

3 July 2018

Community Health and Housing Committee

Leisure Strategy Working Group

Report of: *Kim Anderson, Partnership, Leisure and Funding Manager*

Wards Affected: *All Brentwood Borough Wards*

This report is: *Public report*

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1.** The purpose of this report is for the Committee to consider appointments to the Leisure Strategy Working Group (LSWG) and an indicative work plan, to enable officers to review the development and delivery of the Council's Leisure Strategy.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1** That any necessary changes to the Membership of the Leisure Strategy Working Group during the Municipal Year 2018/19 are made in accordance with paragraph 4.2.
- 2.3** That Members note the indicative work plan in Appendix A for the review of Leisure Strategy, during the 2018/19 Municipal Year.
- 2.4** Agree that the Leisure Strategy Working Group will report to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee with any recommendations.

3. Introduction and 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 was initially 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) 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. Subsequently it was agreed that rather than the three phases that the Leisure Strategy work would be split into six workstreams to allow greater flexibility in the delivery of the Strategy.

4. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options

4.1. Group Leaders have proposed the following nominations for appointments to the Leisure Strategy Working Group for the Municipal Year 2018/19 which were agreed at Audit and Scrutiny Committee on 13 June 2018 and they are as follows:

Name	Group
Councillor Chris Hossack	Conservative
Councillor Cliff Poppy	Conservative
Councillor Mrs Cat Tierney	Conservative
Councillor Mrs Vicky Davies	Liberal Democrat
Councillor Gareth Barrett	Labour

4.2. Should there be any need to make changes to the membership of the Leisure Strategy Working Group during the municipal year, it is anticipated that Group Leaders will communicate with the Chief Executive in year of the changes to be made.

4.3. Contained as an appendix to this report is an indicative work plan for the 2018/19 municipal year, with an indication of when reports will be presented to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee and any recommendations referred to the Community Health and Housing Committee or to the Policy, Projects and Resources Committee as required.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

5.1 The Council's needs to ensure that options for each of the workstreams are fully examined, reviewed and prioritised and that the Leisure Strategy delivers Value for Money, is sustainable and meets the needs of Brentwood residents.

6. References to Council Priorities

The Leisure Strategy sits under two main strands of the Vision for Brentwood 2016-19: Environment and Housing Management to develop a Leisure Strategy to provide strong and sustainable leisure facilities for residents and businesses;

and Community and Health - to work with community and voluntary organisations to develop the priorities for community development. There are also strong links for the priorities of the Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2014-2017, the Local Development Plan, Active Brentwood/Essex and the Council's Asset Management Strategy 2014/15.

7. Implications

Financial Implications

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7.1 There are no direct financial implications arising for this report.

Legal Implications

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7.4 The purpose of this report is for the Committee to consider appointments to the Leisure Strategy Working Group and an indicative work plan, to enable officers to review the development and delivery of the Council's Leisure Strategy. Given that the Leisure Strategy Working Group will report to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee with any recommendations there are no legal implications arising from the recommendation within this report.

8. Background documents:

Local Development Plan

National Planning Policy framework

Fields in Trust - Guidance for Outdoor sport Play: Beyond the Six Acre Standard

9. Appendices to this report.

Appendix A – Indicative Work programme for Leisure Strategy Working Group

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