

Where we are now

A review of existing culture, leisure and sport activities and provision in East Dunbartonshire

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

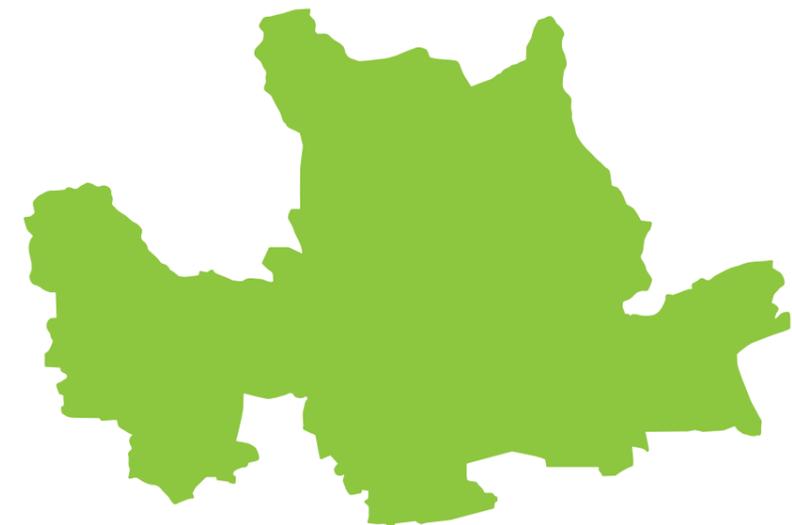
This document has been published alongside the draft Culture, leisure and sport strategy for East Dunbartonshire to provide an evidence base which influences and supports the content and recommendations contained within the strategy.

The document provides a series of information that is considered to be relevant to the current position regarding culture, leisure and sport in the area and is presented in the following topic areas:

1. A brief review of general demographic trends in East Dunbartonshire, such as population, health, participation in the arts and participation in physical activity.
2. Identification of what national and local policies and strategies are relevant for taking into account in the preparation of the strategy.
3. A review of the 2006 East Dunbartonshire leisure, sports and physical activity strategy including a brief critical analysis on the successes of the strategy.
4. An overview of our current assets in the area, including facilities managed by EDLC Trust, the Council, community groups and private providers; as well as 'unmanned' assets such as the West Highland Way, Antonine Wall, Campsie Fells and the Forth and Clyde Canal.
5. An overview of the current usage of our assets arranged in the following groupings: culture, sport and physical activity, the great outdoors (including Mugdock Country Park and events) and community centres/ general letting. This section also includes non-exhaustive lists of the types of relevant groups that currently operate within East Dunbartonshire and information on the Active Schools programme.
6. A brief overview of projects currently under development by the Council (in conjunction with EDLCT where appropriate) such as the redevelopment of Kirkintilloch town hall, refurbishment and extension of Kilmardinny Arts Centre and the construction of new community hubs. This section includes a list of relevant planning applications from approximately the last five years.
7. A summary of the preceding chapters and draws conclusions as to how this information will influence the development and direction of the Culture, leisure and sport strategy.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Culture, leisure and sport strategy for East Dunbartonshire

East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust ('the Trust') and East Dunbartonshire Council ('the Council') have published a draft culture, leisure and sport strategy for the Council area. It is the first overarching strategy of its kind and upon formal adoption by the Trust and Council it will underpin the direction of cultural, leisure and sport provision across East Dunbartonshire.

East Dunbartonshire has a wealth of culture, leisure and sport assets and activities that contribute significantly to the high standards of living within the area and as a result participation levels are generally above the national average (as evidenced within this report). However, there is always room for improvement and the culture, leisure and sport strategy will aim to make sure that providers work smarter and in a more co-ordinated manner to ensure that the high quality offer of culture, leisure and sport in East Dunbartonshire is maintained and improved.

This document is published alongside the draft strategy to supplement and support the main strategy. The full suite of documents forming the Draft strategy is as follows:

- Draft strategy
- Where We Are Now (updated 2015)
- Report of engagement
- Sport pitches strategy
- Environmental report

Purpose of this document

The purpose of this document is to support the draft strategy by providing background information and evidence which:

- informs the recommendations and actions within the draft strategy; and
- provides a baseline to which the success of the strategy can be monitored and measured.

This information has been provided within a separate document to allow the draft strategy to be concise, accessible and focused on the future of culture, leisure and sport in East Dunbartonshire. An initial version of this document was published for consultation in August 2014 and the comments received during that period have resulted in significant changes and improvements to the document.

Please note that this document is intended to provide an overall picture of culture, leisure and sport regardless of provider to ensure that the strategy is informed by the 'bigger picture' and allows all organisations with a significant role in the provision of culture, leisure and sport to work together. Additionally, the document is not intended to be exhaustive and the information is provided only for the purposes of identifying key trends and conducting a general stock-take of culture, leisure and sport in the area to inform how the strategy can take culture, leisure and sport forward.

Draft strategy and action programme

The draft strategy includes an Action Programme to clearly set out what actions are required to ensure that the strategy is successful in delivering the proposed improvements, and who is responsible for each action. The draft strategy also sets out on-going monitoring arrangements to periodically check the progress being made on collective and individual actions.

In order to monitor and measure the overall success of the strategy, it is important that the strategy is supported by accurate data on current provision and activity levels. Therefore, further data collection and refinement may be required prior to the formal adoption of the culture, leisure and sport strategy.

Next steps

This is your opportunity to provide comments on the draft strategy. Upon completion of this second round of consultation the Trust and Council will analyse the responses and will consider what changes to the draft strategy may be required. The strategy will then be amended where appropriate and remitted to the Trust, the Council and the Community Planning Partnership for formal approval and adoption (estimated as early 2016).



2. KEY TRENDS IN EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE

This chapter highlights key demographic trends and other statistics that provide a useful background for understanding the factors that affect (or conversely are affected by) the provision of culture, leisure and sport in East Dunbartonshire now and in the future. The information and statistics shown here are intended to provide a high level 'snapshot' and in many cases a comparison with the Scottish national average is provided.

Further statistics and information can be found in the East Dunbartonshire area profile April 2014 available at www.eastdunbarton.gov.uk and the other sources referenced below. The information is presented in the following topics/ sections:

- A. Population
- B. Health
- C. Participation in culture
- D. Participation in physical activity
- E. Scottish index of multiple deprivation
- F. Other indicators

A. Population

East Dunbartonshire's population has steadily declined from 108,243 in 2001 to 105,026 in 2011. Mid-year population estimates in 2013 showed the total population having grown slightly to 105,860. However, projections continue to show the population falling to 98,696 by 2037.

The proportion of those aged 65+, and particularly those aged 75+, is projected to increase markedly. All other age groups are projected to fall over this period, although the 30-49 age-group will still form the largest single group by 2037. Nevertheless, this increase among the older age groups is likely to have an impact on the type and range of activities, facilities and services required by local people.

Figure 1: East Dunbartonshire population by ward (2001 and 2011)

	2001 Population	2011 Population	2001 - 2011 Difference
East Dunbartonshire	108,243	105,026	-3,217
Bearsden North	14,974	13,909	-1,065
Bearsden South	12,993	13,328	335
Bishopbriggs North and Torrance	13,753	14,405	652
Bishopbriggs South	12,635	11,711	-924
Campsie and Kirkintilloch North	11,825	12,047	222
Kirkintilloch East and Twechar	14,714	12,745	-1,969
Lenzie and Kirkintilloch South	13,503	13,645	142
Milngavie	13,846	13,236	-610

Figure 2: Population by age group (2011)

East Dunbartonshire 2011

The pie chart on the right shows the percentage of children, working age and pensionable age residents in East Dunbartonshire. The percentage of children has decreased by around 2.5% since the 2001 Census, the working age population has also decreased by nearly 2%, and there has been a 4% rise in the percentage of the population aged over 65.

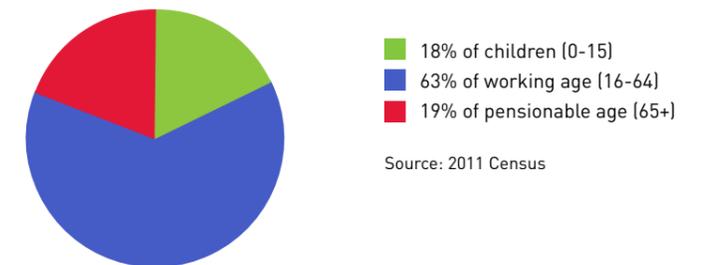


Figure 3: Population by age ranges (2001 and 2011)

East Dunbartonshire population 2001 - 2011

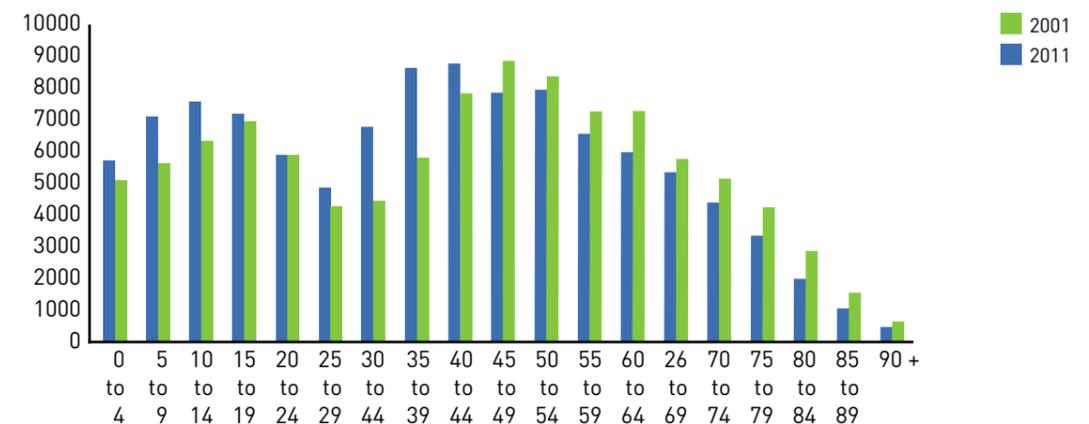
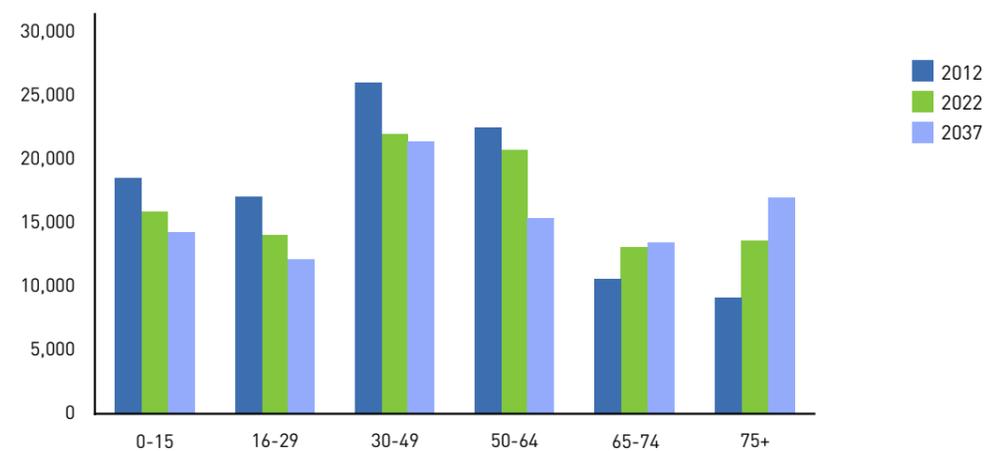


Figure 4: Percentage male and female by ward (2011)

	Total Population	Percentage Males	Percentage Females
Scotland	5,295,403	48.5%	51.5%
East Dunbartonshire	105,026	48.2%	51.8%
Bearsden North	13,909	48.2%	51.8%
Bearsden South	13,328	48.1%	51.9%
Bishopbriggs North and Torrance	14,405	48.4%	51.6%
Bishopbriggs South	11,711	47.8%	52.2%
Campsie and Kirkintilloch North	12,047	47.8%	52.2%
Kirkintilloch East and Twechar	12,745	48.4%	51.6%
Lenzie and Kirkintilloch South	13,645	48.9%	51.1%
Milngavie	13,236	47.6%	52.4%

Source: 2011 Census

Figure 5: Population projections by age



Source: General Register Office for Scotland Population Projections

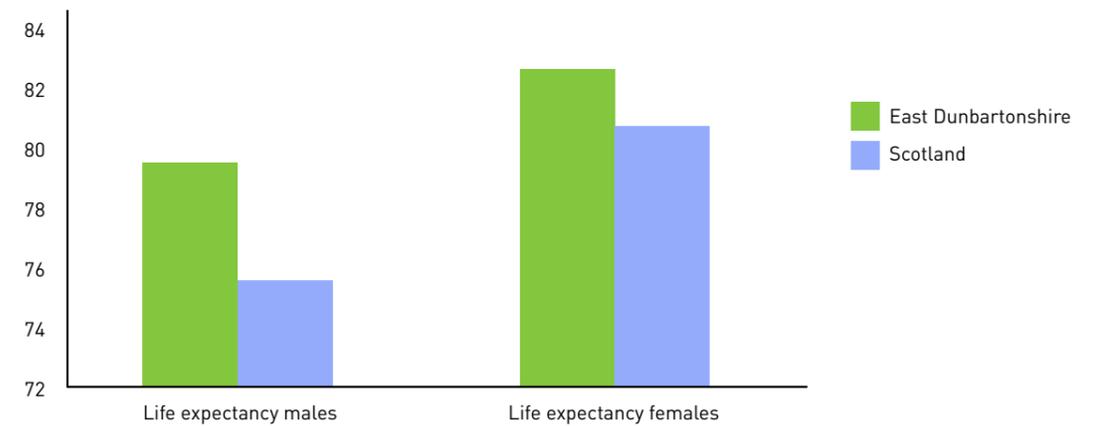
B. Health

Health in East Dunbartonshire is generally very good with the average life expectancy of both males and females above the national average. The percentage of households with a member who has a long-standing illness or disability is below the national average with the percentage of females with a long-standing condition being significantly lower.

