

REPORT FOR EDLC BOARD	
Report Title:	Gym Membership Extension Looked After and Accommodated Children
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the request from East Dunbartonshire Health and Social Care Partnership to extend the membership when they leave residential care at 17 years of age.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.2 The request for an extension was made by Social Work to extend the free membership after the young people leave residential care.
- 2.3 Clarification was sought on how long the extension was being asked for and it was confirmed that the initial request is to extend for 12 months after they leave the care setting.
- 2.4 This extension will help ensure continued access to EDLC gyms and assist the young people in the transition from care setting into new accommodation.
- 2.5 East Dunbartonshire Social work have advised that this would involve around 35 – 40 individuals per year.

3. IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 In order to facilitate the request EDLCT would require to extend the memberships for 12 months from the date the young person leaves the care setting.
- 3.2 The Gym facilities have capacity to cope with the numbers identified and more capacity will come on stream with the opening of the new Allander.
- 3.3 If a charge was levied for the membership it would be £22.00 per month but it is difficult to estimate how many of the young people leaving care would be able pay the monthly charge. If 40 young people left the care setting each year and half of those wished to

continue their gym membership in East Dunbartonshire the annual cost to EDLC to support this membership would be £5,280 (lost income). It is also hoped that if we support the membership for an additional 12 months the young people will be more likely to stay members beyond that period this generating income for the Gym facilities.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 It is recommended that the Board:-

- a) Notes the details provided on the membership extension for LAAC young people.
- b) Decide if they are happy to support the extension as detailed.