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Report to:	Enterprise Services Committee
Date of Meeting:	1 March 2016
Report by:	Executive Director (Community and Enterprise Resources)

Subject:	Whitelee Renewable Energy Fund – Grant Application - South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ consider a grant application to Whitelee Renewable Energy Fund from South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Committee is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that a grant be awarded to South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture of up to £75,000 from Whitelee Renewable Energy Fund towards the East Kilbride Ice Rink; and
- (2) that the above grant is subject to match funding being secured and written confirmation of this being received by the Council.

3. Background

3.1. Since 2004, the Council has collected and administered Community Benefit funding through Regeneration Services. The service is responsible for securing the contributions from developers, advising potential applicants, assessing applications and monitoring projects to ensure that the community benefits associated with each project are delivered. Processes are continuously reviewed and refined to make it as straightforward as possible to ensure the necessary support to eligible communities.

3.2. Details of all grant awards, including those grants up to £20,000 which had been approved by the Head of Regeneration Services under delegated authority, are reported annually to the Committee.

4. Proposals

4.1. *Whitelee Renewable Energy Fund*
South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture – East Kilbride Ice Rink
Project Cost – £2,160,000
Proposed Grant Award – £75,000

4.1.1 South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture (SLLC) was formed on 1 April 2002 to manage the operation of sports and recreation facilities on behalf of South Lanarkshire Council. The remit of SLLC also includes management of sports facilities, community and town halls, country parks, museums, libraries, Outdoor Resource Base and Arts Development.

- 4.1.2 This application for up to £75,000 will support the improvement of equipment and access arrangements at East Kilbride Ice Rink. The present facility located in the Olympia Mall, is almost 30 years old and requires significant improvements to be undertaken from both environmental and accessibility perspectives. This application covers the replacement of the ageing refrigeration plant with a new environmentally friendly system which complies with current legislation, an air handling and heat recovery system and a newly formed accessible toilet and access ramp to the front of the facility which is DDA compliant. These improvement works will allow the rink to better support disabled users and contribute to the reduction in the carbon footprint of the facility.
- 4.1.3 The Ice Rink is the only facility of its type in South Lanarkshire and attracts over 100,000 visitors per year, with the majority of users from the wider East Kilbride area. Externally appointed consultants, Gardiner and Theobald, will manage the project on a daily basis for South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture. The remaining funding for the project is confirmed and is being contributed to by South Lanarkshire Council, SportScotland and Orion, the owners of East Kilbride Shopping Centre.
- 4.1.4 Works are scheduled to be completed by October 2016.

5. Employee Implications

- 5.1. There are no employee implications arising from this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1. Whitelee Renewable Energy Fund has sufficient resources to meet the proposed grant award commitment detailed in this report.

7. Other Implications

- 7.1. The risks associated with the project are focussed on the potential for cost overruns or delays to the programme. The applicant has indicated that any cost increases will be managed within their present budget subject to agreement on any changes to the proposed project. This is highly unlikely to have an impact on the Council.
- 7.2. There are no implications for sustainability in terms of the information contained within this report.

8. Equality Impact Assessment and Consultation Arrangements

- 8.1. This report does not introduce a new policy, function or strategy and, therefore, no impact assessment is required.
- 8.2. All necessary consultation arrangements, including any community consultations, have taken place.

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Link(s) to Council Values/Objectives

- ◆ Improve health and increase physical activity
- ◆ Develop a sustainable Council and communities
- ◆ Strengthen partnership working, community leadership and engagement
- ◆ Tackle disadvantage and deprivation
- ◆ People focused

Previous References

- ◆ Executive Committee Report 31 October 2004
- ◆ Enterprise Resources Committee 20 May 2009

List of Background Papers

- ◆ Completed REF Grant Application Form and associated information dated September 2015 received from South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture.
- ◆ Completed REF assessment form dated October 2015 for South Lanarkshire Leisure and Culture

Contact for Further Information

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