As would be expected, general health varies across East Dunbartonshire with only the Kirkintilloch East and Twechar Ward being below the national average. Bearsden North contains the highest average of people considered to be in good or very good health.

Figure 6: Life expectancy by gender

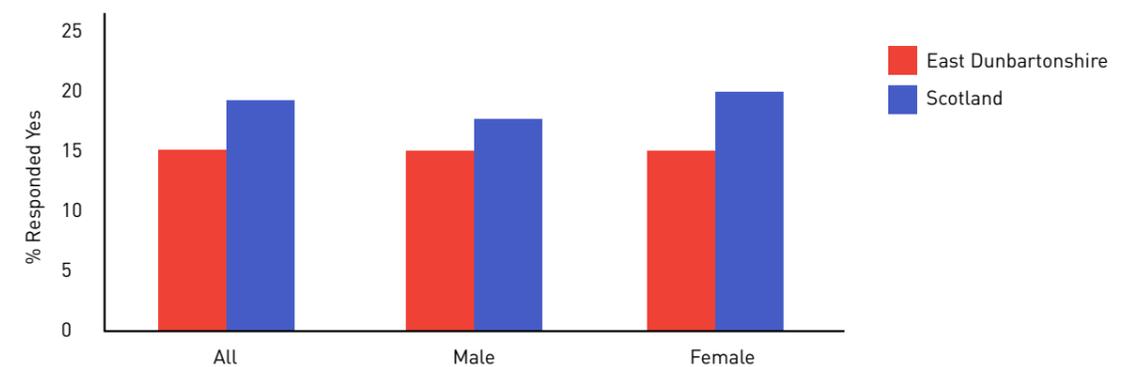
Life expectancy at birth



Source: National Records of Scotland – life expectancy for areas in Scotland, 2008 – 2010

Figure 7: Percentage households with long-term illness or disability

Does your household contain a member with a long-standing illness, health problem or disability?



Source: Scotland's People: Annual Report Results from 2013 Scottish Household Survey: Local Authority Tables East Dunbartonshire

Figure 8: General health by ward

	All people	Very good or good health	Fair health	Bad health or very bad health
Scotland	5,295,403	82.2%	12.2%	5.6%
East Dunbartonshire	105,026	84.9%	10.8%	4.3%
Bearsden North	13,909	89.0%	8.4%	2.6%
Bearsden South	13,328	87.5%	9.6%	2.9%
Bishopbriggs North and Torrance	14,405	85.6%	10.7%	3.7%
Bishopbriggs South	11,711	83.2%	12.0%	4.8%
Campsie and Kirkintilloch North	12,047	83.2%	11.5%	5.2%
Kirkintilloch East and Twechar	12,745	80%	13.2%	7%
Lenzie and Kirkintilloch South	13,645	85.0%	10.6%	4.4%
Milngavie	13,236	85.2%	11.1%	3.7%

Source: 2011 Census



C. Participation in culture

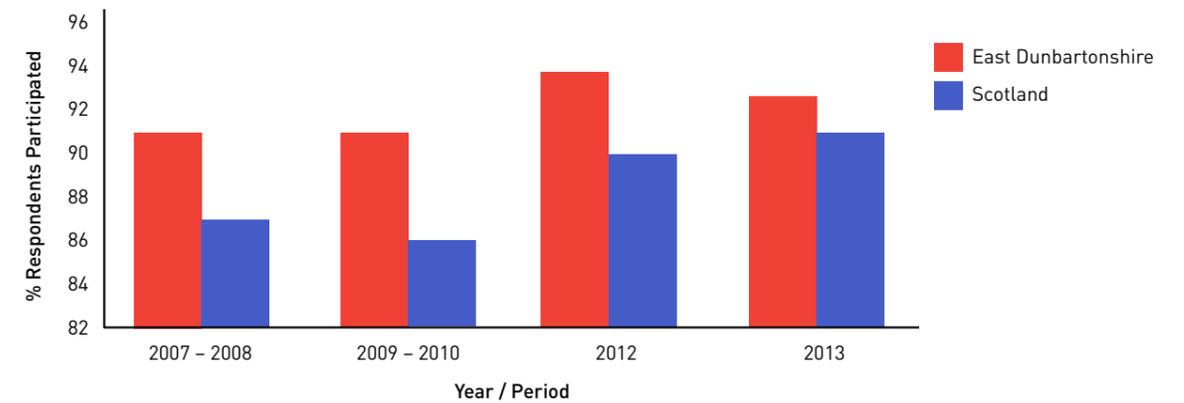
Average levels of engagement in cultural activities and events in East Dunbartonshire are generally high and are above the national average. However, cultural engagement in the area reduced slightly in 2013 and this reduction, coupled with an increase in participation levels nationally, the gap between East Dunbartonshire and the national average has narrowed to 2% in 2013 from 5% in 2009/2010.

Going to the cinema is the most popular type of cultural visit in East Dunbartonshire where the highest percentage of respondents (60%) had visited the cinema in the last 12 months. However, the percentage for those aged 65 and over was not as high and it should be recognised that the data does not take regularity of visits into account. Other types of cultural visits that attracted a high response include (in descending order) attending museums, libraries, theatres, historic places, live music events and galleries.

Reading is by far the most predominant cultural activity in terms of participation. Whilst the percentage of 16 to 39 year olds who read for pleasure is still high, the figure is significantly lower than the other two age groups. For a full breakdown of cultural engagement, including less popular visits and activities, and for a comparison for each activity against the national average, please see the 2013 Scottish Household Survey Tables for East Dunbartonshire.

Figure 9: Overall cultural engagement (2007 / 2008 – 2013)

Cultural engagement by adults in the last 12 months by year



Source: Scotland's People: Annual Report Results from 2013 Scottish Household Survey: Local Authority Tables East Dunbartonshire

Figure 10: Attendance at cultural places or events

Percentage respondents who have attended a cultural event or visited a place of culture in the last 12 months

	All	Gender		Age		
		Male	Female	16 – 39	40 – 64	65 plus
East Dunbartonshire						
Cinema	62	62	63	84	62	33
Live music event	36	35	37	44	40	19
Theatre – e.g. pantomime / musical / play	39	27	49	26	47	41
Library (including mobile and online)	42	28	55	43	38	49
Museum	46	41	51	41	55	37
Historic place	38	39	38	43	40	28
Gallery	33	31	35	28	40	27
Exhibition – including art, photography and crafts	22	18	26	15	27	23
Street arts (e.g. performances in public places)	10	7	14	13	12	5
Culturally specific festival (e.g. Mela / Gala days)	22	26	18	27	27	5
Dance show / event – e.g. ballet	11	6	16	7	13	13
Classical music performance or opera	15	14	16	3	16	30
Book festival or reading group	6	3	9	1	11	4
Archive or records office	3	4	3	–	4	7
No answer	13	15	12	9	10	23

Source: Scotland's People: Annual Report Results from 2013 Scottish Household Survey: Local Authority Tables East Dunbartonshire

Figure 11: Participation in cultural activities

Percentage respondents who have participated themselves in cultural activities in the last 12 months

	All	Gender		Age		
		Male	Female	16 – 39	40 – 64	65 plus
East Dunbartonshire						
Read for pleasure (not newspapers or comics)	68	67	70	55	76	73
Used software to produce creative work	16	16	15	21	15	9
Crafts such as knitting, wood, pottery, etc.	18	3	32	11	20	22
Dance - e.g. ceilidh, salsa, Highland dancing, ballet	9	5	13	11	9	6
Played a musical instrument or written music	14	17	11	13	15	12
Photography / making films or videos	8	8	8	11	6	6
Painting, drawing, printmaking or sculpture	14	9	18	25	8	7
Creative writing - stories, books, plays or poetry	5	2	8	6	3	7
Took part in a play / sang in a choir	3	3	3	1	4	5
Other cultural activity	2	1	2	–	4	1
No answer	23	25	21	33	17	19

Source: Scotland's People: Annual Report Results from 2013 Scottish Household Survey: Local Authority Tables East Dunbartonshire

D. Participation in physical activity

With regards to physical activity, East Dunbartonshire's population is relatively active with 79% of people participating in sporting activity. Overall, activity is highest in 16 to 39 year olds and lowest in the 65+ age group.

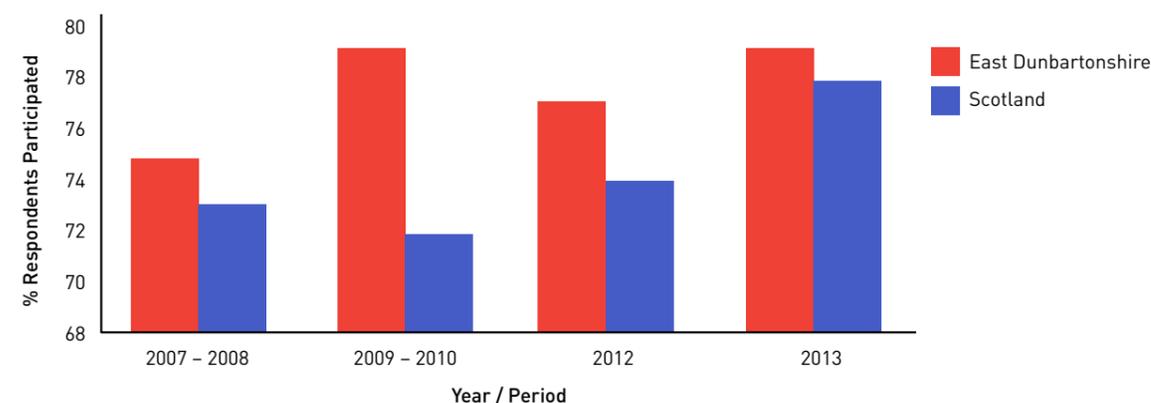
The most popular activity is walking (64%), followed by swimming (20%) and keep fit / aerobics and multi-gym/ weight training (both 15%). There are many sports where participation levels vary greatly by gender, the most extreme examples being golf (28% to 1%) and snooker (13% to 1%).

The percentage of residents in East Dunbartonshire who travel to work by active means is lower than the national average. This is lowest in Kirkintilloch North and Campsie where the percentage of people participating in active travel is almost half the national average.

When asked about the legacy of the 2014 Glasgow Commonwealth Games the percentage of respondents in East Dunbartonshire who felt that the games would have a lasting benefit was slightly below the national average.

Figure 12: Overall Participation in Sporting Activity (2007 / 2008 – 2013)

Participation in any sporting activity (including walking) by adults in the last 12 months by year



Source: Scotland's People: Annual Report Results from 2013 Scottish Household Survey: Local Authority Tables East Dunbartonshire

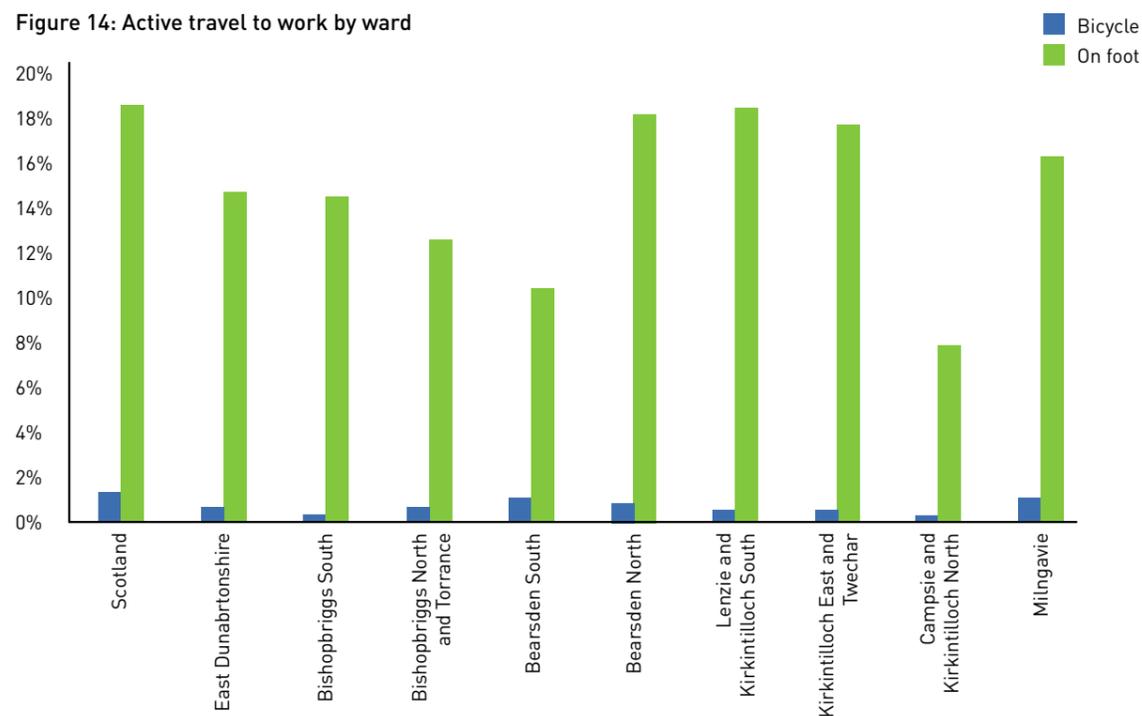
Figure 13: Participation in physical activity by sport

