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Elected Member Technical Note

Report by: Ann Davie, Depute Chief Executive – Education, People & Business

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Details:

A number of Elected Members have received correspondence from all East Dunbartonshire Football Clubs regarding letting arrangements, should the Scottish Government’s intended relaxation of restrictions from 26 April 2021 come into effect.

The Chief Executive has provided a written response to the clubs to confirm the following:

“You will also be aware that on 13 April, the First Minister announced an acceleration of the easing of some restrictions from 16 April 2021. In that statement, the First Minister also confirmed that it remained the intention of the Scottish Government, should data permit, to move the whole of Scotland, including Island communities to Level 3. As confirmed by the Scottish Government, the new Level 3 guidance, which will come into force at 00:01 on 26 April, has still to be updated.

We have previously advised clubs that weekend lets (which have been available since 6 April) would continue to be available for contact training until such times as the Scottish Government confirms that matches can restart.

Whilst this remains to be confirmed, a move to Level 3 will remove a number of existing restrictions, which will adjust the Council's operational arrangements and activities, including our letting arrangements, and planning work relating to this is currently underway.

In preparation for a move to Level 3, our Letting team will be in contact with all of the Council's letting customers to discuss needs and options moving forward. The East Dunbartonshire Leisure & Culture Trust has also confirmed that it will take the same approach.”

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