

21 November 2017

Corporate Projects Scrutiny Committee

Leisure Strategy Working Group Report

Report of: *Kim Anderson, Working Group Lead Officer*

Wards Affected: *All*

This report is: *Public*

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report submits the report and recommendations of the Leisure Strategy Working Group for consideration by the Corporate Projects Scrutiny Committee.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 Note the Leisure Strategy Working Group and agree the recommendations contained within it.**
- 2.2 The findings of the Leisure Strategy Working Group are submitted to the Community, Health and Housing Committee on 4 December 2017 for their consideration.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Leisure Strategy Working Group was established in August 2017 to review the following areas of the Council's leisure and cultural provision. This is split into three phases:
- a) Phase 1 – King George's Playing Fields and Warley Playing Fields
 - b) Phase 2 – Play areas and options for ongoing maintenance
 - c) Phase 3 – Brentwood Centre and provision for sport/leisure across the Borough
- 3.2 The purpose of the review was to ensure that the Leisure Strategy delivers Value for Money, provides a sustainable and fit for purpose leisure provision for the residents of Brentwood by:
- a) By reducing revenue and capital expenditure to Brentwood Borough Council in its leisure facilities

- b) Increase capital investment in leisure facilities
- c) Explore alternative operational management opportunities
- d) Reduce the risk to the Council
- e) Increased sport and leisure participation in Brentwood

3.3 The Leisure Strategy Working Group report and recommendations is attached at **Appendix A**.

3.4 Once agreed the Working Group report will be submitted to Community, Health and Housing Committee for consideration on 4 December 2017.

4 Reasons for Recommendation

4.1 To ensure that options within each of those strands are fully examined, reviewed and prioritised and that the Leisure Strategy delivers Value for money, is sustainable and meets the needs of Brentwood residents.

5 References to Corporate Plan

5.1 The vision of Transformation includes an action to improve the Council's governance arrangements, leading to faster, more effective decision-making. An effective scrutiny function is an essential element of that priority.

6 Implications

Financial Implications

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6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

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6.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

7 Background Papers

7.1 4Global Report. This report was circulated in June 2017. If Members require an electronic copy of this report, please contact the author of this report.

8 Appendices to this report

Appendix A – Draft Leisure Strategy Working Group Report.

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