Percentage respondents who have participated in sport and exercise in the last weeks

	All	Gender		Age		
		Male	Female	16 – 39	40 – 64	65 plus
East Dunbartonshire						
Any sporting participation (including walking)	79	82	76	85	84	63
Any sporting participation (excluding walking)	58	67	49	79	51	40
Walking (at least 30 minutes)	64	66	63	63	72	51
Swimming	20	18	22	31	14	16
Keep Fit /Aerobics	15	9	20	25	9	11
Multigym / Weight training	15	22	8	26	14	3
Running / jogging	11	17	5	16	12	-
Cycling (at least 30 minutes)	10	12	7	9	13	4
Dancing	6	5	7	9	4	5
Football	8	14	2	14	7	-
Golf	14	28	1	15	16	9
Snooker / Billiards / Pool	7	13	1	16	4	-
Bowls	1	1	0	-	-	2
Other	15	22	9	16	18	11
None of these	21	18	24	15	16	37

Source: Scotland's People: Annual Report Results from 2013 Scottish Household Survey: Local Authority Tables East Dunbartonshire

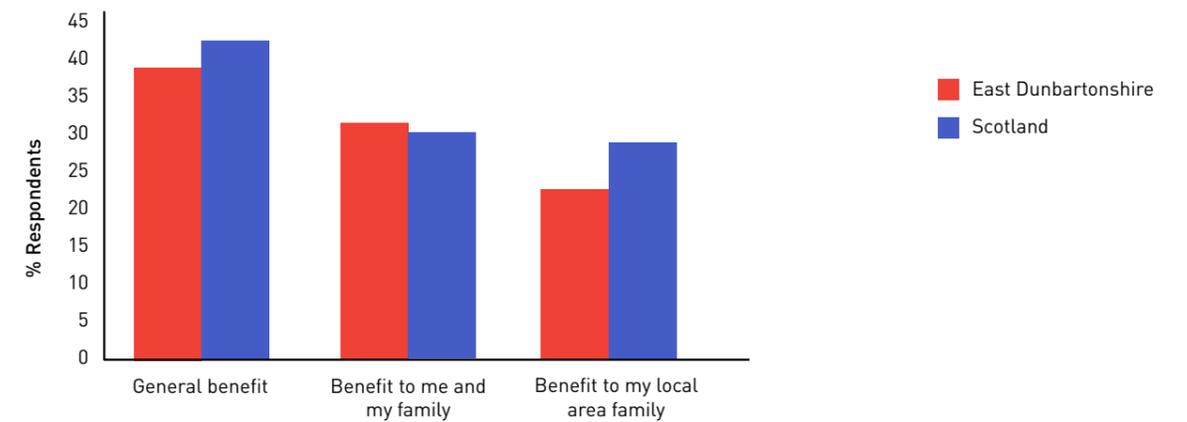
Figure 14: Active travel to work by ward



Source: East Dunbartonshire Area Profile 2014

Figure 15: Commonwealth Games Legacy

Percentage respondents who think there will be a lasting benefit of the 2014 East Dunbartonshire Games



Source: Scotland's People: Annual Report Results from 2013 Scottish Household Survey: Local Authority Tables East Dunbartonshire



E. Scottish index of multiple deprivation

East Dunbartonshire is an area with largely low levels of deprivation compared to other Scottish local authorities, with the majority of East Dunbartonshire's datazones falling into the least deprived 25% of the country by using the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD). However, there are pockets of deprivation with four of the area's 127 datazones falling into the 20% most deprived in Scotland and a further six datazones falling with the 30% most deprived.

Although there are no specific statistics for participation in culture, leisure and sport by SIMD datazones down to the East Dunbartonshire level, national data confirms that participation in culture, leisure and sport increases generally as deprivation decreases.

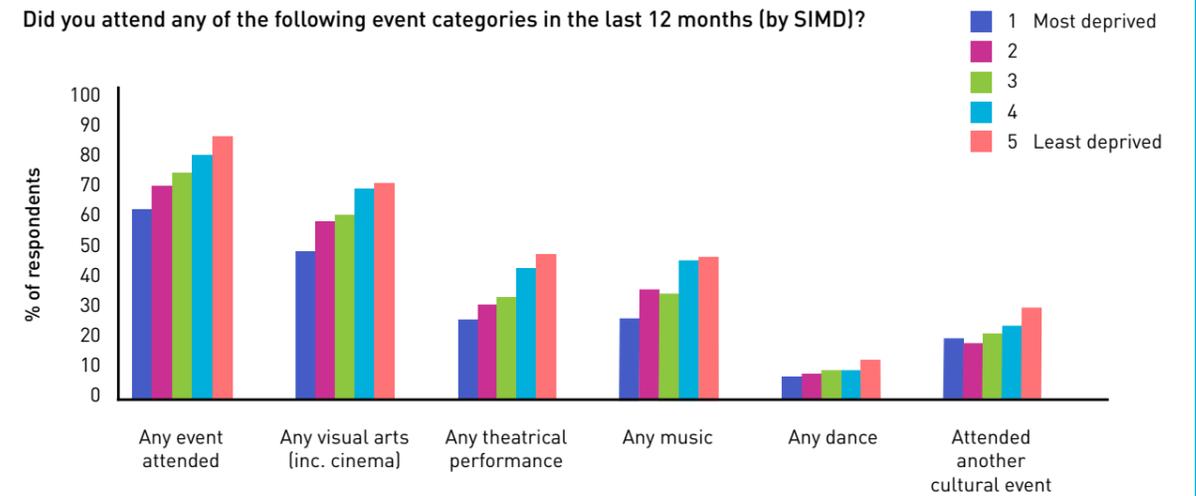
However, interestingly there does not appear to be any clear relationship between deprivation and the availability of local sports facilities (though local variances may exist) as evidenced by Figure 20.

Figure 16: Most deprived SIMD datazones in East Dunbartonshire

ED Rank	Datazone	Intermediate Zone	2009 Band	2012 Band	2009 Rank	2012 Rank
1	S01001513	Hillhead	0-5%	0-5%	242	152
2	S01001512	Hillhead	5-10%	0-5%	336	183
3	S01001546	Lennoxton	10-15%	10-15%	950	722
4	S01001424	Auchinairn	20-25%	15-20%	1,313	1,252
5	S01001500	Hillhead	10-15%	20-25%	775	1,344
6	S01001509	Hillhead	20-25%	20-25%	1,472	1,444
7	S01001517	Keystone and Dougalston	30-35%	20-25%	1,968	1,542
8	S01001522	Harestance	25-30%	20-25%	1,762	1,611
9	S01001537	Twechar	15-20%	25-30%	1,202	1,629
10	S01001536	Twechar	20-25%	25-30%	1,366	1,643

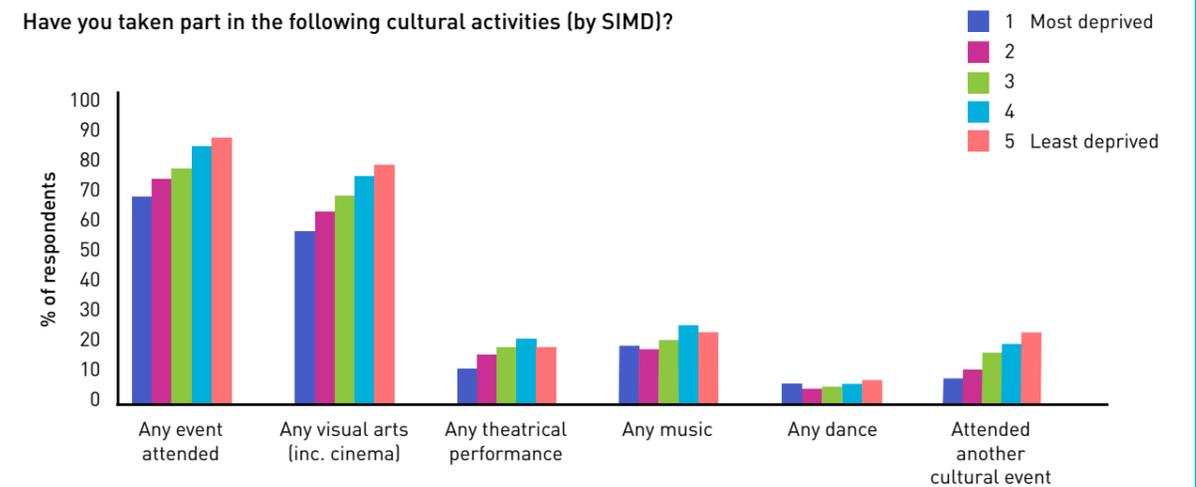
Source: Scottish Index of Deprivation: 2012 Datazone Analysis

Figure 17: Attendance at cultural events in the past 12 months, by SIMD



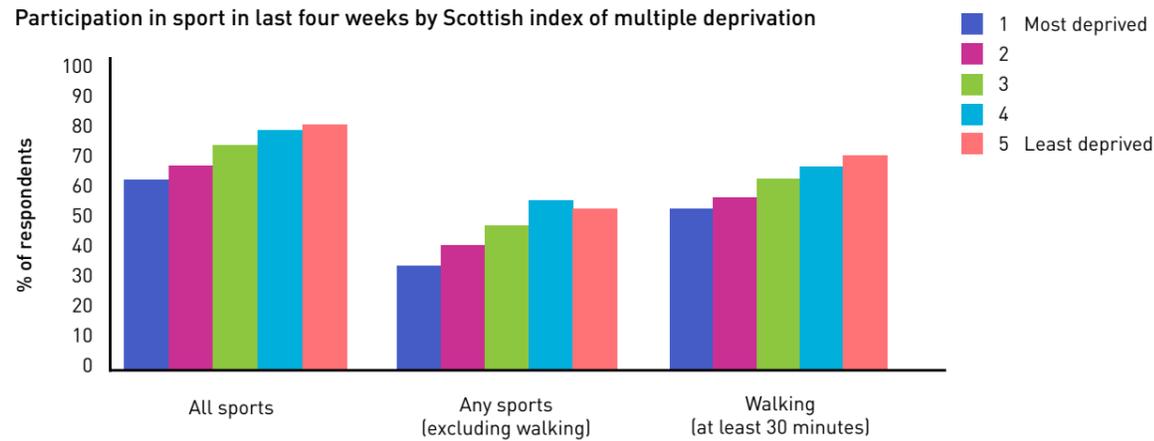
Source: People and Culture in Scotland 2008

Figure 18: Participation in cultural activities, by SIMD



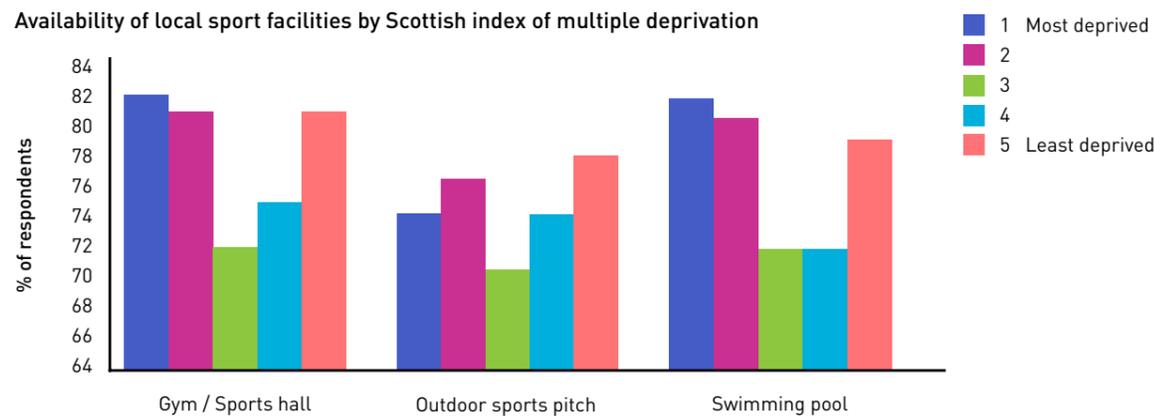
Source: People and Culture in Scotland 2008

Figure 19: Participation in sport by SIMD



Source: People and Sport in Scotland 2008

Figure 20: Availability of sports facilities by SIMD



Source: People and Sport in Scotland 2008

F. Other indicators

Employment and Tourism

The percentage of residents in East Dunbartonshire who are employed in the leisure and sales/ customer services industries is slightly below the national average (1.4% and 0.5% below respectively). The total number of jobs in East Dunbartonshire that are estimated to be generated directly through local tourism has fallen from 1,118 in 2009 to a total of 9,44 in 2013.

Community Safety

East Dunbartonshire is regarded as a safe place to live with the level of crime being significantly lower than the Scottish average with 1,022 crimes and offences per 10,000 of the population in 2011/12 compared to the Scottish average of 1,633.

Car Ownership

As would be expected in an area with relatively low deprivation, car ownership levels are generally very high. Kirkintilloch East and Twechar is the only ward within East Dunbartonshire where the percentage of households with no car is above the national average, and where the average number of vehicles per household is below the national average.



