expression of interest - cafeteria facilities montrose sports centre

report by director of neighbourhood services

abstract: the purpose of this report is to advise committee members of the need to consider the future operation and management of the cafeteria outlet that will be incorporated into montrose sports centre following the development of the proposed new swimming pool.

1. recommendations

1.1 it is recommended that the neighbourhood services committee authorises the director of neighbourhood services to:-

(i) arrange to advertise an expression of interest in the appropriate media for those who may wish to operate a catering/coffee service within the proposed new sports centre and swimming pool that will be located at marine drive, montrose;

(ii) thereafter, investigate options for the management and operation of the cafeteria service;

(iii) prepare a report for the committee to consider these options.

2. introduction

2.1 a small cafeteria service operated within montrose sports centre providing a range of food (mainly sandwiches and fillings), refreshments and a vending service. it has been in operation in some form or another since the centre opened in 1983. the current service is provided through a lease agreement with a local contractor which has now come to an end.

3. future

3.1 it is proposed to seek expressions of interest from individuals or organisations who may wish to operate the new café franchise which will cater for the sports centre, incorporating the new swimming pool.

3.2 it is envisaged that the cafeteria facilities, including a kitchen and servery unit totalling 69 square metres and a café space extending to 117 square metres, will compliment the sports and leisure facilities by offering a wide range of healthy eating options to the various user groups.

4. financial implications

4.1 the cost of advertising can be contained within the current leisure services revenue budget 2010-11.

5. human rights implications

5.1 there are no human rights implications arising from the recommendations contained in this report.

6. consultation

6.1 the chief executive, the director of corporate services, the head of finance and the head of law and administration have been consulted in the preparation of this report.
7. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

7.1 The issues dealt with within this report have been the subject of consideration from the equalities perspective (as required by the legislation) and are regarded as exempt.

8. CONCLUSION

8.1 This report advises the Neighbourhood Services Committee of the need to look at the opportunities that may be available, in the market place, for the provision of a cafeteria franchise that will be located in the sports centre/new swimming pool facility in Montrose. It is proposed to investigate the market potential by advertising for expressions of interest.

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NOTE: No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above Report.

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