

REPORT FOR EDLC BOARD	
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the current position regarding facilities and services provision for EDLC Leisure and Culture. A number of services have been reintroduced since the May Board and details of these plus some usage statistics are detailed for each services area.

2. SERVICE UPDATES

Library Service

- 2.2 Scottish Government Guidance for Level 2 allows for the following library services to operate:
- Click and collect
 - Home delivery service
 - Limited access for PC use (recommended pre-booked only)
 - Limited access for browsing (recommended pre-booked only)

In line with Scottish Government guidance EDLC library services adopted a phased approach to the reintroduction of services with Connect and Collect now operating from Bearsden, Lennoxton, Bishopbriggs, Milngavie and William Patrick libraries. The demand for the Connect and Collect service has been high so the number of slots and times have been increased to reflect this and these additional slots will commence week beginning 28th of June.

Home Delivery Services

- 2.3 In partnership with EDVA we are looking to reintroduce the home delivery service from week beginning the 28th of June. This service will be available to care facilities and to library members unable to travel to their local library. As with all of the services this will be subject to a full risk assessment prior to commencement.

Public access to computers, printing and copying

- 2.4 East Dunbartonshire Council ICT services have now completed the updates required to be carried out on all library PC's and lap tops which will allow customers to make use of these in our libraries. This service will have to be pre-booked and will be appointment only and will be phased in across the five larger libraries.

Browsing

- 2.5 The return to browsing continues to be the most complex service to reintroduce within current restrictions. Many local authority library services are now operating a very limited browsing service which has had a variable uptake. EDLC library services are working towards the reintroduction of limited browsing from week commencing 12th July and this again will be subject to agreement with EDC and a full risk assessment process.

Heritage and Arts Service

- 2.6 **Re-opening of Lillie Art Gallery and Auld Kirk Museum**

The Lillie Art Gallery re-opened to the public on 18th May, with two exhibitions; Joan Eardley (centenary of her birth) and John Inglis (a collaboration with the Compass Gallery in Glasgow).

The Auld Kirk Museum re-opened to the public on 8th June. As well as the permanent collections on display the museum is also hosting a display from the Contemporary Quilters Group.

Visitors have expressed their delight that the gallery and museum have opened. However, in line with museums and galleries across Scotland, footfall is far lower than normal, with some customers reluctant to book online. Public wishing to visit either venue are encouraged to book online in advance although some walk in is accommodated if capacity allows.

Between opening on 18th May and 12th June, the Lillie Art Gallery has welcomed 274 visitors; averaging 14 visits per day. This compares with 952 visits (48 daily average) for the same period Pre-COVID in 2019.

Between opening on 8th June and 11th June, the Auld Kirk Museum has welcomed 48 visitors; averaging 12 visits per day. This compares with 274 (55 daily average) for the same period Pre-COVID in 2019.

Leisure Centres

- 2.7 The three Leisure Centres continue to operate under level two restrictions which limits the number of customers that can attend classes. Both the Allander and Kirkintilloch still accommodate the vaccination centres which has also impacted on the number of customers. In particular the use of the main hall and studio at KLC has meant that no indoor fitness classes can take place which has resulted in a number of customer complaints.

A number of additional classes have been scheduled at the Leisuredrome with 21 on line classes also available. The outdoor class programme also continues at Kirkintilloch with

17 classes taught per week over 7 days on our pitches with all the favourites including Metafit, Bootcamps and Body Combat with classes operating in excess of 60% capacity.

A summary of the usage of the centres from the 1st of April to the 13th of June is detailed below with the uptake on family swim still high.

ALC	Column1	Column2	Column3	Column4	Column5
Activity	No. of sessions	Attended	Spaces	% availability	Comments
Swimming Lane	380	4241	1459	26%	
Swimming Family Under 5	158	242	74	23%	
Swimming Family over 5	30	86	4	4%	
Gym	495	4091	4819	54%	
Group Exercise indoor	191	1380	807	37%	
Group Exercise outdoor	0	0	0	0%	
KLC					
Activity	No. of sessions	Attended	Spaces	% availability	Comments
Swimming Lane	257	2631	453	15%	
Swimming Family Under 5	82	133	31	19%	
Swimming Family over 5	31	80	13	14%	
Gym	392	5746	4054	41%	
Group Exercise indoor	0	0	0	0%	
Group Exercise outdoor	106	970	620	39%	
Leisuredrome					
Activity	No. of sessions	Attended	Spaces	% availability	Comments
Swimming Lane	367	3680	632	15%	
Swimming Family Under 5	81	228	15	6%	
Swimming Family over 5	39	116	1	1%	
Gym	419	4574	3806	45%	
Group Exercise indoor	209	2249	1195	35%	
Group Exercise outdoor	24	143	217	60%	

The DD membership for Gym and swimming are at a higher level than expected and 659 new DD memberships have been sold between the 1st of April and 13th of June. Details for each centre are shown in the table below.

New Direct Debit memberships from 1st April to 13 June 2021				
Centre	Gym	Swim	Total	
ALC	138	74	212	
KLC	190	72	262	
LD	136	49	185	
TOTAL	464	195	659	

Total no. of DD members as @ 13 June 2021			
Centre	Gym	Swim	Total
ALC	1081	165	1246
KLC	1451	173	1624
LD	1196	135	1331
TOTAL	3728	473	4201

The income and DD membership are monitored on a period by period basis and annual income projections adjusted accordingly. The total DD membership of 2019/20 was 6,627 whilst the membership as at 13 June 2021 was 4,201. This represents 63% of the 2019/20 membership.