Figure 21: Occupation by Ward (2011)

	All people aged 16 – 74 in employment	Managers, directors and senior officials	Professional occupations	Associate professional and technical occupations	Administrative and secretarial occupations	Skilled trades occupation	Caring, leisure and service			
Scotland	2,516,895	8.4%	16.8%	12.6%	11.4%	12.5%	9.7%	9.3%	7.7%	11.6%
East Dunbartonshire	50,022	9.9%	24.6%	14.3%	12.4%	9.8%	8.3%	8.8%	5.0%	6.9%
Bearsden North	6,617	12.5%	34.5%	15.0%	11.1%	6.0%	6.2%	7.2%	2.9%	4.6%
Bearsden South	6,287	12.0%	31.9%	15.0%	11.8%	7.9%	6.0%	7.4%	3.0%	4.3%
Bishopbriggs North and Torrance	6,888	10.0%	24.3%	15.4%	13.5%	10.0%	7.0%	9.1%	5.0%	5.7%
Bishopbriggs South	5,824	8.2%	17.5%	13.0%	14.2%	12.2%	9.5%	11.0%	6.0%	8.4%
Campsie and Kirkintilloch North	5,922	9.2%	20.9%	13.5%	11.2%	12.0%	10.9%	8.4%	5.7%	8.3%
Kirkintilloch East and Twechar	5,810	5.9%	13.0%	11.4%	12.5%	13.4%	12.4%	10.7%	8.9%	11.8%
Lenzie and Kirkintilloch South	6,570	9.6%	25.2%	15.1%	13.5%	9.1%	8.2%	8.4%	4.8%	6.3%
Milngavie	6,104	10.4%	27.7%	15.5%	11.6%	8.7%	7.2%	8.3%	4.1%	6.6%

Source: 2011 census

Figure 22: Employment in Tourism related Jobs by Sector

Number of employments by tourism sector (full-time equivalent)

Sector	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Accommodation	201	176	194	126	126
Food and Drink	359	330	311	319	320
Recreation	182	165	159	171	168
Shopping	160	147	138	141	142
Transport	216	198	185	186	188
Direct Employment Subtotal	1,118	1,017	988	943	944
Indirect Employment	486	442	409	421	424
Total Employment	1,604	1,459	1,397	1,364	1,368

Source: Scotland's People: Annual Report Results from 2013 Scottish Household Survey: Local Authority Tables East Dunbartonshire

Figure 23: Crime Rates per 10,000 Population (2011/12)

	Non sexual crimes of violence per 10,000 population	Sexual offences recorded per 10,000 population: 2011 – 2012	Motor vehicle offences recorded per 10,000 population: 2011 – 2012	Robbery per 10,000 population: 2011 – 2012	Domestic house-breaking per 10,000 population: 2011 – 2012	Theft of a motor vehicle per 10,000 population: 2011 – 2012	Drugs per 10,000 population: 2011 – 2012
Scotland	18	14	635	4	33	13	67
East Dunbartonshire	10	6	389	2	26	8	33

Source: Scottish Neighbourhood Statistics 2011/12

Figure 24: Car Ownership by Ward (2011)

	No cars or vans	One car or van	Two cars or vans	Three cars or vans	Four cars or vans
Scotland	30.5%	42.2%	21.6%	4.3%	1.3%
East Dunbartonshire	19.0%	43.1%	30.2%	6.1%	1.6%
Bearsden North	10.3%	41.7%	38.9%	7.0%	2.0%
Bearsden South	9.9%	44.0%	37.1%	7.2%	1.9%
Bishopbriggs North and Torrance	15.8%	44.1%	31.2%	7.0%	1.9%
Bishopbriggs South	23.4%	44.6%	25.8%	5.1%	1.1%
Campsie and Kirkintilloch North	22.6%	41.6%	27.6%	6.3%	1.9%
Kirkintilloch East and Twechar	32.4%	42.6%	19.8%	4.1%	1.1%
Lenzie and Kirkintilloch South	19.2%	43.3%	30.1%	6.2%	1.3%
Milngavie	19.1%	43.5%	30.4%	5.6%	1.5%

Source: 2011 census

3. WHAT NATIONAL AND LOCAL POLICIES AND STRATEGIES ARE RELEVANT TO CULTURE, LEISURE AND SPORT IN EAST DUNBARTONSHIRE?

For the proposed Culture, leisure and sport strategy to be fully successful it will need to take into account all relevant national and local agendas and ensure appropriate linkages with these strategies and policies. The table below contains a list of policies and strategies that are considered to be relevant to the strategy at both a national and local level.

Figure 25: Relevant national strategies and policies

National

Sport and activity

- Reaching Higher
- Let's Make Scotland More Active
- Scotland United – Scottish FA National Vision
- One National Plan for non-professional football in Scotland 2013-2015
- The Big Pitch – Scottish FA's First Facilities Strategy
- Cycling Action Plan for Scotland
- Commonwealth Games Legacy Plan
- Play Strategy for Scotland
- Inspiring Scotland through rugby – the journey to 2016 – Scottish RU National Strategy for Rugby
- Scottish swimming corporate plan
- Driving Forward Together – national golf tourism strategy
- Let's get Scotland Walking – the national walking strategy

Future / draft policies and legislation

- Community Empowerment Bill
- Giving Children and Young People a Sporting Chance

Health

- Getting it Right for Every Child
- Re-shaping Care for Older People
- Aging Well
- Equally Well
- A More Active Scotland, Building A Legacy from the Commonwealth Games

Education and learning

- Early Years Framework/Early Years Collaborative
- Curriculum for Excellence
- Gaelic Language Plan
- Literacy Action Plan

Other national

- Scotland Performs
- National Standards for Community Engagement
- Youth Employability Strategy
- Volunteering Strategy Scotland
- Scotland's Digital Future: A Strategy for Scotland
- Let's Get On - Digital Participation: A National Framework for Local Action
- National Parenting Strategy
- Tourism Scotland 2020 – A Strategy For Leadership and Growth
- 2018 'Scotland's Year of Youth'

Arts and culture

- National Culture Strategy
- National Strategy for Public Libraries in Scotland
- Creative Scotland 10 year Plan
- Creative Scotland Youth Arts Strategy
- Going Further: the national strategy for Scotland's Museums and Galleries
- Many Stories, One Scotland: Scottish Council on Archives National Plan
- What is Creativity? – Scotland's Creative Learning Plan

Figure 26: Relevant Local Strategies and Policies

East Dunbartonshire

Local East Dunbartonshire Council

- Emerging Corporate Asset Management Plan and Transformation Agenda
- Budget Strategy
- Local Plan 2 and Emerging Local Development Plan
- Open Space Strategy
- Core Path Plan
- Economic Development Strategy
- Local Transport Strategy and Emerging Active Travel Strategy
- Antonine Wall Management Plan (with partner organisations)
- Emerging Mugdock Country Park Strategy

Local other

- Single Outcome Agreement (SOA)
- Community Health Partnership Development Plan
- East Dunbartonshire Leisure, Physical Activity and Sport Strategy 2006
- Sports Pitches Strategy 2005 and emerging Sports Pitches Strategy
- Community Learning and Development Plan

4. REVIEW OF 2006 LEISURE, SPORT AND PHYSICAL

ACTIVITY STRATEGY – HOW WE DID WE DO?

Background

In November 2004, East Dunbartonshire Council commissioned Genesis, Strategic Management Consultants, to facilitate the development of a Leisure, Physical Activity and Sport Strategy for East Dunbartonshire. Within the overall initiative, Genesis was also asked to support the production of a more detailed strategy addressing the specific issues of pitch sports. This was fast-tracked to provide the Council with a clear picture of the supply, demand and quality of sports pitches which could inform the Public and Private Partnership (PPP) process for redeveloping the Council's schools.

This final version of the Strategy was produced following consideration of a range of comments received on a previous consultative draft circulated in September 2006. Since the development of the Strategy a number of the actions outlined have been included within and taken forward by other strategic plans including the Open Space Strategy.

A major focus of the Strategy was addressing the levels of activity amongst all sections of the East Dunbartonshire population and it also considered the benefits to be achieved through the provision of enhanced and targeted services in the areas of tourism and economic development and in tackling community development, social inclusion and regeneration.

Purpose of the strategy

The strategy was an integrated and comprehensive Leisure, Physical Activity and Sport Strategy which provided a vision and framework, identified available resources and indicated how they can be most effectively utilised. A key focus within the strategy was the delivery of sport and early introduction to a physical activity culture, with the creation of progressive pathways to support individual and club development throughout the area.

Consultative activities

The strategy was to be one for the people of East Dunbartonshire and it was important that they were consulted and given the opportunity to contribute to its development.

Participants were invited to suggest issues which they believed needed to be addressed in the strategy. There was a very wide range of opinion voiced at the meetings and the top actions suggested through the consultation are summarised below:

- Improve facilities, including those in schools and for informal activities
Especially a new sports centre at Kirkintilloch
Other priorities included a running track and other specialist facilities, parks, cycle paths and play areas, skatepark
Affordable access to facilities
- Better promotion/communication of activities and programmes
Especially a central directory and possibly an on-line booking system
Greater coordination and management of facilities and programmes
- Make better use of the natural resources
- Better coordination and linkages between departments, policies and strategies
- Club development and support
Including coaching development and volunteer support
Greater support for minority sports

Vision and strategic goals

The main challenge to be tackled by the 2006 strategy was to capture the full potential of the services delivered in East Dunbartonshire in terms of health, social inclusion, economic development and community well-being.

The vision for this strategy was therefore *to put leisure, sport and physical activity at the heart of the communities of East Dunbartonshire.*

Strategic goals

The key goals developed for the strategy were as follows:

Goal 1: To improve the health and quality of life of the people of East Dunbartonshire by increasing levels of physical activity

Goal 2: To provide pathways into life-long participation in activity and to higher levels of sporting performance

Goal 3: To maximise the use of the built facilities and natural assets of East Dunbartonshire

Goal 4: To ensure that effective partnerships are established and maintained between and among the public, voluntary and commercial agencies in East Dunbartonshire in pursuit of this strategy.

Key strategic action areas

In order to achieve these goals within the framework of the Strategy, a set of key strategic action areas were identified.

1. Built facilities

Major facilities

East Dunbartonshire had a reasonable provision for the main built facilities of swimming pools and sports halls. The main gap in provision was in the Kirkintilloch area; however, the new centre was opened in July 2007.

Schools improvement project

The Council has delivered a number of new Secondary Schools in East Dunbartonshire. It is important to note that community access to enhanced sports facilities within these new secondary schools was seen as a priority. The opening up of sports halls and pitches for community use would make a substantial contribution to realising both the quality and acceptable quantitative levels of provision.

Sports pitches

A detailed sports pitches strategy was developed as an integral part of this broader leisure strategy.

The key elements of that strategy related to the poor quality of the grass pitch provision and the complete lack of synthetic pitch provision in the management of the Council.

Through the schools improvement programme and through further investment in targeted sites there has been significant investment in synthetic pitches, grass pitches and changing accommodation across the area. This has led to a genuine enhancement of both the quality of provision made and of the carrying capacity available.

2. Countryside

East Dunbartonshire has some outstanding natural resources which can and do make a considerable contribution to physical activity. The Campsie Fells, Mugdock Country Park and the Forth and Clyde Canal are all critical resources recognised as providing excellent opportunities for physical activity.

Many of those consulted as part of the strategy development process highlighted the further potential of these resources to make a significant contribution to the levels of physical activity in East Dunbartonshire and to the development of activity-based tourism, especially by day visitors.

3. Voluntary sector partnerships

The private sports clubs of East Dunbartonshire provide an outstanding and varied resource providing access to a very wide range of activities from hockey to skiing. Consultations in 2005/6 had suggested that the partnerships between the Council and the voluntary sector clubs were limited and that there was scope for a considerable enhancement in partnership working. The provision of a Club Development Officer and work with Active Schools has led to far more effective partnerships with local clubs and volunteers. This has helped the voluntary sector to play a much stronger role in expanding participation and in developing pathways for performers.

4. Physical activity

While many of the considerations within the strategy focused on formal sporting activities, there was a strong voice within many of the consultations in support of informal levels of physical activity and the promotion of activity to the inactive sections of the community. An exclusive sport specific focus was likely to miss large sections of the community which are either inactive or have low levels of physical activity. Action to address the Scottish Executive's Physical Activity Strategy could be delivered by a Physical Activity Forum established as a partnership between the Greater Glasgow Health Board and the Council.

5. Children's play

The Council has a wide range of play facilities throughout East Dunbartonshire and has carried out a detailed audit of the quality and extent existing provision. It has not developed a specific strategy for the on-going development of children's play; however, an Open Space Strategy covering outdoor play areas has been developed.

6. Development support

Sports development

East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust presently have a very active and enthusiastic sports development team supported by Council resources and by some of the major governing bodies of sport.

The Council will want to ensure that the existing close working partnership between its Sports Development and Active Schools Officers is maintained and that they work together to support the implementation of club accreditation schemes.

Target group activity

A range of issues were raised throughout the consultation processes about the specific needs of identified groups within the population including those with disabilities, women, older people and minority ethnic communities. In addition to these specific target populations, it was suggested that consideration also needs to be given to identified, deprived communities within East Dunbartonshire.

Pathways

The issue of support for talented individuals within East Dunbartonshire was a concern raised widely within the sporting community consulted. The recent provision of the Athlete Performance Programme has improved the level of support to talented athletes within the area.

7. Marketing, promotion, implementation and evaluation

A surprisingly large number of those consulted indicated that, while they were aware that there was a wide range of activities available in East Dunbartonshire, there was not an integrated source of information bringing together the activities and opportunities available from all the various sectors. Major progress to achieve the goals identified above is likely only to happen if access to good information is available and the services involved are well publicised. The provision of a dedicated web site for East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture has helped address this along with the inclusion of information on local clubs and organisations on the web site and publicity materials.

