

4 McTAGGART CENTRE - APPROACH BY SCOTTISH GYMNASTICS (AN121-2007)

The existing lease for the McTaggart Centre to Dundee College is due to terminate on 30 June 2007. With Dundee College transferring service provision to Gardyne Road they have indicated that they do not wish to renew the lease. The Director of Leisure & Communities is currently working with Dundee College to seek options to ensure some continuity to existing client groups.

At the same time a letter has been received from "Scottish Gymnastics" regarding the proposed development of the McTaggart Centre as a centre for gymnastics and fitness. Scottish Gymnastics recognise that there is a significant gap in provision within Dundee at the present moment with over 800 children on the waiting list and some of Scotland's best potential gymnasts unable to access appropriate performance facilities. As indicated they are looking to establish a national centre of excellence for development of fitness programmes and see the McTaggart Centre as providing excellent opportunity for this. They have indicated that they wish to develop this project and are asking for confirmation for the Council commitment in taking the project forward with the objective of entering into a long term Lease Agreement. The realisation of this project will cater for the significant of local gymnasts, disabled groups, schools and provide a base for development of performing gymnasts at a regional and national level.

It is recommended that the Committee remits to the Director of Leisure and Communities to work with Scottish Gymnastics in determining the feasibility of this project with the objective of bringing forward a subsequent report and potential basis for a Lease Agreement.