

Cabinet – 14 April 2010

Leisure Centre Strategy

Portfolio: Councillor Anthony Harris

Service: Leisure and Culture

Report Detail

At its meeting on 30 March 2010 the Community Services Scrutiny and Performance Panel considered a report on the potential options for a future leisure centre strategy for the borough.

Following consideration of the issue the Panel felt unable to make any meaningful recommendations to Cabinet following one short meeting. Members felt that the Panel should be given the opportunity to convene a small working group to consider the matter in detail as there was a myriad of issues involved in the formulation of a new leisure centre strategy for the borough. This detailed investigation would allow the Panel to make informed recommendations to Cabinet.

Therefore the Panel have requested that Cabinet defer any decision on this issue until late 2010 to enable the working group to complete its investigations. In terms of framing its investigations Members have already suggested that 'stopping and closing' all leisure centres and continuing the current operations are not viable options.

Finally, the Panel would like to thank Councillor Anthony Harris for bringing the issue to scrutiny and allowing them to make recommendations on the new leisure centre strategy.

The Panels recommendations were, that:

- 1. Cabinet defer any decision on the future leisure centre strategy for the borough until the Panel has completed a scrutiny working group investigation into the issue during 2010/11;**
- 2. the scrutiny working group investigation should focus its considerations on the following leisure centre strategy options:**
 - a. existing offer with minor improvements;**
 - b. strategic spread of facilities across the borough;**
 - c. a single 'jewel' facility;**
 - d. strategic spread and a 'jewel' facility;**

and;

- 3. Councillor Harris be thanked for the allowing the Panel the opportunity to investigate and make recommendations on the new leisure centre strategy for the borough.**



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