for Sport coming to Dundee and to gain approval for the utilisation of an area of Camperdown Country Park as the location for the Centre should the bid be successful.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:

- 2.1 Notes the submission of a 1st Stage bid application for the National Performance Centre for Sport based in Camperdown Country Park on the 15th February;
- 2.2 Approves the use of the South East corner of Camperdown Country Park as the suggested location for the National Performance Centre for Sport; and
- 2.3 Notes that if the 1st Stage bid is successful, then a report will be brought back to Committee prior to the submission of the 2nd Stage bid.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no financial implications in relation to this report

4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Reference is made to Article IV of the Policy & Resources Committee of 28 November 2011, National Football Academy in Dundee. It was agreed to take full advantage of the potential to site the National Centre in Dundee and that a Steering Group be established, chaired by the Chief Executive.
- 4.2 Reference is made to Article V of the Environment Committee of 10 September 2012 where approval was given to adopt the Camperdown Park Development Plan 2012/2017. The National Performance Centre for Sport's location within Camperdown Country Park complements the overall vision of the Development Plan and fulfils its aspiration for the development of the Country Park within the proposed area.
- 4.3 Reference is made to Article XV of the Policy & Resources Committee on 25 June 2012, where approval was given for the appointment of Economic Consultants to assist in the economic assessment and business model development for the City's bid.
- 4.4 An open tender was issued for the Economic Consultant and Knight, Kavanagh and Page were successful. Their past commissions include working for the Football Association on St George's Park.
- 4.5 Within Knight, Kavanagh and Page's submission there was a recommendation to employ an Architectural Practice. The Steering Group decided that this was a necessity and Keppies Architectural Practice was successful in tendering for the work. They have extensive experience in Scotland of major sporting complexes.

- 4.6 The Steering Group has continued to meet and the bid documents and guidance was issued just before Christmas. The submission date for the 1st Stage is 15 February 2013 with a decision about who will move on to Stage 2 by 29 March. Those 2nd Stage bidders will work with **sportscotland**, the Scottish Football Association and other sports National Governing Bodies to determine who will be the preferred bidder by June 2013. The Centre must be up and running by 2016.

5.0 1ST STAGE BID

- 5.1 Potential locations for the National Performance Centre in Dundee were analysed during 2012. This analysis was updated with the bidding criteria and information from a briefing session at Hampden on 17 January 2013. The south east corner of Camperdown Country Park, was deemed to be the most appropriate location, particularly in relation to its ability to expand in the future, as a location for a potential hotel and hotels in the vicinity, the lower associated costs with its establishment and its ability to provide all the core requirements in one location with minimal disruption to existing facilities as well as being an accessible location to main roads, train and airport. A site plan is attached as Appendix 1

- 5.2 The 1st Stage bid will include designs for:

Outdoors

- One floodlit third generation (3G) synthetic grass training pitch for football and other suitable sports.
- One floodlit natural grass 'Hampden' sized high quality pitch for football.
- One floodlit natural grass 'match' pitch for football.
- Two natural grass training pitches
- Two 60 x 40m natural grass Goalkeeper training areas for football.
- Expansion area suitable for two additional pitches.

Indoors

- One full size indoor 3G synthetic grass pitch for football and other suitable sports, with spectator seating for 1,000 people.
- One 9 Badminton court size Sports Hall (52 x 28 m) with spectator seating for 500 people.
- Tennis Courts
- Fitness Suite, Strength & Conditioning and other support facilities.
- Health & Wellbeing facility for various physical therapies – including hydrotherapy pools.
- Associated changing accommodation for indoor and outdoor facilities
- Office and meeting room accommodation for Scottish Governing Bodies performance staff and facility staff.
- A 3 star, 90 bedroom Hotel with associated conference and catering facilities.

Local community access is built into the bid to complement the use by all the Football National Team and other sports elite athletes as well as coach education. This will include usage by a Community Sports Hub and the Junior Football Leagues in the city as well as other sports as appropriate.

- 5.3 The 1st Stage Bid is based on a spoke and wheel approach with the core facilities at Camperdown Country Park with other specialist sports facilities connected across the city. This includes the 50m pool at the New Olympia, the new water-based Hockey pitch at DISC, the Caird Park Athletics Stadium and Velodrome, the adjacent Ice Arena and Golf Courses and Sport Science and Sport Medicine at Dundee University and Ninewells Hospital plus other sites and facilities to complement the bid.

- 5.4 The 1st Stage bid will be submitted by 8 partners, with the City Council as the lead partner.

Dundee City Council
University of Dundee
University of Abertay, Dundee
Dundee College
Dundee United Football Club
Dundee Football Club
NHS Tayside
Leisure & Culture Dundee

- 5.5 Copies of the Bid will be circulated to members of the Committee when it is completed and submitted by the 15 February 2013.

6.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of Sustainability, Strategic Environmental Assessment, Anti-Poverty, Equality Impact Assessment and Risk Management. No major issues have been identified.

7.0 CONSULTATION

- 7.1 Director of Corporate Services, Director of City Development, Director, Leisure and Communities, Director of Environment and Head of Democratic and Legal Services have been consulted on this report.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 None

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