

Corporate Projects Scrutiny Committee 19 March 2018

Leisure Strategy Verbal Update

- Two presentations were given to interested Members in November looking at possible options for future facilities in Brentwood with two Leisure Development organisations
- In February two cross party workshops were facilitated by industry experts to assist the Council in developing its Leisure Strategy and comments were fed into the draft Leisure Strategy
- The draft leisure Strategy was presented to the Community, Health and Housing Committee on 5 March 2018
- A letter of intent was also agreed for Brentwood Youth AFC in respect of Larkin's Playing Fields (this was also referred and agreed by PPR on 12 March 2018)
- Budget allocations were agreed at Ordinary Council on 6 March 2018 to assist the next steps for the Leisure Strategy
- As there are a number of Council assets within the Leisure Strategy this was then referred to the Policy, Projects and Resources Committee on 12 March 2018 for their approval. Delegated authority was also given to the Chair of PPR in consultation with the Chief Executive to appoint a Leisure Development Partner to develop a business case for King George's Playing Fields
- Currently references are being checked as part of the due diligence on two possible Leisure Development Partners
- The draft Leisure Strategy is currently out for consultation for comments and feedback and it is proposed that once those have been added to the final Leisure Strategy it will come back to the relevant committee for consideration in June/July.
- Designs have been agreed and approved by the ward Members with officers and agreed at CHH on 5 March for the play area in Warley Playing Fields and a separate piece of work is being undertaken for the installation of an outdoor gym with a contribution from the Brentwood Health and Wellbeing Board
- At PPR on 12 March it was agreed to remove the RedGra Area at Warley Playing Fields from the existing Joint Use agreement which enables BCHS and Mavericks Rugby Club to develop an all-weather pitch in the area to be used by the school, club and local community groups
- At Policy Projects and Resources Committee on 12 March 2018 Members agreed to a new Halls agreement.