The following table sets out the key strategic actions identified in the 2007 Strategy and progress against these.

Key Strategic Actions 2007 – 2012

Figure 27: Update on Key Strategic Actions 2007 – 2012

1 Built facilities

Ref	Key actions	Strategic goal	Lead responsibility	Timescales	Status 2015
1.1	Complete the new sports centre and swimming pool in Kirkintilloch (Planned to open in June 2007).	1,3	Kirkintilloch Initiative Head of Service	June 2007	Facility completed and operational July 2007.
1.2	Replace the existing Allander Leisure Centre with a new facility.	1,3	Corporate Director Environment	2014	Project delayed / now being led through Allander Champions group – capital funding available in 2018. Completed March 2007.
1.3	Review the staffing structures in anticipation of the opening of the new facility in Kirkintilloch to provide core resources that service all the Council-managed facilities.		Commercial Manager Leisure	March 2007	
1.4	Ensure that the new facilities in the PPP schools are fully accessible for community use.	1,3	Head of Service	December 2009	Facilities available for community use although issues remain over pricing and access for clubs.
1.5	Consider an integrated management approach across all community leisure provision, including schools.	3,4	Head of Service	August 2008	Pricing and access to facilities reviewed annually including Ppassport to leisure for target groups.
1.6	Consider a range of approaches to ensure affordable access to facilities.	1	Commercial Manager Leisure	March 2009	Pricing and access to facilities reviewed annually including passport to Leisure for target groups.
1.7	Implement the recommendations of the Sports Pitches Strategy.	1,3	Commercial Manager Leisure		Completed over five year period including facility and pitch upgrades at various locations. Booking and access still an issue for clubs.
1.8	Investigate opportunities for the development of an athletics track in East Dunbartonshire.	1,3,4	Commercial Manager Leisure	March 2009	Funding was not initially available for a track in East Dunbartonshire however EDC and EDLC are funding a development of a track for delivery in 2015.
1.9	Consider the impact of the transport infrastructure on access to services and facilities.		Commercial Manager Leisure	April 2008	Review of services to leisure facilities completed August 2008.

2 Countryside

Ref	Key actions	Strategic goal	Lead responsibility	Timescales	Status 2014
2.1	Review and establish a clear policy for the provision of outdoor education in East Dunbartonshire.	1	Education service		Outdoor education areas incorporated into PPP secondary schools. School visits to Mugdock Country Park.
2.2	Develop and further promote a series of way-marked routes for cycling, jogging and walking.	1,3	Development and Regeneration		New way-marked routes associated with Thomas Muir Trail and John Muir Way. Bikeability scheme to promote cycling to school.
2.3	Develop a promotional plan to encourage the use of all countryside resources in East Dunbartonshire.	1,3	Development and Regeneration		Work under way to promote Campsie Fells through Tourism Partnership.
2.4	Work to secure a stronger partnership with Mugdock Country Park to increase the utilisation of that resource.	3,4	Commercial Manager Leisure		Work undertaken with Park manager to promote use of facilities year round and through school holiday activity programmes. Park management now integrated within Council's Development and Regeneration Directorate.

3 Voluntary sector partnerships

Ref	Key actions	Strategic goal	Lead responsibility	Timescales	Status 2014
3.1	Review the scope for the transfer of appropriate resources into community trust or club management.	3,4	Commercial Manager Leisure	June 2007	Initial discussions with interested clubs completed but no transfers to date. Work on this has been superseded by the Community Empowerment Act Bill.
3.2	Dedicate development officer resources to the support of clubs and their volunteer resources.	2,4	Operations Manager Sports Development	March 2007	Club Development officer appointed in May 2011.
3.3	Provide advice for clubs on fundraising and facility development.	4	Club Development Officer	January 2007	Completed February 2008 and continued update and support through Club Development Officer.
3.4	Provide further support for the training of coaches.	3,4	Commercial Manager Leisure	June 2008	Completed June 2008 with support through Sports Development and Local Sports Council. Support continued through Club development Officer.
3.5	Review the role of the local sports council in supporting the voluntary sports sector in East Dunbartonshire.	4	Operations Manager Sports Development	May 2008	Completed July 2008.

4 Physical activity

Ref	Key actions	Strategic goal	Lead responsibility	Timescales	Status 2014
4.1	Establish a Physical Activity Forum as an extension to the present Active Schools Steering Group in East Dunbartonshire as a partnership between the Council and the Health Board.	1,2,4	Commercial Manager Leisure	August 2007	Established November 2007 jointly with Active Schools.
4.2	Develop programmes targeted at the inactive populations in the community.	1	Commercial Manager Leisure	May 2008	Completed May 2008 and ongoing targeting of specific groups including women, young girls and looked after and accommodated children.
4.3	Seek long term sustainability for the Active Schools Coordinators.	4	Active School Manager	April 2008	Programme established in 2004 and currently funded until March 2015 with a commitment to extend until 2019.

5 Childrens play

Ref	Key actions	Strategic goal	Lead responsibility	Timescales	Status 2014
5.1	Consider the need for and scope of a children's play strategy.	1,2	Commercial Manager Greenspace	August 2007	Open Space Strategy developed.

6 Development support

Ref	Key actions	Strategic goal	Lead responsibility	Timescales	Status 2014
6.1	Review the posts and focus of the Sports Development Section to ensure that this resource is targeted directly on the delivery of the key actions in this strategy.	1,2,4	Operations Manager Sports Development	March 2007	Completed as part of restructuring process July – December 2009.
6.2	Create a dedicated post to support club sport, volunteers and sport for people with a disability.	1,2,4	Operations Manager Sports Development	March 2007	Completed as part of restructuring process and appointment made May 2011.
6.3	Provide appropriate training and staff development to allow existing staff to develop new capabilities in line with those required to sustain the strategy.	1	Operations Manager	December 2007	Skills audit carried out and training programme implemented January 2008 and continually reviewed to meet the needs of employees and service delivery.
6.4	Consider the creation of a club accreditation scheme for East Dunbartonshire.	2,4	Commercial Manager Leisure	April 2009	Review completed of existing Accreditation Schemes with NGB's and other LAs May 2009 and working with local clubs to assist in attaining relevant accreditation.
6.5	Continue to support the West of Scotland Institute of Sport.	2,4	Operations Manager Sports Development	Ongoing	Continued Liaison through Sports Development Service and Financial support reviewed on annual basis.
6.6	Provide more support for pathways within clubs Establish a coach development programme.	2,4	Operations Manager Sports Development	March 2008	Analysis of existing provision carried out and gaps identified. Coach education programme implemented and reviewed annually.
6.7	Support governing body led talent identification and development initiatives.	2,4	Operations Manager Sports Development	April 2010	Ongoing financial support provided through local sports council. Football, rugby, gymnastics and swimming initiatives in progress and Athlete Performance programme established.
6.8	Investigate the possibility of partnership agreements with neighbouring councils to secure access for appropriate individuals to dedicated programmes and facilities operated these Councils.	2,4	Operations Manager Sports Development	July 2010	Liaison with neighbouring Councils completed and access agreed for live active scheme, talented sports performers and work underway for Dunbartonshire swim squad.

7 Marketing, promotion, implementation and evaluation

Ref	Key actions	Strategic Goal	Lead responsibility	Timescales	Status 2014
7.1	A web based system should be established to carry information on all appropriate opportunities and organisations in East Dunbartonshire. This could include links with all facility websites.	4	Commercial Manager Leisure	2012	East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust Web Site created including individual facility pages as well as links with clubs and national bodies.
7.2	Consider the development of a centralised on-line booking system and a common pricing policy.	3,4			East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture has central booking system for all activities. Pricing policy agreed on annual basis with the Council.
7.3	Voluntary and community activities should be included in Council promotional material and campaigns.	4			East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture includes activities by local clubs and organisations within activity brochures and wWeb site.
7.4	Dedicated staff time should be allocated to the monitoring and evaluation of the strategy on an on-going basis with annual reports published.				Review of the Strategy taking place through production of 2015 Culture, leisure and sport strategy.
7.5	Develop and promote the East Dunbartonshire Leisure brand.			April 2011	East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture trust established in April 2011 with own brand.

5. WHAT ARE OUR CURRENT ASSETS?

Despite East Dunbartonshire's relatively small size, it is considered that the area has a wealth of cultural, leisure and sporting assets including a World Heritage Site, long-distance walking and cycling routes, the Campsie Fells and local facilities such as libraries, a museum, art gallery, leisure centres and many more.

The Council and East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust collectively is the biggest single provider of facilities in the area, however, assets owned and / or managed by private and voluntary organisations make an equally-significant contribution to culture, leisure and sport provision in the area. The website www.eastdunassets.org.uk provides information on a wide range of facilities and services across East Dunbartonshire (including, but not restricted to, culture, leisure and sport) bringing together numerous providers. Similarly www.thecampsies.co.uk provides information on activities, attractions and accommodation in the area surrounding the Campsie Fells, across multiple local authority areas.

East Dunbartonshire's culture, leisure and sporting assets have been grouped in this section for ease of reference, into the following groups:

- A. Cultural assets
- B. Sport and physical activity
- C. The great outdoors
- D. Community centres / halls and general letting
- E. Play areas and open space

However, it should be noted that the groupings are not exhaustive and that there is significant overlap between these assets, therefore many some may be mentioned twice whilst others may only be included in one section where it is considered to be a 'best-fit'.

It is recognised that there is a level of inter-dependence between East Dunbartonshire and neighbouring authority areas where there is some leakage, particularly to the City of Glasgow and large-scale facilities such as Glasgow Museums, city centre restaurants and the SECC and concert venues. Conversely, the area's proximity to the rest of the Greater Glasgow and Clyde Valley conurbation brings visitors to our assets, such as the Forth and Clyde Canal and the Campsies.

Cultural assets

EDLC is by far the biggest provider of cultural facilities in East Dunbartonshire. This includes eight libraries which range from small village libraries to larger libraries serving the towns and the wider area. In addition to their traditional role, facilities in our libraries include local archives (at William Patrick and Brookwood libraries), public access computers, wi-fi (at William Patrick and Bishopbriggs libraries), four learning suites, various bookable rooms, general activity space and online resources. William Patrick Library has been part of a Community Hub since 2012 (see chapter 7 Commitments for other Community Hub projects).

The Trust has three key arts and heritage venues which are the Auld Kirk Museum in Kirkintilloch, Lillie Art Gallery in Milngavie and Kilmardinny Arts Centre in Bearsden. The museum is a Category A-Listed Building that houses a collection of about 13,000 items plus visiting exhibitions and a shop. The art gallery contains a collection of about 450 works plus visiting exhibitions. The arts centre is also a Category A-Listed Building and provides accommodation for a wide variety of art classes and activities, as well as general hire and also includes a theatre.

The Council and Trust are currently undertaking work to restore Kirkintilloch Town Hall (another Category A Listed Building) which will provide further cultural facilities. For other heritage assets see the Outdoors section below.

There are also a small number of facilities, namely the Fort Theatre, Turret Theatre and Brackenbrae House, which are largely used and maintained by single user groups.

Figure 28: Cultural assets

Overview of Cultural Assets	
- Auld Kirk Museum/ Barony Chambers, Kirkintilloch	- Lennoxton Library
- Bishopbriggs Library	- Lenzie Library
- Brackenbrae House, Bishopbriggs	- Lillie Art Gallery, Milngavie
- Brookwood Library, Bearsden	- Milngavie Library
- Craighead Library, Milton Of Campsie	- Other Heritage Assets (see Outdoors Section)
- Douglas Academy Music School	- Turret Theatre, Kirkintilloch
- Fort Theatre, Bishopbriggs	- Westerton Library
- Kilmardinny House Art Centre, Bearsden	- William Patrick Library, Kirkintilloch
- Kirkintilloch Town Hall (not yet in use)	

Sport and physical activity assets

East Dunbartonshire has three main leisure centres the Allander in Bearsden, Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre and the Leisuredrome in Bishopbriggs. Facilities at all three leisure centres include a swimming pool, health suite, fitness suite (THEGYM), group fitness studios, various sports halls, courts and pitches, and a cafe. Additional assets include an indoor bowling facility at the Allander, a conference room at Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre and Charlie's Big Adventure at the Leisuredrome. There are no EDLC leisure centres located within the villages.

A large amount of sports facilities within East Dunbartonshire are owned or managed by clubs and user groups. This particularly includes golf courses, bowling greens, rugby pitches, tennis courts, Milngavie and Bearsden Community Sports Hub and Twechar Healthy Living and Enterprise Centre. East Dunbartonshire has 14 Golf Courses with eight of these within in a relatively small geographic area on the western side of the Council area. Other club-run facilities appear to be somewhat more evenly spread throughout the Council area.

For sports pitches and associated facilities such as pavilions etc. (including football, rugby and hockey) please see the Sports Pitch Strategy.

