

## **10 DAWSON PARK – WEST PAVILION – PROPOSED ENHANCEMENTS (AN69-2005)**

The Leisure and Arts Department have been approached by Dundee Hurricanes, the City's American Football Team, to work together in partnership with the objective of submitting external funding bids to both sportscotland and the Lottery Funding to enhance the existing West Pavilion and changing rooms at Dawson Park.

The pavilion provides a changing and shower facility for teams using the football/American football pitches. The current condition of the facility, while functional, is tired and refurbishment of the building has been identified within the Department's priorities.

The proposals therefore include the revamp to changing facilities, shower facilities and existing toilets together with the expansion of the building and the creation of a meeting room and treatment area where teams can take advantage of the areas in terms of coaching and meetings as well as providing a refreshment area on match days. The initial outline costs are around £150,000. The pavilion would be accessible to all and would complement the proposed upgrading of the all weather football pitch at Dawson Park.

It is therefore recommended that it be remitted to the Director of Leisure and Arts to work in partnership with Dundee Hurricanes to take forward a bid to both the New Opportunities Fund and sportscotland. In addition it is further proposed as part of the exercise that the Director of Leisure and Arts consults various other stakeholders in the preparation of the bid and the Director of Economic Development is asked to enter into a longer term lease arrangement with Dundee Hurricanes which provides them with access to the facility and also allows reasonable access and booking rights to other stakeholders.

It is estimated that the professional fees required to develop and submit the bid would be £20,000. These would be contained within the Leisure and Arts Department's Capital Budget noting that the project would only proceed thereafter subject to a bid being successful.