

CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCIL

Report to Clackmannanshire Council

Date of Meeting: 30th November 2023

Subject: Wellbeing Hub & Lochies School Project Update

Report by: Robbie Stewart, Senior Manager, Sport & Leisure

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide Council with an update on the progress of the Wellbeing Hub & Lochies School project.

2.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that the Council notes the following:

- 2.1. Commencement of engagement programme with key stakeholders to inform the concept designs. **(Paragraphs 3.1 to 3.5)**
- 2.2. The selection of Animate as the advisors for the Co-Design process and the progress of the recruitment of people with lived experience. **(Paragraphs 3.6 to 3.7)**
- 2.3. The launch of a design competition for S3-6 pupils run in partnership with the Futures Institute of Dollar Academy (FIDA) **(Paragraphs 3.8 to 3.11)**

3.0 Considerations

Engagement Programme

- 3.1. The project architect (JM Architects) produced an initial 8-week engagement programme (October to December) involving multiple workshops with key internal stakeholders to interrogate the brief and proposed spaces (facilities mix) and enable them to build a detailed picture of the project requirements and its context. These workshops are broadly categorised as follows:
- Space Brief Analysis
 - Place and Master Plan
 - Building Adjacency and Placement
 - A Day in the Life

- 3.2. The partners involved in this series of workshops included members of the external Design Team (JM Architects, Robertson Construction), Hubco, Project Managers, client Project Team (Wellbeing Hub and Lochies School) and other key internal stakeholders.
- 3.3. The outcome of this engagement programme is to validate the space requirements against the project objectives, continue to develop and enhance the Project Brief and enable JM Architects to produce a Concept Design for the Wellbeing Hub and Lochies School.
- 3.4. Wider stakeholder engagement will subsequently take place from January 2024 onwards through the statutory pre-application planning process. Wider community engagement which will continue in parallel. The Client Project Team are preparing a detailed stakeholder engagement plan which identifies all stakeholder groups, for example; elected members, health, sportscotland, school groups, community and third sector organisations. The plan will be shared at the next Council meeting.
- 3.5. The first concept design will be shared with Councillors early in the New Year.

Co-Design

- 3.6. Animate were selected as the advisors for the Co-Design process after completion of a robust procurement process through Hub East Central.
- 3.7. Recruitment of people from the community with lived experience of inequalities has taken place and **14** people have been invited to form part of the extended design team, thus ensuring that the Concept Design fully reflects the needs and aspirations of different user groups.

FIDA Competition

- 3.8. The Project Team worked with FIDA to create a competition for secondary age pupils create designs for potential outdoor spaces for the Wellbeing Hub and Lochies School development.
- 3.9. FIDA have produced resources to support the pupils and staff which can be used to guide their creative designs and signpost them to inclusive and accessible ideas whilst thinking about sustainable materials and the biodiversity of the site.
- 3.10. The young people can submit a design as an individual or as part of a team. The deadline for submissions is early December 2023.
- 3.11. A panel will select their top five designs from the submissions and the five designers (team or individual) will then be given the opportunity to spend half a day with the Project Design team, learning about how to turn their initial ideas into a working design. The overall 'winning' designer/s will then have a further opportunity to shadow the project team in the coming months and gain work experience of the industry.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

4.1 Alignment with the Clackmannanshire Council Interim Climate Change Strategy

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1 Financial Details

The projected costs for the Wellbeing Hub and Lochies School developments are outlined in the General Services Capital Programme 2023/24 to 2042/43.

6.0 Exempt Reports

6.1 Is this report exempt? Yes (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

(1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box)

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

(2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

8.0 Equalities Impact

8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?
Yes No

9.0 Legality

9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes No

10.0 Appendices

10.1 N/A

11.0 Background Papers

11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes (please list the documents below) No

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