Figure 29: Sport assets

Overview of sport and physical activity assets	
- Bearsden and Milngavie Community Sports Hub	- Leisuredrome, Bishopbriggs
- Bowling Greens x9 (see clubs in Chapter 6)	- Other Bowling: Ten Pin Bowling (Kirkintilloch) and Indoor Bowls (Allander)
- Football Pitches (see Sport Pitches Strategy)	- Private Gyms x4 Approx.
- Golf Courses x15 (see clubs in Chapter 6)	- Rugby Club Grounds x3 (see Sports Pitches Strategy and Chapter 6)
- Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre	- Tennis Courts (see clubs in Chapter 6)
	- Twechar Healthy Living and Enterprise Centre

The Great Outdoors

East Dunbartonshire is blessed with several natural and historic assets that make a significant contribution to culture, leisure and sport provision in the area, including many assets of national importance:

- i. The route of the Antonine Wall cuts across East Dunbartonshire from east to west and includes points of interest such as Bar-Hill Fort, Auld Kirk Museum and the Bearsden Roman Baths.
- ii. The Forth and Clyde Canal also largely runs east to west (although entering Glasgow city near Bishopbriggs and remerging briefly at Westerton) and contains a well-used towpath / Sustrans cycle route along its length and a marina at Southbank in Kirkintilloch.
- iii. Scotland's most popular long distance walking route 'The West Highland Way starts' in Milngavie town centre where there are a small number of businesses and services related to the walk (including four WHW Passport Stamping Stations). The first six miles of the route's 96 miles are in East Dunbartonshire before it passes into Stirling to the north.
- iv. East Dunbartonshire's second long-distance walking route The John Muir Way was completed in 2014 and passes through the area from near Twechar to Campsie Glen on its 134-mile journey from Dunbar to Helensburgh. Unlike the West Highland Way the entire route can be cycled.

East Dunbartonshire has a wealth of regionally and locally-important outdoor assets such as the Campsie Fells, Mugdock Country Park (located within Stirling Council area but managed by East Dunbartonshire Council), local walking routes, local reservoirs and watercourses, areas of local nature interest and outdoor related businesses / accommodations.

Figure 30: Outdoor assets

Overview of The Great Outdoors	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Antonine Wall and Roman Baths (WHS) - Campsie Fells - Forth and Clyde Canal including Southbank Marina and jetties at Cadder, Glasgow Rd Bridge ('The Stables') and Twechar - John Muir Way - Local history - Tales and Trails Project across East Dunbartonshire - Local nature areas such as Lenzie Moss - Local water bodies such as Mugdock Reservoirs, Bardowie Loch, Antermony Loch, Kilmardinny Loch and Whitefield Pond - River Kelvin and tributaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mugdock Country Park including shops and cafes, Mugdock Castle, garden centre, theatre, play area and BBQs - Outdoor-related businesses and accommodations, etc. - Thomas Muir Heritage Trail, former railways and other core paths - West Highland Way - WoS Snowsports Centre (Bearsden Ski Club) - Trails and Tales town and village sculpture and art trail network (installation 2017)

Community centres / halls and general letting

General use / multi-purpose halls and rooms provide a valuable resource and allow a wide range of cultural, leisure and sporting activities to take place within local communities. The vast majority of the activities and events held in community centres and public halls are run by volunteers in the community for their community.

Following the transfer of a number of public halls from the Council in the late 2000s a number of halls are now owned and / or managed by the community in which they serve and are run by local volunteers. This is particularly prevalent in the villages.

In addition to the halls managed by the Council, EDLC and community groups, there are also a number of bookable halls and community facilities provided by places of worship that are available for wider public use.

The above public and community halls are complimented by bookable accommodation in primary and secondary schools. It is recognised that there are limitations in the times that these facilities can be booked, and the activities that can take place, due to the nature of school operations.

Figure 31: Halls

Overview of Community Centres and Halls*	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Auchinairn Community Centre - Bearsden Burgh Hall - Bishopbriggs Memorial Hall - Brackenbrae House, Bishopbriggs - Craighead Community Centre, Milton Of Campsie - Caldwell Hall, Torrance - Campsie Memorial Hall, Lennoxton - Fraser Centre, Milngavie - Hillhead Community Centre - Kessington Hall, Bearsden - Kirkintilloch Town Hall (not yet in use) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lenzie Public Hall - Milngavie Community Centre - Milngavie Town Hall - Stirling Hall, Milton of Campsie - Torrance Community Centre - Twechar Healthy Living and Enterprise Centre - Various halls at places of worship - Various halls and accommodation at primary and secondary schools - Westerton Hall

* Note that this list does not include bookable accommodation as part of cultural or sporting assets which are covered by the respective sections.

Play areas and open space

The Scottish Government's Play Strategy for Scotland: Our Action Plan recognises the importance of providing outdoor facilities for children's play as a fundamental part of a young person's development and encouraging a healthy lifestyle later in life. The table below provides an overview of outdoor children's play facilities across East Dunbartonshire. For further and more general information on multi-functioning open spaces please see the East Dunbartonshire Open Space Strategy.

Figure 32: Play spaces

Overview of Play Areas		
Balmore Croft Road	Bearsden Adjacent to Nevis Road Lane at Kenilworth Crescent Grampian Way Heather Avenue Mosshead Road / Stockiemuir Road Colquhoun Park Westerton Park King George V Park Kilmardinnie Grove Norman Macleod Crescent	Bishopbriggs Kirkstall Gardens Rear of Bishopbriggs Leisure Centre Meadowburn / Hilton Road Park Avenue / Birnam Avenue Lennox Crescent / Kirkintilloch Road Springfield Road Callieburn Road / Springfield Square Menteith Avenue O'Neill Avenue / Dene Walk Buchanan Drive Angus Avenue Bishopbriggs Town Park South of Cloan Crescent Kincardine Drive Lumloch Way (Bishopbriggs East)
Hughhead Castleview	Kirkintilloch Kinkell Gardens Alloway Grove Langmuir Road Newdyke Road Meiklehill Road/ Hardmuir Road* Luggie Park Friars Croft End of Blackburn Crescent Haig Road Glencairn Street Woodhead Park Willowbank Gardens Kilsyth Road/ Eastside Peel Park Park Burn/ Adamslie Drive	Lennoxton Kincaid Drive North Birbiston Road James Hemphill Court Calico Way

Lenzie Thornwood Avenue Cypress Court Monkland Avenue East Garngaber Road Alexandra Park Woodilee Village (under construction)	Milngavie Falloch Road/ Hunter Road Oakburn Avenue Main Street/ Keystone Avenue Douglas Street Dougalston Crescent Campsie Drive	Milton of Campsie Scott Avenue Campsie Road James Boyle Square Murray Gardens / Birdston Road Kirkton Crescent / Glenburn Crescent
Torrance West Acre Park / West Balgrochan Road Main Street Firbank Avenue	Twechar Glen Shirva Road Twechar Healthy Living and Enterprise Centre/ Kelvin View	



6. WHAT IS THE CURRENT USAGE OF OUR ASSETS?

This section is intended as a snapshot of the general usage of our assets and facilities in the area and is not intended as a definitive or comparative count of the numbers of patrons at local facilities. The information will be used to identify trends in usage and to gain an overall understanding of how our assets are used.

Culture

The table below demonstrates that attendance at EDLC's cultural facilities has been steadily increasing in recent years (although there was a significant drop in library visits in 14/15). In addition to the services and activities provided within venues, the trust has a number of online resources including web exhibitions (on topics such as the Forth and Clyde Canal and the Lion Foundry), photo library, healthy reading resource, local heritage and information/ signposting on researching your family history.

Figure 33: Usage of EDLC Cultural facilities

EDLC cultural facilities usage	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
Auld Kirk Museum	20,192	21,459	25,417
Lillie Art Gallery	11,141	11,447	13,566
Kilmardinny House	21,035	22,249	27,603
Museums / Arts Sub Total	52,368	55,155	66,586
Library Visits	668,234	682,801	599,194
Total Cultural Assets	720,602	737,956	665,780

Libraries

East Dunbartonshire's libraries are well used and the public engagement carried out in August / September 2014 showed significant support for the services and activities within libraries (see Report of Engagement). These services and activities include (in addition to traditional lending):

- Archives – unique historical records of the Council and also local people, businesses and organisations
- Family and local history displays, events, courses and workshops
- A wide range of reader-development activity for adults, including reading groups, Relaxing Reads and author events
- Bookbug Sessions for the under 3s (including Gaelic and 'dad friendly' sessions)
- Chatterbooks Reading Groups (7-11 year olds)
- Saturday Club including gaming and tournaments
- Home Library Service
- Pop-up Health Library
- People's Network access to computers, Internet and email
- Online library services, including ebooks and information provision
- Digital skills programmes and sessions, including formal learning and inclusive sessions
- Outreach programme, including Storysharers and Story Stars

Auld Kirk Museum and Lillie Art Gallery

The Auld Kirk Museum and Lillie Art Gallery are both accredited, and have an on going programme of one-off and regular exhibitions, events and activities including:

- Tamfest
- Festival of Museums
- The Big Draw
- Christmas exhibitions
- The Return of the Romans
- Scottish Photographic Circle
- Artist talks and tours

Arts development programmes

Kilmardinny Arts Centre in Bearsden offers a range of art programmes which support individual arts development for all ages and includes classes/activities in the following areas:

- Drawing
- Water-colour, Oil, Silk and Acrylic Painting
- Pastels, Ink and other Media
- Jewellery Making
- Textiles
- Creative Writing
- Puppet-making and Puppetry
- Digital Media including Stop-Start animation
- Printing



Figure 34: Arts and culture leisure groups

Arts and culture leisure groups in East Dunbartonshire (not exhaustive)		
<p>Arts</p> <p>East Dunbartonshire Arts Council Allander Artists Bishopbriggs High Arts Club Bearsden Art Club Bearsden and Milngavie Decorative and Fine Arts Society Milngavie Art Club Milton of Campsie Art Club</p>	<p>Crafts</p> <p>Baldernock Gardening Club Bearsden Flower Club Bearsden Wine Circle Campsie Floral Art Club Campsie Horticultural Society Kilmardinny Quilters Kirkintilloch Horticultural Society Lenzie and District Flower Club Milngavie Flower Club East Dunbartonshire Crafts Forum Embroiderers Guild of Kirkintilloch Scottish School of 3D Decoupage (Milngavie) Strathclyde Woodturners (Lenzie) West of Scotland Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers (Milngavie) The Village Patchers The Model Railway Club</p>	<p>Dance</p> <p>Westerton Country Dance Group Urbaniks Street Skool of Dance Blast Cheer Squad (Bishopbriggs) Performers Dance Academy (Kirkintilloch and Allander)</p>
<p>Drama</p> <p>Antonine Theatre Group (Bishopbriggs) The Drama Workshop (Bearsden) (YP) East Dunbartonshire Arts and Events - Young People Kilmardinny Players Kirkintilloch Players MoPac Theatre Company (Milton of Campsie) Pied Piper Productions (Bearsden) (YP) Starmaker School of Drama (Lennoxton) (YP) Torrance Parish Church Drama Group</p>	<p>Historical Interest</p> <p>Baldernock Local History Group Bearsden Local History Group Bishopbriggs Local History Group Campsie Local History Group Dunbartonshire Family History Society Forth and Clyde Canal Society Friends of Thomas Muir Kirkintilloch & District Society of Antiquaries Lenzie Local History Group Milngavie and Bearsden Historical Society Milngavie Heritage and History Group Milngavie Heritage Centre Milton of Campsie Historical Society Torrance Local History Group Twechar Local History Group University of the Third Age</p>	<p>Music</p> <p>A La Carte Singers Baby Bliss Bearsden and Milngavie Youth Orchestra Bearsden Choir Bearsden Young Fiddlers Cadder Music Club Campsie Accordion and Fiddle Club Campsie Celtic Folk Players Dunbartonshire Concert Band Dunbartonshire Wind Ensemble DWE Monday Swing Big Band (Kessington) Enjoy Music Friends of Instrumental Services Kelvin Choir Kenmure Kinning Park Pipe Band Kilmardinny Music Circle Kirkintilloch Band Kirkintilloch Kelvin Brass</p>

<p>Music (continued)</p> <p>Kirkintilloch Ladies Choir Kirkintilloch Male Voice Choir Kirkintilloch Pipe Band Lennoxton and Bishopbriggs School of Music Milngavie Choir Milngavie Music Club Milngavie Pipe Band Milngavie Young Singers Milton of Campsie Scottish Folk Music Club Mini Mistieros Springfield Cambridge Festival Chorus (Bishopbriggs) Westerton Male Voice Choir</p>	<p>Other</p> <p>Bridge / card playing groups Play groups General companionship Bearsden poetry group Brookwood library computer group Probus learning group</p>	<p>Reading</p> <p>Approx. 50 groups – evenly split between groups directly managed and facilitated by libraries and those which meet independently. Includes specialist groups such as the Visually Impaired Reading Group and the Adult Learners Reading Group.</p>
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Sport and physical activity

Leisure Centres / Sports Development

The table below demonstrates that attendance at EDLC's leisure centres has generally been increasing over recent years (although there was a significant drop in water activities at KLC in 2014/15). An on-line booking facility for fitness classes was introduced in 2014 and should contribute to further increases in patronage. The facilities in East Dunbartonshire's three leisure centres are supported by fitness instructors and coaches as part of THE GYM and sport development programmes in football, gymnastics, rugby, swimming and other sports. For the usage of sports pitches please see the Sports Pitches Strategy.