Huntershill Sports Hub

- 2.8 The usage and income for the first two financial periods has been good at Huntershill with income only down slightly on the previous year and overall usage increasing. The discounted tennis offer has also proved a hit with participation up by 800% on last year whilst athletics has also seen an increase from 478 during 19/20 to 1902 for 21/21.

Sports Development

Summer of Fun

- 2.9 EDLCT are working with Education to deliver a range of free activities to priority groups of Primary and Secondary pupils identified by Education.

Snack & Play

- 2.10 A Hub Manager has been appointed by Education to oversee each school and will be supported by Education staff along with the Trust's Multi-Sport Programme Coordinator and Operations Manager – Sports Development. Sports Development coaches (approx. 18 per week) and Education Play Leaders are delivering an extended snack & play programme at 6 primary schools (listed below) for 5 weeks from 28th June – 30th July 2021 from 10am to 3pm each day.

- Holy Trinity
- Lairdsland
- Thomas Muir
- St Machan's
- Clober
- Colquhoun Park

The scheme offers priority groups of children the opportunity to attend free of charge, a local school for play, sports, cultural or arts and craft activities with the provision of a free meal during the school holidays. Children have been identified by Education as those meeting the criteria for additional funding received by the Council. Activities on offer throughout each week will vary depending on children attending, they may include:

- Games

- Free play – active games & discussion time
- Sports taster sessions
- Music sessions (external tutors arranged by Cultural Services)
- Drama sessions (external tutors arranged by Cultural Services)
- Design a logo / poster / card making
- Drawing / colouring in
- Quizzes
- Library / group reading
- Chill out areas for quiet time
- Health Improvement inputs around alcohol and substance misuse (activities from approved curriculum content)

Secondary activities

2.11 The following activities are being offered free to priority Secondary pupils identified by Education through the creation of a temporary membership from 28th June – 9th August:

- Swimming at all 3 centres (lane swimming or family swim)
- Athletics at Huntershill
- Tennis at Kirkintilloch & Huntershill
- Football (5-a-side) at Kirkintilloch and the Leisuredrome
- Gym (16 – 18 year olds only)
- Teen Spin class at the Leisuredrome

All Leisure Centre activities are subject to availability and **must be pre-booked** either online or by phone at the relevant centre (up to 4 days in advance).

There are also Street Football drop in sessions planned in partnership with the Scottish FA at Merkland on Tuesday 29th June and Thursday 1st July and 2 sessions the following week with a location to be confirmed in partnership with Community Safety and local Police.

Active Schools

‘Get Into Summer’- sportscotland funding

2.12 As part of the Scottish Governments ‘Get Into Summer’ campaign and £20 million funding stream, sportscotland has awarded East Dunbartonshire £35,124. This is additional to the Local Authority funding that was provided directly by the Scottish Government to East Dunbartonshire Council.

The purpose of the additional fund is to support access for children and young people to sport and physical activity during the summer period, and must be distributed via **sportscotland’s** existing investment agreement structures.

The Active Schools team has been working on a number of proposals for how this money can be best utilised to target those young people most in need, such as:

- a partnership with YDance to deliver a wide variety of targeted dance activity based at Kirkintilloch Town Hall

- local sports club partnerships to increase capacity and support club development (ASN clubs in particular)
- identified training for volunteers, coaches and young leaders (based on our recent volunteer consultation)
- an extension of the family fitness and team fit sessions in partnership with Community Fitness

These projects are at the planning stage, and will be considered alongside sports development proposals to determine the maximum benefit and reach to young people within East Dunbartonshire.

Active Schools Consultation- Annual Plan

The AS team are in the process of consulting partners to guide the development of the next AS Annual Plan, 2021-22. The consultation focuses heavily on the impact of COVID 19 on our young people, schools, local community clubs and volunteers, and how Active Schools can best support them all (guidance permitting).

Specific surveys have been developed to target the following:

- Volunteers
- School Senior Leadership Teams
- Local Community Clubs

All information gathered will help determine the main focus for the team moving into the next academic year. This plan will run from July 2021 to March 2022.

3. IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 In order to facilitate the reopening EDLC management have carried out a number of actions including:
- Communications with Stakeholders
 - Employee contact and Training (Including return to work guidance)
 - Trade Union Engagement (including facility walk through)
 - Risk assessment process (including dual use for Vaccination sites)
 - Revised operating procedures (including enhanced cleaning schedules)
 - PPE and signage provision
 - Unfurlough and flexi unfurlough employees (phased approach)
 - Online facilities for bookings and transactions
- 3.2 Employees will continue to be given at least seven days' notice to advise them that their furlough or flexi furlough period will be ending.
- 3.3 We will continue to review the service delivery on a regular basis to take account of any changes in restrictions and to ensure a safe operating environment for our customers and staff.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 It is recommended that the Board:-

- a) Notes the details provided on the reopening of facilities.
- b) Agree that EDLCT will continue to work towards the reopening of services in conjunction with East Dunbartonshire Council and other Key stakeholders
- c) General Manager provides an update on the status of our reopening programme at the next Board Meeting.