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1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 To approve the production of a forward strategy for the delivery of the above project involving all partners in its production

2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To outline the benefits of the production of a strategy to which all partners are committed.

3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 The main aim of the production of a forward strategy is to obtain the ownership of the JMC (and its partners) to an agreed way forward. It is felt that the best way of producing the strategy would be via a separate meeting of representatives of all of the partners who have an interest in the delivery of the project

4.0 Detail

- 4.1 The JMC last considered a report on the progress, or otherwise, of the bid to provide new facilities at the John Port School site on 15th April 2002. One of the immediate concerns, at this time, was the response of the Community Action Group to what was a fairly negative short-term prognosis for the delivery of the project. While obviously very disappointed the group resolved to continue its commitment to the scheme.
- 4.2 Initially the group felt somewhat excluded from decisions relating to the scheme and to the management of the existing facilities. This has partly been addressed by the involvement of representatives of the Community Action Group on the JMC.
- 4.3 Another issue raised was the lack of clarity and uncertainty over the way forward. To address this it is proposed that a strategy be produced to which all partners are committed. To achieve this it is important that all partners have input into its production. The most practical way to achieve this would be at a specially convened

meeting involving representatives of all organisations involved in the project.

4.4 The main benefits of the production of a forward strategy are:

- Ownership by the JMC and all of its partners in the objective of providing new leisure facilities at John Port School

- Evidence to the community of continued commitment to the project by funding bodies

- Brainstorm all options and opportunities for possible funding opportunities

- Establish who is doing what.

- A clearer understanding of the timescales involved

5.0 Financial Implications

5.1 None from this report

6.0 Corporate Implications

6.1 None

7.0 Community Implications

7.1 An agreed forward strategy would provide evidence to the community of the commitment of the JMC partners to the project.

8.0 Conclusions

8.1 If Members of the JMC approve the way forward outlined above a 'planning' meeting would be organised (say ½ day at most) at a mutually convenient venue

9.0 Background Papers

9.1 None