Figure 35: Usage of EDLC sport facilities

EDLC leisure centres usage	2012 / 13	2013 / 14	2014 / 15
Allander Leisure Centre:			
Water Activities	132,183	135,458	142,419
Dryside Activities	244,757	264,096	254,998
Total Allander	376,940	399,554	397,417
Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre:			
Water Activities	165,997	174,484	133,260
Dryside Activities	191,117	206,482	186,247
Total Kirkintilloch Leisure Centre	357,114	380,966	319,507
The Leisuredrome:			
Water Activities	147,173	167,218	149,578
Dryside Activities	224,027	238,445	254,439
Total Leisuredrome	371,200	405,663	404,017
Leisure Centres (combined):			
Total Water Activities	445,353	477,160	370,488
Water Activities from Sports Development	45,636	56,748	54,769
Total Dryside Activities	659,901	709,023	621,718
Dryside Activities from sports Development	64,216	88,506	73,966
Total leisure centres	1,105,254	1,186,183	1,120,941
Other leisure / sport service areas:			
Charlies Big Adventure (Leisuredrome)	16,808	17,003	
Community Fitness	4,573	4,929	
Live Active	881	1,064	
Total other leisure / sports services	-	-	
Total Usage – Sport and Leisure	1,127,516	1,209,179	

Figure 36: Sport and physical activity groups

Sport and activity leisure groups in East Dunbartonshire (not exhaustive)		
Angling Clubs Caurnie Campsie AA Gadloch	Bowling Clubs Allander Indoor Bowling Bearsden Bishopbriggs Campsie Kirkintilloch Lenzie Milngavie Pro-Bowl Juniors Westermains Westerton Woodilee	Curling (facilities outside East Dunbartonshire Council) Cadder Campsie Glen Lenzie Ladies Strathkelvin Bearsden
Football Antonine FC Baljaffray FC Bearsden Amateurs Blair Thistle Campsie Black Watch F.C Campsie Boys Club Campsie Minerva AFC Celtic Youth FC Clydebank U21s Cresswell Lane FC Crosslands AFC FC Thistle Harestanes AFC Jordanhill Campus AFC Kirkintilloch FC Kirkintilloch Miners Kirkintilloch Riverside Kirkintilloch Rob Roy Kirkintilloch Thistle KRR Harestanes Lenzie Spartans FC Lenzie Union Milngavie Boys Club Old Kilpatrick Utd Parklife FC	Golf Clubs Balmore Bearsden Bishopbriggs Cadder Campsie Clober Dougalston Douglas Park Glasgow (Killermont) Hayston Hilton Park Kirkintilloch Lenzie Milngavie Windyhill	Gymnastics Bishopbriggs Acro Gymnastics Lenzie Gymnastics Club Allander Gymnastics

Sport and activity leisure groups in East Dunbartonshire (not exhaustive)		
<p>Football (continued)</p> <p>Rosebank Utd Rannoch AFC Rossvale BC Redbrae Athletic Torrance Waterside Amateurs Westerton Boys Club West Park United</p>	<p>Martial Arts</p> <p>Chung Yong Taekwondo Bishopbriggs Karate Club Glasgow Karate Club Zanshin Kai Karate Club UK Tae Kwon Do Bushido Karate (Allander) Tei Karate (Allander) Hokushin Karate (Allander) Pro Judo</p>	<p>Other groups</p> <p>Strathkelvin Ramblers Kelvin Valley Beekeepers Association Fusion Triathlon Club Torrance Community Cricket Club Milngavie and Bearsden Shinty Club Clyde Arrows (archery) Glasgow Mountain Bike Club Milngavie Mountaineering Club Kirkintilloch Mountaineering Club Western Wildcats Hockey Club Allander Lifesaving Club Fusion Triathlon Club Bearsden Ski Club Bardowie Sailing Club</p>
<p>Racquet Sports</p> <p>Bearsden Lawn Tennis Club Milngavie Tennis Club Craigdhu Tennis Club Milngavie and Bearsden Tennis Club Allander Men's Squash Club Allander Ladies Squash Club Thorn Park Tennis Club Woodhead Park Badminton Club Lenzie Tennis Club Westerton Tennis Club</p>	<p>Rugby</p> <p>West of Scotland Rugby Football Club Allan Glen's Rugby Academy Lenzie Rugby Club</p>	<p>Swimming</p> <p>Milngavie and Bearsden Swimming Club Kirkintilloch and Kilsyth Amateur Swimming Club Scotia Amateur Swimming Club Splash Sports</p>

Active Schools

Active Schools is a national programme funded by East Dunbartonshire Council and sportscotland, and managed by East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust. The aim of the programme is to:

- increase the number of children and young people participating in school and community sport
- increase capacity through the recruitment, retention and development of a network of volunteers to deliver sport in schools and the wider community.

The Active Schools team work with local clubs and organisations to build 'pathways' from schools to the local community, increasing the number of opportunities for primary and secondary pupils to engage in sport.

The academic year 2013 / 14 was a very successful one for Active Schools and its partners within East Dunbartonshire. Some of the key successes were:

- 141,358 participant sessions provided- an increase of 17, 624 from 2012/13
- 7,416 activity sessions delivered – an increase of 1410 from 2012/13
- 475 volunteers delivering within Active Schools supported programmes – an increase of 120 from the previous year
- 101 senior pupils helping to deliver Active Schools supported activities
- 59% of the total primary school roll and 28% of the total secondary school roll attended at least one extra-curricular sporting activity within their school.
- 14 training courses ran throughout the year with 203 teaching staff / pupils / parents / coaches attending.

Further information can be found in the East Dunbartonshire Active Schools Annual Review 2013 / 14 which can be viewed on the Trust's website.

Athlete performance programme

The Athlete Performance Programme is a key part of the 2014 Legacy programme and has been rolled out by East Dunbartonshire Leisure and Culture Trust and East Dunbartonshire Council, in partnership with sportscotland. The elite programme started in January 2014 with 117 athletes nominated by clubs and schools. A total of 22 have been selected to take part and are being given a unique sporting opportunity.

A year-long programme has been specifically designed for each athlete in order to improve sports performance, taking into consideration their own individual biomechanics. Sessions include: nutrition; strength and conditioning; speed and agility; flexibility; co-ordination; and evaluation for both coaches and athletes. Selected athletes have access to qualified staff from sportscotland and local gyms.

Many of the parents of athletes on the programme have indicated through a feedback survey that they have seen significant improvements on individual athletes' performances. The programme is undergoing continuous improvement and review. For further information please see the Athlete Performance Programme Year One Report.

The great outdoors

Given the nature of our outdoor assets measuring their use can be difficult, however, the early engagement carried out for the culture, leisure and sport strategy in August/ September 2014 demonstrated that our outdoor assets are greatly used and valued by the people who live within and visit the area (see Report of Engagement). This section provides a flavour of the usage of our outdoor assets, including associated events and festivals.

Long-distance walking routes

Approximately 35,600 people walked the entire length of the West Highland Way in 2014 and an estimated 50,000 day-walkers did the first section of the route from Milngavie to Carbeth and Glengoyne Distillery. This presents a very significant volume of people and all of these walkers will have passed through Milngavie town centre, providing a boost to local businesses. It is however recognised that the length of time and money spent by each walker in the town will vary and may not be maximised.

Information on the usage of the John Muir Way which opened in 2014 should become available in the future as the route beds in.

Forth and Clyde Canal

A large number of boats pass through East Dunbartonshire every year on the Forth and Clyde Canal, many of which will stop in the area at places such as Southbank Marina and Cadder to access local services.

An estimated 115,000 people used the canal towpath at Cadder, Bishopbriggs. This is an increase of approximately 25,000 users when compared with figures from 2010.

Mugdock Country Park

As Mugdock Country Park is a more contained and managed asset with bookable resources, the average number of users is somewhat easier to estimate and monitor than other outdoor assets. Over the past five years there has been an overall rise in the total number of visitors to the park over (however, there was a drop in the 2013 / 14 financial year), as shown in the table following.

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Figure 37: Visits to Mugdock County Park

Year	Total Visitors to Park (Estimate)
2010/11	574,452
2011/12	614,686
2012/13	635,014
2013/14	608,229
2014/15	628,620

A further breakdown of how the park is used is provided in the table below. The information outlined is representative of the range of activities carried out at the park, with details provided of the number of bookings confirmed, but it should be noted that this does not capture the many more informal activities that take part within the park.

Figure 38: Activities at Mugdock Country Park (2013/14)

Facility	Bookings	Comment
Room hire – Theatre suite	241	The range of uses for the theatre suite includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Organised public events such as cinema club, art shows, concerts and other lectures - Corporate events - School groups - Private functions
Countryside Events including Ranger Service	330	Events take place both within and outwith the park and include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ranger-ed themed walks, activities and voluntary working parties - Music / dance / craft workshops - Outdoor survival events for children / families - Mountain biking workshops
Education room	124	The education room is mainly used by school and community groups for activities, and as a base if the weather is wet
Bandstand	17	A programme of band music is held over summer months in the Walled Garden. Music is performed by voluntary and community groups
BBQ sites (x2)	148	The park's two BBQ sites (Gallowhill and Pond) have high demand during the summer months
Mugdock Castle		Open at weekends May to September (staffed by volunteers)

It should be noted that a strategy for Mugdock Country Park is currently being produced and further information, including the results of a public consultation, can be found on the park's website www.mugdock-country-park.org.uk

Festivals and events

Festivals and events make a significant contribution to the culture, leisure and sport offer within East Dunbartonshire, and help to publicise, increase awareness and celebrate the assets and opportunities available in the area. The table below presents an overview of the wider festivals and events that take place across East Dunbartonshire (not including EDLC events covered in the previous sections). The biggest and best-known event to take place in East Dunbartonshire is the Kirkintilloch Canal Festival which has been attended by approximately 30,000 people in recent years and provides an eight fold boost to the local economy.

Figure 39: Festivals and events across East Dunbartonshire

Event / Festival title	Description	Location	Timescale
Principal festivals	Food and Drink Festival	Across East Dunbartonshire	1 Apr – 30 Apr
	Get Active Festival		13 May – 30 June
	Heritage Festival – including Doors Open Day		19 Aug – 30 Sept
	Arts Festival – including Book and Arts		12 Oct – 9 Nov
Sports Relief – Mugdock Mile	One day charity event	Mugdock Country Park	23 Mar
Summer season of Bandstand Events	Up to eight Sunday afternoon bandstand performances	Mugdock Country Park	July – Aug (eight weeks, one performance per week)
Annual Kirkintilloch Canal Festival	Large-scale festival with activities across leisure, sport, arts and heritage	Kirkintilloch	18 Aug – 25 Aug (annual event)
Outdoor Walking Festival	In conjunction with partnering Council	Across East Dunbartonshire	26 Aug – 1 Sept (Annual event)
Thomas Muir Festival	Festival celebrating the life and times of Thomas Muir, 'Father of Scottish Democracy', with a focus on culture events	Bishopbriggs	13 Nov – 16 Nov
Two-day Winter Festival at Mugdock Country Park	Festival events	Milton of Campsie, Lennoxton and Torrance	30 Nov and 1 Dec (annual event)
Mugdock Country Park	What's On event activity, including Countryside Rangers – programmed activity	Mugdock Country Park	Annual programme of event activity in park, including music festival
Campsie Mayfest	Community art and music festival	Milton of Campsie, Lennoxton and Torrance	15 May – 24 May
Bearsden and Milngavie Highland Games	Traditional Highland Games	West of Scotland Rugby Football Club	13 June (no event in 2014 but re-scheduled for 2015)

Community centres / halls and general letting

As detailed in Chapter 5 East Dunbartonshire has many bookable halls, rooms and other facilities that are managed by a large mix of providers. As a result capturing the usage of halls across East Dunbartonshire is somewhat difficult. Information on Council hall lets is provided to help identify key trends in bookings and demand, however, it is fully recognised that this only represents a portion of hall usage in the area. It should be noted that many of the groups mentioned in the preceding sections on cultural and sporting groups use many of the general halls.

East Dunbartonshire Council halls

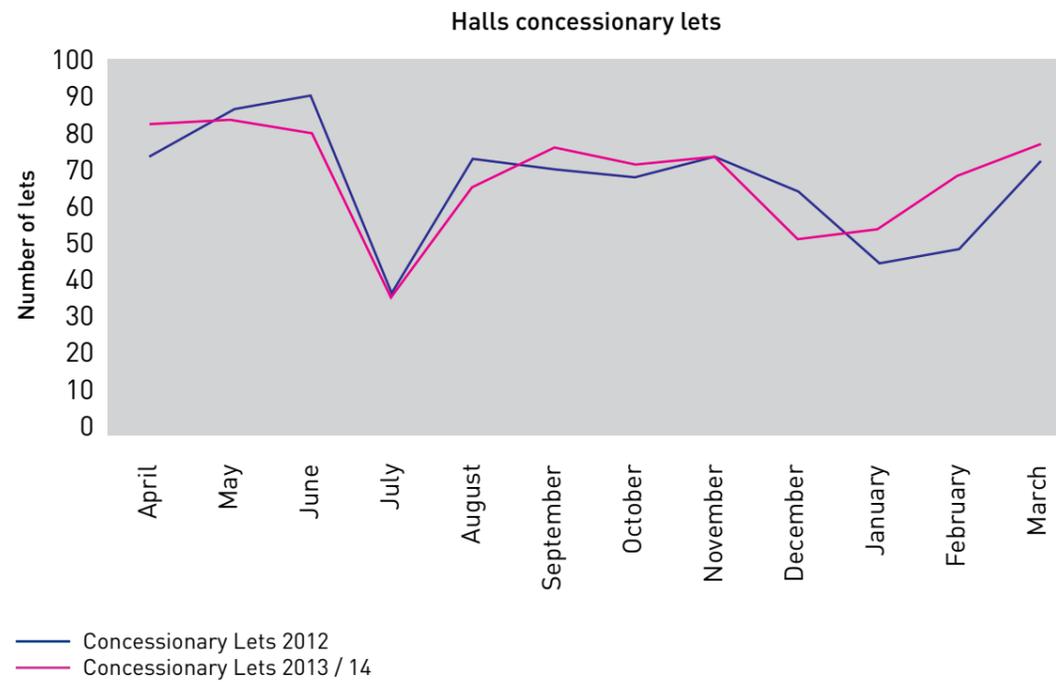
East Dunbartonshire Council maintains and runs five halls for public bookings (Bearsden Burgh Hall, Milngavie Town Hall, Torrance Community Centre, War Memorial Hall and Westerton Hall). The tables following provide an overview of usage across the Council-managed halls and are split between commercial and concessionary lets. Concessionary lets are to groups that are both of charitable status and provide a level of community benefit.

