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Purpose of Report

To update the Area Partnership of Glasgow Life service delivery regarding:

- GL Youth Service ward specific update
- GL Ward 11 Library service
- GL Glasgow Club Woodside *Sauna provision*
- GL Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum *Scaffolding*

An officer from Youth Services Team will present a presentation on Ward specific service delivery.

GL Youth Service update

Patricia Park, an officer from Youth Services Team will present a presentation on ward specific service delivery.

Please find attached notes and Presentation.

Ward 11 Library service

An officer from the libraries team will attend to take questions on library services in the area.

The scheduled Suffragette themed window project event for 30th May was postponed due to building issue regards installation of a window. GL Libraries may have a solution regards installation and when this is confirmed a new date for unveiling will be agreed and invites will go out to Elected members.

Glasgow club Woodside *Sauna provision*

Area Partnership Members raised facilities that are not being used at Woodside Leisure Centre / Woodside Baths, as two or three facilities there have been closed and/or unmanned (i.e., the sauna).

With regards to the facilities at North Woodside in terms of the sauna, steam room.
A Glasgow Life citywide decision was made for all health suite to remain closed post pandemic.
Glasgow Life was required to make savings of £7.15 million for financial year 2023/24 as a result of unprecedented financial challenges facing Glasgow.
Wherever possible we planned to save costs by reducing, rather than losing services. The plan ensured we would not close any venues and prioritised facilities and activities which offer access for the most people and have the biggest impact to try and best serve the people of Glasgow.
After careful consideration health suites, which have not reopened following the pandemic, remain closed. They are expensive to operate and use a significant amount of energy. Many were nearing the end of their lifespan and would require a costly upgrade to meet customer expectations.
Glasgow Life is now required to make an additional £3.04 million in savings in 2024/25,
Despite the scale of the savings required, the measures we have put in place will enable and encourage as many people as possible to access gyms and swimming pools across Glasgow, contributing to physical and mental well-being and enhancing the lives of people throughout the city.

The issues we face are not unique, and we are aware some private gyms have shut down parts of their health suite facilities in the face of rising costs. Monique McArdle

Assistant Cluster Manager monique.mcardle@glasgowlife.org.uk can offer further information on request.

Kelvingrove Art Gallery and Museum *Scaffolding*

Members have also enquired about work ongoing around the Art Gallery Scaffolding / Backlog of capital work.

The delamination of the plaster surround to the north roof lantern required protective measures be put in place until we were able to understand the extent to which repair and restoration was required. To understand if any further restoration works were required, a more thorough review of the condition of the entrance from ground to roof level was commenced by specialist Conservation Architects who undertook several investigative surveys. On receipt of the outcomes of this lengthy exploratory work, the decision was taken that the repair strategy be expanded to include the entire entrance area. As you might expect, Kelvingrove is Grade A listed and any work to the venue requires approval from the statutory authorities which is a complicated and lengthy process.

Please be assured that we are working hard to progress the restoration and are undertaking this task with the utmost integrity to ensure the venue is repaired to ensure the fabric of the building is returned to its former glory. If we are to complete this task to the standard Kelvingrove rightly deserves, the associated programme of investigative work has understandably taken time, as will the procurement and subsequent contracting of associated specialists who will undertake this not insignificant task.

I am sorry to advise that we are not able to provide timeline information at the moment, as the outcome of the Listed Building Consent (and any subsequent remedial work to the application) is not yet known.

We are working hard to deliver the restoration and respectfully ask for your patience as we continue to progress this work.

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Recommendations

Members are asked to note the contents of this report.