Figure 40: Council Halls Commercial Lets

Halls commercial lets



Figure 41: Council halls concessionary lets



Community Lets at Schools

The Council is committed to making schools available for community use after the normal school day has finished. Schools are normally available in the evenings and at weekends during the school letting period. Space within all secondary schools and a limited number of primary schools is available for individual or group let. There is currently no data on school lets, however, the introduction of a new Council booking system in 2014 that includes schools facilities should allow this information to be collected in the future.



7. COMMITMENTS

This section provides a brief overview of the current projects relevant to culture, leisure and sport that are currently under development within East Dunbartonshire. The information is presented as the following:

1. proposals being delivered by the Council and EDLC Trust
2. a list of relevant planning applications from 2009 – 2015.

The table below provides a list of projects that are at various stages of planning/ development and have been committed and resourced by the Council and Trust. The strategy will not re-visit the principle of these projects, however, their integration within the strategy will be crucial in not only maximising the benefits of each project, but equally in ensuring delivery of the overall aims and objectives of the strategy.

Figure 42: Current projects

East Dunbartonshire Council / EDLC Trust projects currently under planning and development	
Project	Proposal
Allander Leisure Centre	Replacement leisure centre on existing site
Bearsden Community Hub	Relocation of existing library and archive and creation of new community facilities
Bishopbriggs Community Hub	Details to be confirmed
Boghead Playing Fields	Pitch upgrade and drainage improvements
Huntershill Playing Fields	Pitch, pavilion and athletics track refurbishment / upgrade and formation of tennis courts (see planning application TP/15/0278)
Kilmardinny Arts Centre	Refurbishment of Category A-Listed Building and improvement of facilities
Kirkintilloch Town Hall	Restoration of Category B-Listed Building and formation of new community facilities
Kirkintilloch Community Sports Centre (community project with support from the Council)	Relocation of existing Rob Roy Football Club to new community sports facility (see planning application TP/ED14/0198)
Lennoxtown Community Hub	Relocation of existing library and creation of new community facilities (see planning application TP/14/0679)
Milngavie Community Hub	Details to be confirmed
Trails and Tales	Design and installation of outdoor walking sculpture/art trails

Culture, leisure and sport related planning apps (2009 – 2015)

The information following is intended only to give an indicative picture of physical changes in the provision of culture, leisure and sports assets in East Dunbartonshire roughly over the last 5 years. The applications received by the Council during this time include proposals for replacement sports pitches and pavilions, tourist accommodation, residential moorings on the Forth and Clyde Canal, new community facilities and changes of use for small-scale units and premises. There were significantly more applications to change premises to leisure uses than applications to change existing leisure facilities to other non-leisure uses. The majority of applications were approved (approx. 95%) and therefore there does not appear to be any general barriers in terms of planning for leisure uses.

It should be noted that the Proposed East Dunbartonshire Local Development Plan (published April 2015) contains a Community Facilities and Open Space policy (building upon the existing policy in Local Plan 2 2011) which supports the development of new leisure-related facilities and resists the loss of existing facilities except where it can be demonstrated that the facility is surplus to requirements or where the redevelopment will provide enhanced facilities. This policy will be monitored as part of the monitoring for the Local Development Plan.

Figure 43: Relevant planning applications

Culture, leisure and sport related planning apps (2009 – 2015)			
Ref	Description	Location	Decision
15/0545	Erection of new greenkeepers shed	Clober Golf Club, Craighton Road, Milngavie	Pending
15/0278	Erection of sports pavilion, sport pitch, tennis courts and athletics track	Huntershill Sports Ground, Huntershill Road, Bishopbriggs	Pending
15/0195	Change of use from former mill to outdoor education base and small campsite	Gavell Road, Twechar	Grant
14/0851	New / replacement floodlights	Westerton Tennis Club	Grant
14/0819	Renewal of consent TP/ED/11/0550 to build an extension to the clubhouse	Bearsden Lawn Tennis Club	Grant
14/0751	Change of use from leisure to shop	9 Mugdock Road, Milngavie	Grant
14/0679	New Community Hub	Main Street, Lennoxton	Grant
14/0447	Change of use from retail and fitness gym to live entertainment and function suite	1 Cowgate, Kirkintilloch	Withdrawn
14/0363	Temporary caravan site for Commonwealth Games	Bankell Farm, Strathblane Road, Milngavie	Grant
14/0328	Change of use from ceramic workshop to class gymnasium	Donaldson Crescent, Kirkintilloch	Grant
14/0275	Change of use from business to Callanetics studio	Springfield Works, Emmerson Road, Bishopbriggs	Grant
14/0198	Community sports facility	Donaldson Street / Southbank, Kirkintilloch	Grant
14/0363	Change of use from office to a Pilates studio	Crossveggate, Milngavie	Grant
13/0795	Conversion of garage to form two holiday lets	Barraston Holdings, Torrance	Grant
13/0527	New Community Hub	Main Street, Lennoxton	Grant
13/0412	Construction of new community centre and associated landscape	Meiklehill Road, Hillhead, Kirkintilloch	Grant
13/0330	New primary school with associated sports pitch – Note for School use only	Southbank Marina, Kirkintilloch	Grant
13/0330	Formation of six residential craft moorings	Forth and Clyde Canal, Southbank, Kirkintilloch	Grant

Culture, Leisure and Sport Related Planning Apps (2009 – 2015)			
Ref	Description	Location	Decision
13/0088	Formation of nine residential craft moorings	Forth and Clyde Canal, Southbank, Kirkintilloch	Grant
12/0735	Use of woodland and agricultural field for paintball games facility.	Sauchenhall Farm, Mollins Road, Kirkintilloch	Temporary Consent
12/0678	New foodstore and community facilities etc.	Bishopbriggs town centre	Grant (Appeal)
12/0530	Revised Kilmardinny masterplan	Kilmardinny / Westpark	Grant
12/0454	Erection of eight holiday chalets	Antermomy Road, Milton of Campsie	Grant
12/0427	Replacement and enlargement of sports pitch	Boclair Academy	Grant
12/0426	Replacement and enlargement of sports pitch	Lenzie Academy	Grant
12/0227	Class 1 foodstore and replacement rugby pitch	West of Scotland RFC, Milngavie	Grant
12/0103	Replacement sports pavilion	Taig Gardens, Kirkintilloch	Grant
12/0022	Conversion of garage to form holiday cottages	Barraston Holdings, Torrance	Withdrawn
11/0875	Replacement sports pavilion	High Park, Lennoxton	Grant
11/0862	Change of use from light manufacturing to dance studio	Campsie Road, Kirkintilloch	Grant
11/0661	Conversion of garage to form holiday cottages	Barraston Holdings, Torrance	Refuse
10/0807	Amendment – conversion of outbuildings to holiday homes	Antermomy Road, Milton of Campsie	Grant
10/0404	Amendment – formation of four holiday homes	Antermomy Road, Milton of Campsie	Withdrawn
10/0368	Change of use from retail to fitness studio	Townhead, Kirkintilloch	Refuse
10/0328	New changing facilities	Cloberfield, Milngavie	Grant
09/1096	Construction of new community building	Meiklehill Road, Hillhead	Grant
09/0780	Proposed wildlife garden and car parking	Antermomy Road, Milton of Campsie	Grant

8. CONCLUSIONS – INFLUENCING THE STRATEGY

The preceding chapters have aimed to provide an overall picture of existing culture, leisure and sport provision in East Dunbartonshire. The purpose of this chapter is to bring together this information in order to draw conclusions to guide the development of the forthcoming strategy. A summary / conclusion of each chapter is provided followed by an overview SWOT analysis.

Key trends in East Dunbartonshire (Chapter 2)

The key findings from Chapter 2 are:

- East Dunbartonshire's population is aging and declining
- East Dunbartonshire is generally a healthy place
- Participation levels in culture and sport in East Dunbartonshire are above the national average. However, there are small pockets of areas that are within the 30% most deprived areas of Scotland according to the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (2012) and participation in these areas is typically lower
- There appears to be no clear relationship between lower participation rates in deprived areas and the availability of sport facilities
- Leisure and tourism is an important source of local jobs
- Car ownership in East Dunbartonshire is very high compared to the national average.

National and local strategies / policies (Chapter 3)

Chapter 3 demonstrates that there are a large number of strategies and policies at both a national and local level that are relevant to preparation of the culture, leisure and sport strategy. It is important that the strategy takes cognisance of these strategies and policies where relevant, and consolidates them into a single, high-level strategy covering all areas of culture, leisure and sport.

Review of 2006 Leisure, Sports and Physical Activity Strategy (Chapter 4)

The 2006 Leisure, Sports and Physical Activity Strategy (see Chapter 4) contained 35 key actions, 34 of which have been fully or partially met (the vast majority being fully achieved). The one key action that has not been fulfilled is the replacement of the existing Allander Leisure Centre (Ref 1.2) with a new facility. Although the project has not yet been delivered, the Council is committed to delivering a replacement facility – which is identified in the Council's Asset Management Plan for capital funding in 2018.

Actions that have been partially met or are still progressing are as follows:

- Ref 1.3 Ensure new PPP school facilities are fully accessible for community use. *Position in 2015: facilities in PPP schools are available for community use, however, there are issues with price and access.*
- Ref 1.8 Investigate and develop athletics track.

Position in 2015: athletics track now under planning and development at Huntershill.

A number of actions within the strategy required the review of various matters relating to the provision of sport. Given that the strategy is now nine years old it is considered that the new strategy should seek to review these matters again where appropriate, or where review has been continuous, ensure that on going review continues.

It is clear that the 2006 strategy has had a very positive impact upon leisure, sport and physical activity in East Dunbartonshire, and that the vast majority of its key actions have been met. The forthcoming strategy should ensure that this good work is continued and it is considered that the actions discussed above should be carried forward.

What are our current assets? (Chapter 5)

Chapter 5 demonstrates that East Dunbartonshire has a wealth of cultural, leisure and sporting assets including a World Heritage Site and museum, long-distance walking and cycling routes, the Campsie Fells, the Forth and Clyde Canal and local facilities such as libraries, art venues, leisure centres, pitches, club-owned assets and many more community facilities. The purpose of the strategy is to improve culture, leisure and sport in the area and therefore given that budgets in all sectors continue to face considerable pressure the strategy should support the sustainable management of our existing assets as well as identifying and addressing any current gaps.

The Council and EDLC are the biggest providers of culture, leisure and sport facilities in the area, however, assets owned and / or managed by private and voluntary organisations make a very significant contribution. Therefore the strategy and action programme will need to recognise that there will be various partners across different sectors in delivering the strategy.

What is the current usage of our assets? (Chapter 6)

Chapter 6 demonstrates that there is generally an upward trend in the total number of people using our culture, leisure and sport assets (although not universally), and reflects the good work and initiatives being undertaken at ground level to increase participation.

The strategy should set actions to ensure that this general upward trend continues and that East Dunbartonshire remains to have above national average participation across culture, leisure and sport.

Commitments (Chapter 7)

Chapter 7 provides a list of projects that have been committed and resourced by the Council. The strategy will not re-visit the principle of these projects; however their integration within the strategy will be crucial in not only maximising the benefits of each project but equally in ensuring delivery of the overall aims and objectives of the strategy.

The review of culture, leisure and sport related planning applications concludes that the vast majority of applications have been approved and there do not appear to be any barriers in this regard.

SWOT analysis

The figure following contains an initial SWOT analysis which presents a very high level analysis of the current position within East Dunbartonshire and identifies potential areas for improvement. The document demonstrates that provision of culture, leisure and sport in East Dunbartonshire is generally good and that there is a wide variety of assets, facilities and activities in the area. However, some areas of weakness remain and the proposed Culture, Leisure and Sport Strategy should set actions to tackle these areas (where this is deemed practicable).

Figure 44: SWOT analysis

Strengths	Opportunities
<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Generally high participation rates→ Community demand→ Generally healthy population→ Wide variety of assets→ Campsie Fells, countryside setting and heritage assets→ Programme of local festivals and events→ Wide variety of local groups and organisations→ Strong development programmes in schools and across culture, leisure and sport→ Existing partnerships→ Trust model for leisure and culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Pockets of low participation rates→ Pockets of health inequality→ High usage of private car→ Remote areas that are less accessible to culture, leisure and sport provision→ Age / Condition of some sports facilities→ Different system of management between EDLC, East Dunbartonshire Council and PPP facilities
Weaknesses	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Campsie Fells and countryside setting→ Forth and Clyde Canal→ Long-distance walking routes→ Antonine Wall and local heritage→ Further increase participation levels→ Reduce health inequalities→ Improve sustainable and active access to facilities→ Opportunities for cross-working→ Facilities improvements→ External funding opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">→ Budget pressures and financial sustainability→ Lack of investment→ Local economic conditions→ Unaligned agendas→ Misinformation / Miscommunication

Next Steps

The findings and conclusions of this document have been taken into account in the preparation of the draft Culture, leisure and sport strategy which is out for public consultation until early November. For further information on the process and the relationship between the documents please see Chapter 1 Introduction.



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